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In 2024 the City of Vincent is shifting its focus to heritage places and some exciting things are afoot.

The City is currently undergoing a review of its existing heritage places in Vincent, meaning that over 300 places listed in the former Municipal Heritage Inventory (MHI) are being reviewed by an external consultant. At the same time, landowners and/or residents are invited to nominate any place or property to be added to the new Local Heritage Survey (LHS) list to be recognised for its unique heritage features and/or historical links in the area.

Places which can be nominated include archaeological remains, buildings, structures, other built forms and their

surrounds and other objects with historical associations to the land, gardens, man-made parks, and trees with cultural heritage significance.

The City is also undergoing a review of its heritage management policies and inviting the public to provide feedback during the consultation period.

It's also very exciting to see North Perth Primary School celebrating its 125th year and its longstanding history as the oldest continuously operating school in Western Australia.

Farah Kabbani and Catherine Lang  
**City of Vincent Local History Centre**



*Pupils in the classroom at North Perth Primary School, 1957 (COV PH05253). Donor: Sophia Bogoiias.*

*Cover Image: Joshua Hammill (first headmaster) and Amy Ottaway (assistant) at North Perth School, 1899 (COV PH06143). Donor: North Perth Primary School.*



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# LOCAL HERITAGE REVIEW 2024



In March, the City commences a review of the heritage places identified in the Municipal Heritage Inventory (MHI) and the Central Perth Heritage Inventory (CPHI), and invites members of the public to nominate additional places for inclusion in the new Local Heritage Survey (LHS).

## Why is this review being undertaken?

Since the last review of these documents, legislation has been revised from the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990 to the Heritage Act 2018. The Heritage Act 2018 requires all local government authorities in Western Australia to survey all heritage places and to periodically update their survey.

In response to this requirement, the City is reviewing the MHI and CPHI to create a Local Heritage Survey (LHS) and is seeking new places around Vincent that may be of heritage interest. Specialist heritage consultancy, Hocking Heritage and Architecture, has been appointed to assist with this project.

## What is a Local Heritage Survey?

A Local Heritage Survey is a list of places which, in the opinion of the City, are, or may become, of cultural heritage significance to the local community.

If a place appears on the LHS, there is no change to the normal development processes and requirements, as the LHS does not have a statutory implication for planning and development.

## How is a place identified as having cultural heritage significance?

Cultural heritage significance is the aesthetic, historic, scientific or social significance a place may have in the present and future. These values are used as assessment criteria to evaluate the importance of a place for the local government area. Heritage identification also occurs at the national and state levels using similar criteria.

Places which can be nominated include archaeological remains; buildings, structures, other built forms and their surrounds; and other objects with historical associations to the land; gardens, man-made parks, and trees with cultural heritage significance.

## Why is a place considered heritage?

A place or area will be of significance to the locality if it has one or more of the values defined by the Heritage Council of Western Australia, based on the Burra Charter (2013). These are:

### Aesthetic value

A place included under this criterion may be a good example of an architectural style, display creative or design excellence or be of landmark value for the local district.

### Historic value

A place included under this criterion should be closely associated with events, developments or cultural phases that have played an important part in the locality's history.

### Research value

A place of research value should provide, or demonstrate a likelihood of providing, evidence about past activity. This may include important information about construction technology, land use or industrial processes not available anywhere else.

### Social value

A place of social value will be significant through association with a community or cultural group in the local district for social, cultural, educational or spiritual reasons.

### Rarity

It demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the cultural heritage of the local district.

### Representativeness

It is significant in demonstrating the characteristics of a class of cultural places or environments in the local district.

## How can I assist?

### Nominate a place!

As part of the review, the City of Vincent is inviting all landowners and/or residents to nominate any properties or places that they believe should be added to the Local Heritage Survey.

Visit the **Imagine Vincent** website to download a Place Nomination Form, fill it out and submit it to the City. Your nomination will assist the City in assessing new places.

The deadline for nominations is **Friday 12 April 2024**

[imagine.vincent.wa.gov.au/heritage-places](https://www.imagine.vincent.wa.gov.au/heritage-places)



# TIPS ON HOW TO RESEARCH A PLACE

The City of Vincent Local History Centre offers resources and services to help you uncover the history of a particular place.

A good place to start is to visit the **History of your home** section of the Local History website, where *A Guide to Researching the History of your Home* brochure can be downloaded, and a range of resources about housing styles are available (also available in person in the Local History Centre).

