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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 or contributors are not necessarily those of others or of the committee.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

KEEPING OUR HERITAGE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

What did our parents see when they looked out their window? What do you see when you look at your window? What do our children see and, equally importantly, what would we like our grandchildren to see?

In our suburbs our beautiful streetscape is changing – and not always in a good way. Some streets remain relatively untouched apart from the additional storey here and there and some streets retain the warmth and sense of community.

Sadly, in some streets, we notice neighbouring properties being gradually and quietly demolished, along with the trees and greenery.

Development does not have to mean large buildings that do not fit the heritage streetscape. The Mount Lawley Society is not anti-development and we embrace change if it is for the betterment of our community's wellbeing.

The Mount Lawley Society needs you and your friends and neighbours – and their friends and neighbours to work together to preserve our quality of life, our heritage streetscape and green space for future generations.

Current issues where your support matters and vigilance is needed: **Delay by State Government with Amendment 32**

Amendment 32, prohibiting multiple dwellings in R40 or below residential areas, has been adopted by City of Stirling but it is still in the hands of the State Government before it can be legislated. In the meantime, more and more developments are being pushed through before this can take effect.

Please contact your local member and question why this is taking so long!

Proposed Demolition of Four Classic 1920s Houses by Perth College in Lawley Crescent

We seek community members' support to stop the demolition of **24, 26, 28 and 30 Lawley Crescent** (see photos). The College plans to build a Senior Learning and Leadership Centre but we hope that with community input these classic 1920s houses can be retained.

The MLS objects to these demolitions on the following grounds:

The demolitions are contrary to the City of Stirling Character Protection Guidelines Policy No 3.

All houses were built in the 1920s and are in the Mount Lawley Heritage Protection Area. This Perth College proposal calls for complete demolition of the houses. The proposed design makes no attempt to incorporate the character features of the houses, which are evident from the street.

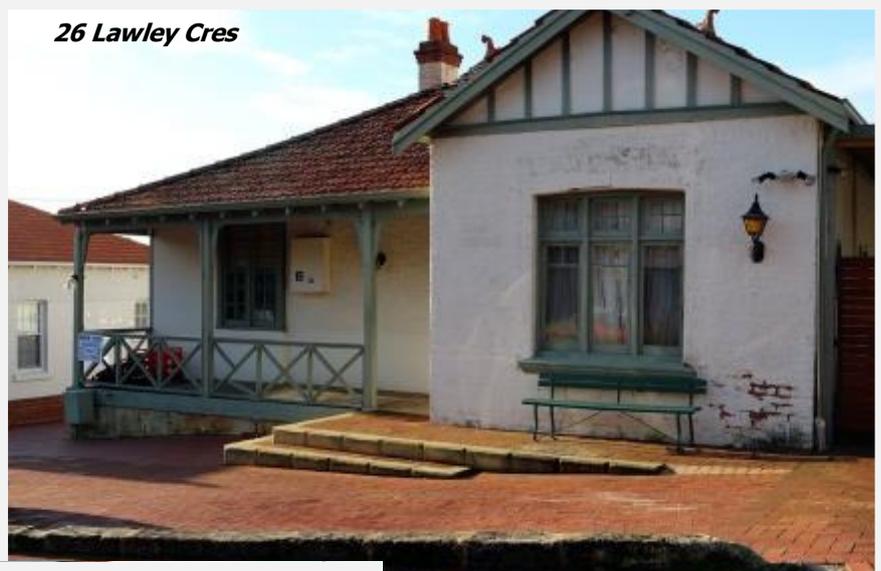
The City's Policy Guidelines state: One of the objectives of the Heritage Protection Areas is to ensure the retention of buildings in the Areas dating from the early 1900s to the 1950s where the architectural style of the building is generally intact. The MLS observes that the affected houses are generally intact.

In 1974-1977 that part of Lawley Crescent suffered four heavy blows when the magnificent homes at Nos **13, 17, 19 and 23** were demolished. Except for the Perth College buildings, this left five lovely homes on the north side of the street: Nos 20, 24, 26, 28 and 30. This streetscape is all that is left of the fine and gracious part of Lawley Crescent leading up from Beaufort Street to the curve down to First Avenue.

Perth College now seeks to demolish four of these properties (Nos **24, 26, 28, 30**) and thus emasculate all that remains of this heart of old Mount Lawley — and this is planned in a defined Heritage Protection Area. The Society strongly deplores this major removal of heritage buildings and values. The removal of four significant homes in one blow is unprecedented in modern times. The Society strongly urges that these four properties be retained.



24 Lawley Cres



26 Lawley Cres



28 Lawley Cres

30 Lawley Cres



179 Central Avenue – Proposed Large Scale Development

This development application has been refused but a re-submission is anticipated or appeal to the SAT.

204 Walcott Street Mount Lawley – Mixed Use Development

City of Stirling has refused development application but a re-application is anticipated.

939-947 Beaufort Street Inglewood – Proposed Development

Previously a petition was lodged requesting height reduction from five to three storeys. This development has been refused by City of Stirling.



