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Bayswater Historical Society endorses the Yes vote. Former Bayswater resident, Weld Square Primary School and Hampton SHS student, Narelda Jacobs is a strong advocate for the voice to parliament. Neralda grew up in Bayswater and has respectfully and clearly articulated her views over a long period of time.

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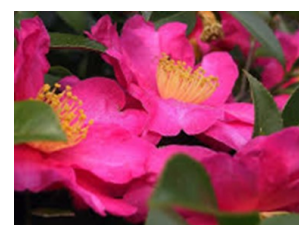
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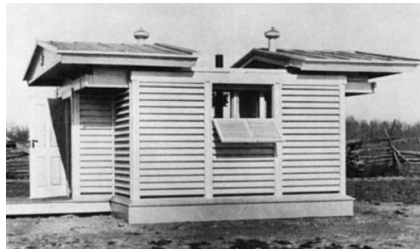

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Note: Our Membership Year goes from 1 September - 31 August each year. A Membership Renewal notice is also attached for your convenience. If paying by EFT, please note member sub and your name. Thank you to all those members that have recently renewed their subscription. The Society is run by volunteers and depends on membership fees and donations. Contact the Secretary if you can support our aims by contributing in any way you are able.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 20 July	BHS Management Committee Meeting 6pm – 7.30pm at Leighton.	Agenda items to Secretary by 10 July. Agenda includes confirming Strategic and Events Plans.
Friday 21 July	Leighton (Halliday House) Volunteer morning 9.30am – 12.00pm. BHS Members encouraged to support our Society by helping with display preparation and research on topics of interest.	Light refreshments and convivial discussion always available. Members able to use resources for research, reading, writing about local history. Bring a friend.
Sunday 23 July	BHS Members & Public Open House View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm.	
Friday 28th July. Also on Fridays 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th of August	Leighton (Halliday House) Volunteer morning 9.30am – 12.00pm. BHS Members encouraged to support our Society by helping with display preparation and research on topics of interest.	Light refreshments and convivial discussion always available. Members able to use resources for research, reading, writing about local history. Special Gardening workshops – planting, maintenance & propagation. Bring a friend.
Sunday 27 Aug.	BHS Members & Public Open House View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm.	
Monday 28 Aug	BHS Annual General Meeting, 6pm start. Venue: Zoom or TBA.	Extra Agenda and Committee nominations forms available from the Secretary. Light refreshments provided.

QUIZ TIME

1. What was the original name of Bayswater before it was renamed in 1901?

- a) Maylands
- b) West Guildford
- c) North Perth
- d) None of the above

2. Which European explorer was the first to visit the area now known as Bayswater?

- a) James Stirling
- b) William Dampier
- c) Dirk Hartog
- d) Abel Tasman

3. What was the main industry in Bayswater during the early 1900s?

- a) Agriculture
- b) Timber milling
- c) Mining
- d) Fishing

4. Which famous Australian artist lived in Bayswater during the 1920s?

- a) Sidney Nolan
- b) Arthur Boyd
- c) Margaret Preston
- d) Albert Namatjira

5. What was the population of Bayswater in 1954?

- a) 10,000
- b) 20,000
- c) 30,000
- d) 40,000

6. Which major road runs through the centre of Bayswater?

- a) Albany Highway
- b) Great Eastern Highway
- c) Mitchell Freeway
- d) Kwinana Freeway

7. What is the name of the park located on the banks of the Swan River in Bayswater?

- a) Riverside Park
- b) Bardon Park
- c) Garvey Park
- d) Claughton Reserve

8. Which famous Australian cricketer was born in Bayswater in 1970?

- a) Ricky Ponting
- b) Shane Warne
- c) Glenn McGrath
- d) Adam Gilchrist

9. What is the name of the historic hotel located in the heart of Bayswater?

- a) The Bayswater Hotel
- b) The Railway Hotel
- c) The Queens Hotel
- d) The Royal Hotel

10. What is the name of the local government area that Bayswater is a part of?

- a) City of Perth
- b) City of Stirling
- c) City of Bayswater
- d) City of Swan

SEE LAST PAGE FOR ANSWERS

Bayswater Historical Society endorses the Yes vote.

