

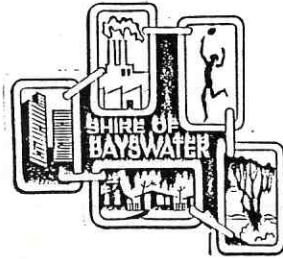
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In 1991 Ruth Sunits took on the task of editing a Newsletter for the Society and two editions were produced in September and October. Unfortunately due to work commitments Ruth was unable to continue in this role, but the thanks of all our members are extended to her for the valuable contribution she made in that first vital formative year.

As new members of the Society, who only joined this year we somehow found ourselves as Co-Editors of the Newsletter. It is a joint effort, of composition, proof reading, photocopying and collation but the word processing is done by Jo (thanks again to Ruth Sunits who loaned me books and encouraged me to learn to touch type) as Betty who can handle most forms of 20th century technology still hasn't mastered the Macintosh Plus.

We felt the publication should have a name other than the Bayswater Historical Society Newsletter, so after consulting The Universal English Dictionary for the derivation of historical, we found it came from either the Latin historicus or the Greek historikos meaning pertaining to history or historical and chose the Greek word adding it to the first syllable of Bayswater to give us a title.

When the Society decides on a logo it can appear on the cover but for this addition we used the three logos used for Bayswater from the beginning of the century to the present day. We hope you approve of the cover design.

As the Editors we would like the publication to be interesting, informative, original, well presented and a forum for stimulating ideas in our search for information on the Bayswater of the past in order that we may record its history for residents of the future.

Many members feel strongly about things, Others have excellent memories. We all have stories to tell of past experiences, Tell us about them, submit articles and items for publication, Letters to the Editor, drawings, sketches, maps or photographs. They will be more than welcome and will be safely returned, Please observe any copyright laws if sending photocopied material or quoting from something. Don't overlook the fact that a copy of all newsletters must by law go to the Battye Library, Western Australian History Collection, so whatever we produce will become part of Western Australia's history. Exciting eh? Maybe between us we can eventually put together a history of Bayswater.

May we remind you that this is your newsletter not the Editors' or the Committee's, and the success or failure of the venture depends on the co-operation of all members of the Society. So start looking for a pencil and send in material for the next issue.

The Editors.
Bayhistorikos.

FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

During our first year the Society has grown substantially and gathered much in the form of old photographs and memorabilia. Membership has increased from 45 members at inauguration to 89 members currently.

Thanks must be given to last year's committee for their efforts and to all who assisted at the various fund-raisers. Not only were "Back to Baysie Day", Halliday House opening, and the Garden Fair very successful but also enjoyable for all.

The Society is now at a critical stage of its development. We urgently need the help and involvement of you, the members, in researching and recording our history. In particular we need to re-establish sub-committees for research, oral histories and cataloguing of photographs and histories. Those interested will find their involvement not only fascinating but also very rewarding.

By piecing together the information, photographs and other memorabilia gained from research and oral histories, we pave the way for a book on the area's history and items of interest for an historical house in Bayswater. We have already collected many photographs and items of interest which need to be catalogued.

Please register your interest in assisting us in any of the areas mentioned above by phoning either Grace Hardie on 271 6871, or myself on 271 4740.

We look forward to a year of growth and direction in preserving our past.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Warne.
6th May 1992

A quest for identity

BAYSWATER Historical Society wants an identity and has asked the public to provide one.

It has launched a logo competition open to local schools and the public with a \$50 prize for the winning submission.

Spokesman Marlene Robinson said the logo should reflect the suburbs covered by the society — Bayswater, Meltham, Noranda, Bedford, Whatley Park, Embleton, Morley and Hampton Park.

The society's objectives are:

- The collection and recording of Bayswater's history.

- To collect, classify and preserve records and objects relating to WA's history in general and Bayswater in particular.

- To promote public interest and support for preserving historical records, buildings and sites.

Invitations to enter the competition have been sent to all schools.

Anyone wishing to participate should send their entries to Bayswater Historical Society, 10 Burnside Street, Bayswater, 6053, by June 30.

Judging is on July 13.

For more information call Grace Hardie on 271 6871.

Bayswater Historical Society (Inc)

CONSTITUTION

(abridged)

NAME:

The name of the Society is Bayswater Historical Society (Inc).