THE SPIRIT
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A combined group including **Mount Lawley Senior High School students, local Rotary clubs and the Mount Lawley Society** will focus on WWI service personnel during the Anzac Centenary.

We are seeking information about Mt Lawley's 1914-1918 diggers, especially the fallen. This is planned to be a 4 year project concentrating each year on those who were killed in action or died of wounds or disease in each of the centenary years.

The MLS archiving group will add details on the WW1 personnel to the increasing information that is available on the data base about the history of the houses and people in the area.

If you can add information to our data base or are interested in doing some research on the project please contact us.

Mount Lawley Men in the Great War (# 5) by Peter Conole



Mrs Catherine Coffey of 20 Farnley Street, Mount Lawley received grim tidings in mid-1917 which were reported thus in the *Camp Chronicle* of June 28, 1917: "*Mrs Kate Coffey, of Mount Lawley, has received news that her sons, Frank and Thomas, have been wounded in France. Their brother Leslie was killed in action on April 11*". News of the death had been published in the *Western Mail* of May 11, 1917 with the added information that the deceased Leslie also had three sisters – Mary, Kitty and Vera.

Research into the background and wartime traumas and exploits of this Mount Lawley family turned out to be unusually taxing and there is still an unexplained mystery or two. It is best to start with Australian beginnings. During the mid-1850s a man named Francis Coffey – probably of Irish origin – and his wife Mary Ann Cummins (or Cummings) lived in the farming community of Bothwell in the central highlands of Tasmania. Their son, another Francis (also known as Frank), was born there in 1860. Soon afterwards, about 1862, the Coffeys moved to Melbourne and then further inland to localities around the gold-mining centres of Bendigo and Castlemaine.

In 1886 the second Francis (Frank) Coffey married Catherine (Kate), daughter of north Italian immigrant Giacomo Auchetto and his Irish wife Hanora Fogarty. They raised six young folk who reached adulthood, when they were invariably called by just one name or a diminutive (eg, Vera instead of Veronica) in assorted reports. They were all born in Victoria in the following order: Francis Bernard (Frank) 1887; Mary 1890; Lesley Como (Leslie) 1892; Thomas Bernard (Thomas) 1893; Kathleen (Kitty) 1897 and Veronica

(Vera) 1899.

Frank Coffey the father died in 1899, just before or after Vera's birth. For unknown reasons the matriarch Kate and her children moved to Western Australia in about 1903. She may have settled in Egan Street, Kalgoorlie, according to the testimony of first son Frank. By 1910 the family had obtained the house in Farnley Street, Mount Lawley. That would have been a good choice, for second son Leslie almost certainly finished his secondary education at St Killian's Catholic College in Bendigo near the close of 1909. Kate will have known Perth offered better career prospects when the lad arrived in WA.



20 Farnley St

Of Kate's enigmatic son Frank more later, though he seems to have been the first to enlist. His younger brother Leslie obtained work as a machinery assembler and was a member of the Young Men's Christian association (YMCA). He decided to join the colours himself and was inducted as a private (no.5690) in the 16th Battalion of Infantry of the 1st AIF on March 17, 1916.

Leslie arrived at Plymouth England in September of that year and crossed the channel to France in December. His period of service was brutally short. Leslie Coffey of Mt Lawley was killed in the bravely fought, bloody but ultimately unsuccessful first battle of 1st Bullecourt on April 11, 1917. Like so many of the fallen in that affair his remains were never found. Leslie's memorial is among the untold thousands at Villers Bretonneux. Kate received a permanent pension of forty shillings per fortnight from July 1917 in recognition of her loss. The army authorities also sent her the deceased soldier's three medals – the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Kate's youngest son Thomas had joined the fray months earlier. He was born at Chewton amidst Victoria's gold country on January 25, 1893. He seems to have been well educated, which leads one to believe the deceased Coffey father had left Kate a considerable sum. He obtained work as a clerk in Perth and then joined militia units raised by the Commonwealth in May 1913. Thomas rose to the rank of sergeant in the 30th Signal Company of Engineers before deciding to serve in the Great War. As was the usual practice he moved sideways to join the 1st AIF, along with many commissioned officers serving in the local regular establishment or militia.

Thomas had to step down in rank when he enlisted as a private in the 44th Battalion of Infantry (number 454) on November 22, 1915. Intensive training following and Thomas proved to be useful; he was promoted to the highly responsible position of Quartermaster Sergeant on the first day of March, 1916. His batch of battalion reinforcements embarked at Fremantle on the 'Suevic' in June 1916. After arriving in Britain Sergeant Coffey received additional training in October at a 'messing school' in Weymouth. Though he could not have anticipated it, the young man was to win a goodly slice of glory.

Service in France followed in November for the last stages of the Somme campaign. Thomas impressed his superiors and was promoted to Regimental Sergeant Major, ranking as a Warrant Officer Class II, in December 1916. The next two years of trench warfare and more fluid campaigning were sheer, hard slog for him and his battalion.

The 44th was in the thick of it in 1917 and Thomas took a wound in the battle of Messines on June 5, a notable allied victory. So did his mysterious brother Frank, who as stated earlier received a newspaper mention in WA at the same time.

