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Committee / Welcome to new members.

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.

MLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,
I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

Photographic Collection

Since the last newsletter in March, the MLS committee has made excellent progress on archiving our photographic collection. The Society received great news in May when we were awarded a History Council of Western Australia grant to scan and archive our photographs. The Society is extremely grateful to the History Council and our friend Dawn Palm who expertly prepared the submission. Thank you so much Dawn!

I am pleased to report that all 1105 photos and negatives have now been scanned and the project team is about to embark on the laborious task of documenting and archiving the images. We will keep you informed of progress and details of the photographic exhibition planned for Spring.

Heritage Council Awards 2009

Recently the MLS committee moved to nominate Patron Barrie Baker for the 2009 Heritage Council Awards for exceptional contribution to heritage in Western Australia by an individual. Over the past three decades, Barrie has made many positive contributions to heritage protection and education through research, writing and working with community groups and local municipalities to give heritage protection the attention that it deserves. The Society is very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable individual on our committee and wishes Barrie good luck in the awards.

The Society has also nominated the City of Stirling for the Heritage Council Awards for exceptional contribution to heritage in WA by an organisation. The City's establishment of the Heritage Protection Area encompassing Mount Lawley, Menora and Inglewood and the development of the Character Retention Guidelines has been a very significant strategic development in managing heritage protection in our unique suburbs. The City, and our ward Councillors Paul Collins, Rod Willox, Robin Furlong and Terry Tyzack, have been great supporters of protecting our built heritage and we are hoping that the City is successful in the awards.

Society Dinner

The annual Society dinner on the evening of Friday 12th June at La Vigna in Menora sold out and was a huge success. It was a perfect winter night to be tucked away in La Vigna's cellar gorging on a beautiful selection of wines matched to great food. La Vigna proprietor and our host Michael Tamburri guided us through the food and wine selection and entertained us with stories from his past in Italy. Paul Collins was the last man standing in the head-and-tails competition to guess the mystery wine of the evening. The Society is very grateful to Michael for hosting a wonderful evening. Thanks must also go to Beaufort Street Merchants for donating the door prize and to committee members Beth, Jan, Barrie and Neil for organising the evening.

That's all for now. Keep warm and hope to see you soon!

Paul Hurst
President



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL OF 21 APRIL 2009: HOUSE NUMBER 21, WOOD STREET, INGLEWOOD – RECONSIDERATION OF DEMOLITION OF SINGLE HOUSE ; the application for the demolition of the existing single house at Lot 29, House Number 21, Wood Street, Inglewood be APPROVED subject to an archival record of the dwelling being undertaken to the satisfaction of the City, at the applicants expense and submitted to the City prior to the issue of a demolition licence.

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL OF 21 APRIL 2009: HOUSE NUMBER 179, EIGHTH AVENUE, INGLEWOOD - DEMOLITION OF SINGLE HOUSE the application for the demolition of the existing single house at Lot 11, House Number 179, Eighth Avenue, Inglewood, be REFUSED, as the proposal is not in accordance with clause 2.2.3.2 of District Planning Scheme No. 2 and section 3.1 of the Character Retention Guidelines. The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by an 'en bloc' resolution (page 125 refers)

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 12 MAY 2009: HOUSE NUMBER 15, PARK ROAD, MOUNT LAWLEY - DEMOLITION OF SINGLE HOUSE ;the application for the demolition of the existing single house at Lot 2, House Number 15, Park Road, Mount Lawley, be REFUSED as the proposal is not in accordance with clause 2.2.3.2 of District Planning Scheme no 2 and section 3.1 of the Character Retention Guidelines. CARRIED (12/0)

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 12 MAY 2009: HOUSE NUMBER 136, FOURTH AVENUE, MOUNT LAWLEY - DEMOLITION OF A SINGLE HOUSE the application for the demolition of the existing house at Lot 152, House Number 136, Fourth Avenue, Mount Lawley, be REFUSED as the proposal is not in accordance with clause 2.2.3.2 of District Planning Scheme no 2 and section 3.1 of the Character Retention Guidelines..

