



CITY OF VINCENT
LIBRARY &
LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE

October – December 2019
Vol. 9 No.4

Local History News



In this issue:

Music in Vincent: The Perth Blues Club at the Charles Hotel
Character Retention Areas in Vincent
Vincent Heritage Hero – Rodney O'Brien

New items | Can you help? | Events & Workshops



A big thanks to the people who entered photos or stories in the 2019 City of Vincent Local History Awards.

All entries are judged by an independent panel of local history experts and winners will be announced in late October.

We really appreciate the effort people put into taking photos or writing their stories and their generosity in sharing them with us.

Over the last twenty years, these contributions have helped the Local History Centre to build a rich and diverse collection.

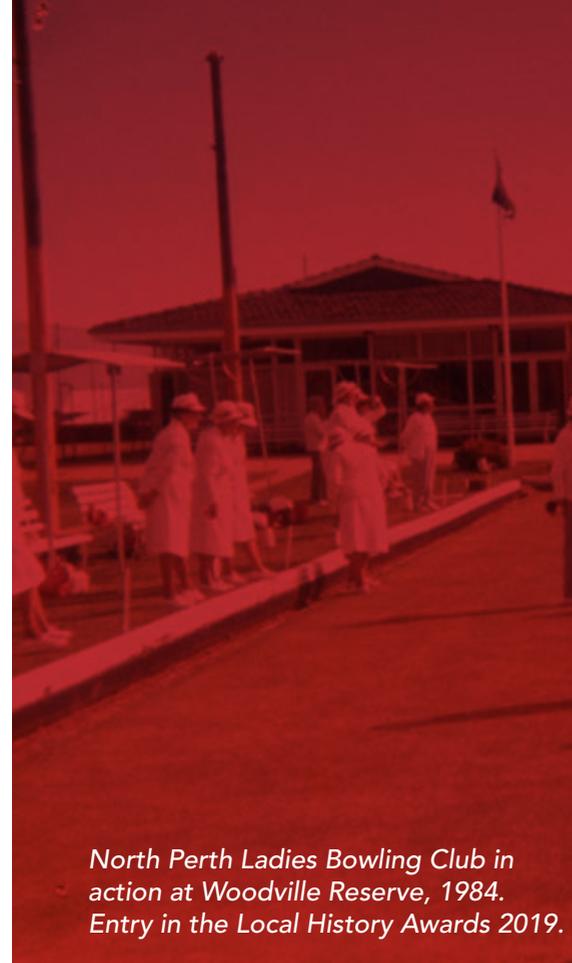
Susanna Iuliano
Senior Librarian, Local History Centre

We received 20 written entries and 205 photo entries. It was a bumper year for photographs!

Photo entries will be on display at the Vincent Library, the Mezz shopping centre and Beatty Park.

During October, we encourage everyone to vote online for their favourite photo for the 'People's Choice' award.

Cover Image: Milldred ('Millie') Slyth in the garden at 10 Strathcona Street, West Perth 1987. Local History Collection, PH05592.



North Perth Ladies Bowling Club in action at Woodville Reserve, 1984. Entry in the Local History Awards 2019.



Follow us on Facebook:
facebook.com/vincentlibrary

VISIT US

Opening hours: Monday to Friday
9.00am – 1.00pm
*2.00pm – 5.00pm
(*variable - ring to confirm)

CONTACT:

Susanna Iuliano, Senior Librarian,
Local History (Mon – Thu)
Ph: 9273 6534

WEBSITE:

library.vincent.wa.gov.au/
local-history-centre

EMAIL:

local.history@vincent.wa.gov.au

Catherine Lang, Librarian,
Local History (Mon, Wed and Fri)
Ph: 9273 6550

Music in Vincent: The Perth Blues Club at the Charles Hotel	4
Character Retention Areas in Vincent	6
Who's been sleeping in my house? 101 Angrove Street, North Perth	8
Vincent Heritage Hero – Rodney O'Brien	10
What's New in the Local History Collection	12
Nurse Stockley Sign	12
Can you help?	13
Glenesk Dairy	13
Calling all former Kyilla Primary School Students	13
In-house events:	14
Events and Workshops	14
Contact Us	16



TOP: Cameraman Chris Murray, venue owner Chris Angelkov, President of the Perth Blues Club Rick Steele, interviewer Adam Trainer and vocalist Peta Lee on stage at The Charles Hotel, August 2019.