Thomas recovered after only three weeks in a field hospital and was back in serious action again during another Australian success at Broodseinde in October 1917.

The 44th Battalion continued to pile up high triumphs in the year 1918, notably at Hamel, in the allied spring offensive, the breaking of the Hindenburg line and the hard-fought victory at St Quentin. The unit had acquired 15 battle honours by the time it was pulled out of the line for a rest just before the November 11, 1918 Armistice. It can be safely said that the mere survival of Thomas was a miracle, as his work for the battalion was high risk throughout. It involved constant front-line duty bringing up supplies and fresh personnel under bombardment and small arms fire, not to mention the hazards of close combat and supporting roles in gathering up discarded material and prisoners or wounded after fights.

Thomas spent months in England while battalion survivors rested and recuperated. His exploits had been noted by senior 1st AIF officers, who commented on his gallantry in getting ammunition and rations to troops under tough conditions and heavy fire: *"His work at all times has been marked by energy, courage and resource"*. On June 3, 1919 the London Gazette reported that Warrant Officer Thomas Coffey had been awarded a high decoration, the Meritorious Service Medal. News was sent to his mother and sisters soon after. On June 6 Thomas received three months paid leave as a boon to study wool classing at Halifax Technical College. He had to cut the course a little short as news arrived of repatriation to Australia on August 5.

Warrant Officer Coffey embarked on the transport ship 'Borombah' and arrived back in Fremantle on December 10, 1919. A week later he was discharged from the 1st AIF; he later received the three standard service medals, the World War I trio. Thomas returned to live with his mother and sisters at Farnley Street, Mt Lawley and briefly dropped the idea of getting involved in the wool industry. He went into business as a motor mechanic with Charles Pearn at 190 Newcastle Street in Perth, but the *West Australian* noted that he soon retired from the firm on April 24, 1920.

The reasons are not hard to find. Mother Kate Coffey, by now close to 60 years of age, moved to the Wheatbelt District in 1920 or 1921 and took up farming at South Kumminin. Thomas went with her as a business partner. His three sisters remained in the Farnley Street, Mount Lawley house until it changed hands at an unknown date. Two of Kate's daughters (Kitty and Mary) married Perth men in the 1920s.

Surviving file notes show that the Army contacted Thomas about minor bureaucratic issues in 1924 and 1938. He and his mother did well in the wool trade and the press listed them as being among numerous beneficiaries in October 1933 when business was going well. Probably during the mid-1930s, for unknown reasons, Thomas and his mother moved to Toodyay, where the veteran took up farming again. They were joined by his unmarried sister Vera some years later.

When war broke out again in 1939 Thomas eventually hearkened to the call to arms. He enlisted at Toodyay in the Northam (9th) Battalion of the Volunteer Defence Corps on April 15, 1942. Home defence duty must have seemed dull, but he was promoted to Corporal and served for the duration.

Thomas Coffey never married. He left Northam after 1945 to work in unknown employment within the rapidly expanding metropolis of Perth. His mother Kate remained at Toodyay and died there in April 1952; she had numerous local friends who attended a private funeral service. None of her children were present.

Old soldier Thomas eventually faded away quietly in a flat in Outram Street, West Perth. There was one last moment of glory during October 1965 when the army gave him the Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB), another reminder that his World War I deeds had not been forgotten. He died soon afterwards in 1967.

As a kind of postscript it is essential to discuss – though briefly – the black sheep of the Coffey family, even though he is of little relevance to Mount Lawley. Francis Bernard (Frank) Coffey may have lived a tear-away existence when the family settled in Kalgoorlie in the early 1900s. There is a possibility he is identical with a 19-year old youth named Frank Coffey who in 1905 was accused of living off the earnings of a prostitute. Regrettably, absolute proof is hard to achieve.

This first son of Kate soon moved to Queensland and worked as a stockman until joining up as a trooper (number 702) in the 5th Light Horse Regiment at Gympie in December 1914. He signed up under an alias – Patrick Bernard O'Leary – and falsified both his age and mother's name. Frank labelled her as Mrs K.O'Leary.

Frank served bravely at Gallipoli, refusing to leave the trenches after receiving a wound in July 1915. After arriving in England later in the year he suffered a serious bout of enteric fever in December that knocked him out for many months. He lost some of his kit while in hospital and had to forfeit a slab of pay. During this period he received a transfer to the 49th Battalion of Infantry, 1st AIF.

Sadly, to put a seal on regrettable things, Frank struck an officious military policeman In January 1917 and had to spend 56 days on field punishment duties.

Private O'Leary (Coffey) eventually went into action again, only to receive a bullet wound in the right foot in the victorious battle of Messines, June 6, 1917.

As mentioned earlier, his brother Thomas also received hurts in the struggle. Frank's injury was serious and the army decided to send him home early. He embarked on the 'Beltana' in October and arrived back in WA on December 19, 1917. To cap things off the army gave him a war pension on the following Christmas Eve.

