Mount Lawley Matters



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The MLS would like to hear from members who would be interested in contributing to the newsletter.

Views expressed by members are not necessarily those of others or of the committee.

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MLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

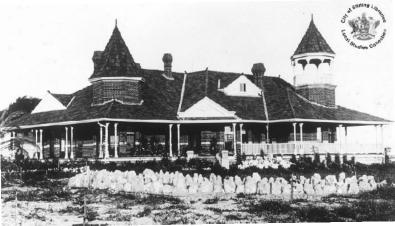
Dear Members,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

The society has wasted no time in commencing work on archiving our historical photographs. A sub-committee has been formed to focus on this important strategic project. So far we have collated and sorted much of our collection of photographs (a mixture of negatives, prints and framed photos) and we are about to embark on the laborious activity of scanning and archiving the photographs. A key element of this activity will be to define the source of each photograph so that we can identify ownership and copyright.

This is an exciting project for a number of reasons. Firstly, we have between 500 and 1000 photographs of the early days of our suburbs that are of immense interest to many of you. Secondly, having the photos properly scanned and documented opens the flood-gates for a range of complementary projects such as a photographic exhibition, completion of the history of Mount Lawley book and launch of access to these photos on the Internet.

Unfortunately, the scanning and archiving of the photographs will be time consuming and quite expensive. The Society is currently seeking funding from a number of sources to assist in this regard and the Committee is hopeful that such assistance is achieved in the near future. We



will keep you informed of progress on this matter.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the MLS Committee has planned its key activities in 2009 to consolidate our records, photographs and other information to make it more readily available to our community. This will also require an overhaul of our website. Once we have made significant progress on these projects, we hope to be able to advise details of a social function for members (probably in Spring 2009) to launch these projects. At this stage, I would like to thank our Committee members and other members who attend the monthly meetings for their assistance on these projects.

To another matter – the Local Area Planning Project community consultation meetings held by the City of Stirling for Coolbinia, Inglewood, Menora and Mount Lawley are drawing to a close. The MLS Committee will meet with the organisers of the planning project on 30th March to discuss issues relating to planning for our community. This is an extremely worthwhile project and I encourage you to contact me (president@mountlawleysociety.org.au) with your suggestions for improving the amenity of our precious suburbs.

Paul Hurst , President

INGLEWOOD ISSUES: DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS

Extract from: Planning and Development Committee, City of Stirling, 20 Jan 2009

AP6 LOT 477, HOUSE NUMBER 21 WOOD STREET, INGLEWOOD - DEMOLITION OF SINGLE HOUSE

"It is worth noting that a review of a number of the City's decisions in relation to demolition of residential dwellings within the City's Heritage Protection Area's have been sought at the State Administrative Tribunal (SAT). To date, the SAT has affirmed the City's decisions and dismissed all applications for review. The advice provided by the City's heritage architects has played a significant role in defending the City's decisions at the SAT. Recent examples where the SAT has affirmed the City's positions include applications for demolition of Lot 548, House Number 6, Regent Street West, Mount Lawley (DA07/0542 refers) and Lot 76, House Number 7, Fourth Avenue, Mount Lawley (DA08/0577 refers). However, it is also important to note that each individual application must be assessed on its own merits".

SUBMISSIONS TO City of Stirling: 10 MARCH 2009 by MLS 1.2/AP13 LOT 11, HOUSE NUMBER 179, EIGHTH AVENUE, INGLEWOOD - DEMOLITION OF A SINGLE HOUSE

Mount Lawley Society opposes its demolition.