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To collect, collate and record in permanent form the history of Bayswater.
2. To obtain a building of historical significance within the City of Bayswater as a permanent home and museum, for the preservation, display and safe keeping of any items of memorabilia related to Bayswater.
3. To create an information centre for the dissemination of history about Bayswater.
4. To generate a strong civic pride in the City of Bayswater from all sections of the community.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Society is open to any person or corporation prepared to support the aims and objects of the Society.

Categories of Membership.

1. **Ordinary Member. (including corporations.)**
2. **Family Member.**
3. **Concession Member.**
4. **Honorary Member.** Has rendered outstanding service to the Society. Holds honour for life. Not more than one elected in any one calendar year.
5. **Patrons.** Has rendered outstanding service to the Society. Holds position as determined by Committee. There shall be no more than 3 patrons at any one time.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS:

The Secretary shall, on behalf of the Society, keep and maintain a register of members and shall cause the name of a person who dies or ceases to be a member to be deleted from that register.

DUES:

A person or corporation may become a member by written application on forms provided by the Society accompanied by the appropriate fee for one year to the Honorary Treasurer.

The Society may determine from time to time the amount of annual dues. Dues shall be payable on such date as determined by the committee on joining and renewed annually.

A member whose subscription is not paid within three calendar months of the due date shall cease to be a member unless the Committee decides otherwise.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF SOCIETY:

A member who resigns is still liable for any outstanding dues due the Society.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:

Any member considered to be acting in a manner deemed to be contrary to the general good of the Society may be liable to have membership suspended on a two thirds majority vote of members.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT:

The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a **Committee of Management** called 'The Committee', consisting of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than 3 other persons, duly elected at an Annual General Meeting.

The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

Shall preside at all meetings of the Society. The Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson is a member ex officio, with legal right to vote, on all sub-committees.

The Secretary.

Shall give notice of and attend all meetings of the Society, shall keep records of their doing, shall conduct correspondence and keep a register of the members of the Society.

The Treasurer.

Shall keep an account of all monies received and expended on behalf of the Society. The Treasurer shall deposit all sums received, in a bank or banks, Building Society etc., as approved from time to time by the Society and make a report to the Society at the Annual General Meeting or whenever called upon to do so by the Chairperson.

Funds may be drawn upon only with the signatures of one of the two authorised Committee members other than the Treasurer. The funds, books and vouchers in the care of the Treasurer shall at all times be under the supervision of the Society, and subject to its inspection and control. At the expiration of the term of office of the Treasurer, he or she shall deliver over to the successor all books, monies and other property.

When a casual vacancy occurs within the Committee, the Committee may appoint a member of the Society for that vacancy. A member so appointed shall hold office until there is an election for that office at the next Annual General Meeting.

The Committee shall meet together when called upon by the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson to do so.

A quorum shall consist of four members of the Committee of Management.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

The Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held in the month of March of each year and members shall be given notice in writing at least twenty one days before such meeting giving all details of proposed business.

The annual report and financial statement shall be submitted to members at the Annual General Meeting.

Election of officers for the ensuing twelve months shall take place at the Annual General Meeting together with any other business mentioned in the notice paper convening the meeting.

GENERAL MEETINGS:

General Meetings, other than the Annual General Meeting, shall take place monthly at a time and place to be determined by the Committee.

A quorum for a general meeting shall consist of six members present.

VOTING RIGHTS:

Members present or by proxy at a meeting are entitled to a vote, including properly authorised delegates from corporation members.

ASSETS:

A register shall be maintained by the Society of its assets, i.e., real estate, books, maps, photographs, letters, notes, tapes, or any other memorabilia catalogued as closely as possible to recognised Library standards.

The Treasurer, or other member as may be appointed from time to time by the Society, will be the custodian of this register of assets.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

This constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in part or all by a two thirds majority vote of the members of the Society at any duly organised meeting of the Society. The proposed changes shall be mailed to the last recorded address of each member at least twenty days before the time of the meeting which is to consider the change.

COMMON SEAL OF THE SOCIETY:

The Society shall have a common seal on which its corporate name shall appear in legible characters. This seal shall not be used without the express authority of the Committee and its use shall be witnessed by any two members of the Committee and recorded. The seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

INSPECTION OF RECORDS ETC., OF THE SOCIETY:

A member may at any reasonable time inspect the books, documents, records and securities of the Society.

