



## THE GUILDFORD ASSOCIATION

HISTORIC GUILDFORD - FIRST SETTLED IN 1829

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# GUILDFORD MATTERS

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## Association Meeting – April 17th 2012

We will have our second formal speaker of 2012 this month.

**Richard Offen**

will speak about

“Our Heritage, Our History”

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm  
in the Mechanic’s Institute

For our April meeting, Richard Offen, the Executive Director of Heritage Perth has accepted our invitation to address members on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Richard Offen was on the staff of the UK National Trust from 1989 until 2003. Before being appointed Executive Director of Heritage Perth, Richard was a founding partner of the heritage consultancy Solutions for Heritage. Richard is a popular lecturer and has been a regular broadcaster on both radio and television. Richard can now be heard every Monday morning with Eoin Cameron on the ABC 720 Breakfast Show.

**Anzac Day Commemorative Service** The Returned Services League, Eastern Regional Sub Branch, will be hosting its annual Anzac Day Commemorative Service on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Guildford War Memorial in Stirling Square. The march will form up at 8.45 am for the service to begin at 9.00 am. This event is growing in stature every year and we look forward to seeing another great turn out from Guildford residents.

**GA Website** – we are looking for a competent volunteer who will be able to assist in the regular maintenance of our web site. This is a project that might suit a poverty stricken student in need of a small stipend and a wonderful CV addition.

**2012 Heritage Festival - Amazing Stories: Innovation & Invention** The National Trust invites you all to experience the festival by taking part in one or more of the amazing events in the WA Heritage Festival Program which runs from 18<sup>th</sup> April through to 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012. From the ingenuity of Aboriginal life on the land, to examples of resourceful ‘make do’ in hard times and the creative use of heritage places in the 21st century, the 2012 WA Heritage Festival celebrates Australia’s heritage - past, present and future. Details can be found on the National Trust WA website [www.ntwa.com.au](http://www.ntwa.com.au) or by phoning Catherine Czerw on 9321 6088 or 0435 475 575. There are lots of local and Guildford related talks and activities to be enjoyed.

**Stirling Memorial Gates** The ceremony for the re-dedication of the Stirling Memorial Gates was attended by His Excellency the Governor Mr Malcolm McCusker and Mrs Tonya McCusker on Tuesday 3 April 2012. The gates had been extensively damaged when a tree branch fell on them during a storm on Boxing Day in 2010. The gates have been beautifully restored by stone mason Mr Guy Weguellin. The rededication ceremony was organised by a committee under the auspices of the Guildford Association and included The Royal WA Historical Society and the City of Swan. Students from the Primary School and Guildford Grammar were led by a piper down Stirling Street and through the Gates - their presentation and behaviour was exemplary as the re-enacted part of the original dedication ceremony. The “Welcome to Country” was given by Indigenous Elder, Richard Wilkes. Speeches were presented by the Governor, Mr. Malcolm McCusker, the Mayor of the City of Swan, Mr Charlie Zannino and the Head Boy from Guildford Grammar School - Hamish Robertson. A bouquet of flowers was presented by the head boy and girl from Guildford Primary School to Mrs McCusker. Music was provided by a band from the Grammar School. The Association is extremely pleased that the restoration of the Stirling Memorial Gates was given a high priority by the City of Swan who managed the ceremony and later provided afternoon tea in the Mechanics’ Institute. On a beautiful autumn day, the re-dedication ceremony was enjoyed by all. Commemorative Brochures of the event will be available from the Guildford Library and the Tourist Bureau.

**Garrick Theatre** - a reminder that “Light shining in Buckinghamshire” is on all the way through to 5<sup>th</sup> May. In November is “Calendar Girls” - no time for a synopsis now but I am told that calendars can be ordered at a cost of \$20 each by emailing [garrickcalendar@hotmail.com](mailto:garrickcalendar@hotmail.com) - who knows who you might recognise there.

All profits will be donated to Ovarian Cancer Australia

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