This is a 1922 colonial styled home, with original presentation to the street, original large windows, including a bay window on the verandah corner, gable and good brickwork. It is a very attractive home and one of the first built in that section of the street. It is a character residence that must be preserved

ITEM AP4: DEMOLITION OF 183 SEVENTH AVENUE. INGLEWOOD

Mount Lawley Society opposes this demolition. The property is an original inter-war property which was renovated in the 1950s into a Mediterranean migrant style with cement render and cement columns in the verandah. In this and in its original form it has been an integral part of the 7th Avenue streetscape. There is no reason why the property cannot be renovated in character and extended by the new owners when its sale is completed. To allow a demolition in association with a sale risks a buyer seeking to build a structure totally out of character with the streetscape

11.1/AP16 LOT 774 HOUSE NUMBER 5 NORTH STREET, MOUNT LAWLEY: DEMOLITION OF SINGLE HOUSE

Mount Lawley Society opposes its demolition, as it has on the previous occasion. This property is a Californian bungalow, built in the mid 1920s, examples of which occur elsewhere in the street and in Mount Lawley at large. Its presentation to the street is simple and attractive. It is an unchanged and original member of the North Street streetscape. An owner can retain the main structure of the house and make additions, as is now almost universal practice in Mount Lawley, so preserving the character of the house and

DEMOLITIONS AND STREETSCAPES IN MOUNT LAWLEY— TOWN of VINCENT

Some of Mount Lawley falls under the Town of Vincent and some of our members live in this area, so we thought those members would like an update on the Mount Lawley Society's efforts to maintain our heritage. Barrie Baker attends the Town of Vincent meetings on behalf of the Society. Barrie reports on :

The lovely streetscape along Vincent Street facing Hyde park between Hyde Street and Norfolk Street.

This is the first view people driving through Mount Lawley along Vincent Street see of our suburb. They are gorgeous Federation houses, with an equally attractive block of units called 'Parkside'. There is already a demolition request in to demolish the oldest of them, No 96, and it and three of the others are looking pretty neglected. They are under threat.

Even though three of the properties are on the Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory List, I am agitating for the lot to be one of the streetscape entries on the list.

Drive along and see what a loss it would be to lose any of these houses.

The proposed demolition of No 288 Lord Street, Norwood.

This is out of our patch, but I used to work in the area.

It is a little 1897 corner shop on the corner of Windsor and Lord Streets. It is the oldest remaining building on the original Norwood Estate, and retains a lot of its original character.

It is on a block owned by a developer who wants to put a restaurant and living units on that block and a number of the adjoining blocks.

I strove to have the owner made to leave the little shop and use it as a character entrance to his restaurant developed on the back of it.

I lost that at the Council meeting of 24 March, with only Councillors Lake and Meier supporting me.

Again, drive past and see what a lovely little place it is - 112 years old

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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. Beaufort 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.

Support for our local businesses will help sustain and promote our area

Mt Lawley Hardware



Situated on Beaufort Street in the heart of Mt Lawley this family owned business has been operating for more than 30 years. Glen Stagg, the owner, has been there for the last 6 years and between himself and the previous owner, Pat Garbutt, who also still works there on a casual basis, they have some 65 years of experience between them in the hardware business! Pat is much loved by his many clients and his vast knowledge makes it difficult for him to retire. Mt Lawley Hardware pride themselves on offering personalized service and nothing is too much trouble! Many of their customers are greeted on a first names basis and every effort is made to ensure that their customers find the product they need, the necessary advice, and free delivery if required.

Glen has personally carried out six large home renovations and has a passion for woodwork so he has first hand experience to provide helpful advice and his young assistant, James Taylor, has a background in welding. Owner builders can order their building materials and have them delivered free to site if in the local area and character renovations requiring old style parts are well catered for. In Glen's words, they "don't just sell fast movers but sell actual hardware". And, they sell everything – even vegemite if required – and if the product is not on the shelves, they will order it in. Smaller items such as bolts and screws can also be purchased singularly rather than in packets.

A family man, Glen is very proud of his two young children, Corina(10) who is proving to be a champion swimmer and William (5) also a champ as he has fought a battle with leukaemia and is currently in remission.

Although competition is tough and the current economic climate is challenging, Glen believes that Mt Lawley Hardware is competitive in price, they guarantee everything they sell and above all, they offer advice and personalized service.

MLS members are offered a 10% discount on all non discounted products, with no time frame.

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



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Michael and Grace Tamburri opened their first Liquor Store in Mabel Street, North Perth in 1986 very aptly named "Hideaway".