[library.vincent.wa.gov.au/local-history-centre/find-your-history/house-histories](https://www.library.vincent.wa.gov.au/local-history-centre/find-your-history/house-histories) or [bit.ly/LHC-house-histories](https://bit.ly/LHC-house-histories)

Search the **Image Library** by street name, place name or building name to try and locate historic photographs of specific places.

[cityofvincent.imagegallery.me](https://www.cityofvincent.imagegallery.me)

### Online resources to check:

**WA Post Office Directories** for information by locality, individual surname, government service, and by trade or profession in Western Australia during the period 1893 – 1949. [slwa.wa.gov.au/collections/collections/post-office-directories](http://slwa.wa.gov.au/collections/collections/post-office-directories)

**Rate Books** (freely accessible through Ancestry.com at the City of Vincent Library & Local History Centre) for information about property owners and occupiers in Perth, Western Australia from 1880 – 1946.

**Trove** for early newspaper articles, covering a date range from the 1800s up to 1954, and early images from a range of collecting institutions. [trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au)

**State Library of Western Australia** for photographs, archival records, maps and plans, oral history interviews and telephone directories relating to people and places in Western Australia. [slwa.wa.gov.au](http://slwa.wa.gov.au)

**State Records Office of WA** for access to detailed maps and plans of specific areas, as well as archival records on suburb development. [archive.sro.wa.gov.au](http://archive.sro.wa.gov.au)

### Visit the Local History Centre in person.

Drop in from 9am – 1pm or book an appointment from 2pm – 5pm, Monday to Friday to access a range of resources in print and for additional guidance.

### Review of Heritage Management Policies

The City of Vincent is also undergoing a review of a number of heritage management policies which aim to protect and promote its heritage places.

As part of the review process, the City is inviting submissions from property owners, key stakeholders and the wider community on the proposed amendments.

To make a submission, visit the Imagine Vincent website.  
[imagine.vincent.wa.gov.au/heritage-policies](http://imagine.vincent.wa.gov.au/heritage-policies)

Feedback closes at 4pm Monday, 25 March 2024.

# NORTH PERTH PRIMARY SCHOOL TURNS 125!

Opened on 30 January 1899 as Toorak/Woodville School, North Perth Primary School consisted of only one building with two classrooms, 131 students and three staff.

North Perth Primary School is one of the oldest continuously operating schools in Western Australia. The establishment of the school was a result of the spread of settlement north of Perth when the local population grew rapidly following the gold boom of the late 19th century.

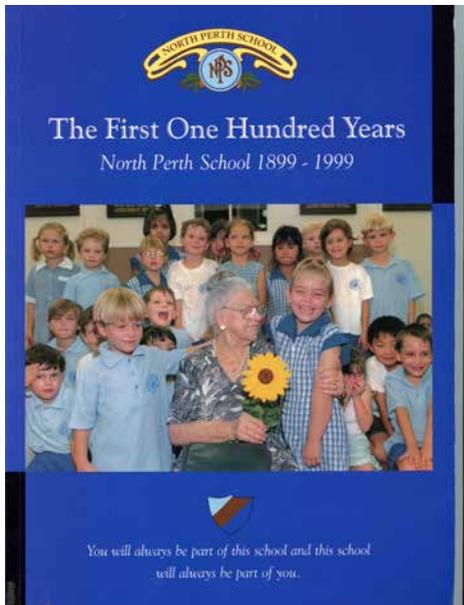
It was originally called Woodville School after the earliest subdivision in the area. It was re-named North Perth State School in 1903 and later North Perth Primary School.

The Woodville Estate opened in 1890 and development in the area was rapid. Along with the construction of roads, tramlines, post offices and police stations to service the growing suburban population, schools were needed to educate the children of the area's residents.

The North Perth Primary School was the first civic development within the locality and its construction encouraged further settlement in the suburb. The rapidly developing area meant that the school needed to be enlarged on a number of occasions in the early years of its existence, including in 1902, 1904, 1909, 1913 and 1924.

The school's original buildings are significant examples of school buildings designed by the Public Works Department around the turn of the century. The school still uses the original buildings, which were added to the State Register of Heritage Places in 2005.

**To learn more**



Read *The first one hundred years: North Perth School 1899 – 1999/* editors: Alpha Pilpel and Susan Levy

Available at the Local History Centre.