MUSIC IN VINCENT:

THE PERTH BLUES CLUB AT THE CHARLES HOTEL

Since April, we have been collecting stories from local musicians and venue owners about live music venues in the Vincent area for the 'Music in Vincent' project.

The project is a collaboration with State Library of Western Australia musicologist Dr Adam Trainer who has been conducting the interviews with assistance from Vincent Librarian Catherine Lang and Chris Murray who is a much-valued volunteer at the Local History Centre.

In August, the team interviewed Perth Blues Club president Rick Steele, Charles Hotel owner Chris Angelkov and performer Peta Lee.

The Perth Blues Club is in its 27th year and presents local, national and international Blues and Roots artists at The Charles, on Tuesday nights.

Renowned professional musician Rick Steele is one of the founding fathers of the Perth Blues Club and has been

performing live music and supporting local musical talent since his arrival in Perth, from New Zealand, in the 1970s.

Chris Angelkov's family has owned the iconic North Perth live music venue and landmark hotel, since the early nineties.

Peta Lee has grown up with the Perth Blues Club as a performer since she was a teenager and is a member of local band 'The Vibrolaters', who celebrated their 20th anniversary in 2017.

The next round of interviews will be with musicians and promoters at the Rosemount Hotel. All interviews will become part of the LHC's collection of oral history interviews and will be available online on the COV YouTube channel.

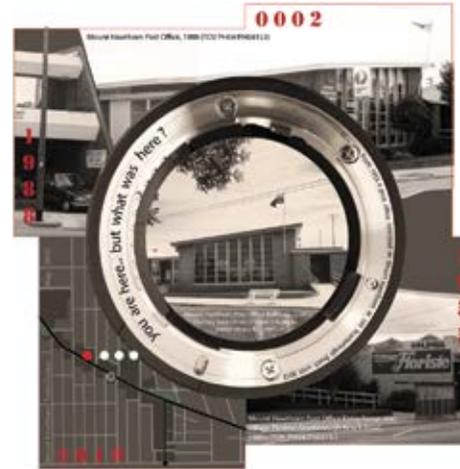
CHARACTER RETENTION AREAS

The City of Vincent has a Character Retention Policy to help residents take an active role in protecting heritage streetscapes. Currently in Vincent, there is one heritage area (Harley Street) and three character retention areas (St Albans Avenue, Carr Street and Janet Street). A Character Retention Area is not the same as a heritage listing in the City's Municipal Heritage Inventory. However, both are tools for residents to ensure new buildings and additions are sympathetic to the unique character of their street.

Getting an area recognised under the policy involves three steps:

- 1 Nominate your area
- 2 Consult with your neighbours to gain support, then work together with the City to prepare character retention guidelines
- 3 Approval of the guidelines by Council

In 2019, after several residents nominated the Buxton/Kalgoorlie/Boulevard precinct, the Council invited residents in the area to a community discussion on 7 August about the proposed 'character retention area' of Mount Hawthorn. At the workshop, Vincent Mayor Emma Cole and CEO David MacLennan (together with several other Vincent Councillors) heard feedback from residents in the area.



Mount Hawthorn Heritage Plaque



Anzac Cottage, 38 Kalgoorlie Street, Mount Hawthorn, Local History Collection PHO1977.

The City is now working with the Mount Hawthorn community to set the boundary for the area and will then draft, test and implement new planning tools to help maintain and enhance particular elements of the streetscape valued by the community.

Feedback from residents on the night highlighted just how much they love the area and seek to balance heritage with other important considerations to maintain the 'village vibe'.