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 23 JUNE 2009: HOUSE NUMBER 39, CARRINGTON STREET, INGLEWOOD - DEMOLITION OF SINGLE HOUSE Application refused

HOUSE NUMBER 138, SIXTH AVENUE, INGLEWOOD - DEMOLITION OF SINGLE HOUSE - STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL APPLICATION FOR REVIEW – REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION: That the item relating to House Number 138, Sixth Avenue, Inglewood - Demolition of a Single House - State Administrative Tribunal Application for Review - Request for Reconsideration be HELD OVER to the Council meeting to be held 7 July 2009 to allow the City to obtain legal advice in regard to the matter. The motion was put and declared LOST (5/7).

12 Lawley Crescent

12 Lawley Crescent was approved for demolition some time ago. The Council approved it for demolition on the grounds that although the house was original 1920s, it had been altered very significantly and had lost its character features.

125 Joel Terrace Mount Lawley

Town of Vincent has put a sign outside no. 125 Joel Terrace advising that an application has been made for proposed demolition of this Federation cottage which is listed on the Town of Vincent's 'Municipal Heritage Inventory

In 1998 and 200 the Town of Vincent opposed 2 separate applications to demolish this house

The house at 125 Joel Terrace is an original 1912 vintage brick and iron house that should be preserved. It is part of the East Norwood Estate which was first developed in 1898

It is very much a case of demolition by neglect.

MLS will put in a submission to oppose it.

Submission period ends on 7th July

You can view the document on the Town of Vincent website and make comment

Crossing the line: early policing around Mt Lawley #1

By Peter Conole

Police Historian

The attached photograph is of an office in the old Highgate Police Station, 57 Lincoln Street. It is within a heritage listed complex, consisting of the station, quarters and the Lincoln Street Ventilation Tower. For reasons which will become obvious in another issue, it is right and proper that the tower should be linked with police buildings. The police office, with its charge room and attached holding cells, is pretty much as it would have looked to the police personnel of Highgate Police Station when Mt Lawley and neighbouring suburbs were in their growing stages from the early 1900s until about 1940.



The front office at Highgate Hill Station as it was up to 1940 - courtesy Mr Peter Thomas.

The WA Police Force, as it was called until some 15 years ago, was already 'north of the line' (i.e., the railway line) when serious suburban spread began. The Gold Rush, associated population growth and the building of new railway lines all added impetus to the move. Indeed Police Force administration itself - along with a barracks, stables, marshalling yards, a police school and the Beaufort Street Court of Petty Sessions - was placed in what is now called Northbridge when Commissioner Frederick Hare moved his offices from the city centre to there in 1905.

Calls from the community for a permanent police presence always came when stable, settled community life became obvious in a country town or suburban life. The Highgate Station was built and opened in 1897; along with the quarters built later in 1906 it is a good example of a basic late Colonial and early Federation architectural style.



The Highgate Hill Police Station & quarters - the hub of law enforcement around Mount Lawley until 1940



Lincoln Street Tower

From day one

(November 1, 1897) the intention was to staff the station with a sergeant and seven constables. In practice, the officer in charge was sometimes a corporal - a rank that no longer exists. The work of the men based there was straightforward and in accordance with the bottom line requirements of policing work since the passing of the Metropolitan (London) Police Act of 1829. That is, to uphold the laws of the day and preserve the public peace. For the most part, the early police 'north of the line' managed things by carefully regulated foot

patrols, keeping a watch on new arrivals and travellers, listening to the locals and responding to calls for help.

Those tasks became more complex as the 'explosion' of the 1890s continued. The population of WA increased four-fold between about 1890 to 1905. Reports of crimes and numbers of arrests rose dramatically in Perth and the growing suburbs to the north and south. Drunken behaviour and burglaries caused outrage and Commissioner Hare expressed concern (1906) about the 'influx of criminals' from other States.

With the benefit of hindsight we can understand these patterns were inevitable. Highgate, North Perth, Mt Lawley, Inglewood...as prosperous commercial and residential suburbs grew, so did some additional social problems. And the need for a 'well regulated constabulary' was enhanced. The officers of Highgate Station did their duty well for the few decades they protected expanding local communities. As will be seen, the price of duty could be high.

