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MLS PRESIDENT'S REPORT



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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.

Dear Members,

I hope that this newsletter finds you well.

It's been a long wet winter and like me you are probably looking forward to some fine weather to kick the garden into shape (at least that is my excuse!).

Apart from getting our hands dirty in the garden this spring, the MLS will also be helping the residents of Farnley Street in organising their centenary celebrations that will be held in Copley Park on Sunday 22nd November. The festivities will include activities for the whole family including a historical tram ride tour of Farnley Street and other historically significant areas hosted by our wonderful Patron and historian, Barrie Baker. Tickets for the tram are available pre-sale so if you missed out on our tram ride last year you will need to be quick! Email Jan Wilkie at janwilke@westnet.com.au for further details.

Our photo archiving project is progressing well thanks to the great efforts made by Barrie Baker to review each of the 1100 photos and record the history of each. This is an enormous task and Barrie has done a wonderful job. The next step will be to short-list the most interesting photos for presentation at our photo exhibition. The MLS committee has enlisted the help of members Rebecca and Brendon Atkinson to assist with organising the photo exhibition which will now be held in Autumn 2010.

In the previous newsletter I discussed the nomination of Barrie Baker and the City of Stirling by the MLS for the 2009 Heritage Council Awards. Councillor Rod Willox and I attended the awards ceremony on 30th July at the WA Rowing Club where both Barrie and the CoS were duly recognised during the ceremony, however both were unsuccessful. Loretta Wright from North Hampton won the individual award for contribution to heritage in WA for her work to preserve a series of historical farm dwellings in the northern wheatbelt. The City of Perth won the award for contribution to heritage by an organisation. Despite the outcome, City of Stirling officers and Councillors were extremely pleased to be nominated for the awards by a community group as this indicates a strong endorsement of the City's approach to heritage protection. The MLS committee remains committed to working with the City to preserve and promote our built heritage.

That's all for now. Hope to see you all in November in for the Farnley Street Centenary!

Paul Hurst, President



Boy on tricycle waiting patiently for the latest MLS Newsletter – c1920, (Source: MLS Photo Archive)

PERTH COLLEGE GARDEN WALK FRIDAY OCTOBER 30th 2009 12-3.00pm



Take an afternoon stroll around the suburb and visit 11 of Mt Lawley's most beautiful gardens on the Perth College Garden Walk on **Friday October 30.**

For the first time the walk, which is organised by the Perth College Auxiliary, is open to the community and will include gardens west of Beaufort St.

Organised by the Perth College Auxiliary the event runs from noon to 3pm and tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for pensioners, including afternoon tea in one of the gardens.

Advanced ticket sales, which include a map of the gardens, are available from the school on 94712124 or email development@pc.wa.edu.au.

On the day tickets can be bought from noon at The Pavilion on Lawley Crescent, Mt Lawley.



The school oval is open for parking with entrance off Beaufort St.

An opportunity for retail therapy will be provided in the gardens by stalls selling homemade Christmas puddings, clothes, jewellery, cosmetics and homewares. Plants will be available from Margy Clemas' Whistlepipe Gardens and Guildford Town Garden Centre.

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Meg Pike of Regent St, Mt Lawley is opening her garden as part of the Perth College Garden Walk.

News from Councils re Demolitions

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

In 1998 and 2000 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

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 142 TOWN OF VINCENT 28 JULY 2009 MINUTES OF MEETING

in accordance with the provisions of the Town of Vincent Town Planning Scheme No. 1 and the Metropolitan Region Scheme, REFUSES the application submitted Demolition of Existing Single House and associated Removal of Existing Single House from the Town's Municipal Heritage Inventory, at No. 125 (Lot 311 D/P: 2001) Joel Terrace, Mount Lawley,for the following reasons: (a) the development is not consistent with the orderly and proper planning and the preservation of the amenities of the locality by virtue of the demolition of the existing building, which contributes to an important cultural landscape; (b) the existing place has cultural heritage significance in terms of its aesthetic and social values and is listed on the Town's Municipal Heritage Inventory/Heritage List as a Management Category B – Conservation Recommended.