DISSOLUTION:

The Society may be dissolved by a resolution in favour thereof carried by three quarters of its members. In the event of the dissolution, the assets of the Society may be disposed of as nearly as possible to the purposes of the Society as stated in this Constitution. In no event shall the assets be distributed to any individual member.

CURRENT FEES:

Ordinary member including corporations.	\$5.00
Family member.	\$7.50
Concession.	\$2.50

MEETINGS

General meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Bayswater Senior Citizens Centre, King William Street, Bayswater at 7.30pm.

Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the same time in the same venue.

Notices will only be sent for Extra-ordinary Meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

Report to No1 Regional Council Quarterly and AGM Meeting at Kalamunda History Village.

by Mrs Monica Everatt,

The Bayswater Historical Society held its inaugural meeting in the Senior Citizens Centre on April 2nd 1991. A good audience, including Mr C Eadon-Clark, agreed to accept the Steering Committee which had organised its formation. Forty five persons applied for membership that evening.

Since then, regular meetings have continued in the same hall, membership is now 85 persons. Several speakers have provided information on the techniques for Oral History and of Localities in our suburb.

Seven members attended the Affiliated Societies' conference at York. As our Chairperson was unable to attend, he arranged for our Vice-Chairperson, Mr Les Lawrence to receive our Affiliation Certificate.

Our meetings are held in the evenings; but, for December, we invited members and friends to an afternoon social where afternoon tea/coffee, special delicacies and memories were shared in a very happy atmosphere.

Not many really old buildings remain in Bayswater. However, building of a home was commenced in 1892 for the family of Mr Henry Thomas **Halliday**, on land first bought by his father, Mr James Halliday in about 1888. The first meeting of the Roads Board was held in the house, and the family remained in occupation for 94 years.

Fairly recently it was been restored, and the owners invited our Society to "Open" it on Australia Day. Publicity in the 'Eastern Suburbs Reporter', 'The Sunday Times' and on radio per Mr Ted Bull was good, and we were surprised to find so many people keen to inspect, to enjoy a cold drink of lemonade, cordial (with a lump of ice, it was a HOT day!), or a Devonshire Tea/Coffee with the scones made by the local bakery, served from the side verandah, and eaten in the beautiful tropical gardens. A well stocked stall sold most of the jams, chutneys, pickles and knick-knacks, and \$966.10 was added to our funds that day.

On Sunday February 23rd, the old Bayswater Hotel held a 'Back to Baysie' day, and the manage invited the Historical Society to share with a display and stall. About 5 persons took Application for Membership forms and well the stocked stall raised further funds. Funds in the bank amount to about \$2,800. We hold our AGM on March 31st.

A house on the corner of Neville and Milne Streets, and built by the father of one of our members, Mr Ellis (his wife is also a member) in about 1916, and overlooking the river, has been vested in Bayswater City Council by the Dept of Planning and Urban Development. As vandals have been busy, it is now fenced, it will take funds and co-operation for several years before it can be used as an Historic House.

Plans are under way for a Competition to design a Logo to reflect the names of the suburbs covered by the Society.

Mrs Shirley Babis attended the last meeting of the No 1 Regional Council. Today she is learning at the Local History Conference, otherwise she would have been present as she enjoyed that last meeting.

Members of Bayswater District Historical Society much appreciate the opportunity to participate in Regional Conferences.

Morning Tea At Parliament House

Dr Judy Edwards MLA the Member for Maylands, has been supportive of the Society since its inception and agreed to be our Patron. On Thursday 30 April 1992, she entertained eleven of our members at a Morning Tea at Parliament House in West Perth.

The members who were able to attend were:

Shirley Babis(Treasurer), Grace Hardie (Secretary), Jo Mazzarol(Co-editor), Monica Everatt (Committee member), Doreen and Len Craddock (Committee member), Eileen and George Ellis, Jean Long, Valma Platt and Jean True.

They spent an enjoyable and informative morning being shown over the House, learning something of its history and watching a member in action in the Assembly, which was in session during the visit. We just missed our new Patron having her say on the floor.

Our thanks to Dr Edwards for her hospitality.



THE HISTORY OF BAYSWATER

Compiled by Betty Mazzarol.

INTRODUCTION:

This is the first of a series of articles which I plan to write on the early history of Bayswater, providing I can obtain the necessary information.

My research to date in both the Battye and the Bayswater libraries has produced results and I also obtained some material from the City of Bayswater's archives. Unfortunately a lot of their records were thrown away when they moved from Slade Street to their current premises.

