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MLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

The Mount Lawley Society Annual General Meeting was held on the evening of Friday 5th December at the Inglewood Hotel and attracted a respectable gathering of about 20 members. The formalities were brief and the focus of the evening was to reflect on the achievements of the Society over the past 12 months. By all accounts we have had a great year! Some of the highlights are summarised below:

Membership – Membership has increased by about 50% over the year – largely due to the successful membership drive and letterbox drop. Committee member Jan Wilkie kindly sponsored the printing and all Committee members pitched in to hand deliver the flyers.

Our strong membership base (now well over 200) represents a commanding voice on heritage protection and other issues that affect our community.

Inglewood Expansion – During 2008 the MLS formally increased its coverage to Inglewood and Menora and appointed Committee representatives in each area. This was done to more closely match the boundaries of the City of Stirling Heritage Protection Area. Inglewood has many beautifully intact character streetscapes and a passionate group of residents who support heritage protection. Thanks must be given to Committee members Jenny Hewitt and Neil Hodgkinson who have worked with the CoS to oppose demolitions in the area.

Demolitions – Proposals for demolition within the CoS HPA have flowed thick and fast during 2008 and the CoS has performed consistently and commendably to oppose these proposals. The MLS has consistently provided a view point on such proposals and maintained an open and friendly relationship with the CoS Councillors. I would like to emphasise this point. The strength of a community organisation like the MLS is its membership and its relationship with the decision makers in the community. Like us, the CoS Councillors are volunteers striving to make a positive difference in the community. We have many common goals. We are fortunate to have four excellent Councillors in Paul Collins, Rod Willox, Terry Tyzack and Robin Furlong representing the Lawley and Inglewood wards respectively. I urge you to engage with our Councillors – they are the ultimate representatives for the community and we can help them make informed decisions on the future of our neighbourhoods and to ensure that heritage protection receives the attention that it deserves. Thankyou Paul, Rod, Terry and Robin for your excellent work over the past year and your ongoing support of heritage protection issues. I would also like to thank our new member for Mount Lawley, Michael Sutherland, who has been very supportive of the MLS and has had an early win after successfully opposing the TAB proposal in Mount Lawley.

Newsletters – We have increased the number of newsletters produced from two to four per year. I hope that you enjoy them. .

MLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

A new feature has been the business focus – which we have enjoyed writing. Beth McKechnie has done a wonderful job in publishing and distributing the newsletters. Thanks Beth and all the Committee members who have contributed during the year

Tram Ride – Our social event this year was the historical tram tour hosted by our historian and patron of the MLS Barrie Baker. The tram tour was a huge success!
Thank you to Barrie, Beth McKechnie, Jenny La Puma and Rebecca Griffiths for organising the day and Jan Wilkie for booking so many of the seats!

The MLS is very fortunate to have a strong enthusiastic and capable Committee of volunteers. Everyone has made contributions in one way or another.
The Committee for 2009 will be largely unchanged with the exception of former President John Lightowlers who, at the AGM, was made an honorary life member of the Society for his great efforts as the longest serving President of the MLS from 2001 to early 2008.
We also welcome Charlotte Christo to the committee

During 2009 the Committee has chosen to focus on consolidating our archive and in addition to our usual tasks we are proposing the following key activities;
Digital photo archiving of all historical photographs;
Historical photo exhibition;
Carry out an inventory of character properties in Mount Lawley, Menora and Inglewood and consolidate out database;
A number of website enhancements.

These activities are essential for the Society to consolidate and protect our valuable records and make them available to our members and the community as a whole.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy and safe Christmas!

Paul Hurst
President

Over the years, eight outstanding contributors to the Mount Lawley Society have been honoured with life membership They are:

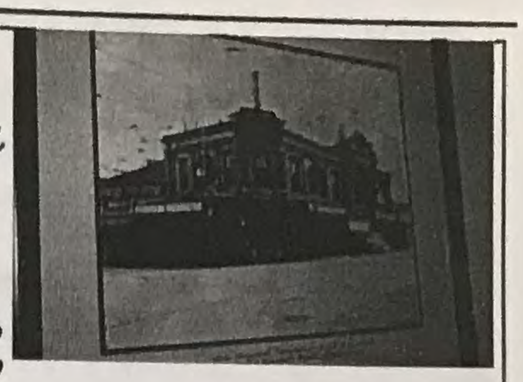
1. Peta Townsing: co-founder of the Mount Lawley Society and Secretary from Oct 1977 to Oct 1984.
2. John McKechnie: president from Oct 1980 to Oct 1982.
3. Barry Fehlberg: president from Oct 1982 to Oct 1985.
4. Lachlan Walker: president from Oct 1985 to Oct 1987.
5. Sam Rogers: president from Oct 1987 to June 1989.
6. Barrie Baker: history convener and membership secretary from March 1982; occasional editor, secretary and president from 1993.
7. Jim Burns founder of the North Perth Society, member and financial supporter of the Mount Lawley Society.
8. Lee Cassidy president from March 1994 to June 1998.

NINTH LIFE MEMBERSHIP – JOHN LIGHTOWLERS

John joined the Society in 1997, became its Treasurer in 2000 and President in 2001, holding that office until October 2007. His term of office was a record. He has continued on the Committee of the Society in 2008, completing his ninth year on it.
He has brought to the Society his many gifts:

- his sharp legal mind, which has been invaluable in scrutinizing laws, by-laws and regulations, as well as proposing new ones to Councils;
- his expertise in the policy area;
- his commitment to Mount Lawley and the retention of its heritage and amenity;
- his communication skills;
- his team approach, and;
- his honesty and basic decency .