It wasn't long before the word got out about their wonderful array of imported, local wines, spirits, liqueurs and beers. The business grew and grew like topsy during which time behind the scenes Michael and Grace planned their purpose built new premises "La Vigna", 302 Walcott Street, Mt Lawley which opened in 1994.

It goes without saying that "La Vigna" is recognised locally and internationally as one of the finest Purveyors of speciality wines, liqueurs and spirits and is a local icon.

The business is very "family hands on" Ann Marie in conjunction with her parents overseas the running of La Vigna – Michael is highly respected and passionate about La Vigna's stocks of speciality rare and vintage wines and is generous in sharing his wealth of knowledge.

It is never too much trouble for the Tamburris to gift wrap a purchase over the counter or arrange a delivery locally, within Australia or Internationally.

You can even purchase some limited edition organic olive oil, only upon request as it is another of the Tamburri's special products which also is aptly named "hidden secret" olive oil.

When you visit La Vigna, even if just for a chat, it is a joy to browse and make a selection without any pressure and for just a little while you can be transported to all parts of the world.

SOCIAL FUNCTION Proposed for WINTER

MLS is planning a dinner for members at La Vigna in the winter at around \$ 65.00 a head for wine and food Details will be emailed to members later with definite costs and dates.

If you would be interested please email Beth McKechnie bmckechnie@bigpond.com to register your interest. It will be limited to around 40 people

Heritage

THE MANSFIELD FAMILY Part One by Barrie Baker

In 2002 I published the book **Hill View Road, The First 80 Years, 1916—1996**. Of the 200 families who had lived in the street in that period, I was able to make contact with 197 of them. One of those not contacted was the **Mansfield Family** who owned 10 Hill View Road from 1919 to 1954.



No 10 Hill View Road, 'Woodville', taken in 1996 with the current owners, the Zambotti family

daughter

of the first owner of the house, **Victor Albert Hugo Mansfield**, who was working on her family history from the USA. She has recently visited Perth and provided me with most of the material in this article.

Victor Mansfield was born in Kent Town in the City of Norwood , Adelaide, on 14 Dec 1885. His father was Carl Mansfeld, a grocer. His mother was Margeritte (nee Limon). Note that the German surname Mansfeld was not officially anglicised by the family until 1954. He made his career in insurance and came, with his family, to Perth in 1917/18 to take up the position of Chief Superintendent of the Australasian Temperance and General Mutual Life Assurance Society Limited (known as 'The T&G') in the magnificent Moir's Chambers, 37-39 St George's Terrace. In the late 1930s he became a passionate polo player. He died 31 Jan 1956 in Ascot, England, having left Perth in 1952 after his wife's death to live with his eldest daughter and family.

On 5 Aug 1909, Victor Mansfield married **Cecilia May Cregan** in Norwood, South Australia. She was the daughter of Charles Edward Cregan (a commission agent) and Elizabeth Trenor. She was born on 11 Sep 1885 in Adelaide and died on 7 Mar 1952 in Perth.

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<u> Heritage</u>

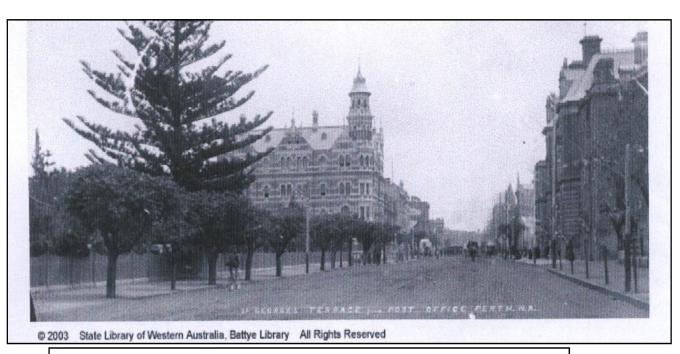
THE MANSFIELD FAMILY Part One Continued



Victor Mansfield taken at 'Woodville'



Victor Mansfield with his polo horse



Moir's Chambers, 'T&G Building' built 1894, sadly demolished 1960

THE MANSFIELD FAMILY (CONT.)