He returned to the Mt Lawley family dwelling for a brief spell, which displayed nerve on his part because of falsehoods he had told. His poor mother Kate remained unaware of the O'Leary alias. When she later asked for more information about her son, army officials could not understand who she was talking about because Kate did not know the false name or even the unit he served in. She had been told (possibly by Frank) that it had been the 48th Battalion when it was actually the 49th.

During the early 1920s Frank took up work as a stockman and did rather well for himself. He was known as a tough customer and a good bushman and seems to have managed the Galway Valley cattle station in the Kimberley for some years. On a couple of occasions he went on patrol as a special constable to help the police apprehend suspected murderers. He persisted in using an alias, either Patrick Bernard or Bernard Patrick O'Leary. He moved on to the Northern Territory in about 1934 and re-emerges in military records in 1945. In that year spinster sister Vera wrote from Toodyay asking whether her brother was entitled to another service medal. She at least knew of that alias and even styled herself 'Vera O'Leary' to complete the illusion. It is possible Frank's mother and siblings were still ignorant of the business.

In the 1950s two minor army pension and housing files indicate the now elderly Frank Coffey (alias O'Leary) had retired to Adelaide and at least had a roof over his head. After that, the rest is silence.

Ernestine Wray by Maggie Matthews

When little Ernestine was born on 10th October 1881 to parents John and Sarah Ann (née Ashbolt), she became the latest addition to what we would consider today to be a pretty large family because she already had five siblings; two brothers and three sisters. There was another brother, Ernest, born in 1880 but who sadly died in the same year that Ernestine was born. Over the next thirteen years, Ernestine would be joined by no less than five more sisters and two more brothers, completing a very large family of thirteen children ranging in ages from infant to 21 years old.



The family lived at **18 Ebsworth St**, Norwood (now Mount Lawley)

After completing her private education, at the age of 21, Ernestine embarked upon a career in nursing. Her initial three years of training was undertaken at the Kalgoorlie Government Hospital and she went on to broaden her experience by taking up positions as a staff nurse at Geraldton Hospital then as a sister at Kalgoorlie Hospital. She followed this with various appointments and special courses until in May 1915 she became the matron of the Grosvenor Hospital in Fremantle.

By this time, Ernestine was a highly experienced and competent nurse in her early thirties and she decided that her skills were needed elsewhere. Accordingly, on 24th May she sailed for England on the *RMS Mooltan* – arriving in London just over a month later on 28th June. She then travelled to Sutton Veny in Wiltshire where she enlisted in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Ernestine was sent to France where she served as a nurse in several stationary hospitals and one ambulance flotilla. She performed her duties so competently that one matron wrote of her, "*In charge of ward for acute surgical cases, is a thoroughly capable sister, very efficient in every way. Miss Wray is very tactful & she keeps her ward & patients in very good order*". In addition, Ernestine was awarded the Royal Red Cross for exceptional services in military nursing.

Ernestine Wray 10th Oct 1881 – 14th Dec 1958



The RMS Mooltan weighed 9,621 tons with an average cruise speed of 18.5 knots or 34.26 kmph. It was owned by the P & O SN Co, London. Torpedoed and sunk by UC27 on 26 July 1917.

She resigned her appointment at the end of her contract on 24 January 1919 and returned home to Australia, a fact which was noted in *the Albany Advertiser* (WA) on Wed 1 Oct 1919 (p.3): *PERSONAL Nurse E. Wray, daughter of the late Mr John Wray (formerly of this town) arrived at Fremantle on Sunday by the s.s. Main, after being absent for over four years on war service in England, France and Belgium. Her many friends in Albany will be pleased to know that the Nurse gained distinction for her service and was awarded the Royal Red Cross. A telegram to hand states that she had arrived at her home at Mt Lawley safe and well.*

Ernestine renewed her nursing licence and in January 1920 she took over the Waverley Private Hospital at 165 Adelaide-terrace, Perth. (Renewal of her license was approved in November 1920). The following year on 17th March she married Joseph George Jeffery in St George's Cathedral, Perth and just over a year later their only child, a son, Peter MacPherson Jeffery, was born.

Ernestine was a writer of stories for the newspaper both before and after the war. In 1933 the *Western Mail* ran a competition in its "A Digger's Diary" column; entries were to be titled "My Most Memorable Experience" and it was Ernestine's entry, "Those Eyes" that won. This was what she wrote ...

It happened on Armistice day. I had been three years in France then, and I had been in scenes calculated to try the nerves of the strongest, but this tiny incident which I am about to relate stands out from them all, clear-cut as a cameo. Clear-cut and cruel, as the Cross must have stood out on Calvary 2,000 years ago on the black night of Crucifixion. At 11 o'clock came the "Cease fire." I was in charge of the theatre ward in a stupendous collection of huts holding 2,500 sick and wounded men. In the theatre ward all the men were so badly wounded that it was impossible to take them back to their blocks after operation – many, indeed, never left the theatre hut, except for their last ride on a gun carriage. The sirens shrilled out the news of peace; the bells from near-by villages pealed out wildly, joyously; French children in the street screamed and shouted. Inside a boy not yet nineteen (I can see him now), most cruelly mutilated, was crying out in pain and agony. In my joy that the senseless, criminal thing was at last over, I turned to him: "Listen, Erle," I cried; "it is peace. Can't you hear? This damned war is over; it is Peace!"