Crossing the line: early policing around Mt Lawley #2

By Peter Conole, Police Historian

From day one, there was probably an intention to provide 'living space' for police officers operating out of Highgate Station. For financial reasons, the idea was put on hold until April 1906 when quarters were completed for the Officer in Charge: three bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom. Within a few years Lord Street became attractive to other officers, who started to set up house there from about 1912. For numerous policemen of Irish Catholic origin, the handy presence of Sacred Heart School was beneficial if they had families.

The first occupant of the Highgate quarters was Corporal (later Sergeant) Patrick O'Halloran, one of the most flamboyant and controversial officers of the period. He attracted press attention several times during his career, but only for positive reasons during his Highgate years. Patrick O'Halloran played a key role in the Mitchell 'baby farming' trial of 1907. A child mind-ing centre went disastrously wrong. One death led to a successful prosecution and a magis-trate praised his commitment and determination during the case.

During the 1920s another colourful officer of Irish origin, Sergeant Alexander Mark, took charge of Highgate. He was a popular, good humoured man with a very strong commitment to duty. While actually off duty on March 7, 1928 he received word that a deranged and armed 'desperado' was running amok in the neighbourhood with a pistol. The fellow bailed up the manager of the Brisbane Hotel at his premises, with murder on his mind, but Sergeant Mark arrived just in time. He moved forward towards the gunman, who fired on him at point-blank range. The officer calmly announced "I'm shot" and went on to disarm the fellow, drag him to the floor with some assistance and start the arrest process before passing out. Another police officer said he was like a "wounded lion bringing down a jackal". Alexander Mark died two days after the drama.



Sergeant Alexander Mark of Highgate

An interesting issue directly relevant to Mount Lawley needs close attention at this point. Be-cause police administration was now concentrated in Northbridge, travel to and from the area became a big issue. In keeping with the population drift north of the line, senior police person-nel and some more junior ones began to relocate themselves in the same direction. Attractive, growing suburbs such as Mount Lawley and Inglewood were convenient and fashionable. Chief Inspector John McKenna, 2nd in Command of the Police Force from 1913 to 1924, made a home for himself in Mount Lawley. So did one of his successors in the job, the highly influential Michael O'Halloran – a brother of Patrick O'Halloran, formerly of Highgate Station.



Sgt Patrick O'Halloran of Highgate Station
- courtesy Lauris Clifford

In the 1930s, Inspector Stanley Lewis, Officer in Charge of the powerful and increasingly active Police Traffic Branch, set-tled in Eighth Avenue, Inglewood. The suburb was not too long a drive from Northbridge, and therein lay a tale. Perth was becoming a 'car mad' community and traffic problems, along with the road toll, were awkward issues. Northbridge and the roads radiating from it could be bad news. Chief Inspector O'Halloran, for example, was knocked over by a juvenile driving a stolen car while crossing a road and quite badly injured.

The life of Inspector Stanley Lewis ended tragically on Wednesday, December 1, 1937. He was driving home from work to Inglewood at the same time a woman resident of Longroyd Street, Mount Lawley was returning from a visit to Guildford. Their vehicles – both 'baby model' sedans - collided at the corner of Fifth Avenue and what was then a more extended Robinson Street. The inspector's car (see the at-tached picture) was driven into concrete kerbing and overturned on a footpath. The other driver did all she could and soon had an ambulance on the scene, but Inspector Lewis never regained consciousness. As Police Commissioner David Hunter said of Inspector Lewis, "no-one more than myself knows how the mounting toll of the road worried him".

Inspector Lewis of the Traffic Branch



The wreckage of the motor vehicle driven by Inspector Stanley Lewis

Heritage

Reginald Stanley Dunhelm **Gargett** was born in County Durham, England, in 1885. He trained as a dentist and married Adelaide Mary Wright before migrating to Australia in 1912. Adelaide was born in 1888.



A young Adelaide Wright

After arriving in Perth, the Gargett's lived at 100 Raglan Road, Mount Lawley, prior to moving to Geraldton 1916. In 1918 they moved back to Perth, living at 520 Fitzgerald Street until moving to 61 First Avenue, Mount Lawley in 1920.