Cecilia Cregan, taken in Norwood taken in the early 1900s



Cecilia Mansfield taken in the front garden of 'Woodville', probably about 1945



Cecilia Mansfield taken in the parlour of 'Woodville' about 1951

Upon arrival in Perth with two of their three daughters, they lived for a short period in Longroyd Street, Mount Lawley whilst their house in Hill View Road was being constructed. The large house, on the south side of the street with magnificent views over Perth, cost £1,300 to construct, the architect being Frederick W. Upton, and the builder A.T. Brine.

They had three daughters, admired in the street for their beauty (Roma a redhead, Verna had dark hair, and Lynette was fair haired), and for the fact that they married 'Americans' although one of the husbands one was an Englishman and another a Canadian.

Roma Bernadette was born on 6 August 1910 in Brunswick North, Melbourne. She married English officer Arthur Gentry in St Mary's Cathedral, Perth in May 1934. He retired soon after and they went to live in Bangkok, . The family was interned in Thailand by the Japanese during World War II.





RENOVATION OF THE MONTH

RENOVATION OF 3 LANARK STREET, MENORA; Ailakis family



When we bought our home in November 2005 from Mrs Philipson, it was a cosy little three bedroom, one bathroom house with a lovely view out onto the Graham Road Park. At the front of the house was a garage and off the rear laneway was a second garage (with workshop). The laundry (including a third garage area and second toilet) was a separate building behind the house. There was a patio which covered and connected the back of the house, rear of the front garage and laundry building.

Our home was built in 1933, and was extended in the very early 1970s.

Those extensions involved building the laneway garage as well as bricking-in what may have originally been a back verandah or sleep-

out to create the third bedroom and a small family room. There were problems with this, not least of all the choice of bricks for the 1970s extension – cream bricks when the original house was red brick! The layout of the house had been changed so that it was less functional. The kitchen was now essentially a hallway in the centre of the house and was the only way to get from the front to the back of the house. There was a step down from the kitchen into the new family room off which came the third bedroom. The internal walls of this new area were left as cream-coloured face brick also.





The first thing that we did was to discuss what we wanted between ourselves and the architect. Whatever else we did, we were very firm about keeping as true as possible to the period. The list included incorporating the laundry into the house, relocating the kitchen, having four bedrooms (we have three children) and having sufficient storage space. All of this was to be done without any further encroachment into the backyard. The areas at the front of the house (verandah, entry, lounge, dining room and main bedroom) were not going to be touched as they were all in their original state. The original bathroom shell and window were retained but remodelled to become our en-suite.

Structurally, the front garage was of some concern and if it were to be retained would need remedial work. Ultimately we decided that we would replace it with a carport and an enlarged and moved second bedroom. In moving this second bedroom and relocating the kitchen we now had room for a second bathroom.

We were somewhat constrained by the narrowness of the block (15m), however, by removing the 1970s extension, patio and laundry building we could instead use its depth (45m). After a lot of reading, thinking, talking and draft drawings, the final plans were prepared, approval received and a builder engaged.

We tried where possible to use recycled material. Not only was this good environmentally but it overcame some of the difficulties in trying to match things. It was time consuming but did save money, was fun and (we think) achieved the right look for the house. We were very lucky to find in a salvage yard two double-hung windows, two small casement windows, a bank of casement windows and an external door that exactly matched our existing windows and front door. Apparently they all came from the same house that had been demolished in Cottesloe.



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Some of the other things we did were;

- We used about 6,000 bricks and a number of 'vent' bricks from the demolished parts of the house and old laundry.
- The 5¼" jarrah floorboards were old, some having come from our house and the remainder bought.
- Many of the lights were secondhand.
- A number of the light switches were secondhand (bought from Statewide Salvage and a salvage yard in Mordialloc in Melbourne).
- Extra secondhand double-hung windows.
- Window weights for the two new double-hung windows.
- New external light for the front verandah.
- Original doors, frames and handles with plates were reused.