He sat up in bed with a supreme effort. "Peace," he screamed, pointing to his shattered body. "My God! What is the good of peace to me?" A deathly stillness was on the ward. I, the only physically sound person there, seemed turned to stone. I looked around. Thirty pairs of eyes met mine – anguished, appealing, wistful, all asking the same question: "What is the good of peace to me?" Not one of those men would be sound again. I stared dumbly. I saw, not the thirty broken men in front of me only; I saw all the millions to whom peace would mean nothing, sacrificed on the altar of man's insanity. A wave of horror swept over me, and I fled from the hut like one possessed. – Ernestine Jeffery, late Q.A.I.M.N.S., Mt Lawley.

Ernestine Wray died on 14th December 1958 aged 77. She was cremated at Karrakatta Cemetery and her ashes were interred in the Garden of Remembrance. A compassionate and competent woman, her distinguished life and work deserve to be remembered.



HISTORY OF 41 WALCOTT STREET
(LOT 134)

By Barrie Baker

Forrest Park Methodist Church circa 1940

DATE	TITLEHOLDER	OCCUPANT
21/09/1872	Alfred Perkins Curtis	
27/05/1896	Walter Hartwell James & Charles Crossland	
29/09/1896	Johan Bech Haugensen	
10/02/1897	Alvah Henry Axford	
13/09/1898	Emily Anne Leonard Axford	
01/09/1915	Emily Anne Leonard Axford died	
23/01/1919	Executor	
28/11/1919	Alvah Henry Axford	
09/01/1920	Thomas Cameron Ferguson	
19/01/1920	William Andrew Wallace	
24/04/1923	John Moss	
01/02/1933	Methodist Church	The church was de-consecrated shortly after the Methodist Church joined the Uniting Church in 1977. The building became a restaurant ("The Church") after extensive renovations in 1982 under the proprietorship of Mr Pietrocelli
21/07/1980	Reno Infirri & Kenneth John Hosgood	The Church Restaurant
18/02/2011	Westerin Pty Ltd	

PERSONAE

Alfred Perkins Curtis was a government clerk.

Sir Walter Hartwell James (29/03/1862 – 03/01/1942) was a solicitor and Premier of Western Australia (01/07/1902 – 28/06/1904)

Charles Crossland (1858 – 05/11/1911) was a surveyor .

Johan Bech Haagensen (1859 – 1935) was a boot-maker of Pier Street Perth, who arrived in Western Australia sometime before 1896 from Scandinavia . He was also known as Johan Becke Haagenson.

Alvah Henry Axford was a mining engineer, He arrived in Coolgardie in 1897 and lived there in Sylvester Street. In 1900 and 1901 he lived in 90 Havelock Street, West Perth and had an office in Post Office Chambers, 38 St George's Terrace. Between 1902 and 1906 he lived at 19 Ventnor Avenue and had office at 63 Barrack Street. In 1907 he took partner William Henry Cooke, attorney, and in 1909 moved office to 23 Barrack Street in 1912 he left Western Australia.

Emily Anne Leonard Axford, wife of Alvah Henry Axford died in West Hampstead, London in 1915.

Thomas Theodore Abisca Cameron Ferguson was born in Hobart and came to Western Australia in 1895. He was a machinist and lived in Chesterfield (8 km west of the Murchison town of Nannine) until 1905, when he moved to Charles Street, Midland Junction. In 1908 he moved to York Street, Midland Junction where he opened a butcher's shop. In 1913 he was joined by a partner Mr Stanley. In 1915, He moved to take residence in Brockman Road, Midland Junction whilst the shop continued as before in York Street. In 1922 he moved to 47 Walcott Street, and was listed as an agent. He continued to live there until 1945, from 1937 listing himself as a director. From 1946 until his death in 1950 he lived in 18 Walcott Street. He died a wealthy man. His wife was Charlotte Ferguson (1867-1944).

William Andrew Wallace (1864-1925) was a carrier who lived at 8 Barlee Street, Mount Lawley. After being found unconscious on the road in Murray Street, apparently falling intoxicated from the running board of a vehicle, he later died in Royal Perth Hospital. He was unmarried.

John Moss was a saddler who lived at 638 Beaufort Street. He was listed as a manager in the electoral roll at the time. His wife was May Moss (1883-1948).

he Daily News (Perth, WA : 1882 - 1950), Monday 13 February 1933, page 6

New Church for Forrest Park



The foundation stones of this new Forrest Park Methodist Church were laid
The new church will serve as a place of service for united
congregations of the Lord-street and Brisbane-street churches. The stones
were laid by Mr. W. Arnott, representing the Brisbane-street congregation,
and Mr. E. G. Welch, representing the Lord-street congregation. The Rev.
R. Hocking will be superintendent minister at the new church.

"The Story of the Macauley Reserve ,Inglewood W.A." by L S Eddington July 1979

Thank you to Janet Hardiman for this article which she has donated to the MLS archives.