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Heritage

The Mansfield family continued from last newsletter March 2009

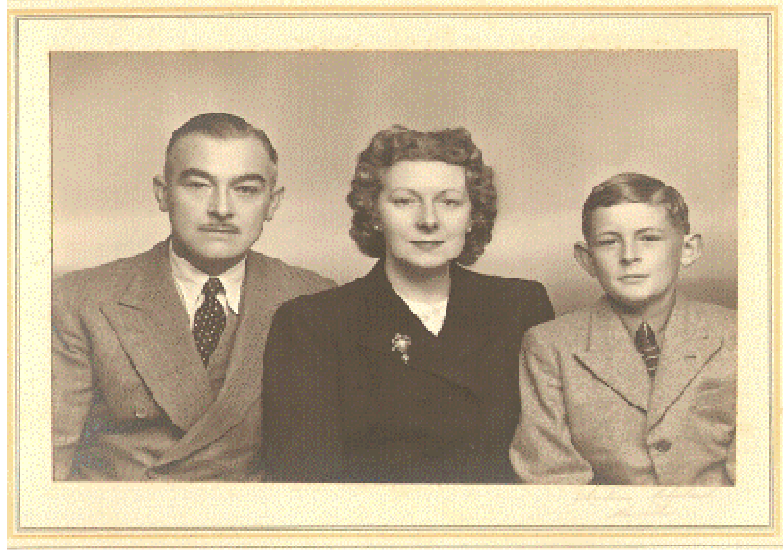
Victor Mansfield (1885-1956) married **Cecilia May Cregan (1885-1952)** had 3 children; **Roma Bernadette Mansfield** (born 1910) and her husband **Arthur Gentry** returned to England after the war. They had been married in Perth in 1934 They had one son, **Geoffrey**, who after staying with his grandparents between 1945 and 1947 for part of his schooling, later became an architect. Roma died on 7 Nov 1994 at Moorlands nursing home, Lightwater, Surrey in England.



Verna taken in the mid 1940s in Brisbane



Verna taken probably c 1940



Arthur, Roma and Geoffrey, taken c1945

Verna Cecilia Mansfield was born on 17 Apr 1917 in Ballarat. She married Lt Cdr Ross Hofmann, in 1943 in Fremantle, he being a Canadian officer, though in the US navy. They settled in The USA and had five children (Gail, Carol, Anne, Robert Curt, and Susan) . Curt returned to Australia at the age of 16 and practises law in Perth. She died in 2006 in Owl's Head, Maine.



Verna, Roma and Lynette c1990

Heritage continued

Norma Lynette Mansfield was born in Perth on 11 Dec 1920. She attended school at Loreto, then at Saint Hilda's, and in 1938 took a secretarial course at a business college. She worked as a doctor's receptionist prior to serving in WWII as a nurse in the Australian Medical Service, working in hospitals in Hawaii and Virginia. In May 1944 she married Lt Cdr John Carroll McCarthy USN, a naval engineer, in Annapolis, Maryland. He later rose to be a Senior Captain in the service. They had two sons and three daughters. She was an accomplished pianist, and tennis player until well into her sixties. She was a devout Christian, a volunteer prison visitor, hospital patient advocate, volunteer teacher and librarian. She died 5 Nov 2008 in Monroe, Washington State.



(Norma) Lynette as a young debutant



Lynette, John and John, taken 1945



Playing tennis in the 1970s



Michael, John, Chris, Maureen, Lynette holding Michele, John (senior), taken in Pearl Harbour, Hawaii

Our suburbs; Members views

How to wreck our Street-scape and De-value your property! Phillipa Baines reports;

I note with alarm the rate at which Cape Lilac Trees are disappearing in the Mount Lawley area.

A recent article in Voice News on Saturday May 2, 2009 has confirmed my suspicions. The Council, in its wisdom, has decided that the Cape Lilac's must go!

WHY "because of decay and caterpillar infestation" Decay - perhaps caused by over-zealous pruning by the Council prior to inception of underground power. Caterpillar Infestation - I ask "Have they ever heard of "Dipel" a bio insecticide safe for ladybirds and bees!

SPRAY DON'T SLAY!

Why is the Council wasting rate payers' money cutting down trees when they could be preserved at a great saving to the ratepayers by a concerted spraying program and a little TLC.