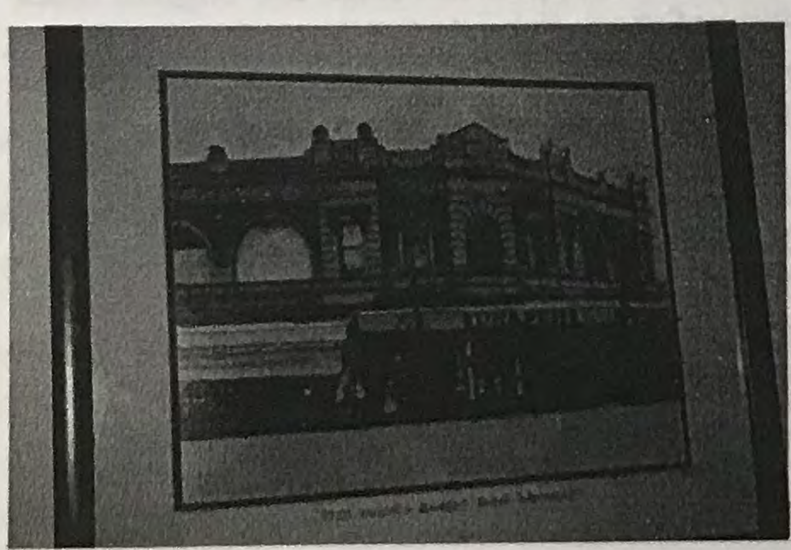
Send In Your Old Mount Lawley, Inglewood and Menora Photos



The Mount Lawley Society would be very grateful to any residents, past and present, who may have access to any old photographs of our suburbs, or of the people and families who lived here during the early years.
The Mount Lawley Estate was established by John Robinson and Samuel Copley, who acquired land in 1900. Inglewood was established with single residential housing some four years later, with another boom during the period 1935-40. Menora was established after Mount Lawley, and remained a part of Mount Lawley until 1954.
We have several history projects under way, including a photographic exhibition of the history and development of our areas, planned for next year.

Some years ago, a Lawley Crescent resident had a knock at her door, and when she answered she was delighted to be presented with two copies of very old photographs; one of her home, from the street, taken some 80 years ago, and another of the original family that built this home, assembled on the front verandah. From here the story of this early family in Mount Lawley was then researched and recorded. These stories have appeared in our newsletters over thirty years, and Barrie Baker is still adding to his Society collection.
Recently, from California, the granddaughter of Vincent and Cecilia Mansfield, the first owners of 10 Hillview Street, contacted the Society through our website, and wrote of her family's association with Mount Lawley. Chris was kindly sorting through many old photographs to send us copies, for which we are extremely grateful.
It is very rewarding to hear of or from past families, to record their stories, and to add to our knowledge and understanding of the early years. These were times so different to what we know today, with fascinating tales of sacrifice and achievement, and of family life from days gone bye.

You too could research the history of your home or street and send us your findings. A starting point could be searching on-line the Western Australian Post Office Directories. The State Reference Library and Battye Library have many other resources.



Please contact our Secretary Beth McKechnie on e-mail, or write to us at P.O. Box 15, Mount Lawley, Western Australia. 6929.

MT LAWLEY, INGLEWOOD and MENORA: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

We are very proud to be the home of arguably the most popular cafe and variety shopping strip in Perth. Beau Street has achieved a sound reputation as a great place to catch up with family and friends at our numerous local cafes, dine in our fine restaurants and pubs, and shop.

Each newsletter we will feature a couple of the businesses which make Mt. Lawley , Inglewood and Menora a great place to live.

Built circa 1936, **The Inglewood Hotel** on Beaufort Street is classified by the National Trust as an Inter-war Spanish Mission Brick and Tile building.

Winner of the 2007 AHA 6PR DeBortoli Perth Pub of the year, the Inglewood hotel is a great local landmark to meet friends, enjoy fine wines and cold beers and indulge in some modern Australian Cuisine. The hotel is also popular with local groups for functions with a variety of options available for groups all the way up to 100 guests.

The hotel features Two Bars, Restaurant and Bottle Shop and is surrounded by leafy Alfresco Gardens. Be spoilt for choice with 18 Beers on tap, over 20 wines by the glass, fabulous cocktails, a unique reserve wine list and renowned modern Australian cuisine.

For restaurant and Function enquiries please call Helen on 9370 5511.

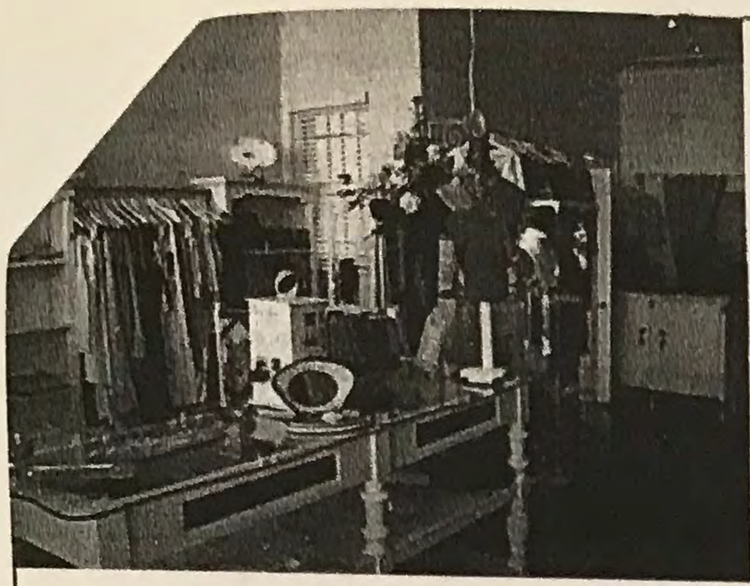
Gorgeous Vintage and collectables

This once Butchers' Shop was Mums Retro & Recycled Clothing for the past eight years. Recently the shop was taken over by Anne Marie Therese and Paula-Marie Sheilds.