In 1922, R S Gargett lived at, and had his surgery at 672 Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley. He so operated until 1927. In 1927 he built and operated across the road at 677 Beaufort Street, called 'Sheffield House'. This building still stands and is a very interesting example of a combination residential and commercial building.

The Gargetts had three children: 1)

1) Frederick Keith Dunhelm Gargett (28/12/1912 to 13/02/1978). He followed in his father's footsteps into dentistry. He had seven children, the last of whom, Katherine Pamela Dunhelm Gargett kindly provided the material for this article. Interestingly enough in 1936 Frederick married the younger sister (Pamela Edith Ambrose Haywood) of his father's second wife.

2) Ethel Marion Dunhelm Gargett (29/10/1914 to 16/05/1933)

3) Reginald Stanley Dunhelm Gargett to (15/03/1916 to 10/01/1994) known as "Bunny" to distinguish him from his father. He was an orthodontist. In 1940 he married Mollie Evans McLure. They had three children. Reginald (Snr)'s first wife, Adelaide died on 15/11/1937.

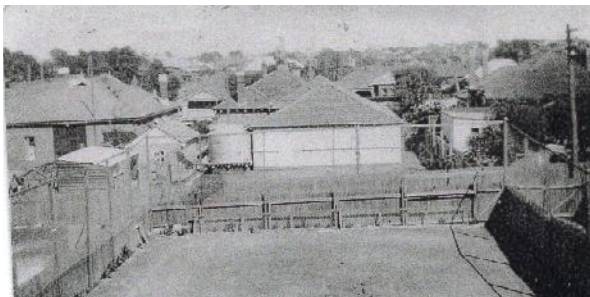
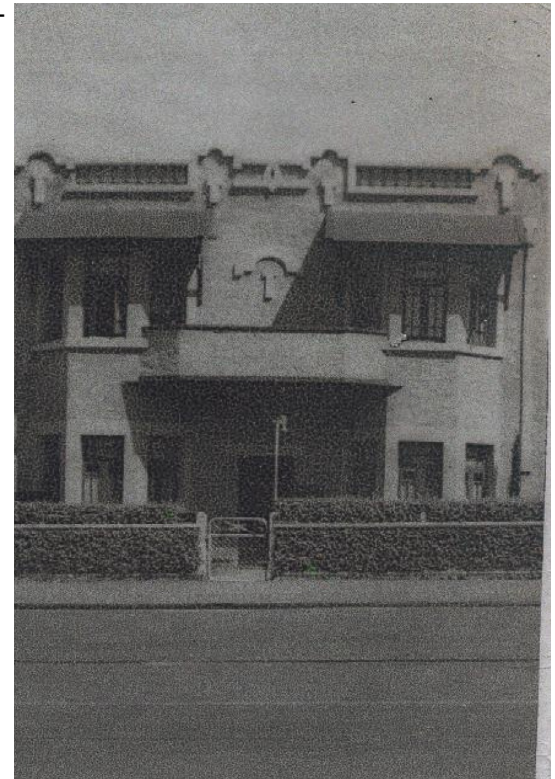
In 1939, he married his son (Frederick's) wife's older sister Nancy Beatrice Haywood. She was deaf. They apparently separated in 1943. Reginald (Snr) died on 24/05/1945. The house and practice were sold to dentist John Lee.



Reginald Gargett (Snr)



An older Adelaide Gargett



View from the rear of the house showing the tennis court at the back, and the rear of the houses behind in Field Street

FROM HERE TO THIS : Chronology of applications received by City of Stirling for 677 Beaufort St:-
 An application for a minor extension to the south of the existing building fronting Beaufort Street was approved on the 3 July 1981. This approval indicated that the building was being used as medical rooms and offices. The proposed use of the addition was not specified. This approval required the provision of 10 on site parking bays. M20/749.1 – Awning addition The application was refused on 25 October 1988.