We had external fascia boards, skirting boards, picture rails and architraves copied as well as new doors and double-hung windows made to exactly match the original ones. Wardrobe and cupboard doors were made to



match an original linen cupboard door. Cornices and ceiling roses were chosen to match the period and feel of the home. The ceilings in bedrooms 2, 3 and 4 as well as the kitchen were made to stylistically copy what had existed in the original second bedroom.

With a bit of effort we were able to find suitable hardware and other fixtures also. This included period casement window catches, fitch fasteners, window risers, door handles, locks and plates as well as reproduction Art Deco light switches, telephone socket points and power points.

There are still lots of things to do, particularly in planning and re-establishing

gardens, but we will get to them one-by-one.

PARKS AND GARDENS OF MOUNT LAWLEY

After 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.

Heritage Listing for the Bowling Club and War Memorial

Earlier this month, the Mount Lawley Bowling Club and the adjacent War Memorial on the corner of Clifton Crescent and Queens Crescent were listed on the State Heritage Register. This listing is another important step in protecting our built environment and raising the profile in out area.



The war memorial commemorates the lives of 57 veterans lost during six wars fought from WW1 to Vietnam.

Mount Lawley War Memorial

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Removal of steel poles/underground power in Walcott St and immediate streets; the history of the poles and trolley buses

In 2007, Western Power identified 93 steel power poles along Walcott Street, between Field Street and Wanneroo Road, as a possible danger. It recommended installing an underground power system and offered to split the cost with the Town of Vincent and the City of Stirling.

Residents in these areas received a letter from the City of Stirling in October 2008 surveying the interest in underground power and the removal of these steel poles. From the 186 affected owners consulted, a total of 62 (33%) questionnaires were returned. Of the 62 responses received, 23 owners agreed to installing the underground power and 39 agreed to retaining the existing overhead distribution network. The majority of owners who responded were not prepared to contribute towards the undergrounding of power (between \$5000-7000 per owner). Given this response the City's Officer's notified the Town of Vincent of this outcome. Subsequently the Town of Vincent, on 2 December 2008, reported this result to their Ordinary Meeting of Council which resolved not to proceed with a residents survey and instructed that Western Power and the City of Stirling be advised that the Town would not proceed with their survey and that the undergrounding of the power lines would not proceed

City of Stirling reported that had this proposal been accepted, it would have contributed to the extension of underground power within the City of Stirling, in association with schemes like the SUPP program, and is in accordance with the City of Stirling strategic plan.

As the City remains a supporter of the progressive undergrounding of power lines, the City states that it would be a retrograde step to permit Western Power to replace the metal poles with timber ones unchallenged. This will, however, occur unless Western Power and the Minister for Energy can be persuaded otherwise.

The history of the steel Poles in Walcott St, installed for Perth Trolleybuses Australia's First and Last Fleet 1933 - 1969

The first generation: 1930s and 1940s

In 1933 a trolleybus service was established from East Perth to Leederville station, running via Wellington St and Cambridge St - the first permanent trolleybus system in Australia. The original fleet contained just 3 Leyland three-axle trolley buses. Although regarded initially as an experiment, it was perceived that trolley buses had greater flexibility than the trams. This and the increasingly worn condition of the tram system made it seem likely at one stage that the trams would, in time, all be replaced by trolleybuses.

In 1938 and 1939 the trolley bus system expanded. Trolley buses had by 1940 replaced trams to East Perth (Trafalgar Rd), to Claremont via Mounts Bay Road, extending to Swanbourne. And along Cambridge St, extending to Lissadell St.

Also a new route, not previously a tram line, branched off Cambridge St at Gregory St and travelled along Grantham St to Reserve St.



Trolley bus Wellington St. Photo by Hugh Ballment

By 1940 the fleet comprised 22 Leyland three-axle trolley buses. A further 18 two-axle Leylands arrived to help with the overloaded wartime public transport system, taking the fleet total to 40. These additions, with bodies built at the WAGR workshops, were part of an order originally intended for Canton, but diverted due to war conditions.