Inglewood residents have been kept in suspense as Mums has undergone an 'extreme makeover'.

The façade has had all of the mirrored tiles, metal cladding and layers of paint stripped to reveal the original black and white tiles. The chrome work has been polished, the original front door restored and new glass installed, all done with the aim of respecting the integrity of this 1936 building, whilst creating an inviting shop that adds value to the Inglewood streetscape.

The interior fit-out is also a delight and follows on with the owners' philosophy of restoration and re-inventing. Inside the old concrete floor with its layers of paint has been ground back to the original surface revealing marble chips, a process from yesteryear left on show. The interior has been designed with a French Provincial feel; this is demonstrated by the installation of rustic recycled timber furniture, the use of scroll metal work supporting rails and importantly the beautiful old French fabric that creates the generous change rooms.

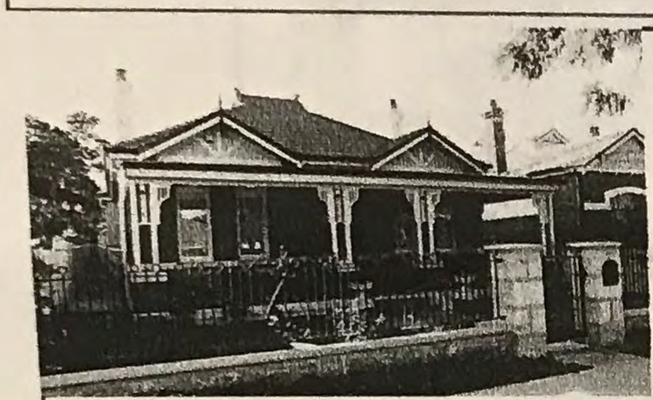


There is all of this to take in before you even look at the Gorgeous wares! Quality vintage, retro and new designer clothing, jewellery and accessories plus some home wares and collectables. There is a 'treasure trove' of items that date back to the 1920's. Gorgeous caters for men and women and offers a complete alteration service for all garments purchased at Gorgeous.

Anne Marie and Paula Marie pride themselves on that old fashioned service and attention to detail, applying their philosophy of "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed and Something You – Gorgeous".

Gorgeous is located @ 879 Beaufort Street (between 8th & 9th Avenue), Inglewood. Opening hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 6pm. Telephone 9271 0441.

MLS members are being offered 10% off Gorgeous items until January 31st 2009.



Farnley Street Centenary 2009

Friend's of Farnley Street Party

Sunday 22nd November, 2009 12 Noon – 5pm

We are planning a celebration for the 100th Birthday of Farnley Street in conjunction with The Mount Lawley Society and The City of Stirling Council.

Would you and your family like to participate or do you know of any past residents who would like to be involved?

It is hoped that to have Farnley Street closed between Almondbury and Park Roads (subject to Council and Residents approval). This area has rear laneway access and is mostly level ground.

We hope to have Heritage Tram Tours, photographic display, brass band, b.y.o picnic lunches and afternoon teas, children's activities and lots more. We are open to suggestions and would love anyone with photos, anecdotes, history to come forward.

Please print off and complete the tear off strip below or telephone if you are interested in joining in and drop it off in any of the following letter boxes.

Jan Wilkie - 35 Farnley Street Tel: 9272 8499
Paul and Paula Comenos - 25 Farnley Street Tel: 9370 3204
Ian and Kerry Adams - 66 Farnley Street Tel: 9370 3585

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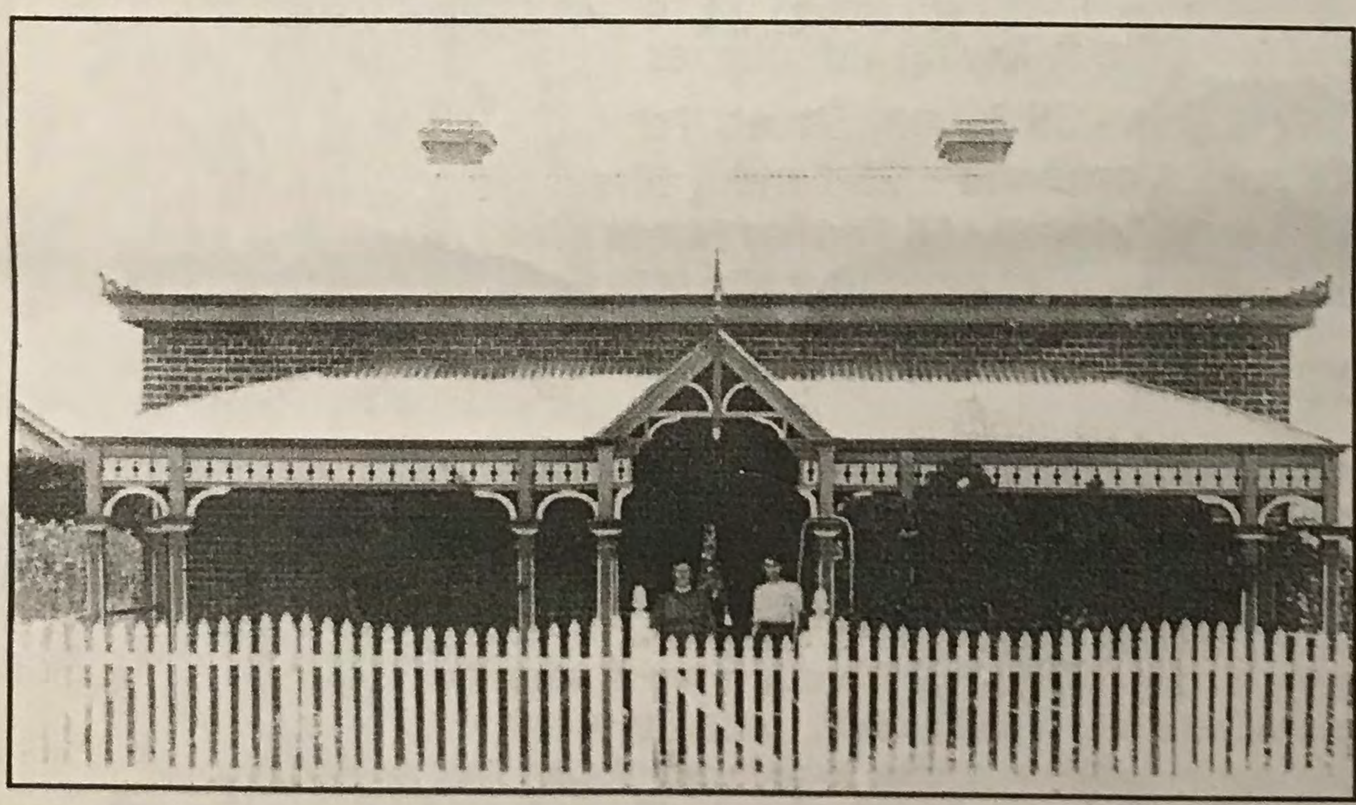
Heritage