The council says it will replace lost trees with "reasonably established sized varieties "

Anyone who thinks that the replanting program will fix the street-scape should stroll along Clifton Crescent –

Don't be fooled by the promise of "reasonably sized varieties" the jacaranda sticks in Clifton Crescent have already been in the ground for two years.

Clifton Crescent was part of a pilot program. Residents there were led to believe that only diseased trees would be replaced by a species of tree determined by the majority of residents. We all set off for work one morning driving down our tree lined street and came home to find our street denuded of trees!

Watch out Hillview Road - have you ever noticed how many Cape Lilac's were in Hillview Road– already four have been removed!

How many Cape Lilacs are in your street?



Cape Lilacs for Elizabeth

'Cape Lilac, we call these.' In South Perth Elizabeth pointed to the massive crown of blooms That made the modest trees a great posy So delicate no Kodak film could pin them. 'In Queensland,' I said, 'we call those White Cedar; It is a rainforest native.'

I learned, later.

It is ubiquitous. It thrives in the Balkans, in Asia, in warm Africa. The rainforest examples of my youth proved birds were the first migrants.

Late spring, Adelaide. I am taken back with a sudden pain to that park in the West, and our day together. Cape Lilac, I hear your voice in that name, Elizabeth, and again its flowering canopy forces abundance from a delicate framework, like ghosts in the flower shadows, and like your voice, re-naming for me a whole new territory from things

I had assumed I knew unerringly. 2006 Shapcott, Thomas. "Cape Lilacs." *The City of Empty Rooms*. Cambridge: Salt Publishing, 2006.10. Also published in *Blue Dog: Australian Poetry* 5:10 (2006):8 Dedicated to Elizabeth Jolley.

Inside cover' of the West Australian newspaper 28.11 2006

"Caterpillars clobbered"

"Following Labor MP John Hyde's B-grade horror movie description of discovering furry black caterpillars nibbling his toes inside his running shoes, a sequel has emerged.

The City of Stirling has decided on a \$ 141,000 shock-and-awe campaign against the Cape Lilac trees where the caterpillars breed.

Mr Hyde took a complaint about the thousands of caterpillars and white cedar moths that go to and from the trees and infest the neighbourhood around them.

Chemically treating or removing the Capes were the only options. The council will rip out the 354 in the city.

"Cedar moths are right up there with cane toads and sparrows as dangerous threats to WA," Mr Hyde said, applauding the decision."



Hillview Road fights the recession on it's own (so it seems); Elliot Brill reports

We residents of Hillview Road, over the past many months, have witnessed an amazing number of people being employed up and down our street, obviously fighting the recession seemingly on their own.

We have had bull dozers, cranes, tip trucks, front end loaders, cherry pickers, delivery trucks of innumerable sizes and varieties regularly moving up and down our street. There have been concrete workers, brick layers, plasterers, limestone workers, fence builders, electricians, plasterers, roof tillers—you name the trade, they have been here, some are still here and some are about ready to show up. Why? Because our small street, running just one block between Longroyd

Street and Glenroyd Street currently has three houses being renovated in a major manner plus a few more in a minor manner. We understand there may be one or two more major renovations in the planning stage. And we only have about 30 houses on the street.

On one hand it is great to see some of the creative extensions taking place to homes on our street employing so many trades people. However it does become difficult at times for residents to navigate through the rows of vehicles parked on the street, sometimes directly opposite each other, and occasionally blocking the entire street as they unload sand, bricks, steel, limestone or concrete.

But we should not be complaining, for it does look like we are a street that is fighting the recession on it's own.

COMPETITION:

Match the man and the house; where are the 2 houses and what are the names of the men who lived there?

Give some information on these people and houses, and you will be in the running for a voucher from La Vigna as a prize. The first person to email or phone with the correct answer will win.

Email the editor bmckechne@bigpond.com or

ph 0421 545 583



Clue; they were prominent leaders in their day.





Drawing by Ron Facius depicting the reopening of the Astor Theatre in May, 1989 with the showing of *Dead Poets Society*. Ron Facius is the Vice President and Designer of the Art Deco Society of WA.

Members of the Mt Lawley Society will be well aware of the approaching centenary of the building which now houses the Astor Theatre.