At the 22 May Management Committee Meeting the members unanimously endorsed the following:

Motion: That the BHS endorse the following position statement –

“Towards the end of this year, the Australian people will vote in a referendum to enshrine in The Constitution an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

As a humble custodian of Leighton, the Bayswater Historical Society honours the contribution First Nations people have on our history and culture. We recognise the impact a Voice to Parliament could have on better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and the healing moment this would create for future generations of all Australians.

We encourage all members of our Society and community to be informed and to care for the expression of differing opinions. We respect how our members and supporters will choose to vote in the upcoming referendum. We celebrate the differences that give our collective identity as a Society such strength.

The Management Committee support the Yes position in the referendum in what we believe will be a unifying and inspiring moment for our Community and Country.

Moved: Greg Seconded: Wayne. Passed unanimously.

We encourage BHS members to review the below links before making their referendum vote.



FORMER BAYSWATER RESIDENTS NARELDA AND CEDRIC JACOBS

(see references below for more details.)

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-06-18/narelda-jacobs-voice-to-parliament-father-uncomfortable-truths/102454338>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-06-15/narelda-jacobs-talks-about-the-abc-tv-compass-:/102482774>

<https://twitter.com/NareldaJacobs10>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-04-11/indigenous-voice-to-parliament-%E2%80%93-what-you-need-to/102210892>

Halliday history lives on

At our monthly open day in May of 2023 Ralph Halliday dropped by for a visit and brought with him some fabulous family photographs. One of the photographs is of his grandparents, Rudel and Grace on their wedding day in 1923. Rudel and Grace were the last couple to live in what had been the Halliday family home for nearly 90 years. "Leighton" as the home was known was built by Ralph's great grandparents Henry Thomas and wife Edith, c1894. Ralph and his sister Vicki have kindly donated three family photographs to the Bayswater Historical Society and these and many others are on display at the house. Why not visit Leighton to see the wonderful photographs and discover some of the amazing history of Bayswater. Enjoy meeting members and savour some of our delicious afternoon tea. Our open days are held on the 4th Sunday of every month from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The Bayswater Historical Society sincerely thank Ralph and Vicki for their generous donations.



Bayswater Community Day: In memory of the old Baysie Bridge

On Sunday April 30 2023, Metronet sponsored a special community event to celebrate the construction of the new Bayswater railway bridge and farewell the old infamous 1910 bridge. The Bayswater Historical Society established an information stall. The stall was very popular and had almost 100 visitors. Visitors were keen to learn about the history of our railway station and share their own stories about some of the infamous incidents related to the bridge. Local residents, some new to Bayswater and some who have been residents for over 80 years, were all fascinated by the collection of artefacts and display materials organised by Society members. Check out our website if you want to learn more about our own local interesting history. The winner of the "Guess the number of Jellybeans" competition was Nicole with 927 only one off the correct number! We can only wonder how many are left now!

Thanks to Monica for organising the jelly bean competition.



Special visitor to Leighton - Doug Hearle

Sasanqua Hiryu

This month Doug Hearle, a long-time member of the WA Camellia Society as well as a local Bayswater resident visited us in the Leighton (Halliday House) gardens. The Leighton gardens have nine different camellias, a drop in the ocean compared to the 26,000 cultivars throughout the world. We were on the lookout for the first flowering camellia for the season, and to see if Doug knew its name. As a backup, Glen had his trusty you-beaut plant identifier app, "Picture This".

Doug's expertise and experience showed us he was able to tell exactly the names of all the camellia varieties well before Glen's app! Doug quickly identified all our nine varieties as well as pointing out first camellia flowering this season as the Hiryu Sasanqua. This camellia, which originated in Japan and is prized for its flowers that have deep rose-coloured petals with bright yellow centres.

Doug told us that it is hardy and versatile, and that it can be used as a small tree, a hedge, in a pot or you could even espalier it. It is long flowered, so come along to the next open day to see it for yourself!

Thanks to Wendy for organising Doug's visit to Leighton – he's a real natural resource, and a wealth of knowledge.