THE BAYLISS FAMILY AND MOUNT LAWLEY

The new house at 25 Clotilde Street, Mount Lawley. Anne (and Colin in foreground).

Evan Beverley Bayliss built the above house in 1924 and lived with his family there until his death on 16 February 1932.

He was born, the second child and son to William George Bayliss (1860—1898) and Elizabeth Bayliss (nee Bryant) (1859—29 November 1940)in the family home at 136 Parry Street, Perth on 6 October 1888.



136 Parry Street, built by Evan's Father, William George Bayliss. It is presumed that Evan was born here. Elizabeth Bayliss and Dorothy are standing outside.

Evan Bayliss was one of the initial intake into Highgate Primary School in 1895. He continued at school until his 14th birthday where he started work as a telegram delivery boy, later taking an apprenticeship to a printer in Pier Street, Perth, situated just past the Anglican deanery.

He continued there until 1914.

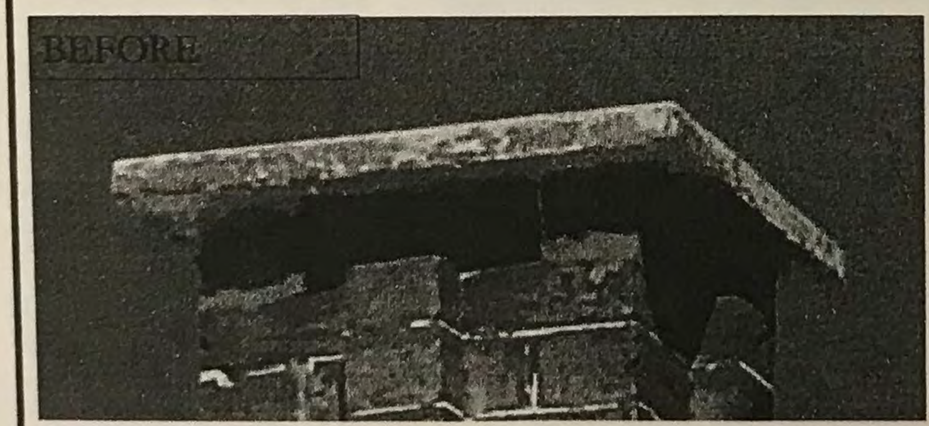
RENOVATIONS

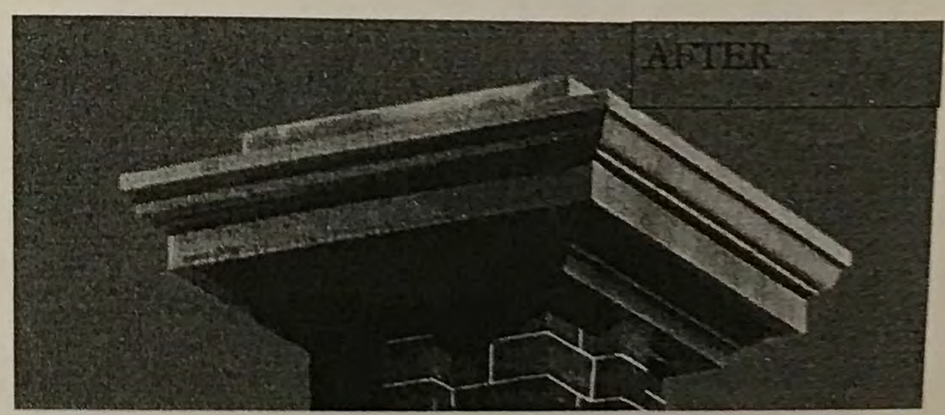
In this newsletter the MLS is featuring Federation Tuckpointing who for several years have been synonymous with many Mount Lawley restoration projects. This article features a recent restoration project of an icon building in South Perth.