The original edifice was designed in 1911 by architect, D. McClure and known as the Lyceum Theatre. In the late 1930s the Edwardian structure was one of a group of older theatres remodelled in the Art Deco style by the cinema architect, William T. Leighton. The elegant moderne picture theatre, by then known as the State Theatre, opened on May 12th, 1939.

Fifty years later the building, which later became known as the Astor Theatre, was refurbished by architect and member of the Art Deco Society of WA, Phillip McAllister, who introduced a complementary colour scheme based on Leighton's original scheme and designed to attract contemporary audiences. Later, in time for the 2nd World Congress on Art Deco held in Perth in 1993, McAllister included a twin theatre which was carried out in a manner which did not affect the integrity of the building.

Both the Edwardian and Art Deco styled versions were built by the Alexander family, who owned both the theatre and the Broadway Building (later known as the Alexander Building) on the opposite south-west corner of the Beaufort and Walcott Street intersection. The Lyceum Theatre and Broadway Building were built by S.B. Alexander, whose son, John, subsequently built the Alexander Building and remodelled the State Theatre to Leighton's plan. The plan also demonstrates that the building continued to be called the State Theatre. Advertisements in the local press indicate that this title remained until c. 1941 when a government ruling decreed that no privately owned building would be entitled to use the title "State". The cinema was consequently renamed the Astor Theatre after one of this name in Townsville, Queensland, with pleasant associations for the wife of the owner/builder, Mrs. Mavis Alexander.

Bill Leighton's design for the State Theatre and adjoining shops clearly shows the dotted line of the old Lyceum Theatre indicating the relationship between the old and newer structures. A solid and substantial structure, the transformation of the State Theatre and adjoining shops was principally a process of remodelling. During this transformation the building remained structurally intact and Leighton's new design was dictated by the layout of the existing auditorium.

The Astor Theatre has been of considerable interest to Art Deco Society members since the Society's inception in September, 1987. In June, 1988 the building featured prominently in the Society's third Art Deco Discovery Walk and, later in that year, the society celebrated the building's significant features at a dress-up showing of the 1939 classic, *Gone With the Wind* with the American Civil War Society. In 1989 friends of the Astor Theatre, including the Mt, Lawley Society and then Member for Perth, Dr. Ian Alexander, united with the Art Deco Society to protest against the building's proposed demolition. Later, in 1994 when the Astor was safe and fully restored, the Society held its 45th Art Deco Discovery Walk held during Heritage Week.

The Astor Theatre has been the subject of countless articles by Art Deco Society members and featured many times in the local press. The cinema has played host to functions which promoted and closed the 1993 Art Deco World Congress and in 2006 the cinema's proprietor received an award at the society's 6th Annual Heritage Award Ceremony held at the Regal Theatre. This function was held in conjunction with an Exhibition of artworks by Ron Facius and Yvonne Geneve featuring the Art Deco Cinemas of the 1930s. The drawing by Ron Facius (at top) features the Astor Theatre at its unveiling ceremony in May, 1989. Invited guests to the reopening included the then Premier of Western Australia, the Hon. Peter Dowding; Garry Leighton, son of the 1939 architect and members of the Art Deco Society who had done so much to promote the cinema's relevance

In May 1988 the Astor Theatre was presented for classification by the Art Deco Committee of the National Trust of Australia (WA) and appeared prominently in *Significant Buildings of the 1930s in Western Australia*, a publication sponsored through the National estate Grants Programme in 1994. Another decade would pass before the building entered the State Register of Heritage Places.

To the present day, and several changes of ownership later, the structure of the Astor Theatre building remains basically unaltered and constitutes a landmark at the well known intersection.

Reference: V. Geneve – Versions of Modernism in Western Australian Cinema Design 1930-1940, UWA 1991

Yvonne Geneve is the President of the Art Deco Society of WA and the Editor of *Waltzing Moderne*, the newsletter of the Society

The Astor Theatre is a particularly fine and decorative example of a cinema designed in the Art Deco style and more will be featured in the next edition of Mt. Lawley matters

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;

Art Deco Society of WA

PO Box 566

Kelmscott W.A 6991 ph 9385 6155

Art Deco Walks



The Art Deco Society has invited members of the Mount Lawley Society to join its walks around Perth to view and hear the history of our art deco buildings.