*Founding principal Joshua Hammill with assistant Amy Otway outside Woodville (North Perth) State School, 1899 (COV PH06143)*

**Visit the Image Library**

North Perth Primary School Album

[bit.ly/COVNPPS](http://bit.ly/COVNPPS)

# NORTH PERTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY FAIR

**Celebrate one of the oldest continuously operating schools in WA with an afternoon of family fun!**

**Saturday, 16 March**  
**2pm - 8pm**

- Mucky Duck Bush Band and silent disco
- Rides and stalls
- Food trucks & licenced bar  
BYO picnic blanket
- Fireworks at 7:30pm  
Limited parking available

Guided history walks  
Across 5 locations  
40 minutes each

- 3pm: 1940s - 1970s
- 4pm: 1980s - 2000s
- 5pm: 2000s - present

**Gold sponsor:**

**Silver sponsors:**

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## MARCH

### THISTLEDOWN SEED: IN CONVERSATION

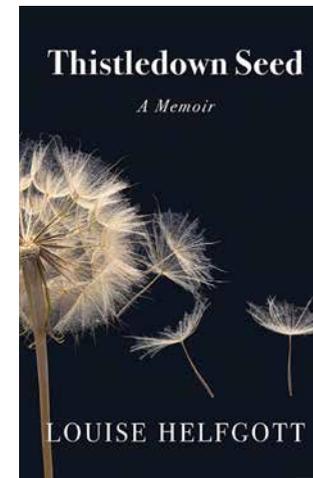
THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024 AT 5.30 – 6.30PM

Interweaving fiction and memoir in multiple threads, *Thistledown Seed* follows the displacement and violence of the Holocaust for a Polish family who subsequently settle in Western Australia.

Louise Helfgott is an award-winning writer with a PhD in Creative Writing from Edith Cowan University.

Louise will be live, in conversation, discussing *Thistledown Seeds* with Dr Rashida Murphy, author of the novel *The Historian's Daughter* (UWA Publishing, 2016) and a collection of short stories titled *The Bonesetter's Fee & Other Stories* (Spineless Wonders, 2022).

[library.vincent.wa.gov.au/events/thistledown-seed-in-conversation/2904?c=12](https://library.vincent.wa.gov.au/events/thistledown-seed-in-conversation/2904?c=12)



**Where:** City of Vincent Library Local History Centre

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings are essential as places are limited.**

**Email:** [local.history@vincent.wa.gov.au](mailto:local.history@vincent.wa.gov.au)

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# EVENTS

## MARCH

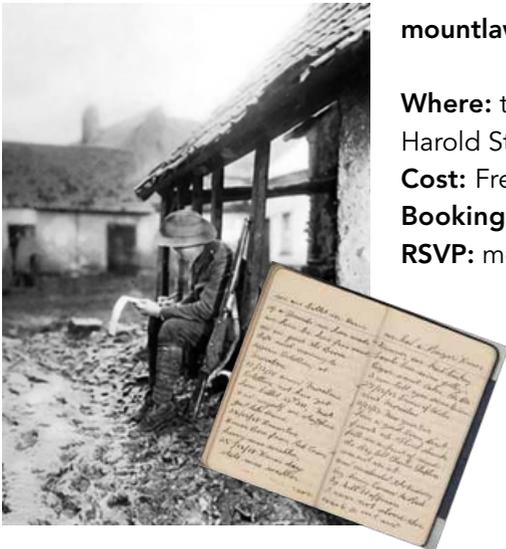
### THE TRANSCRIPTION AND STORY OF JOSEPH ROSENTHAL'S WORLD WAR I DIARY

**MONDAY 25 MARCH 2024 | 7PM**

Joseph Rosenthal was a stretcher bearer on the Western Front during World War I. He also kept a diary – 180 pages of tightly written words, in the prose of the times, describing his movements, experiences and thoughts – without judgement or censorship.

This tiny diary holds three and a half years of detail of one man's life as a stretcher bearer in WWI – all the slaughter, suffering and destruction, with moments of joy, humour and much camaraderie.