An application was submitted on the 5 August 1993 for a change of use of the existing ground floor to a Restaurant. The submitted plans indicated that the ground floor was proposed to be used as a Restaurant only. The proposal was considered by Council and subsequently approved on the 9 November 1993. It is noted that the proposal would result in a car parking deficiency of 15 bays. The report to Council outlined that based on a car parking assessment for the whole development the site would require the provision of 44 car bays. However, the assessment only required an additional 11 car parking bays to be provided for the extension only. The application proposed 15 car parking bays, though seven bays were proposed on the adjacent lot. A search of the City's records indicates that an agreement to use these bays was never obtained with the adjoining landowner. The application was approved on the 9 November 1993. M20/749.3 – Additions to existing restaurant. An application for additions to the approved restaurant was submitted on the 16 September 1997. The application proposed an upstairs Piano Bar, new reception area and alfresco dining deck. The proposal noted that the upper floor was currently being used for Beauty Therapy. The plans indicated that the ground floor would be used for dining, while the upper floor was to be used as a Piano Bar. This application was considered by Council on the 14 October 1997, where it was reported that the proposed additions would require the provision of an additional eight car parking bays. The car parking requirement was assessed as a Restaurant rather than a Piano Bar, which was indicated on the plans. The report to Council did not make reference to the previous car parking deficiency on site. Had car parking been assessed on the proposed change of use of the entire building, there would have been a requirement for 44 car bays for the ground floor and 16 car bays for the upper floor. 14 car bays were proposed in lieu of the 60 bays required, and again 7 of these bays were proposed to be located on the adjoining lot. DA06/1099 – Canopy addition to existing restaurant. The application was approved on 28 August 2006

An application for refurbishment and extension of hours raised concern among many residents of the area. Council decided the following; MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 18 AUGUST 2009 the application for a refurbishment of the existing restaurant at Lot 211, House Number 677, Beaufort Street, Mount Lawley be APPROVED subject to the following conditions:

All off street parking to be available onsite during business hours for all customers and staff free of charge to the satisfaction of the City. All driveways, parking and manoeuvring areas are to be constructed of brick paving, drained and maintained to the City's satisfaction. Alternative finishes such as concrete or bitumen are acceptable if it has a decorative type finish to the satisfaction of the City.. A separate signage strategy to be submitted to the City for approval prior to the issue of any sign licences to the satisfaction of Manager Approvals. No goods or materials being stored either temporarily or permanently in the parking or landscape areas or within access driveways. All goods and materials are to be stored within the buildings or storage yards where provided. Any on-site floodlights not being positioned or operated in such a manner so as to cause annoyance to surrounding residents or passing traffic. The operating hours of the Restaurant be restricted as follows: Sunday to Thursday 6:00am to 12:00 midnight Friday to Saturday 6:00am to 1:00am



The Seven Seas as it is today

TIDBITS

SOUTH PERTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY email from Lynn O' Hara President South Perth Historical Society
 “ Combining resources locally has been something we have been working on and earlier this year we held our first combined event with the local CWA branch, a Garden Party at ‘MacDougall House’ located in MacDougall Park (originally a farm/dairy) Como, MacDougall House is the home of our local Craft group. The event was very successful and we will work towards to co-host more events with other local community groups – pooling our volunteer resources...

Our society has worked more in the area of Historical Talks, which are taped, transcribed and we have published – “**Our Vanishing Village**”, which has been very successful and are about to print a sequel to this. Revenue earned from our first book has enabled us to contribute \$30,000 towards the refurbishment of an original Tram that operated in South Perth which we hope will be delivered to the City early next year.” (**For more information on the tram restoration ,Google Perth Electric Tramways Society- restoration of tram 15)** There are some lovely photographs for those who are tram and history enthusiasts .

City of Stirling Council elections will be held on 17th October 2009 . The following candidates are standing for the vacant position on the Lawley ward and have supplied the profiles below:

WILLOX, Rodney AM RFD ED JP

Your dedicated representative on Stirling Council for fifteen years - committed to serving our community with honesty, impartiality and integrity.

Retired Medical Scientist (Pathology) and Army Officer (Colonel). Happily married (45 years), father of four. Lawley Ward resident for 38 years. Graduate of UWA, Curtin University, UNSW (Graduate School of Management), Australian Joint Services Staff College.

Children educated at Coolbinia Primary, ML Primary, MLSHS, Perth College, UWA, Curtin University and ECU.