A couple of members attended the viewing of the film *Easy Virtue* at the Cygnet theatre in Preston St Como a month ago and enjoyed a walk and chat and a visit to the Pagoda Ballroom.

The Cygnet manager Mr. Eddie Herbert has recently died and there have been some articles in the newspaper about the future of the Cygnet theatre.

The building is owned by the Stiles family, descendants of original owner James Stiles, for whom the theatre was built in 1938. It had been run by Eddie Herbert for 25 years.

The Australian Museum of Motion Picture Technology, preserving the heritage of Australia's Moving Image Industries (AMMPT) is asking that movie lovers patronize the Art Deco theatres so that they can remain open.

Email ammpt@iinet.net.au for further information on movie programmes and membership if interested, or phone 9458 4227 or 9310 3377

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

Support for our local businesses will help sustain and promote our area .Each newsletter we will feature a couple of the businesses which make Mt. Lawley , Inglewood and Menora a great place to live.



Coode Street Café

Terry Burgeon and Damian Fletcher bought the "Open Pantry Deli" in September, 1994 almost 15 years ago. They ran it as a Deli for about a year and during this time deregulation of shopping hours were introduced into WA which meant that supermarkets and other shops could stay open longer and on weekends.

Deregulation presented Terry & Damian with the opportunity of expanding their business and opening a **Cafe** and by coincidence at that time the shop on the corner next to their Deli became available. These premises were originally occupied by a **Butcher** and at that time had been used as a **sausage factory** producing for the **British Sausage Company** who vacated to go to bigger

premises.

For several years Damian and Terry operated their business as half Deli and half Cafe and as the Cafe side of things grew like topsy they decided to put all their efforts into the Cafe and do away with the Deli. In 2004 they decided to do further renovations and convert the house attached to the Cafe into a private small function room and "**Conference at Coode Street**" was borne. A perfect meeting place for local organisations or private family celebrations.

Catering for outside functions is another string to their bow - fabulous platters of **home made** mouth watering food perfect for Melbourne Cup Lunches, birthday parties, wakes, office functions, weddings or whatever your heart desires.

It is essential to book the function room and if you want to be sure to get a table for **breakfast or lunch** it is very wise to book in advance Tel: **9371 9900** or email info@coodestreetcafe.com.au

Coode Street Cafe is a local **award winning icon** we can all be very proud to have, tucked away on the corner of **3rd Avenue & Coode Street** in the heart of our wonderful heritage suburb and is hardly the best kept secret after winning the **CIA Award for Excellence** for best breakfast Restaurant in WA and a finalist in the **Delicious Cafe Awards for 2008**



THE MOUNT LAWLEY TOY LIBRARY

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Founded in the 1970's the Mt Lawley Toy Library operated for many years from the Mt Lawley Learning Centre but in recent years has taken up residence

in Blythe Avenue Yokine. For a small annual membership fee it provides access to thousands of toys including: puzzles, construction, water play, castles, indoor floor activities, sand play, role play, games, toys for babies/toddlers, musical instruments, bikes, trucks, ride-ons, dress ups, slides and much, much more! In 2008 The Mt Lawley Toy Library applied for a Lottery West grant of \$15,000 - and were successful. This means there is now an additional \$15,000 of new toys just waiting to be played with!

The benefits a toy library membership brings to a household of young children are enormous. Aside from the substantial cost saving in not having to buy expensive toys, a regular rotation of new toys into the home creates an environment that encourages extended periods of independent play and opportunities for development. Parents can provide a learning-rich environment for their children, ensuring that all areas of development are catered for; role play, imaginative play, fine motor skills, gross motor skills.

The Mt Lawley Toy Library is a non-profit, volunteer-based organisation whose purpose is to provide a wide range of quality toys, puzzles and games for children aged 6 months to 6 years and have thousands of toys that can be borrowed by library members. There are many reasons to join the Toy Library:

- Try out different toys every fortnight
- Try out toys before you buy
- Save money on toys that children will quickly outgrow
- Expose your children to a wide variety of toys
- Save on toy storage

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To become a member come along to one of our library sessions (Wed 10.00 am - 12.00 noon or Sat 10.00 am -12.00 noon). You will need to fill in a membership form, show some form of identification and pay the annual membership (please see our website for membership fees). Payment of fees is by cash only. A borrowing card will then be issued and you will be able to borrow immediately! The Mt Lawley Toy Library has no compulsory rosters or fundraising events, just a 2 hour busy bee once a year. <http://www.mtlawleytoylibrary.org.au>

TIDBITS

Perth College Garden Walk 30.10.09

Take a stroll around the suburb and visit ten of Mt Lawley's most beautiful gardens on the Perth College Garden Walk on Friday October 30.