Historians are only as good as their sources, so any contributions from members will be gratefully received and acknowledged. For the 'episode' on the origin of the name and the history of Bayswater in London, I am indebted to one of our members, Cr Pat O'Hara who received from the Chief executive of the London Borough of Croydon some information in response to a letter he wrote in April 1991.

In subsequent 'episodes' I shall focus on the history of our own locality of Bayswater and why it was named after the historic and attractive area of London discussed in this issue of Bayhistorikos.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME:

The origin of the name given to the area of London, which was formerly part of the Municipal Borough of Paddington and is now included in the City of Westminster and also to the municipality of Western Australia encompassed by this Historical Society, is rather obscure.

According to The Universal Dictionary of the English Language:

Bay	is from the French word 'bai' meaning reddish-brown or chestnut coloured and was used only in reference to a particular breed of horses. Bay horses or Bays were ridden by the English mounted regiment the 2nd Dragoon Guards in 1767 and not only the horses but the regiment itself was referred to as 'The Bays'.
Water	is from either the Old English or Middle English words waeter and wāter or from the Old Saxon word watar. When used as part of the name of a town or city such as Bayswater, it means 'the place where animals such as horses are provided with water for drinking.'

The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Place-Names records Bayswater as:

'Bayards Watering Place' in 1380, 'Bayards Watering' in 1652 and again as 'Bayards Watering Place' in 1654. It adds that, 'Bayard could have been a family name of French origin.

An entry in the Domesday Book of 1086 states:

'In Westminster, Baniard holds 3 hides (300 acres) of the abbot. He received it in the time of Edward the Confessor between 1042-1066'.

An extract from The Encyclopaedia of London says:

'Bayswater probably takes its name, not as is sometimes stated, from Ralph Baynard, a friend of William the Conqueror, but from Baynards Watering, the chief of the districts springs, situated near Queensway, which served originally as a natural drinking place for horses.' The name could easily have been shortened later to Bayswater rather than Bayards Watering as happened for example with Nedlands which was originally called Edwards land.

In 1439, Westminster Abbey granted a water supply from the springs, the Bayswater Conduit, to the City of London. This flowed until 1812, when the water pipes interfered with plans for the development of the Bishop of London's Estate.

I remember a line from a poem I read years ago which referred to Bayswater in London as -'The place where the Bays come down to water.'

It seems most probable therefore that the name originated from the springs which served as a natural drinking place for horses rather than from the name of a particular person who resided there.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA:

Paddington of which Bayswater forms the southern part is one of the most varied areas in north London, with an exceptionally rich historical past. It is an ancient parish and former Metropolitan Borough, which since 1965 has been part of the City of Westminster.

Initially a country village, surrounded by farms and springs, Paddington is believed to have originated from the followers of Padda, an Anglo-Saxon chieftain who settled near what is today the junction of the Edgware and Bayswater Roads, which were once tracks through the forest and later important Roman roads.

For nearly 1000 years Paddington was owned by the Church and from the 10th century belonged to Westminster Abbey. Despite its relative isolation from the rest of London, the 18th century village of Paddington became a haven for a large number of French Huguenots fleeing from religious persecution. Some of the French nobility settled there as well and the gardens of the Count and Countess de Vandes in Bayswater became famous. In fact gardens were a feature of the area well into the 19th century.

The pastoral charm of 19th century Paddington attracted many artists such as George Morland and Paul Sandby who recorded its rural delights. This changed however from 1801 with the opening of the new section of the Grand Junction Canal which provided a direct trade link between London and the Midlands and brought business to Paddington. The area started to develop in a disjointed manner into a number of well defined though separate districts, one of which was Bayswater.

Development began with 'Tyburnia', known today as Hyde Park Estate, at the eastern end of the Bayswater Road. As it was within easy reach of the City, wealthy merchants and members of fashionable Victorian society moved into the large houses of Bayswater. As the success of 'Tyburnia' became apparent, the impetus of building spread rapidly to the west and Bayswater's magnificent terraces and squares were completed around 1860. One of the grandest conceptions was Lancaster Gate, while one of the oddest was a pair of perfectly matching dummy house fronts at 23-24 Leinster Gardens, built to conceal the surfacing of the District and Circle Railway line.