Introduction

The City of Stirling is situated north of the City of Perth in Western Australia. Of its type and size it is certainly the largest in W.A. having a population at the time of writing of 370,000 spread over 7 wards which cover 30 suburbs.

Its beginnings are described by Captain Irwin, one of the leading members of the Swan River Settlement in a book published in 1885: -

"The country near the coast generally presents either an open forest, plains covered with short brushwood, mixed with grass or open downs. Numerous lakes, fresh and salt, extend along the coast, as do also hills and ridges of calcareous formation — a great variety of flowering shrubs cover the country in many parts, and occasionally, lofty trees with wide spreading branches embellish its surface."

Thus, the development of the district from its early settlement to creation of the Perth Roads Board in 1871: the movement in 1958 of the local government offices from Perth into the geographical centre in Osborne Park; the amalgamation of Roads Boards by Local Government act in 1960 to become Shire Councils and, due to the population explosion and commercial growth, the change to City Status in 1971, form the background to the story of the reserve at the corner of Dundas Rd and Hamer Parade in Inglewood.

The fact that 1971 was not only the centenary celebrations for the City of Stirling, but the year in which most of the action occurred in the story may be coincidental, but it must add to the general excitement of the times.

The Inglewood area, in the early years was regarded as a part of the Maylands district, but the particular section of interest was initially opened up by a company known as Gold Estates of Australia LTD - which acquired 525 acres of Location Y. The company was an English one whose Perth representative was Edgar W. Homer, who was a member of the Perth Road Board, and its Chairman from 1917 to 1931. The subdivision, known as "The Avenues" on either side of Beaufort St., and ran from the railway line through to North St., through to Eleventh Ave. and Dundas Road. The name "Inglewood Estate" was given to these subdivided residential blocks.

As shown, then, on the attached map section, the reserve in question was on the very limit of the subdivision being on the corner of Dundas Road, Hamer Parade and through to Walter Road on one side and Eighth Ave on the other.

Finally, it will be seen that this reserve with its long history of over 100 years and part of the original sub-division forms the vehicle for a story about how ordinary people changed the course of bureaucratic history.

The story starts with the announcement in the Minutes of the Council of the City of Stirling for July 13th 1971.

A Committee report from the Works, Parks and Reserves and Health Committee of 6th July 1971 contained the heading "Recommendations to Council". Item 59 reads: -

ER11.51 Reserve - Walter Road Inglewood Cracovia Club (Incorporated).

"That the current lease be rejected but that Council offer a lease of the area of acres of undeveloped land at the corner of Dundas Rd and Hamer Parade on similar condition to that applying to the Soccer Assoc. at the corner of 8th Ave and Hamer Parade; that if the offer is acceptable, Council is to arrange the levelling of the site, and reserves the right to any surplus.

Resolved the recommendation be accepted."

This entry was picked up by the Secretary of the Inglewood Ratepayers and Progress Association, Mrs Amy Macauley, who did a tremendous amount of work in changing the projected course of events, and demonstrated that the bureaucratic system can be affected, and changed, by the action of ordinary citizens. Earlier, the IRPA of Dec 15th 1970 had been concerned about high rise development in the Inglewood area, includes the future of the reserve, for it was moved Mrs Box (sic) Sec. Mr Hewett that the Shire be asked whether any plans had been formulated for the Reserve opposite this site, between the Home of Peace and Hamer Parade."

It is therefore evident that there was an awareness of the need to develop the reserve area six months before the recommendation to lease the site to the Soccer Club.

At the IRPA meeting of the 20th July 1971, the Secretary, Mrs Macauley referred to the entry in the Council minutes of the 13th July. It was moved Mr Martin Sec. Mr Cory that the Association view with concern [the action regarding the reserve] and make strong objections to them. A letter was to be sent to City of Stirling, with copies to the local Councillors and also the Newspapers.

That the last was a successful play is shown by the report in various newspapers, particularly The Leader, a local production. In the issue of August 11th 1971 a feature article was produced on the situation.

By August 25th 1971, it was reported in The Leader that Mrs Macauley had arranged a petition containing 241 signatures of ratepayers in the immediate vicinity of the reserve.

This had been the outcome of an IRPA meeting on August 14th to which Cr Lynch (Deputy Mayor), and the superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Mr Gordon Shearwood had been invited.

During General Business, Cr Lynch was asked for an explanation of Council's action.

Cr Lynch said that the Cracovia Club wished to spend \$100,000 on the development of the ground, Club rooms and Community Centre and as this would cost Council nothing - why refuse the request? he said.

Mr Shearwood requested permission to address the meeting on the facilities available for Parks and Gardens. He used an extract from the Local Gov't Conference Report which described recreation needs of all sorts. He said he recognised that there were few parks in the area but did point out that 50 acres at Alexander Drive/Wordsworth Ave had been set aside "for example, when Grandmas look after the children, mother plays sport."

The meeting, apparently, was not very impressed with this. The next entry says "The meeting through the area, 1/2 mile away, was rather far for Grandma's in this area to walk to for passive recreation."

