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The National Library's TROVE website was offline in February to upgrade to Trove 7, improving access as this resource grows and demand increases. However, there are now issues regarding funding cutbacks which may affect TROVE and its content partners. As this is an invaluable free resource, which no other country in the world comes near to matching, an [online petition](#) is circulating and we must hope that it is effective in securing full funding of TROVE.

It was rewarding to see our *Discover the history of your house* workshop book out so quickly. If you missed out, visit our web page *Researching your house* to find a [brochure](#) to guide you in what you can find online. We are happy to assist if you can come into the Local History Centre or contact us if you have any questions.

April 15 marks 100 years since Pte John Porter was handed the keys to Anzac Cottage. Please come along to our celebration on 27 April to hear the amazing story of this Australian icon.

Lyn Kane Dale, who brought us her grandmother's story *Maggie's Trunk*, is returning in May, by popular demand, to screen her documentary *Lady Soldiers*.

Julie Davidson
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What's New in ancestry library edition

Australian records –

- Australia, Commonwealth Public Service Lists, 1904, 1920
- Australia, Pastoral Directories, 1913-1954
- Queensland, Police Gazette Index, 1881-1945
- Victoria, Police Gazettes, 1914-1924
- South Australia, Police Gazettes, 1927-1947
- Western Australia, Convict Records, 1846-1930
- Western Australia, Railway Records, 1872-1949

UK records

- UK, Shipping and Seamen WWI and WWII Rolls of Honour, 1914-1945
- UK, Police Gazettes, 1812-1902, 1921-1927
- Northamptonshire, Church of England Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, 1532-1812
- Northamptonshire, Church of England Marriages, 1754-1912
- Northamptonshire, Church of England Baptisms, 1813-1912
- Northamptonshire, Church of England Burials, 1813-1912

Canada

Canada, Obituary Collection, 1898 – 2015

Users of Ancestry can now email and save records to their own Discovery Page.

Family history help on Wednesdays: We now have two Friends of Local History volunteers to help you with your family history research on most Wednesdays.

Family history tip

Ancestry retire Family Tree Maker

From the end of 2016 Ancestry will cease supporting the Family Tree Maker software package, due to a declining desktop software market. The package for the storage and management of family tree information was removed from sale at the end of 2015. They are concentrating on their online family tree development. This means that those with the package will no longer be able to synchronise it with their Ancestry account.

See the March issue of ***Who do you think you are?*** for alternative suggestions.

The busy person's guide to beginning family history research

Are you new to family history research or thinking that you should get started?

Is it something that you have promised yourself to do when you get time?

Help is at hand in June when we will have Lee-Ann Atkinson from the WA Genealogical Society (WAGS) coming in to present '*The busy person's guide to beginning family history research*'. This will cover getting started, the resources available and how to go about your research in an organized manner! In the meantime ponder this question –

Do you know the names of your great grandparents?

If not, are there living relatives who will be able to answer this question?

What you can do now is talk to your living relatives and find out as much as you can about your parents, grandparents and great-grandparents and any other family members of interest.

Ask them to show you photographs and name the people in them. Make copies and note any relevant information. It often helps with elderly people to have a photograph to look at and discuss the story around it, you may then discover more than just asking a question would reveal.

If you are able to do so it may also be useful to record your conversations on your mobile phone. (The Local History Centre can lend you a simple recorder if you need one.) You may think you will remember it all or make short notes, but later forget the details.



The Feakes family of North Perth, 1926

This will give you a starting point, then later you can research it properly to find the official records, as memory is a subjective thing and stories can morph over the years!

You can also begin to collect copies of birth, marriage and death certificates which are in the family as these are invaluable starting points. Letters and diaries can also be very useful.

Then... come along to our session with Lee-Ann Atkinson on 15 June and be guided in how to proceed in an organized manner so that you don't become overwhelmed with it all!

Once you are ready to really get started with your research the Local History Centre has three computers where you can sit quietly and dedicate your concentration to your online research. There is free access to the subscription database *Ancestry* and assistance from staff and volunteers when you need advice.