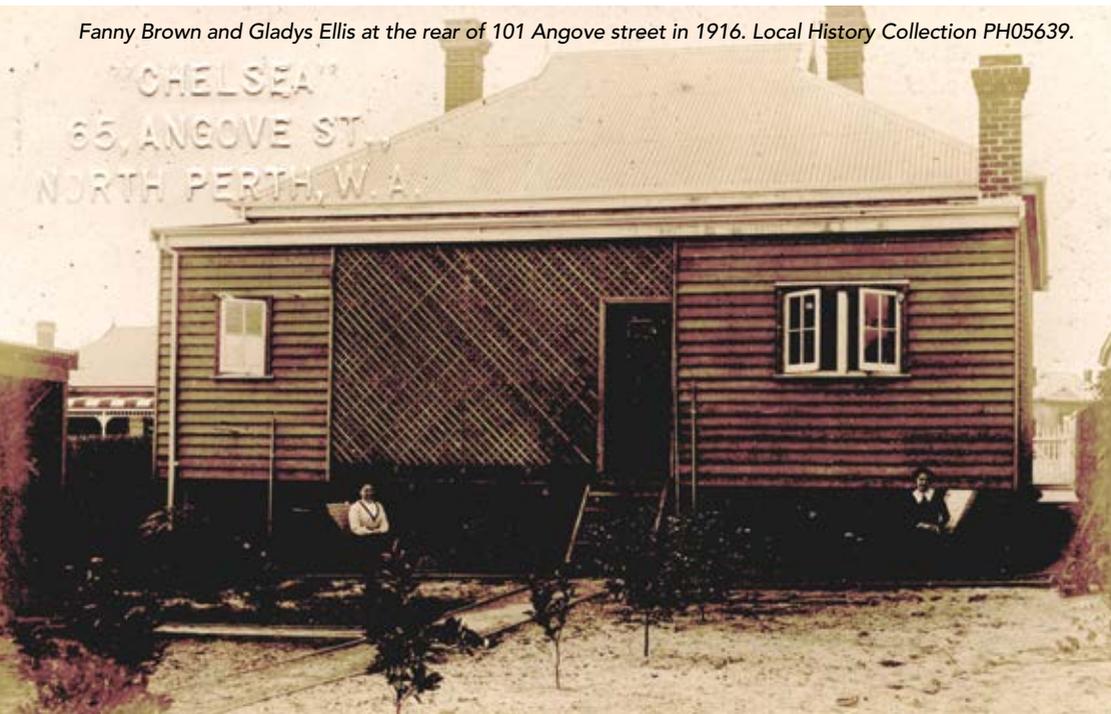
"We love that there is variety in our streetscape. You can find veggie patches, verges reconfigured for extra parking needs, native gardens and play areas for children. The variety reflects the needs and tastes of the individuals who reside behind them. This is the real beauty of Mount Hawthorn. A multicultural, multifaceted, yet thriving community."

"The blend between modern/contemporary homes with original/character dwellings is what is appealing about the suburb."

"Mount Hawthorn is unique. It's a village. All life flows off the high street. (It offers) a beautiful blend of style, character and choice in homes. It's this choice of dwellings that draws all manner of individuals to the area which creates a competitive property market. The current design codes allow individual style."

"Heritage houses, wide verges, native gardens on verges, low fences so we can talk to the neighbours, verandas, sense of community. We like the Little Free Library, neighbours putting out boxes of home-grown fruit and veggies to share, fairy lights and front gardens."

Fanny Brown and Gladys Ellis at the rear of 101 Angove street in 1916. Local History Collection PH05639.



WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY HOUSE?

101 ANGOVE STREET, NORTH PERTH

Ever wondered who lived in your home before you? Each newsletter, we'll be helping a local resident connect with the history of their home. This newsletter, we feature the story of 101 Angove Street, the current home of Elissa and Paul Meaghan.

Below: Elissa & Paul outside 101 Angove Street, 2019.



A few months back, a WA post-card dealer shared with us some great early 1900s photos of local houses that had been made into post-cards. Among these were a series of images of a home called 'Chelsea' at 65 Angove Street North Perth. We did a bit of research on 'Chelsea' and found there was no current number 65 Angove Street (close to the present day location of the Macedonian Orthodox Church of St. Nikola). Luckily, the house hadn't been demolished. Like so many streets in our areas, Angove Street had been renumbered during WWI and so the house (built in 1913) still stood at 101 Angove Street.