The second generation: 1950s and 1960s

Trams crossed to the southern side of the Swan River via the Causeway, to Victoria Park, Welshpool, South Perth [Zoo] and Como, and it had been planned to replace these with trolley buses. Fifty two-axle Sunbeam trolley buses had been ordered for the replacement service. However, when the Causeway was reconstructed in 1950, it was decided that trolleybus overhead wiring on the new Causeway would be unsightly, so the South-of-the River tram services were replaced by motor buses. The 50 excess trolley buses were then used in 1951 to replace trams on the Mt Hawthorn line (terminating in Scarborough Beach Rd at Kalgoorlie St), and in 1954 to extend the Cambridge St and Grantham St routes.

A further major expansion of the trolley bus system occurred with the closure of the tramways in 1958, when trams were replaced by trolleybuses on the Inglewood route. A new branch was opened along Grand Promenade. The Walcott St branch, which had closed as a tram route in 1953, reopened with trolley buses.

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Trolley bus route closures began soon after these last expansions: most were officially associated with various major road works around the city. A significant economic factor was that the Sunbeam vehicles by then forming the fleet had entrance-exit doors only at the centre, and so were not suitable for one-person-operation. The Claremont route via Mounts Bay Road closed in 1959 (difficulties connected with the new Narrows bridge over the Swan River were cited). The Mount Hawthorn route closed in 1963.

All of the services along Beaufort St were closed in 1968, when the one-way road system in Perth's main business district was being altered.

remaining group of lines, to Wembley and Floreat, closed on 29 August, 1969 - by then Australia's last remaining trolleybuses

The MLS thanks the Perth Electric Tramway Society (PETS) for the use of their information for this article and the City of Stirling for allowing MLS to use the photograph of the trolley bus in Mt Lawley

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Trolley bus cnr Beaufort and Walcott St

Note :The PETS put in a tender for the steel poles when they were removed from Stirling Hwy but were not successful. These steel poles would be used for the trams that now operate at in the Society Head Quarters in Whiteman Park, and in the future also for trolley buses. Presently they use wood poles which are subject to attack by termites . The PETS say that they would appreciate being able to purchase the steel poles from Walcott St should the present dead lock be resolved

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Drafting/Mapping Specialist Wanted!

Times may be tough for draftees but the Mount Lawley Society is looking to recruit!

We are looking for a community minded autocad or microstation operator who can spare a few hours to assist in preparing basic maps of the Heritage Protection Area (Mount Lawley, Menora and Inglewood). The maps will be used to carry out an inventory of original character properties in these areas and will ultimately be loaded onto our website as a resource for the community.

In the long-term, we hope that the maps will form the basis of a basic Geographical Information System (GIS) where historical photos can be linked to the map on the website.

If you can help, please email the President at: president@mountlawleysociety.org.au



Further news on the Astor

The Astor Cinema is a significant object in the landscape of Mount Law-ley – past and present. As the Cinema moves into another phase of its history, the management have agreed to hold an event to celebrate the significance of the Astor and its continuing presence in our lives. This event will be held late April/ early May (to be finalised) and will create an opportunity for the community to say thank you, share stories and watch a film. The event will be free but we will be looking for sponsorship for afternoon tea to ease the burden on the Astor's kindness. We will be advertising in the paper and in schools asking members of the community to write in and share their memories of the Astor, which will later be gifted to the City of Stirling Local History Library. Please join us in celebrating this unique landmark, and spread the word to ensure as

many people as possible can participate.

If you would like to be involved, or would like more information, please contact me, Erin, at efuery@gmail.com.

The **Mount Lawley Society** has reciprocal membership with the **Art Deco Society of WA**. The Art Deco Society sell a series of 18 different cards depicting art deco buildings which includes the **Astor Theatre**. They sell in sets of 10 for \$ 6.00 plus postage. The Society will ensure that a picture of the Astor is included if you request this. Details for contact below:

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Committee meetings are held 1st Monday of the month at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club at 8.00pm. All members are welcome to attend.

WELCOME TO MLS NEW MEMBERS

Brendon and Rebecca Atkinson Russell and Vanita Lovett Ross and Alex Robertson Anne Marie Therese Simon MacLennan Dean Smith