For the first time the walk, which runs from noon to 3pm is open to the community. Tickets and a map of the gardens will be sold in advance from the school and on the day from The Pavilion in Lawley Crescent, Mt Lawley.

Stalls selling plants, jewellery, silk clothing, natural cosmetics, cards, home wares and gourmet foods will provide an avenue for retail therapy in one of the gardens.

Tickets, which include morning tea in one of the gardens, cost \$25 and funds raised will send students on leadership courses.

More details in the next newsletter.

Menora, Coolbinia and Mount Lawley Ratepayers Association

The AGM was held on the 24th June 2009

The organization is in caretaker mode following a motion that "this meeting noticing a lack of nominees for positions, endorses the outgoing executive committee and nominated members to continue on a caretaker basis for 2009/2010 with the view to calling a special general meeting either to wind up the organisation or to re fill vacancies.

Discussing the value of heritage properties in Mount Lawley

One of our members has alerted the Committee to a heritage report that has investigated values on heritage properties located on the Australian Property Institute's website at : <http://www.propertyinstitute-wa.com>.

The report can be found at the green button on the bottom right corner titled API Heritage Report.

This report gives clear evidence that heritage listed properties in Mt Lawley attract a price premium. Interestingly, this relationship is not as statistically significant in other suburbs. This implies an elevated value of heritage in areas that are largely intact.



St Paul's Primary school in Rookwood St Mount Lawley has just celebrated its 80th Birthday . We are hoping to be able to print an article on the history of the school in a later newsletter

PHOTOS from the dinner at La Vigna

We have some group photos of the tables at the dinner kindly taken by our Patron Barrie Baker.

If you want a copy please contact Beth McKechnie

The Heritage Council of Western Australia is the State government agency created under the Heritage of Western Australia Act (1990) to identify, conserve and promote places of cultural heritage significance in WA. The Act provides for the compilation of Western Australia's Register of Heritage Places as well as a Municipal Inventory for each local government area. The Heritage Council also promotes and sponsors academic-based professional education; provides advisory services to the Minister for Heritage and the public; undertakes conservation planning, and administers funding for these purposes. www.heritage.wa.gov.au

Heritage WA Alliance is an association with an interest in a particular aspect of western Australian history and heritage. This has been recently formed as a new body to advance heritage preservation as a policy issue and community value in Western Australia

The group which is soon to be incorporated, has as its foundation members the Art Deco Society, the Fremantle Society, The Mount Lawley Society and the Guildford Society.

The National Trust (WA) has recently facilitated a series of meetings with community organizations to develop a common definition and understanding of cultural heritage and the scope of a cultural heritage policy and to establish the principle that underpins effective regulatory processes in the identification and conservation of cultural heritage and identification of key issues that impact on the identification, conservation, interpretation and management of cultural heritage values. www.ntwa.com.au

Mount Lawley Society has representatives at these meetings or receives regular correspondence from them.

The Society also attends the **Planning and Development** meetings at the City of Stirling and where possible Council meetings at the Town of Vincent. The Society also attends the City of Stirling **Heritage Advisory Panel** which provides advice to Council on strategic matters relevant to the City's heritage management, matters pertaining to heritage listing, and related incentive and promotion programs

MLS Committee 2009

Paul Hurst : President

Rebecca Griffiths : Treasurer

Beth McKechnie : Secretary

John Wreford

Jenny la Puma

Jan Wilkie

Ian Merker

Daina Bruers

Charlotte Christo

Barrie Baker : Historian/ reports on City of Stirling/ Town of Vincent matters

John Baas :Represents Ratepayers Assoc

Sheila Robinson

Neil Hogkinson and Jenny Hewitt: Inglewood representatives

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

David Hawkes

Sharon and Mark Kendrew

Peter and Kathleen Psoumanis