Nigel Graham of Federation Tuckpointing, was commissioned earlier in the year to restore the façade of the Old Mill Theatre in Mends Street, South Perth

The restoration process included:

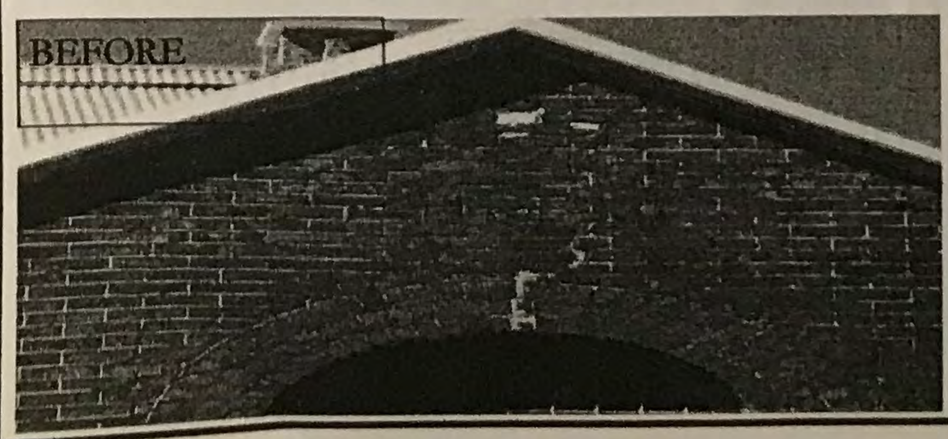
- inserting a damp-course layer along the foundation of the entire building for the prevention of rising-damp,
- replacement of 800 cracked and fretting bricks,
- the entire building's mortar was re-pointed with a Heritage Council approved mortar mix to give the building strength,
- all lintels were replaced with stainless steel as was specified in the contract,
- repair of all cracks and cracked sills,
- full restoration of the chimneys and mouldings and
- finished off with our trademark tuck pointing.





One of the chimneys was missing it's moulding completely, and this was re-created in it's original style

Federation Tuck pointing are experts in the field of restoration and have improved, restored and brought back to life, many homes and properties around Perth, both Heritage listed and private. We are proud of the remarkable transformation we achieved on this and other projects . We have an extensive gallery of before and after photos you're welcome to view at www.tuckpointing.com.au Our work is also guaranteed for 10 years. If you think we may be able to assist you, we have a no obligation, free quoting service. No job is too big or too small, just call 9242 2952.

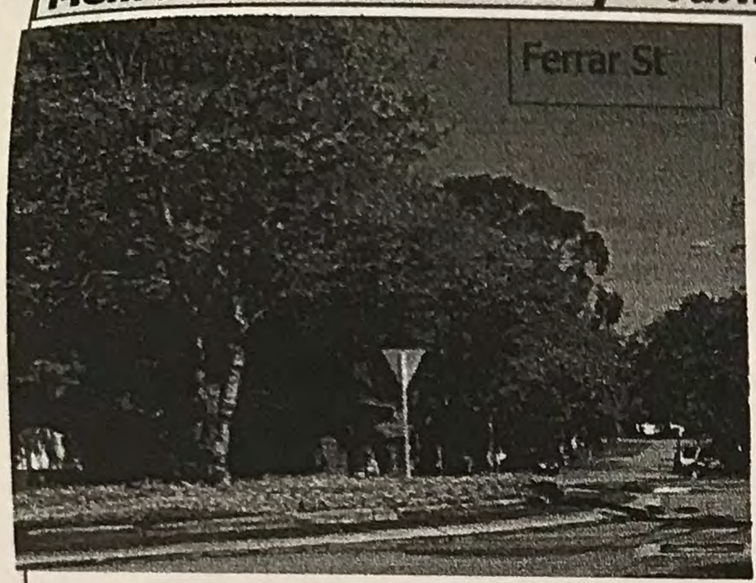


PARKS AND GARDENS OF MOUNT LAWLEY

ter the houses ,the gardens are the next greatest asset contributing to the ambience of Mt. Lawley. If members are interested please submit photographs and details of your gardens to the web-site or to the secretary by email.

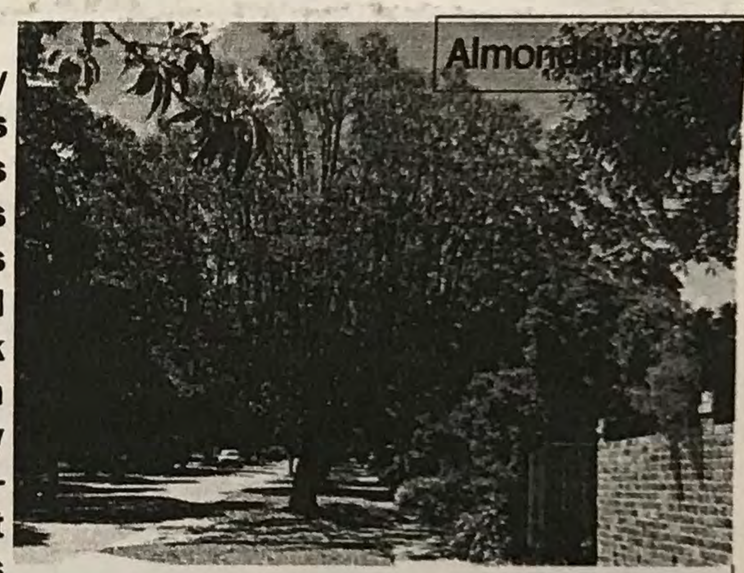
Members Views: Jenny Turner

The Jacaranda Tree



Throughout the streets, gardens and parks of Mount Lawley, Inglewood and Menora, the majestic Jacaranda trees have blossomed, heralding the final days of spring and the coming of summer. Being older, inner suburbs, we are fortunate to have many streets adorned with an abundance of beautiful Jacaranda trees, their mauve-blue hue creating a striking impact, against our graceful older homes.