Amongst all the destruction and death, there are moments to make you smile. In December 1918, Joseph writes *"We had a bonza Xmas dinner. We had turkey, lamb, beer, wine, jelly, cigars, sweet cakes etc. etc. I can tell you, some dinner."*



[mountlawleysociety.org.au/coming-up](http://mountlawleysociety.org.au/coming-up)

**Where:** the Forrest Park Croquet Club, 66  
Harold Street, Mt Lawley

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings are essential as places are limited.**

**RSVP:** [mountlawleysociety@gmail.com](mailto:mountlawleysociety@gmail.com)

**MLS** ON **HERITAGE**  
MOUNT LAWLEY SOCIETY EST. 1977

# WHAT'S NEW:

# BOOKS!

## Just Your Typical Digger by Raymond Stewart Middleton, 2012

This is a family history and autobiography written by Ray Middleton 1917 – 2010. Ray attended Highgate Primary and Perth Modern Schools. He enlisted with his brother Alan, as a scout in the Mount Lawley Troop, at the Methodist Church in Walcott Street at the age of 11. After Scouts, he joined Army Cadets and then enlisted in the 11/16th Citizens Militia Force (CMF).

He left Perth Modern when he was 15 and later started working for the Public Works Department (PWD) as a department messenger boy. By 1938 he was a sergeant in the intelligence section of the CMF. In May 1940 he enlisted as a volunteer for the AIF. Before he was sent to Northam Army Camp, Ray completed his accountancy training.

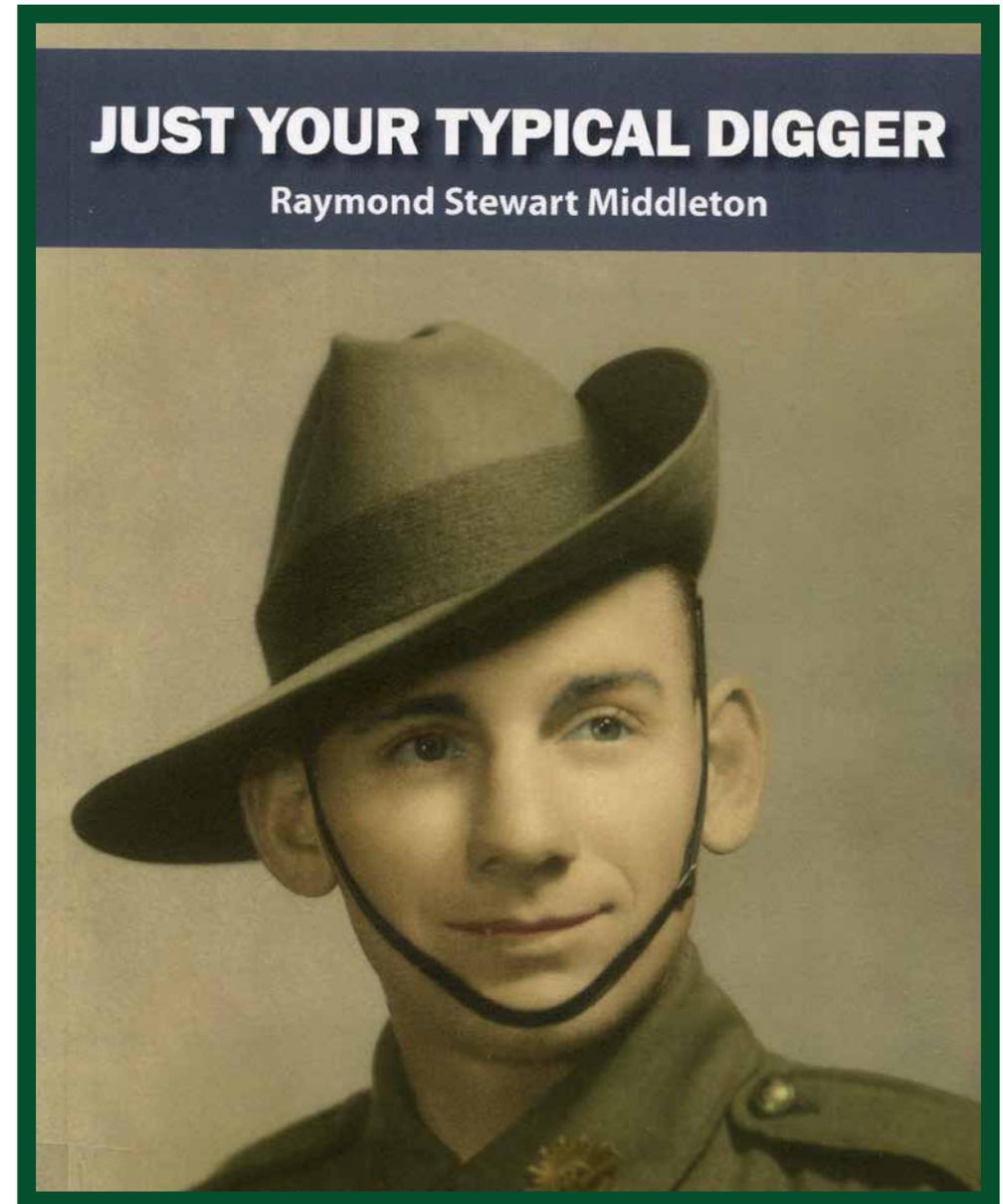
He later enlisted in the 2/16th Battalion and became one of the celebrated Rats of Tobruk. He was a POW for three years and during that time he continued his studies. Ray was qualified in economics, cost accountancy, and teaching. He was a business degree foundation professor in NSW, pioneered an accounting practice in Derby, and in retirement was the president and journal editor for the 2/28th Battalion.