Relevant Local Government experience: Deputy Mayor (97-99). Chaired all Statutory Committees; Disability Services Advisory Committee; Community Safety and Emergency Management Advisory Committees; Local Government Advisory Board (Metropolitan member 5 years); State Executive Local Government Association (2 years); Current Chairman Mindarie Regional Council; member Heritage Advisory Group.

Previous relevant experience: Member: FESA Board; Water & Rivers Commission - **Chairman:** RSL War Veterans' Homes Board; Australia Day Council WA; Order of Australia Association WA (also National Director) - **Deputy Chairman:** Swan River Trust; Municipal Waste Advisory Council; Murdoch University Waste Research Centre Board - **Councillor:** Royal Association of Justices WA.

Strategic objectives: Maintenance of heritage and residential character protection of our suburbs; improved community consultation; maintenance of financial sustainability; ensuring equitable rates spending in our Ward; improved regional and local traffic management; implementing the communities wishes for a safer, greener environment; better infrastructure and asset management; improved services and facilities for our youth, elderly and disabled.

Although a long time supporter of the Society's aims and objectives, I have not joined because to do so could compromise my ability to represent its interests on Council due to a perceived conflict of interest, in certain situations. The following represents a snapshot of some achievements as your representative on Council.

- **Heritage:** Worked successfully at Council to introduce and strengthen heritage and character protection policies to help safeguard our beautiful suburbs, first with revised guidelines for the Mt Lawley/Menora/Inglewood Heritage Precinct (HPA) in 2003, then developing a Character Retention Policy in 2004. This was discarded in 2005 (not strong enough), then Character Retention Design Guidelines finally endorsed in 2006 which further tightened demolition controls.
- **Environment:** Chairman of Mindarie Regional Council (waste management business). 7 member Councils are Towns of Victoria Park, Vincent, Cambridge, Cities of Perth, Stirling, Wanneroo and Joondalup. Budget of \$42m for 09/10. \$24m annual turnover. \$95m RRF recently commissioned to produce compost from putrescible waste. City of Stirling has now highest rate of recycling in Australia (69% of MSW tonnage). Green waste extraction saves 26,000 and diverting from landfill saves an additional 50,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases p.a. Introduction of 1 Million Trees Initiative in 2008 to offset carbon footprint.
- **Planning.** As Ward Councillor (also Planning Committee member and Chairman), worked hard for low density zonings (R10 and 12.5) and single dwelling restrictive covenants. Recently fought successfully for funding for the Beaufort/Walcott St precinct upgrade project (\$2.9 over two years).
Currently working on a project to revitalise the Beaufort St commercial and retail strip from Queen's Cr to Sixth Ave, and lobbying for resumption of undergrounding of power in remainder of Mt Lawley/Menora and Coolbinia.
- **Finance:** COS is debt free with substantial cash reserves. Rates charges compare very favourably with other comparable councils. COS was given a top rating in recent independent review of council sustainability report card (commissioned by the Office of the Minister).
- **Cultural and recreational:** The COS recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with WAAPA to enter into joint cultural programs covering music, theatre and the arts. In addition to an extensive city-wide cultural program of \$295,000 (08/09), in Lawley Ward this year we have enjoyed Community Carols and WAAPA in the Park (both in Ron Stone Park), the Uniting Aid Naval Band Concert in Yokine Reserve, and Café Culture (Beaufort St) at a cost of \$33,000 (plus unspecified support). I have faxed a copy of the program to you for your information.
- *An amphitheatre for cultural and social activities near the universal access children's playground (soon to be upgraded) is currently being considered in the Yokine Reserve Upgrade Concept Plan. The Hamer Park Village Green concept upgrade plan has been endorsed and funded for implementation. Copley Park has also had some improvements to protect the Moreton Bay Fig trees.*

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Valery Niazov

Election of Councillor - Lawley Ward
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I live in Yokine, a teacher, classical composer, community volunteer/ organiser and for the government in community.

I will work closely with you and listen to your concerns and ideas to create a more vibrant, safe, family friendly and green community.

Protecting Local Heritage will be paramount to me as well as supporting local groups and communities.

I believe in having a transparent and cost effective council without increasing your rates.