Some lively interchange is shown in the minutes as various ratepayers expressed their views that the land in question should be retained as a passive reserve, especially with the newly erected State Housing Commission Flats in Dundas Rd.

A visiting member of the Cracovia Club said they had 500 members who not only wanted the acres for a Soccer Ground, but also the 1 1/2 acres they now use so they could build a Community Centre as well.

A ratepayer, Mr J Hancock, "suggests that if Cracovia had 500 members asking for the ground, we could contain 500 signatures on a petition of ratepayers to keep the reserve as a park."

Cr Lynch said that "the Association should request the Council to give consideration for the reserve to be kept and used as a park for passive recreation." On being told that this had already been done, Cr Lynch asked that this be re-affirmed. A notion of Mr Bedford "That this land be kept as a reserve for passive recreation." was seconded and carried on the voices. The Chairman thanked both visitors for attending the meeting and members confirmed on to discuss other matters.

With the clarity of hindsight we can see that matters were now starting to move with some momentum and on the Tuesday 21st August, Mr Hewett attended a Works Committee meeting in company with four other members - Mr and Mrs Macauley, Mr Bedford and Mr Wray - all of whom spoke to the committee on the need to keep this reserve as a passive park.

The result of the IRPA meeting of August 17th was published in The Leader of 25th August 1971 and the report showed that the 241 petition signatures were obtained in a compact area of 8th, 9th, 10th Avenues, Dundas Road and Hamer Parade. The petition contained 20 points why the IRPA objected to the lease by Cracovia Club. A significant entry in the report follows the statement by Mrs Macauley, that she believed, of the 500 or more members of the Cracovia Club, only a handful lived in the Inglewood Ward. The closing paragraph in the report says "when asked to comment as the IRPA's action, the Cracovia Club President, Mr John Amenda, of Callington Ave, City Beach* said "We would like to make no comment at this stage. We lodged the application in good faith and we are now resting on the Council decision."

Shortly after this, the necessary notification to resignation a special meeting of elections was published in the Eastern Suburban Section of The West Australian selling the meeting at the Council Chambers on Wednesday 22nd September 1971, with the business of the evening to discuss, the use of the land "bordered by Hamer Parade, Dundas Road, Walter Road and Eight Ave, not allocated for active use, as a creative and imaginative free planted passive area."

However, interim correspondence from the City of Stirling indicates that there had been some reconsideration of the position as shown in the letter of 15th September 1971 to the Secretary of the IRPA, Mrs Macauley, advising that the Works Committee meeting of 31st August '71 had recommended that the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation "be instructed to investigate the availability of an alternative site to accommodate the Cracovia Club Inc."

The normal monthly meeting of the IRPA was held on September 21st 1971 - the night before the requisition meeting - under the Chairmanship of the Association President, Mr John Harman MLA:, was well attended by 41 members - about twice the normal number. The President asked as many as possible to attend the meeting of the 22nd at the Council Chambers.

An interesting entry under Correspondence says "Mr Tyzack quoted the Local Government Act, s267 which stated that the Council does not have the power to lease reserve land under their control for longer than 5 years." At the close of the meeting and over supper a council of war was held. Final details of the speakers and the allocation of their subjects were made. Transport arrangements and meeting times and place were arranged for the critical meeting on the following night.

With all the correspondence, verbal interchange, emotion, reports and action by various people, individually and collectively, and the attendance of over 6 people at the Special Requisition meeting, the performance turned out to be something of an anti-climax.

The minutes of the IRPA meeting for October 19th 1971 carries a report of the Special Requisition meeting, which to be sure, had been nearly a month earlier. Mr John Harman MLA was again in the Chair, and the report was given by the Vice President Mr Hewett under the heading of General Business . The report says "they were courteously received and their petition accepted and passed. Several speakers, including Mrs Eddington , Mr Hancock, Mr Happ, Mr Martin, and the Secretary [Mrs Macauley] spoke on the need to keep the ground as a park. Hospitality was extended and views and plans were discussed with Councillors and staff, altogether a most successful meeting."

One can, of course, speculate on what the situation would have been if no action had been taken, and so this then appeared to finalise the matter, especially with a letter dated 15th November 1971 from the City, which stated in past "This matter had now been further considered by Council and it has been decided that the site will definitely not be available for use by the Club, as it is too small for the desired purpose.

Investigations are now being made for the possible use of another and larger site which would be more suitable to the Club, and has the added advantage of providing for future expansion."

All of which makes one wonder why the Inglewood site was so imminently suitable in the first place! However, notwithstanding the letter, Mrs Macauley informs me that the Club didn't give up and submitted plans and specifications for the Inglewood site to the Council for approval.

But it was too late and the Progress Association began to press on the Reserve especially as Mrs Macauley was asked to plant the first tree in the planned expansion. This was organised as something of a gala day with the local school children being invited to attend together with Councillors and the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation.

It is fitting to remark, that, with the Reserve having reached the stage where couples walk through in the summer evenings and parents bring their children to play; where "Grandma looks after the children while the mother plays sport"; where a view of the City buildings can be seen from the sand hill in one direction and a vista of the hills in the other, one becomes aware of a large solid name sign which says 'MACAULEY RESERVE'.