Many famous people lived in Bayswater. The writer William Makepeace Thackeray made his home there from 1836-1837. Robert Stephenson, the railway engineer lived there from 1647-1859. He was godfather to Lord Baden-Powell founder of the Scouting Movement, who was born at 11 Stanhope Terrace in 1857. Charlotte and Anne Bronte, the novelists were entertained at 26 Bishop's Bridge Road when they visited London in 1848.

At 37-38 Queen's Gardens, Herbert Spencer, the philosopher lived from 1866-1890. Colonel Crompton who installed the lighting at Windsor Castle and the Law Courts also lived in Bayswater and his was the first private house in London to be lit effectively with electricity in 1879. Also the playwright Sir James Barrie lived at 100 Bayswater Road from 1902-1909, where he wrote Peter Pan.

The large mansions of the 19th century inevitably deteriorated and since the 1930's, large sections of Bayswater have been completely re-built. Town houses, flats and shopping centres now surround the surviving 19th century houses. Much of the area is still residential, though in recent years hotels have mushroomed and boarding houses of every description have flourished.

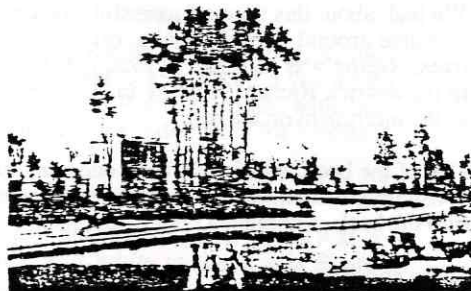
The houses and terraces in Bayswater Road face Hyde Park and span over 200 years of different architectural styles from the small houses of St Agnes Villas built in the 1820's to the extravagant late Victorian Orme Court and Palace Court which flank tiny Orme Square.

Bayswater Road was originally part of the Roman Via Trinobantia and is one of London's most pleasing tree-lined roads. In fact trees are a feature throughout the whole area of Bayswater, the historic and attractive part of the City of Westminster from which our own City received its name.

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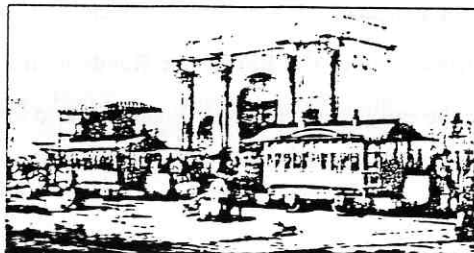
An 18th-century view of Paddington Green round which clustered a group of Georgian houses, of which only two survive nowadays.



Paul Sandby's watercolour of his studio in Paddington, whose pastoral charms attracted many artists in the 18th century before the area was built over.



George Train's 'improved street railway carriage' passing Marble Arch on its way from Bayswater, then the height of fashion, to Paddington in 1861.



MEMORIES OF BAYSWATER

By the late Mr R McLeish JP.

My early life

I was born in 1867 in the small town of Mintarro, approximately 80 miles from Adelaide, South Australia.

In my early years I worked as a farmer at Terrowie, but owing to droughts and low prices I left the farm and moved to Broken Hill, where I became an underground miner in one of the richest silver lead mines in the world.

I worked there for two years and received a first class certificate as a Machine Miner, However I didn't really care for the work and decided to move to the land of opportunity-Western Australia.

Move to Bayswater

So in 1903, I left South Australia with my family and moved to this State, settling in Coode Street, Bayswater where I opened a General Store.

As homes were so few at that time, I was obliged to add butchering, being the only butcher between Perth and Guildford, a distance of 9 miles. Despite my lack of experience in both of these undertakings the residents continued to support me for which I was truly grateful.

Petition for a Subway

At this time, the town was divided by the Perth to Midland railway line, the crossing being some distance east of the station. Because of the inconvenience this caused I called on every home in the district with a petition for a subway. My enthusiasm brought four other residents and myself before the court on a charge of assault on the members of the Bayswater Roads Board. It was proved however that nothing more than their dignity had been injured.

The Cricket and Racing Clubs

We had about this time a successful Cricket Club and a Racing Committee. We'd cleared a course around Meakins Lake, off Coode Street, with headquarters under some large trees. Racing was confined to local horses. When two of them won the first and only cup in the district, Richard Holmes and Co., sent out a cart-load of beer, which greatly added to the merriment on the day.

One of the bookies offered liberal odds on a certain horse in the last race and this attracted considerable attention. When all eyes were on the race the man with the bag disappeared into the bush. Although a search was made on horse back, he could not be found.