AND don't forget to enter your (or your relatives) photographs and stories of life in Vincent into our Local History Awards which close on 27 June 2016. You don't need to be a resident to enter – just have a Vincent story or photograph. You could be the inaugural winner of the Geoffrey Bolton Award – Life in Vincent!

New in our Image Library

Sporting teams of Leederville School

Were you or your family members in sports teams at Leederville School between the 1930s and 1960s?

The Local History Collection has acquired a series of large mounted team photographs, which needed a home following the closure of the Leederville Primary School in its 99th year in 1993.

We have digitized 17 photographs using our Local History Centre copy camera and stand and they can be viewed with team member's names in the [Local History Image Library](#).

Leederville School 'B' Grade Football Premier Team 1940.



Back row l-r: M David, R Mitchell, R Holden, R Berg, W Campbell, R Powell, K McGrath, A Morey, A Hammersley

Middle row: L Gordon, C Smith, J Nettle, E Chapple, J Robertson, F McKinley, R Schipp, C Hawkins, A Poole

Sitting: Mr K O'Dwyer (Sports Master), A Reilly, J Patterson (Captain), Mr T Harper (Head Master), C Hatch (Vice Captain), C Brown, Mr R G Peter (Coach)

Front row: G Baker, D Lindsay

Leederville School 'B' grade Football Team Premiers 1962

Back row l-r: G Wells, K Hazell, D Cugley, P Farrel (Coach), T Priolo, L Licari, R Godfrey

Middle row: J McCavanagh, D Liddelow, P Hancock, R Ryan, J Waters, K Brown, T Stehn

Sitting: J Kokis, T Mola, G Etrelezis, R King, L Dunne, J Gentili, D Smith Front row: J Jeffreys, L Gray, B Dunn



Leederville School 'A' Grade Basketball Team Runners up 1964:

Back row l-r: N Kodra, K Argyropulos, G Dickson, C Smith, L Whittle, Miss Horsfall

Front row: S Tymczuk (Vice Captain), E Manifis (Captain), L Jones.

We need your photographs!

Family photographs can provide us with so much historical information.



Take a look at these photographs from our Local History Image Library to appreciate this.

R. Pilpel sitting on the verandah of his Walcott Street home, 1933.

Not only does this show the unusual shape of the veranda, but the dress of a small boy at the time and the popularity of the American Indian headdress for fancy dress and games of 'Cowboys and Indians'.



Hilton Matheson ready to go to school, 1936.

Taken just outside Matheson's Grocers shop at 298 Oxford Street, Leederville. Hilton is dressed to attend Aranmore School, with a pith helmet in one hand and paper cone of lollies from the shop in the other hand. Sign behind advertising Fulcreem Custard and Don Jelly.



The Smith family at the rear of 224 Carr Street, Leederville with plumbing workshop behind, 1950s.

Kay and Jack Smith with their son Bill and his two young children sitting in the back of a van. The panel van is a 1950s model. This also shows the fashions of the 1950s across three generations.

The Pittaway family gathered around the kitchen table 1948.

This provides information about kitchen trends of the 1940s, plus it includes three generations gathered for a family meal.



Do you have photographs to enter into our Local History Awards for a \$100 prize?

TOTAL
\$1,800
PRIZE MONEY
OVER 3 SECTIONS

LOCAL HISTORY AWARDS 2016



CITY OF VINCENT

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LIFE IN VINCENT

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Or visit the library website for more information: www.vincent.wa.gov.au/library

TIME TO START WRITING!

ANZAC Cottage: the first 100 years

The construction of Anzac Cottage in Kalgoorlie Street, as a memorial built to house a returned wounded soldier, was the brainchild of the Mount Hawthorn Progress Association, which was formed to foster the development of the new suburb. At their second general meeting in April 1911 the agenda items included:

- the alteration of the tram terminus and destination boards
- the improvement of the Mount Hawthorn side of Monger's Lake
- improvement to the reserve at the end of Oxford Street
- that Auckland, Dublin, Robinson, Edinburgh, and Wittenoom Street extensions be referred to the Council for urgent consideration before any other road work
- protest against the appointment of a person from outside Mount Hawthorn district to the vacancy on the School Board
- to enquire into the number of consumers willing to be connected if the electric lights were extended along Coogee Street and Government Road to Kalgoorlie Street.

