



MARY RICHMOND (NEE LYON), JAN ROLEY (NEE LYON) AND IAN LYON, THE CHILDREN OF MOLLY LYON AT THE LAUNCH OF THEIR STORY EXHIBITION
REPRODUCED WITH KIND PERMISSION OF GERARD VAN DIDDEN

Launch of the Their Story Exhibition

On Sunday 28th May the culmination of 9 months of work by members of the society and other local writers was collated and displayed for the official launch of the Their Story Exhibition at the Mundaring District Museum in Mundaring.

The aim of this project was to document the lives of as many women as possible who made a difference in the 'Hills Community' and also to produce a collection of Banners that could be used for future exhibitions.

This project was funded by the Women's Policy Office as part of celebrations of the Centenary of Women's Suffrage in WA

Official guests numbered over 50 and many other relatives and friends of the women featured in the project were present for this launch.

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Also launched on the same day was the book titled "*Patchwork of Memories*" which is an anthology of some of the women's stories featured in the Project.

It was felt by many in the society that the response to the initial invitation to take part in this oral history project was so good and the standard of stories so high that they should be published and perhaps be the start of many more publishing activities.

It is hoped that this collection will inspire others to record and preserve the many stories which must be waiting to be told.

A Social Event

The society is planning an annual dinner to be held in late September. More details of this event will be found in the next newsletter



GST

MHHS now has an ABN and is registered for GST from 1st July. All memberships will be subject to a 10% Goods and Services Tax. For members remitting fees after 1st July please include this in your remittance. A reviewed table of membership fees will be included in the next newsletter.

Talk by Local Author Geoff Blackburn

On Wednesday 7th June Geoff Blackburn author of "*Conquest and Settlement*" an account of the activities of the 21st Regiment in WA entertained members to an interesting talk.

The Regiment was based at the barracks which later became the Mahogany Inn and the Halfway House at the Lakes from where they patrolled the York Road in an effort to protect the settlers in that area.

He bought along with him a 'Brown Bess' Rifle and told us of the difficulties the soldiers had with loading the rifle with gunpowder and shot and how this led to the sayings we all know - 'Going off half cocked' and 'Flash in the pan' - came into use.

Geoff donated a copy of his book, "*The Children's Friend Society*" to our Reference Library. MHHS have also purchased a copy of "*Conquest and Settlement*".

Textile Conservation Workshop

On March 30, the society conducted this workshop which was enthusiastically attended by members and the Mount Helena branch of the Embroiderer's Guild of WA.

The workshop included a demonstration of the laundering of an old piece of embroidered linen, information about conservation including displaying textiles at home, and the packaging and storage of textiles.

At the conclusion of the workshop discussion took place about various treasured textiles owned by the attendees and they received advice on how to conserve them. Some of these items were : a large mounted embroidery detailing flags in regimental colours which was made in the early 1900's, white work, a large unframed canvas family tree and an afternoon dress from the 1890's

Station Masters House

Work on our premises at Glen Forrest by the Wooroloo Prison Work Party is complete. The slabs have been laid, ramp concreted, the trellis in the backyard rebuilt and the fence repaired on Railway Parade. At the conclusion of the work, a barbeque was held to thank the work party.

Can you help?

We are seeking contact details for members of the Egan Family who once resided in Mt Helena, after moving there from the Eastern States.

*Can you help?
If so, please phone Shelley
on: 9295 1194*

Coming events

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| July 5 | Monthly Meeting
7:30pm Old Station Masters House
Show and Tell |
| August 2 | Annual General Meeting
7.30pm Old Station Masters House |
| Sept 6 | Monthly Meeting
7:30 pm Old Station Masters House
Guest Speaker - Kevin Moran, author
of "Sand and Stone" |

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary,
Mundaring & Hills Historical Society Inc.,
P.O. Box 334,
Mundaring WA 6073

I wish to become a member/renew my membership of the Mundaring & Hills Historical Society. I have enclosed my membership fee for this year.

Name(s):.....

Address:.....

.....P/Code.....

Telephone: Day:.....

Night:.....

Signature:.....

MEMBERSHIP FEES	
COUPLE:	\$25
SINGLE:	\$20
PENSIONER:	\$10
PENSIONER COUPLE	\$15
INSTITUTION	\$25
LIFE - SINGLE	\$200
- PENSIONER	\$100

MEMBERSHIP IS RENEWABLE IN JULY EACH YEAR



WE NEED YOU!



*Are you interested in local history or museums?
Can you volunteer some time?*

Please indicate your area of interest by ticking the box:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Organising | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Word Processing |

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