Everyone needs to feel safer in our community, especially senior citizens and children. I will employ common sense strategies like improving lighting in parks and increasing security patrols to achieve this goal.

Our children, youth and local artists need to be supported with local resources and funds and showcased at local Arts and Culture centres.

I will seek to create change with new Ideas and solutions with your continued feedback

WILLOX, Rodney AM RFD ED JP continued

***Security:** Having been Chairman of the SES State Consultative Committee I worked for changes to funding for SES Units. The COS Unit is now well equipped to assist our community in an emergency. As Chairman of the LEMC for nine years I had significant input into the Emergency Management Plan for our city (working with emergency services). During this time I was appointed to a research group at NDO to advise the Federal Govt on future trends in disaster. I currently Chair the Community Safety Working Group (Rangers and Security Services).*

Appointed Member of the Order of Australia (AM) and received Centenary Medal for service to the community, the environment and defence of Australia.

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COMPETITION: Congratulations to our winners; Jenny Turner and Michael Sutherland.

A voucher for La Vigna is in the mail for you. The Top photograph was of Hon. Philip Collier 1873-1948 - Premier of Western Australia for 9 years, 1924-1930, and the lower photo was Hon. John Scaddan CMG 1876-1934 Premier of Western Australia 1911-1916

RENOVATION OF THE MONTH

*T*om Young is a young bloke who you may think would be more like-

ly to embark on the restoration of a 1970 GT Ford Falcon than a Mount Lawley Bungalow. However, after chatting with Tom, you quickly gain a sense of his passion for character houses and architectural detail. Tom spent a number of years planning and faithfully restoring his Fourth Avenue 1933 bungalow with the help of a few mates.

"It is great to be finally finished – it was the best experience of my life and the worst experience at the same time", comments Tom who lived in one room with his dog Milly during the renovation.

Tom's renovation included a modern full-height extension at the rear of the house with large kitchen and living area that opens up to a lavish entertaining area at the rear of the property complete with spa and gazebo, (form an orderly queue ladies!).



Good advice on how to restore and extend a character dwelling was difficult to find and Tom was not aware of the existence of the MLS. However, Tom followed his intuition and restored most elements of the original building where practical including the beautiful open fire place in the front room and relocation of an original lead-light from the rear of the house to a prominent position above the hall. The sharp tuck-pointing at the front of the property and contemporary landscaping give the

property street appeal and grace.

The most heartening aspect about this renovation is the apparent wide appeal of heritage protection and the passion expressed by individuals from all generations for restoring and adapting our fine character dwellings for modern living. Nice work Tom! Thanks for making such a wonderful contribution to preserving our built heritage.



After – Beautifully restored 1933 bungalow. One of the finest on Fourth Avenue



The Astor Theatre is a particularly fine and decorative example of a cinema designed in the Art Deco style. *The Astor Theatre* (originally known as the *Lyceum Theatre* and later the *State Theatre*) was one of a group of older theatres modernised in the Art Deco style by the state's foremost cinema architect of the day, William T. Leighton. Other refurbishments undertaken by Leighton include the *Lyric Theatre*, Bunbury (1937) and four in central Perth - the *Metro Theatre* (1938) (formerly *Hoyts Regent*) William Street; the *Theatre Royal* (1938) Hay Street; the *Grand Theatre*, Murray Street (1939) and the *Plaza Theatre* (and Arcade) Hay Street, Perth. The latter was refurbished in 1940 just three years after the construction to a design by William G. Bennett 1937. Leighton also designed three purpose-built cinemas the *Windsor Theatre*, Nedlands (1937), the *Como* (now *Cygnat Theatre*), South Perth and the *Piccadilly Theatre* (and Arcade), central Hay Street, both in 1938. During a period of intense activity for the architect, Leighton's design for the *State Theatre* (later *Astor Theatre*) was completed in 1939.