For just a few months, the fine, fern like foliage of the Jacaranda is somewhat spartan, and dominated by large bunches of begonia shaped flowers, which appear in early November, and last for several months. They leave a sea of colour as the blossoms all gradually fall, slowly fading, and the streets and ground beneath also reflect the dramatic impact of the flowering Jacaranda. Either as a street or park tree, or as a stunning backdrop to the manicured gardens in our heritage suburbs, the Jacaranda tree stands tall and proud.



Our historic Farnley Street, one of the earliest in Mount Lawley, proudly boasts many verges planted with now mature Jacarandas, as does Ferrar Street in Mount Lawley, often referred to by real-estate agents as "Jacaranda Street". In Inglewood, Crawford Road is noted for its delightful continuous display, with Jacarandas lining both sides of this attractive road. In the heart of Menora can be found a medium sized triangular park with six mature Jacarandas planted amongst other park trees, creating a picturesque effect. The Mt. Lawley Campus of Edith Cowan University, and nearby tranquil Ron Stone Park, have many Jacarandas planted, their impact both calming and therapeutic as another study year closes. Perth College also has a notable display at their entrance, and each year they herald the start of TEE examinations in early November. For these students the flowering of the Jacaranda trees signal the culmination of formal schooling and the beginning of a new journey. Everywhere one looks Jacarandas dot the skyline, flanked by many other tall, shady trees, providing a welcome respite from the approaching summer sun. Everywhere one hears the chorus of "the Jacarandas are out", and when this happens we are reminded of the beauty of nature, and the changing of the seasons. There is something rather special and nostalgic about the brilliant display of the flowering Jacaranda tree.

Surprisingly, Jacarandas are a native of Brazil, from where their unusual name also originates, and in Australia are most popular in Brisbane, where the first tree was introduced to the Botanic Gardens in 1864. Certainly many of Perth's older suburbs, and many West Australian country towns, have also adopted them.

Jacarandas will grow in a natural broad spreading shape, like a wide vase, up to a height of 15 metres or more, and are best left unpruned. Needing protection from frost for the first winter, they thrive in a warm situation, and do like their water. Lawns will grow very well beneath them, as their dappled shade allows some sunlight through. They probably take ten years or so to reach a good height and display, but are well worth the wait.

The vista of flowering Jacarandas inspire gardeners out in spring time, and occasionally the broom is needed on patios and paths for the fallen blossoms, and they do harbour bees, so beware. After January parents can relax and not worry as in the previous months when shoeless children, often in a hurry, made a mad dash across the blue and mauve carpet. The jubiliant cry of "we made it" will vanish, as the blossoms finish for another year. For one reason or another, Jacarandas are a tree that children also notice! For many who grew up in Mt. Lawley, Inglewood and Menora, they will become another reminder of halcyon days, and of family and home.

With their unique, striking colour and majestic shape, the Jacaranda tree promotes a certain peacefulness and harmony in our often busy world, perhaps it is the haze or hue which heralds the arrival of longer, balmy summer days.