Ray acknowledges his family:

*"Without extensive support from my wife and family, very little would have happened."*

*[My wife] "Orma loyally followed me from house to house until we built our own in Como and years later gave up [her] security to stick with me in New Guinea, Lismore, and Derby before some sort of stability came in our so-called retirement years."*

Ray Middleton's self-published life history, "Just Your Typical Digger," is available to read in the Local History Centre.



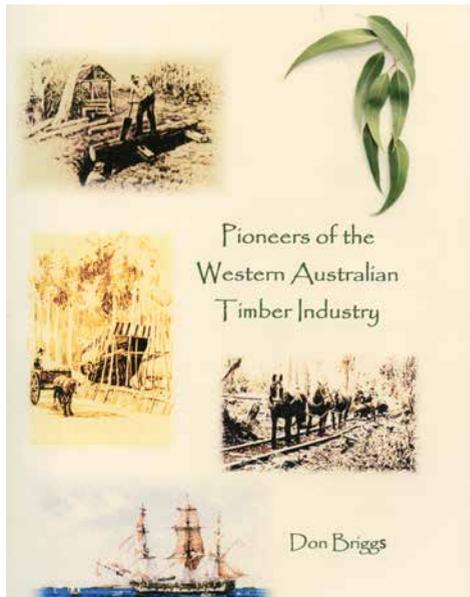
# SUBURB HISTORIES NOW ONLINE

## Pioneers of the Western Australian Timber Industry by Don Briggs, 2022

In February 2024, author Don Briggs visited the City of Vincent Local History Centre to talk about his research on the Pioneers of the Western Australian Timber Industry. He presented the stories and exploits of ten pioneers who established the timber export business and built the infrastructure of the industry across the Southwest.

Don's work, on the early history of the trade and export of the state's rich timber resources, is illustrated using original plans and paintings and is meticulously documented and referenced. Tales of ships and steamers, trains and railway lines, horse-drawn carts, and steam engines. Bridges, jetties, and ports:

*"The lives, stories, and experiences of the pioneers of the Western Australian Timber Industry rely upon the history behind the enterprise – the exploration of the south-west coastline, identifying native plants and trees, the establishment of settlements – King George III Sound (Albany), Augusta (Flinder's Bay), Leschenault (Bunbury), Vasse (Busselton) and the Swan River colony (Perth) – the Indigenous population, immigration from overseas, the infrastructure, entrepreneurs, and the working people who made it all possible."*



A copy of the self-published book: Pioneers of the Western Australian Timber Industry. Creators of export and trade, is available to read in the Local History Centre.

You can read a brief history of each of Vincent's suburbs on the City of Vincent's Local History Centre webpage



North Perth



Leederville



Mount Hawthorn



Highgate



Mount Lawley



West Perth



East Perth



Lost Vincent

North Perth, Leederville, Mount Hawthorn, Highgate, Mount Lawley, West Perth, East Perth and Lost Vincent.

Intrigued? Find the suburb histories here:

[library.vincent.wa.gov.au/local-history-centre/stories](http://library.vincent.wa.gov.au/local-history-centre/stories)



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## IMAGE LIBRARY

Did you know the City of Vincent Local History Collection Image Library contains over 6000 photos of people, places and events in the suburbs of Vincent?

You can browse by suburb, subject or keyword at:  
[www.cityofvincent.imagegallery.me/site/welcome.me](http://www.cityofvincent.imagegallery.me/site/welcome.me)



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