The photos of the home between 1914 and 1918 were taken by then owner Frederik S. Ellis, a keen amateur photographer who was the YMCA Camp & Transport Secretary and active member of the local temperance association, 'Rock of Safety Lodge'. The photos show the façade and front veranda, and a posed backyard shot with Fanny Rhoda Jane Brown (wife of Frederik Ellis) and their daughter Gladys. From 1919 to 1936, 101 Angove

Street was the home of Rachel Evans and family, an interesting and remarkable woman for her day who ran her own money lending business (Rachel Evans & Co.) out of the now demolished T&G Chambers building in St George's Terrace Perth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Present day owners Elissa and Paul were delighted to find we had early photos of their house. Finding out a bit more about its history has strengthened their connection to their home and neighbourhood.

The house itself has been well looked after over the years, and has impressive high ceilings, three original fireplaces, ornate ceiling roses and colourful stain glass windows. Since moving in, we have repaired and re-painted the sash windows, and installed some modern amenities including ducted air conditioning, roof insulation, window shutters, and built-in wardrobes. We really enjoy the North Perth Community and love that we have easy, walkable access to such high quality amenities and local businesses.



If you'd like to find out more about the history of who has lived in your house, come along to one of our regular house history workshops held at the Local History Centre throughout the year.

VINCENT HERITAGE HERO

RODNEY O'BRIEN

Last newsletter, we featured the inaugural 'Vincent Heritage Hero' in recognition of locals who go above and beyond to preserve or share Vincent's heritage. This month our Vincent Heritage Hero is Highgate resident Rodney O'Brien.

For years, Rodney has been researching Hyde Park's 'lost' fountain. Through dogged research, Rodney recently managed to pinpoint the exact location of the former fountain in old WA Government Public Works Department Field Books in the State Records Office. Rodney then contacted Sheryl Waugh, the great-niece of the fountain modeler and manufacturer George Waugh, and photographed her in the precise location of the fountain which stood in the park near the Lake and Glendower Streets from 1900 – 1920.

While researching the history of Hyde Park's fountain, Rodney also came across some other interesting historical information about Hyde Park, including beautiful plans for public swimming baths in the park that never came to fruition.

Rodney entered a summary of his painstaking research in this year's Local History Awards. To read the full story of George Waugh and the grand old ornamental fountain visit the COV Local History Centre.



HYDE PARK. (1900, June 30). Western Mail (Perth, WA: 1885 – 1954), p. 41



Sheryl Waugh and son standing on location of former Hyde Park fountain, 2019.



Plan of swimming baths proposed to be erected at Hyde Park, 1912. SRO WA S4123 Cons1644 050.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION?

A TREASURE FROM THE TIP

A brass name plate of Nurse Stockley's Maternity Hospital (later known as Swan Maternity Hospital), was recently salvaged from the Rockingham tip and donated to the Local History Collection by Kenneth Barber.

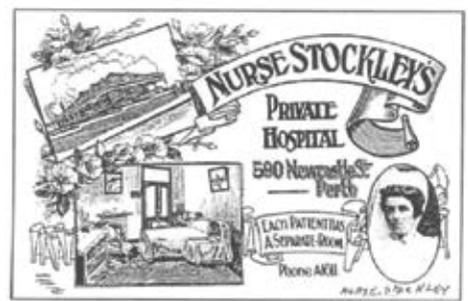
Located at 590 Newcastle Street in West Perth, Swan Maternity Hospital was built in 1913 and operated by Nurse Alice Stockley until 1937. Between 1949 and 1945 it operated as Swan Hospital and in 1946 it became known as the Blaich Appin Maternity Hospital. It was purchased by the Department of Health in 1949 and converted to a child health and welfare clinic. It was listed on the City's Municipal Heritage Inventory in 2009 due to its significance in the development of maternity and obstetrics health services in the area during the first half of the 20th Century. It was removed from the Municipal Heritage Inventory in 2012. The building was sold in 2013 and is currently in private ownership.