It is fascinating that they decided to initiate a monument to the historic landing in Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915, in the form of a cottage, with the object of perpetuating the name of Anzac in their district. This was a massive community project which resulted in the cottage that was built in a day.

Private John Cuthbert Porter with his wife and daughter moved in on 16 April 1916. Three more daughters were born in the cottage.

Marjorie, who was born in the front room in 1921, and is now 95, is seen here with her daughter Anne Chapple at the Centenary celebrations on 12 February 2016.

In an interview in our collection she recalled her childhood there:

We always used to go over the road and get our morning's wood sticks to start the fire. There was no gas or electricity for cooking then, so we'd have to do that. We had brass doorknobs, brass light fittings. That was our job - to keep them shiny. Every Saturday morning we had those jobs to do. Mother was quite house-proud and she was very fond of polished boards and things like that. And the front lawn was always immaculate, fences always maintained. She was a little bit frightened that Vic Kelsall lived over the road. Well he was the son of one of the committee men that organised this house, and she wouldn't like anything to go...even a picket to be loosened...oh no, everything had to be up to date and the top.

She also commented:

Well, it was our home. I didn't think it was anything special but I used to wonder why people would bother to stop and read the inscription out at the front gate. You know, why should they read what it said about our house? But I always remember hearing my Dad walk down the side path on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day and put the flag up - which he did religiously. That never went by the board, ever.

Come and join us in a celebration of the centenary of Anzac Cottage and hear Marjorie's daughter, Anne Chapple, tell the story of the first 100 years of Anzac Cottage. A special commemorative souvenir will also be given to attendees.



Discovering the ANZACs post-war

The National Archives of Australia (NAA) has released sets of repatriation records for returned WW1 service men and women.

They are the original medical, hospital and pension records, of those who applied for a pension or a benefit, from the then Repatriation Department.

The NAA holds 600,000 repatriation records in its collection and they are now available to researchers. The huge collection is being described and records are being digitised by the NAA, as part of a \$3.4 million national Anzac centenary project.

<http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/after-the-war>

After the war

Share this page

A growing number of Australian profiles on *Discovering Anzacs* have a repatriation record attached which shows what happened to that person after the war.

What are repatriation records?

- Repatriation records for World War I servicemen and women originated with the Repatriation Department (later the Department of Veterans' Affairs).
- They include medical, hospital and pension records from when the person returned home until their death.
- The National Archives holds 600,000 Australian repatriation files in its collection.

How do you find them?

To discover whether your own relative has a repatriation file:

- select the NameSearch tab on RecordSearch
- enter the surname
- choose 'Repatriation cases' in the category box
- either display the selected records or refine the search with further information.

Increasing numbers of repatriation records are being digitised. If you would like to purchase a copy of your relative's file, you can order it online. If your search found just one result, click the 'request copy' link on the right hand side of the page. If your search found multiple results, click on the entry for the serviceperson you are interested in, then click on the 'request copy' link on the right hand side of the page.

What if you can't find a repatriation record?

Not all returning servicemen and women had a repatriation file, only those who sought a pension or benefits.

If you don't find your relative immediately in RecordSearch, remember to search again in a month or two. We'll be adding the description of more repatriation records in coming months.

You can search for your ancestor by surname in RecordSearch on the NAA website.

In RecordSearch, select the NameSearch tab, type in the surname and select **Repatriation cases (Boer War and WW1)** from the drop down menu, category of records. See below.



RecordSearch

Your story, our history

Basic search Advanced search **NameSearch**

NameSearch

Family name

Category of records

Use exact spelling

FROM THE FRIENDS OF LOCAL HISTORY

HOT DAYS, WARM EVENINGS AT THE BEAUFORT ARMS HOTEL ...and a sausage thief!

During this late summer heat wave, spending an evening with friends over a cold drink is perfect. So what better way to introduce a story about a hotel!

The Beaufort Arms Hotel is thought to be the first hotel constructed north of Newcastle Street, located at 167 Beaufort Street, on the corner of Ellen (now Newcastle) Street . It is currently an IGA supermarket.