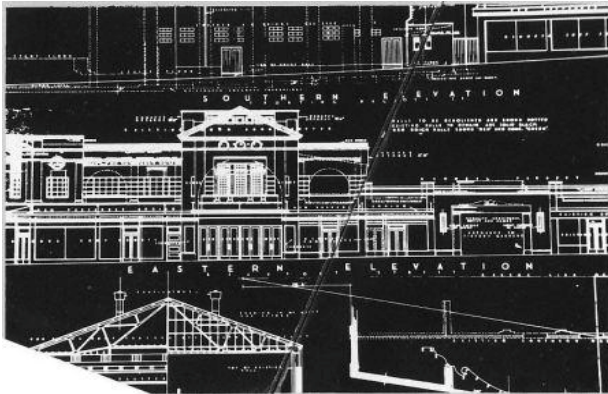
Dating of early photographs indicate that the State's adjoining outdoor theatre, the *Summer Gardens*, was constructed in a period between 1934 and 1938. Here a crudely-built commercial premises was replaced by a modest, though well proportioned entrance to the summer venue. Early files at the Public Health Department reveal undated plans for a proposed open air picture garden were drawn by the architect for the *Lyceum*. It is not clear whether this venue eventuated at a later date, as elderly residents interviewed by the writer (some years ago now) could not recall evenings attending picture gardens before the early 1930s.

An image dating from 1938 focuses on a prominent vertical neon sign proclaiming the name of the State Theatre. This form of advertising would have been quite outstanding for the time and suggests the emphasis given to the movie houses even then. The later additions also included the bold placing of the theatre's name across the southern wall of the auditorium suggesting the emerging competition from neighbouring picture shows, (photo right).



1938

Leighton's blueprint drawings offer no provision for a vertical neon sign although *The State Theatre* was lettered on the right hand side over the entrance fronting Walcott Street. (This was altered in 1941 to read "*Astor Theatre*").



During the remodelling process in 1939 Leighton retained the basic structure of the Edwardian building, although extensive alterations were undertaken to revitalise this early suburban commercial centre. The prominent intersection of major roads had been undergoing change since 1937 when William G. Bennett called for tenders to erect the Beaucott Building on the north-eastern corner of the intersection.

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A year later John Alexander overhauled the building which still bears his family name "with building improvements on every side in what may be lightly termed the hub of Mt. Lawley. It was felt that the *State Theatre* was now overdue for modernisation to compete with the new city cinemas and the increasing numbers in the surrounding suburbs. Mt. Lawley, as most will know, was originally known as Swan Location Z and saw its first major growth during the Edwardian era when the "Garden Estate" was developed. The opening of the Mt. Lawley railway station in 1907 established the residential character of the middle class suburb, which saw greater expansion during the 1920s and 1930s. Then the tram tracks were laid, running from Barrack Street to the termination of Beaufort Street, and later turned into Walcott Street. In the mid 1930s the Second and Third Estates were opened up for development and the nearby suburb of Inglewood was expanding.

It was during this period that the movies took on a greater significance and neighbouring picture theatres were established or revamped to reflect the upsurge of interest. The moving picture industry suffered huge losses during the Great Depression, however, from the mid 1930s the thrust from the United States was once again making an impression on local exhibitors. It was felt that the middle class suburb of Mt. Lawley was long overdue for a modern cinema to reflect the local business ambitions. With Inglewood and Menora developing rapidly at that time, the modern image which had been adopted in the inner city cinemas and some riverside suburbs was seen to be what attracted the patrons. Samuel Rosenthal had designed the *Rosemount Theatre* in nearby North Perth and, by that time, Mt. Hawthorn boasted their own moderne *Ritz Theatre*. The *Civic Theatre* and Picture Gardens at Inglewood was operational from the mid 1930s and the *Lyric Theatre* in the nearby working class suburb of Maylands. Inglewood continued operations, together with the *Crystal Theatre*, East Perth. In addition, the Premier Theatre had opened in Stirling Street, Perth.

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

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

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.



Burnett Picture Framers

was established at **159 Walcott St**, in 1975.

Before Burnett Framers set up business in this shop, it was a greengrocers, 159 A was a butchers shop, and 161 was the corner deli. These shops were built in 1924 and have been operating as the previously mentioned busi-



Original ceiling in 159

nesses for the last 50 years. The Butcher ceased operations in 1981 and was transformed into a hairdressing salon. The Corner deli remained until around the year 2000, it then became a few different fast food outlets, one of the most commonly known ones, was a Jesters Pie shop.