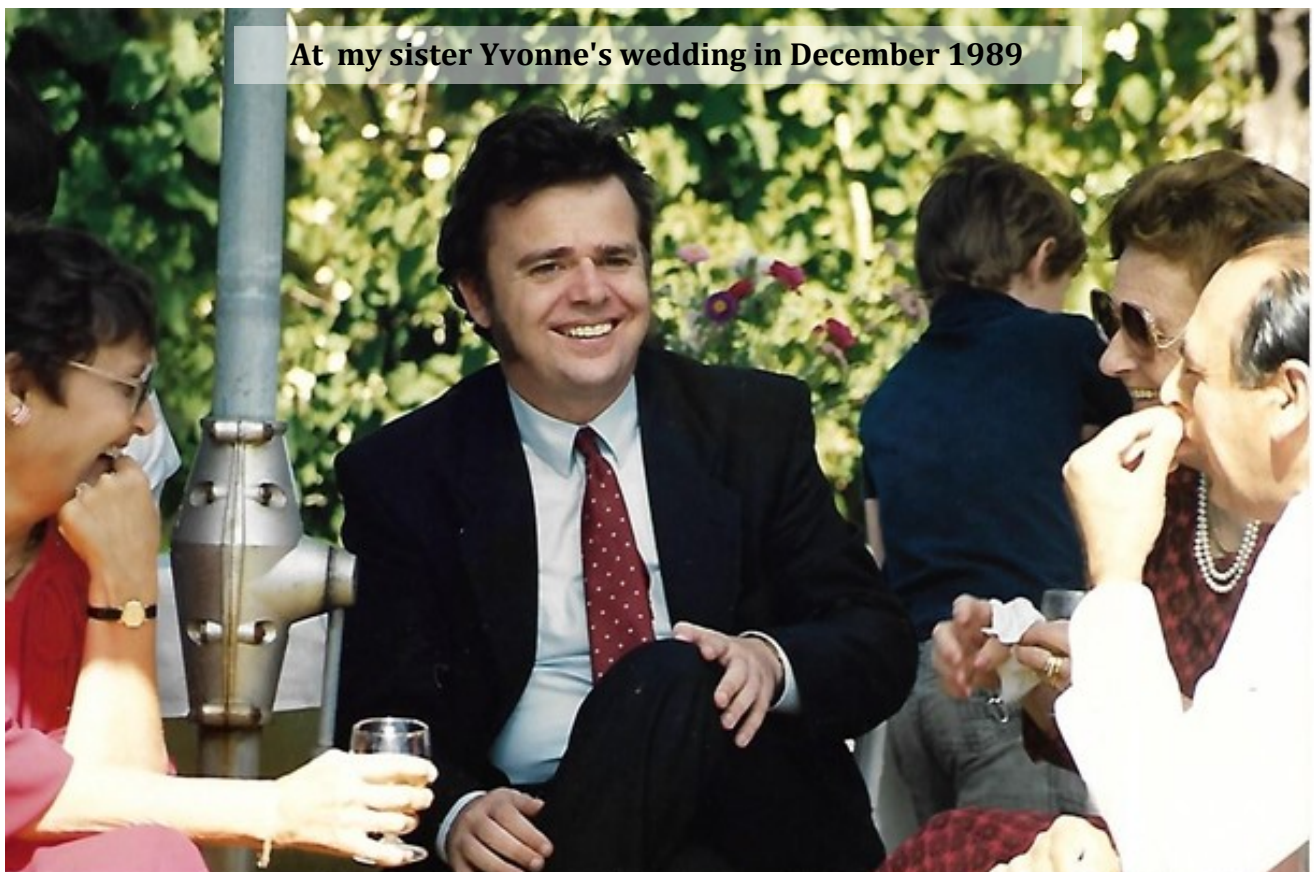
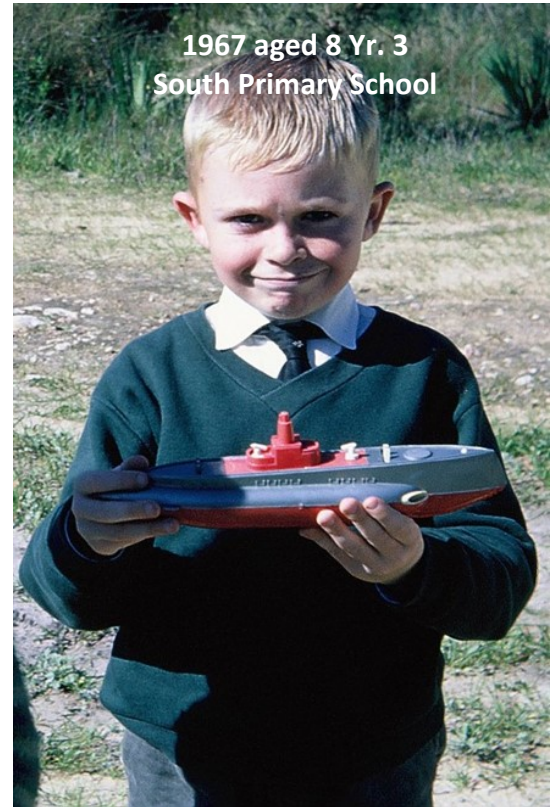