Rifle shooting

Another popular sport at the time was rifle shooting and in 1907 I won 3 medals in a three range rifle shoot, State Championship for the highest individual score and for being chosen to represent Australia in a match against England and the USA. For this I received a medal---a coat of arms of three nations. I also took part in a team shoot against Perth in Scotland, receiving a letter from that city congratulating me on my target.

Dissolution of the Bayswater Roads Board

In the early years the Roads Board failed to agree and was dissolved by the Government,

who appointed a Mr Sanderson as Commissioner. After about a year I felt this was a reflection on the local residents, so I arranged a public meeting at which the Board was restored and it carried on continuously from then until it was replaced by the Bayswater Shire and later the Bayswater City Council.

The First World War

In 1911 I left Bayswater and opened a General Store in Kellerberrin. However after 3 years I returned to Bayswater in 1914 and started to build my home. As stonemasons were difficult to get, I put in the foundations myself. War was declared in August of that year. When the Armistice was signed in November 1918, I was in Melbourne with my family and will never forget the intense excitement as people packed the streets to celebrate the coming of peace after 4 years of war. The following year, 1919, we returned home to Bayswater.

The Post Office

About 1930, the Roads Board made a move for a new Post Office in South Crescent between Hamilton Street and Slade Street. The ratepayers were unaware of this proposal but somehow it leaked out. A Business men's Association was formed and a telegram sent to our local Member, Mr A E Mann, to stay his hand as a meeting was to take place. By this time the matter was well advanced.

The Deputy Post Master General, Mr Lloyd and the Secretary of the Federal Postal Department, Mr Reid were present, also the Chairman and Members of the Road Board and our Committee.

To our surprise, the Board backed down. The first speaker to rise being the Chairman of the Board, who said they were quite agreeable to the Post Office remaining where it was but requesting that substantial improvements be made to it. The Secretary, Mr Reid said he was astounded at the meeting as he expected to see skin and hair flying. He mentioned that if the Post Office was to be moved, it should be in the direction of Perth, where the population was increasing. The Board side-stepped this and had a referendum, the voting going against the Board

The Kindergarten

Also in 1930, the local branch of the Kindergarten was in financial difficulties, so the teacher approached me for assistance. A committee was formed and within 3 years we were successful in getting them established in premises in Roberts Street, with the building free of debt. I continued to take an active interest in the Kindergarten for 7 years.

Halliday Park

A property in King William Street known as 'Testers' with its stagnant water was a breeding ground for insects and a menace to health. So I wrote to the Roads Board suggesting that they purchase and reclaim this and also a piece of land in Coode Street, now known as Halliday Park. The Board viewed this proposal favourably.

So in 1930 Mr J Flanigan and I arranged to meet the Board one Sunday morning on the recreation ground with the request that they transform what was then a swamp into the present playing area. The Board agreed and the work was put into operation immediately.

Extension of the Tram Line

Also about 1930, I called a public meeting in the Town Hall for the purpose of obtaining an extension of the tram lines in Beaufort Street and Guildford Road. With the assistance of our Member of Parliament, Mr W D Johnson, we met the Advisory Committee and

were successful in getting these two extensions. At the same time we also obtained some improvements to the Swan River foreshore for swimming.

The Bowling Club

After some years of unsuccessful effort to start a Bowling Club, Mr Anderson became Chairman of the Road Board and we were able to come to some agreement. The Club started with 25 members. I was the foundation President and Mr Collins the Secretary. A pavilion was erected, equipment provided, membership increased and it soon became a successful Club.

The National Fitness Club

It came to my mind that it would benefit the young people of the district if we had a branch of the National Fitness Council. So a public meeting was arranged, the object being to make use of Halliday Park with a building on high ground. This would have given 7 acres of well established turf for games and recreational purposes.

Mr Halliday, the Chairman of the Bayswater Council at the time, remarked that this was one of the best proposals to come before the Council. The meeting was unanimous in its approval of the proposition and a considerable sum of money was collected in support of the proposal. You can imagine my disappointment, as well as that of those who had contributed, when the site was changed to where the building now stands in Murray Street.