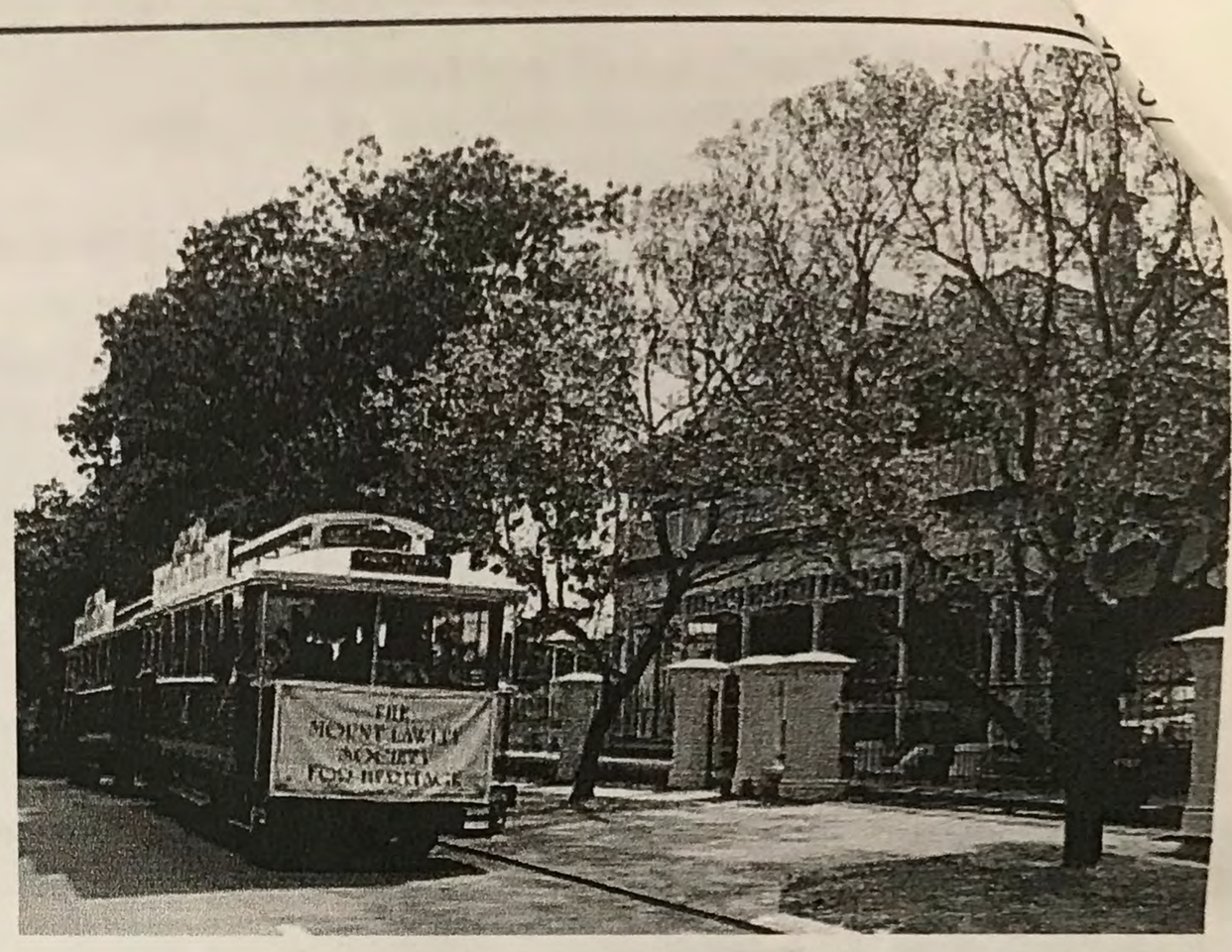
MT LAWLEY SOCIETY TRAM RIDE

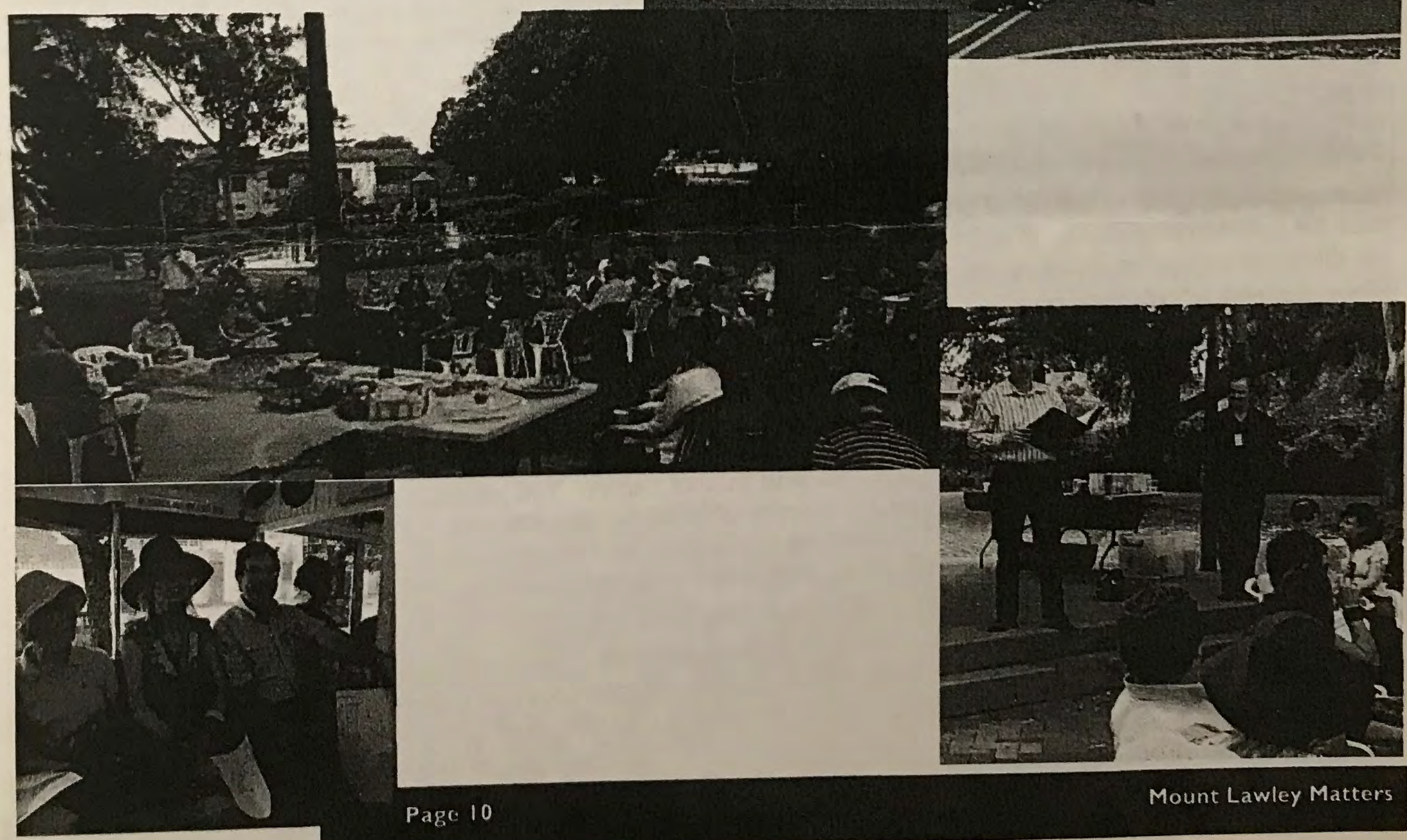
On Sunday 16 November 54 Mount Lawley residents took part in a historical tram ride of Mount Lawley on a double carriage tram from the Perth Tram Company.

The passengers assembled at Copley Park at 2:00 pm and set off with Mount Lawley Society Patron as the tour guide. The tram spent two hours taking a route through the Forrest Park, Norfolk, Pineapple, Mount Lawley, Menora and Coolbinia sections of Mount Lawley. This covered the parts of Mount Lawley contained in the Bayswater, Stirling and Vincent municipalities.

On a perfect day attendees learnt about the air-raid shelter under the Mount Lawley War Memorial, the chocolate factory in the 'Castle in Guildford Road, that part of Mount Lawley was called 'Pineapple', and that Menora and Coolbinia were laid out in the Radburn town planning scheme. They also learnt about the No 3 Swamp, the Aboriginal camp site in Coolbinia, the Perth Municipal Sewage Dump in Mount Lawley and which houses were designed by Lieutenant General Sir John Talbot Hobbs.