The following is a precis of an article researched and written by Michelle Vercoe and edited by Julie Davidson.

The first entry in the Perth rate books is **1884**, when the property was owned by **J R Mews**, a contractor. It consisted of a house, stables and paddock. He then sublet to **Richard Bowyer Smith**, who occupied the house and land which faced onto Beaufort Street. Mews occupied the stables and grounds, and his occupation changed to publican. (R B Smith has an interesting story of his own as by 1876 he had invented the stump jump plough, an agricultural tool that became invaluable for clearing land.)

In **1886 Stephen Henry Parker**, lawyer and politician, purchased the property, plus many others in Perth. He was a member of the WA Legislative Council, Chairman of the Perth City Council and later Mayor, followed by Colonial Secretary from 1892 to 1894.

John Joseph Smith, a publican, took up residence with his family in the house and grounds in **1886**, following the purchase by Parker. An application was made to the Licensing Board to convert the house to a hotel to be named the "**BEAUFORT ARMS HOTEL**". Permission was granted, provided an extension be made for accommodation.

Subsequent owners of the hotel were:

STANLEY BREWERY COMPANY from the early **1900s**. This brewery advertised its beer as '*Nutritious Body Ale. Superior to any imported*' costing 4 pounds per hogshead (54 imperial gallons.)

WESTRALIA HOTELS PTY LTD from around **1934 to 1962**.

SWAN BREWERY from **1963** onwards.



1969 (Courtesy SLWA, Battye Library 113149PD)



1933 (Courtesy SLWA, Battye Library 102065PD)

Licensees did not appear to stay long, often changing annually, although in **1908 William Albert Otto Schruth** became the publican and remained there until 1920. During World War I he faced some issues. According to the "The Migration Heritage of NSW" website:

“German business and individuals were under constant scrutiny. The Alhambra Café, Schruth’s Beaufort Arms Hotel and Mrs Carlhausen’s Wine Saloon in 46 Beaufort Street, Perth were under surveillance. It was reported that the wine saloon was frequented by a number of Alien Enemies and Naturalised Aliens. Amongst them are a large percentage that are disloyal.”

In 1916 there was a major disturbance in the city involving New South Wales soldiers. Some went to the Beaufort Arms Hotel. The *Northern Times*, 8 January 1916 reported:

A small section of the rioters demanded free drinks at the Beaufort Arms Hotel in Beaufort Street, and the proprietor had no alternative but to grant the request; but when they attempted to induce Schruth, the proprietor, to lend them half a sovereign he demurred. They then broke out, and some went outside where they chanced upon a butcher's cart and seized the contents, and with strings of sausages, etc., went back to the bars and played havoc among the bottles and glasses, which were soon flying in all directions. The police eventually quelled this disturbance.

In **1970** the name changed to the **“NEW BEAUFORT HOTEL”** where Bed and Breakfast was advertised for **“ \$4.50 with concessions for sporting clubs”**.

By **1977** the hotel name appears to have changed back to the **“BEAUFORT HOTEL”**.



Lone Star Saloon and City Backpackers HQ, 1996 (Courtesy SLWA, Battye Library b3970412_2)

However **1981** saw a big name change to the **LONE STAR SALOON** with the accomodation provided as **CITY BACKPACKERS HQ**.

Both were closed down in **November 1996** and the building was demolished in **February 1997** to make way for the Northbridge Tunnel.

Access the [full article](#) on the Beaufort Street Callout page.

If you have any further information or photographs on this hotel please contact us!

Beaufort Street History Project Callout

In 2016, we would like to capture more of the history of Beaufort Street, for our Local History Collection, through interviews and photographs. **Can you help?**

Are you a long term or former resident? Do you have a business or know a former business owner that we can contact? Do you have photographs?

We're dedicated to preserving Vincent's wonderful local history – and we encourage you to get in touch with us, no matter how small your contribution – it all becomes part of the Local History Collection. Note: we can take copies of your original material and return it to you if need be (we don't keep anything unless it is kindly donated to us).

Brief History of Beaufort Street

The area that developed to the north of the early township of Perth up to Walcott Street was originally known as Highgate Hill. Beaufort Street was the main road leading out from Perth to Highgate Hill, although originally the section between Lincoln and Walcott streets was named Burt Street.