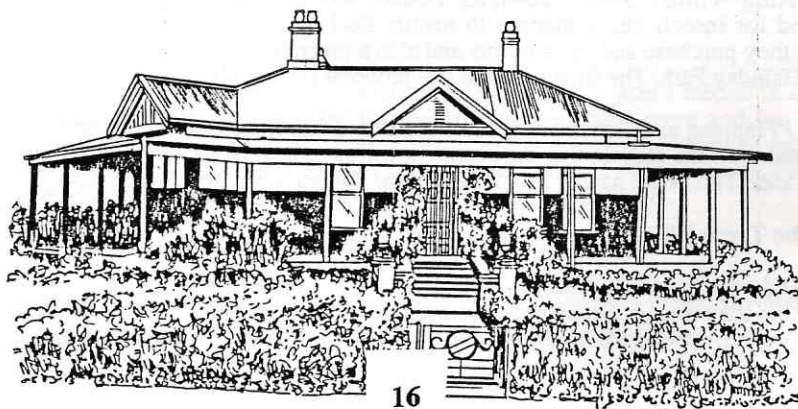
I have seen many changes during my years in Bayswater and I hope younger men and women will use their efforts and influence as we of the older generation have in the progress and welfare of the district.

By courtesy of Mrs Hilda Manuel
(Nee McLeish) daughter of the late Mr R McLeish JP.

"HALLIDAY HOUSE"

114 King William Street, Bayswater

CIRCA 1892



"Halliday House"

Generally known as "Halliday House" this magnificent homestead celebrates its centenary this year. The name given to the home by Henry Thomas and Edith Halliday was in fact "Leighton" after Edith's home town in England, Leighton-Buzzard in Bedfordshire.

It was built by Henry Thomas Halliday, the first Chairman of the Bayswater Road Board. The Board was established in 1897 and early meetings were held in the study at the front of the home.

"Leighton" has been classified by the National Trust both Historically and Architecturally for its classic homestead style.

The original property was situated on 2 lots (each 5 acres) which extended back to Leake Street. It has, of course, since been subdivided and now occupies 1558 square metres.

Still attached to the title is the original right of carriageway, through the bird sanctuary down to the river.

It is thought that the home was built in stages, the original homestead being the hall and rooms on the right hand side.

It remained in the Halliday family for over 90 years and for many years was divided into 2 sections, one half of the home being rented out.

Unfortunately by 1984 the size of the home and garden had become too much of a burden for its elderly owner Rudel Halliday, and most of it had fallen into disrepair.

The very detailed and authentic restoration performed by the new owners, Kingsley Dixon and Lionel Johnston is indeed a credit to them at the same time providing Bayswater with a landmark of real distinction.

Considerable time has been spent on fine details. Such as copying architraves, finding a suitable match for replacement timbers for the Kauri Pine hallway, 100 year old baltic pine used in re-modelling the kitchen, original oil float lamps and other antique fittings used in the restoration, just to name a few.

The 11 room homestead features 7 fireplaces, formal lounges and dining rooms, a study or music room, 4 large bedrooms or 3 with family room, country kitchen, wine cellar, wrap around verandahs and an impressive 54 foot long hallway with ceiling arches.

An unusual feature of the home is the tropical garden, one of the few established in Perth last century, which has also undergone considerable restoration to return it to its former magnificence.

The Bayswater Historical Society were able, due to the generosity of the present owners, to open the home to the public on Australia Day 26th January 1992. We wish to thank Kingsley Dixon and Lionel Johnston who are allowing us to again display their home to the public to mark Foundation Day 1992.

The home, on the corner of King William and Sutherland Streets Bayswater will be open on Sunday 31st May 1992 from 11.00am to 2.00pm 1992.

All members of the Society are asked for their assistance in order to make this opening as successful as the last.

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Honorary Life Membership

Since the Society's formation last year two members have had conferred on them Honorary Life Membership for their outstanding service. Mr Charles Newman received the honour at the Inaugural Meeting on 2 March 1991 and Mrs Grace Hardie, our Secretary at the Annual General Meeting on 31 March 1992.

As Mr Newman did not receive a certificate last year, both he and Mrs Hardie were presented with them at this year's AGM.

Our congratulations and thanks go to both to them for all they have contributed to the Society.

VALE

Ailsa Waghorn

Keith Whatley

Since the Society's formation on 2nd April 1991, two members have died

Mrs Ailsa Waghorn on 11 October 1991 and,

Mr Keith Whatley in March this year.

We are grateful for the contribution they made during their lifetime both to the community and to the Society, which will be poorer for their loss.

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