With their minds crammed with facts, the participants climbed out of the tram at journey's end and enjoyed a picnic round the rotunda in Copley Park New MP Michael Sutherland attended and had the chance to meet some of his local constituents, and local Stirling Councillor Paul Collins brought those present up to date with current local planning developments.





BACK ON TRAM RIDE:

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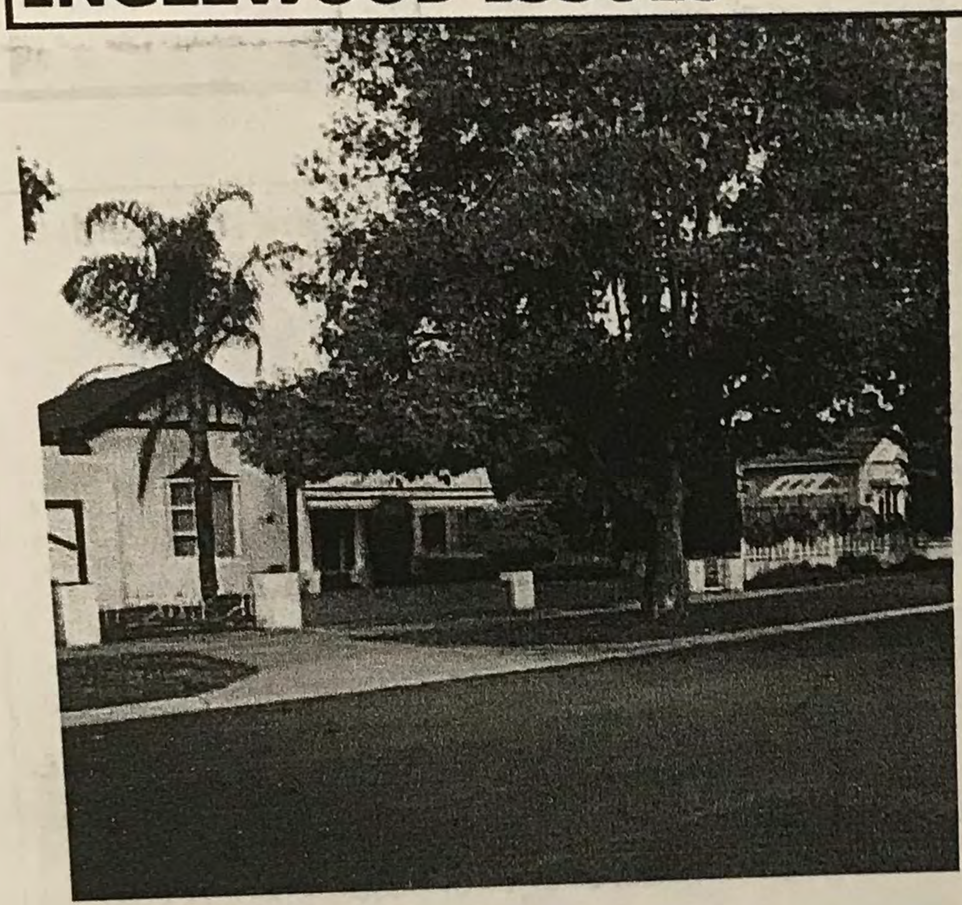
c being a wonderful outdoor and novel activity, we found it very interesting in that it gave us so much information that we
't know before. It was also extremely pleasing and comforting to know that there are passionate people out there who really
are about the heritage of Mount Lawley and in its preservation. Mark and Rosene
As always the tram ride was very enjoyable and informative. Barry's commentary was most informative and enjoyable. It was particularly interesting to move progressively from the older area of the suburb (i.e. stage 1) to the 'newer' areas (stages 3 & 4) to see the ongoing evolution of the garden suburb concept. Many thanks for all the efforts in putting this together. We hope that further tram tours will take place in the future. Steve and Cath
It was certainly was a lovely day and you even managed to get the weather perfect! Charlotte & John
Afternoon tea the milk was in a pottery jug and not the plastic bottle! Lyn
Barrie did an amazing job plotting the route and covering the 5 areas of Mt Lawley . Jan
Interesting afternoon riding the tram through Mt. Lawleys' streets. We learned much, paid attention to details missed when driving, and enjoyed retracing the area's development. Top marks to Barrie Baker, to our very patient driver...and to the organizers. Afternoon tea, served on pretty china, was delightful. Thank you, Kevin and Mary We enjoyed the tram ride and lovely tea. I was afraid one irate resident was going to attack the tram with a plastic rake when he overheard Barrie's comments about his house not fitting into the streetscape! I agreed with Barrie's comments. Michael

INGLEWOOD ISSUES



Inglewood Character Properties Saved – By Jenny Hewitt

An application for demolition of No.10 Harcourt Street, Inglewood came to the attention of the MLS in September.

Harcourt Street falls within the boundaries of the Inglewood Heritage Precinct and is mostly complete with original buildings that were built between the wars. According to MLS Patron Barrie Baker, no.10 "was built in 1928, six years after the first house to be built in the street, and among the first eight to go up."

Like many character properties, No.10 Harcourt Street has seen its share of renovations and 'modernisations' yet it still contributes to the heritage value of the streetscape and could do so even more if it were sympathetically restored.

MLS was represented at the City Of Stirling Planning and Development meeting by Neil Hodgkinson who successfully lobbied to retain this building. This was the first Inglewood residence to be saved since the MLS formally expanded its heritage protection interests to include Inglewood. Without the support and backing of the MLS this property would not have made it.