I suppose one could say that at best it commemorates the work of both Mr and Mrs Macauley - but to those in the know it will be a living memory to the very active Secretary of the Inglewood Progress and Ratepayers Association, Mrs Amy Macauley, who initiated the action and demonstrated that the course of bureaucratic system can be changed - and further that such small and after unconsidered organisations as a Progress Association can produce an effect for the greater than their size would indicate.

116, AUGUSTA AVENUE,
INGLEWOOD W.A. 6052

18th September, 1975

The Mayoress,
City of Stirling,
Cedric Street,
OSBORNE PARK W.A. 6017

Dear Madam,

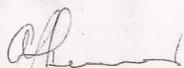
Parkland - Hamer Parade, Inglewood.

I understand that there is a proposal to name the newly designed parkland at the corner of Hamer Parade and Dundas Road

Ever since the Inglewood Ratepayers' Association obtained the City of Stirlings' Council consent to make this area into a natural parkland, it has always been understood by many members of my Association and myself, that the area would be named MACAULEY PARK as a tribute to the late Mr. John Macauley and Mrs. Macauley, who fought so hard to retain this area as a place of rest and recreation for both young and old.

I hope sincerely that this tacit understanding will not be set aside, and I ask for your support to see that the fine work your Council has done is rounded off with a gracious tribute to the two people who did so much towards the planning of this area.

Yours faithfully,


A.F. Hewett
Vice-President,
INGLEWOOD RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

c.c. Mr. J. Harmon. M.L.A.
Mrs. Macauley
Councillor Hoffman.

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Communications to be addressed to the Town Clerk

Please Quote Ref: SB/ER136/mgs

Your Reference:

8th October, 1975.

The President,
Inglewood Ratepayers Association,
211 Ninth Avenue,
INGLEWOOD, 6052.

Dear Sir,

RESERVE - HAMER PARADE/DUNDAS ROAD, INGLEWOOD.

Thank you for your letter of 18th September, 1975, regarding the naming of the reserve at the above location.

Your letter as well as one from the Vice-President were discussed by Council at its meeting on 7th October, 1975, and I am pleased to advise that Council concurs with your comments and resolved that the reserve, Hamer Parade/Dundas Road, Inglewood, be named Macaulay Park.

I would be pleased if you would advise your Committee of Council's resolut

Yours faithfully,

L.A. EASTON
TOWN CLERK.

The trees are growing, the adventure play-ground is alive with children and the 'Macaulay Reserve' is alive and well and serving the people in Inglewood.

Aug 3 1975

Milestone at Inglewood oval



One small planting was the milestone toward bigger and better things last week at the Inglewood Reserve at the corner of Dundas and Homer streets.

The secretary of the Inglewood Ratepayers' Association, Mrs A. MacAullay is seen spilling the first sand over the tree roots as the City of Stirling deputy mayor, Cr M. Lynch, watches.

The City of Stirling plans to plant 47 varieties of trees on the reserve in the next two years.

Green-thumb representatives of the Autumn Centre, Home of Peace and nearby schools will assist in planting the remaining 46 varieties.

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Woman Honoured

A Dianella, Inglewood reserve at the corner of Dundas Road and Hamer Street, has been named after a woman who has worked hard for the good of the area for many years.

ACCESS IN NEW YEAR

Residents in Dianella, who have been affected by the closure of Wellington Street crossing Camboon Drive and Morley Drive, will get an access road in the new year.

No starting date for the work has been set yet, but Stirling City council has approved the purchase of two blocks of land to be used for the road.

It will be opposite Light Street and Wellington Street to Morley Drive.

The Dianella Ratepayer's Association have met with the mayor and written to council about the isolation of the homes in the affected area.

The reserve is now called MacAuley Park, after Mrs Amy MacAuley of 9th Avenue, Inglewood.

Mrs MacAuley has been in the Inglewood Ratepayers' Association since 1967 but her family home has been in 9th Avenue for 40 years.

Before the official naming of the park, it was known as Hamer Reserve.

The park will be a passive recreation area with all Australian native plants, shrubs and trees.

About 2,800 plants will be put in the park from 57 different varieties.

The seven acre park will be ideal for family and local groups, and the keen gardener.

All the plants will have their familiar and botanical names attached to them.

The park will be grassed and elevated areas will give it an interesting aspect.

Midvale Pre-school

Tenders have called for the construction of a pre-school centre at Midvale.

A grant of \$57 from the Australian Government will help cover the cost of the building and equipment.

Tenders for the building, which is expected to cost more than \$60,000, close at the Shire of Swan at 4 pm on Friday January 9.

Library Tim

The Bayswater library will not close for its customary Christmas closure during the New Year break.

It will close at 4 pm on Christmas Eve, re-open the following Monday morning on December 29.

It will again close on New Year's Eve at 4 pm, and open the morning of January 5.

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Sheila Robinson
Tim Hammond
Phillipa Baines
John Baas: Represents Ratepayers Association

Committee meetings are held 1st Monday of the month at the Mount Lawley Bowling Club at 7.30pm All members are welcome to attend.

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