Highgate Hill subdivisions were advertised from 1885, but by 1895 there were only two houses and a corner grocer along Beaufort Street between Brisbane and Lincoln streets. Lincoln Street to Harold Street was more developed with 10 houses and a grocer on the right and St Alban's Church and three houses on the left side. Development was rapid in the early 1900s when the population of Perth increased dramatically. Many of those houses and shops remain standing today.

Beaufort Street businesses have seen many changes over the last thirty years and Highgate has again become a popular residential and commercial area. Increased construction of buildings containing apartments, shops and offices has raised the number of singles and couples in the area. It also attracts visitors for its cafes and restaurants.

Contact the Local History team at local.history@vincent.wa.gov.au or call 9273 6550

Did you know that possibly the first café in Beaufort Street was Haritz at 562-564 in the mid-1980s? (Subsequently the premises of Cash Convertors, Lawleys Bakery, Bagels on Beaufort and now Dainty Dowager restaurant).

Haritz, according to former councillor Dudley Maier, was a play on the name of the two people who owned it. It was Harry and Rita and they were tying it in with Harrods, so apparently they used the Harrods' colours.

He recalled that,

Harry was the cake maker and they were pretty swish cakes. So the first weekend it opened, I think on the Sunday we went five times. I'm not exaggerating.

So they opened just as a cake shop and were very successful. Then they expanded into the shop next-door. It's where Lawleys is at the moment and it's radically changed the layout. Lawleys has stripped the front off and put on a new front. So they expanded next-door and they started having coffee and sort of light meals. And after that you started to see one or two cafés starting up.

(Extract from interview with Sally Lake & Dudley Maier, 2009)

[Listen](#) to more interviews relating to Beaufort Street.

In-house events

ANZAC COTTAGE: THE FIRST 100 YEARS

Wednesday 27 April 2016

10am – 12 noon

Library Lounge@Vincent

ANZAC Cottage, the house that was built in one day in 1916 has enjoyed a varied and fascinating history in its first 100 years. Join us in a centenary celebration and discover the unique story of its construction, the life of the Porter family, and the fate of the cottage when they no longer lived there.

Presenter: **Anne Chapple**

Bookings essential Cost: Free Includes celebration morning tea



LADY SOLDIERS

Wednesday 11 May 2016

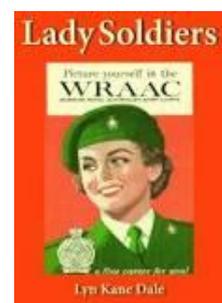
10am to 12.15pm

Local History Centre

Come and watch this interesting documentary made by Lyn Kane Dale and Samantha Bergeson. Lady Soldiers follows the lives of women who enlisted in the forces, and includes humorous and poignant personal reminiscences. Lyn will introduce the film and subsequent book.

Presenter: **Lyn Kane Dale**

Bookings essential Cost: Free Includes light refreshments



BUSY PERSON'S GUIDE TO BEGINNING FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

Wednesday 15 June 2016

10am-12 noon

Local History Centre

Tips on where to start, types of records and information available, and how to go about it in an organised manner, from an experienced member of the WA Genealogical Society.

Presenter: **Lee-Ann Atkinson**

Bookings preferred Cost: Free Includes light refreshments

JOAN LONDON

Wednesday 29 June 2016

10am to 11.30am

Library Lounge@Vincent

Hear Joan talk about her writing, including the prize winning novel, *The Golden Age*, set in the children's polio convalescent centre in Leederville.

Presenter: **Joan London**

Bookings preferred Cost: Free Includes light refreshments

SPECIAL HERITAGE EVENT

Heritage Factory Tour – Learn traditional craftsmanship behind the scenes

Don't miss out your opportunity to step inside two heritage factories and see how traditional stained glass and heritage roofs are born! Our Heritage Factory Tour gives you the chance to understand the craftsmanship, technology and manufacturing of the products for the restoration of your heritage houses.

Saturday 30 April 2016 9am to 12 noon

Bus service provided for participants. Reservations essential, strict limit of 40

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