Burnett Picture Framers was leased from the Bonakey Family until the late 80s, the Fogliani family nominees then purchased the whole building, and remain the current owners.

The Hairdressers eventually closed, and the shop is now being used as a storage unit; 161 is now a cooking school . Plans were being made to demolish the building and build units, as of now this has been put on hold for future generations of the Fogliani family to decide.

Burnett Picture Framers specialises in framing of watercolours, oil paintings, mirrors ,photo's, tapestries, family keepsakes, and sports memorabilia such as Football jumpers. A recent trend has been canvas stretching of artworks and family photo's.

Having been framing for 30 plus years, we can assist with any unique requests for personalised framing solutions.

Contact Michael Burnett 08 93284829.

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The old shops at the corner of Walcott and Burt St are great examples of the neighbourhood shopping areas that dotted the inner suburbs of Perth before the car became the dominant form of transport. For most people who settled in North Perth and Mt Lawley in the first half of the 20th century, a trip to the shops meant walking, and so the shops were numerous. They were also small. There were no supermarkets before the 1950s, so shopping was local and personalised.

The shops were also a means by which migrants to this country could gain an economic foothold. A means for the advancement of migrant families was often the purchase of a shop, particularly if a house was attached, as was the case with 161 Walcott Street. A grocery store or Delicatessen enabled migrants to access the more exotic (in those days) "continental goods" familiar to them from their homelands. So, it is no accident that many residents surrounding the shops at 159-161 Walcott remember the neighbourhood grocery store and its "continental goods".

Of course the increasing wealth, the arrival of the motor car as mass transport and the changing nature of retail shopping towards supermarkets and shopping centres put enormous pressure on the corner shops, and many of them have disappeared from our area. However, the shops at 159-161 Walcott are still there and still being used.

Peter Kenyon runs the Cooking Professor's Cooking School at 161. He says "*these shops are of fantastic heritage value. You can almost hear the voices of the previous owners and shoppers as you move around the shop. There is even an old wood Metters stove left in 161. How many meals would have fed the families of my former kindred spirits?*"

The fact is that these shops are still reasonably well preserved and should not be allowed to disappear. They represent a very important part of the neighbourhood's social and economic history. And as Peter Kenyon says "*they are delightful - light and airy and with real character. They have plenty of life left in them, as my Cooking School and Michael's Framing shop attest*".



TIDBITS continued

Friends of Battye Library; Meetings take place on the 4th floor of the Alexander Library Building at 5.00pm for a 5.30pm start . All welcome. Next meeting November 24th 2009.

National Archives of Western Australia : Perth Office ,384 Berwick St East Victoria Park WA 6101
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Details of NAA programme are on the website www.naa.gov.au. NAA also have a newsletter which gives information about forthcoming events, exhibitions as well as interesting items in the NAA collection.

The History Council of Western Australia held its AGM 13th September Website for the History Council www.historycouncilwa.org.au which reports on events being held over the year.

The Art Deco Society held its AGM 24th September www.artdecowa.org.au

The City of Bayswater is inviting property owners to apply for funding to help pay for work to conserve or improve their heritage listed buildings. The City's heritage fund has around \$30,000 available for eligible projects and will contribute up to 50 per cent of the cost to a maximum of \$4,000. City of Bayswater Deputy Mayor Michael Sabatino says the heritage fund is there to encourage owners to maintain their heritage buildings to a high standard. "*Conserving our heritage buildings is important because they add character and richness to our built environment. They tell a story about how our City developed and are a reflection of our history. But, we recognise maintaining heritage properties can involve additional costs to building owners. The funds will help with those costs and ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy the heritage of our city.*" The types of work covered by the heritage fund includes building conservation and restoration, repainting of external surfaces, as well as repairs to walls, windows, guttering and rooves. Funding can also be used for shop front restoration of eligible commercial premises. To apply for funding, the property has to be more than 50 years old and included on the City of Bayswater's list of heritage places within Town Planning Schemes 23 or 24. More information on the scheme and an application form is available from the City of Bayswater's web site www.bayswater.wa.gov.au or by phoning 9272 0622.

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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

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