This photo from the 1930s shows the brass name plate in situ on the brick gate plinth at the Newcastle street entrance.



Swan Maternity Hospital at 590 Newcastle Street, West Perth, 1930s. Local History Collection, PH03298



The front of a postcard dated 1913. The address is described as "590 Newcastle St PERTH". However today this address is situated on WEST PERTH. Hand-written on the reverse side is: "Early 1913. Sold to Mrs Jackson / Alton 1944. Retired from hosp. age 78. Passed away Aug. 6th 1945 at age 78."

Image from: *A Humble Heritage. The Smoker and Stockley families and the Swan Maternity Hospital (also known as Nurse Stockley's Maternity Hospital): a brief history.*

CAN YOU HELP?

The horse drawn milk cart belongs to Glenesk Dairy which operated from Brown Street in East Perth.

The Revolutions Transport Museum in Whiteman Park are renovating a similar wooden milk cart.

The Museum Officer wants to get in touch with relatives to find out more about the milkman in the photograph and the Glenesk Dairy. Can you help?



CALLING ALL FORMER KYILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

In 2020, Kyilla Primary School will mark its 75th anniversary.



The school is wanting to hear from former students, particularly those from the 1940s, 50s and 60s. The Local History Centre is collaborating with Kyilla Primary to collect stories from former students about their time at the school. If you are a former Kyilla Primary School student, please get in touch with us at the Local History Centre to share your story.

IN-HOUSE EVENTS

EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



WA SENIORS WEEK 2019 CELEBRATION: "BUSH BOY TAKES ON THE BIG SMOKE" WITH BARRY STRICKLAND WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2019 10AM

Library Lounge

Come and listen to Barry tell anecdotes about his idyllic rural upbringing in WA, his early visits to the 'big smoke' and a lifetime obsession with the lost 'picture palaces' of Perth.

Cost: Free, a special celebratory morning tea will be provided.

Bookings essential: 9273 6090 or libadmin@vincent.wa.gov.au

HERITAGE & CHARACTER IN VINCENT SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2019 10-11.30AM

Local History Centre

Stephen Carrick is an architect with 30 years experience in the conservation and management of heritage sites. In this workshop, Stephen will give an overview of heritage policies and planning frameworks and provide valuable insight on interpreting architectural styles in Vincent.

Presenter: Architect Stephen Carrick

Cost: Free

THEATRE 180 (FORMERLY AGELINK THEATRE): SUMMER HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2019 10AM-12PM

Library Lounge

Theatre 180 are taking the audience back to the 1960s with a fantastic selection of songs from artists such as Andy Williams, Matt Munro, Diana Ross, The Beatles, The Seekers and many more!

The performance will be followed by a special Christmas morning tea.

Cost: \$8

Bookings essential: City of Vincent Library in person.

NORTH PERTH HERITAGE WALK FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019 10AM-12PM (APPROX. 2 HOURS)

Leaves from 1 Albert Street, North Perth (Albert Square)

Come and explore the history of North Perth. This two hour guided walk in the heart of the original North Perth town centre offers a glimpse into the history of the area from early 20th century to the present day. Visiting sites in Angove, View and Fitzgerald Streets, the tour showcases some of the people and places who have contributed to North Perth's rich heritage.

Cost: Free, Participants are advised to wear a hat and comfortable footwear & carry water.

Bookings: Eventbrite or 9273 6090



CITY OF VINCENT

LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS 2019

Thank you to the entrants in the year's awards.

You can find the photos and written at the City of Vincent Library and Local History Centre. Details of the winning entries are online at:
library.vincent.wa.gov.au/local-history-centre/local-history-awards.aspx



Follow the City of Vincent Library on Facebook

Local History Centre

www.library.vincent.wa.gov.au

Email: local.history@vincent.wa.gov.au

Phone: 9273 6090

Address: 99 Loftus Street, Leederville, Western Australia, 6007

 @vincentlibrary  @cityofvincentlibrary  @CityofVincent



CITY OF VINCENT