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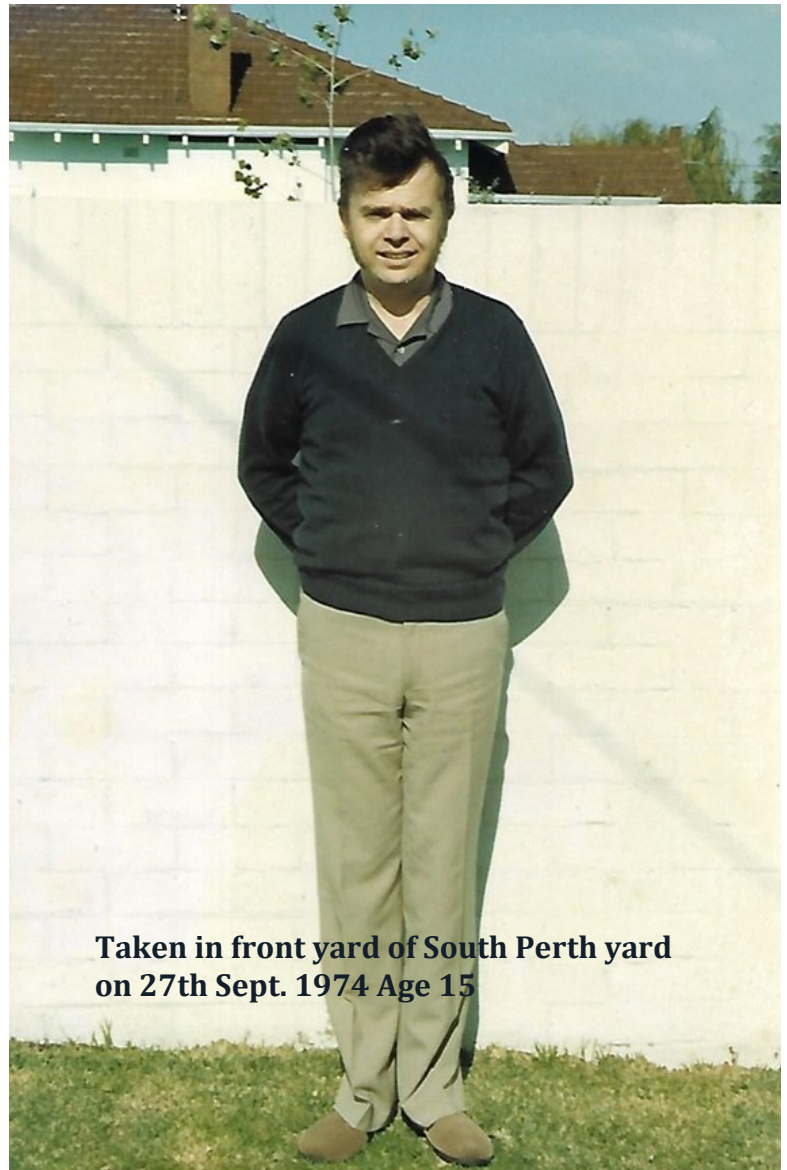
Meet the New Bayswater Historical Society Treasurer

Lewis J. Cox

I am a member of the baby boomer generation and am damn proud of it. Born Friday 10th April 1959 under the Aries star sign for those who are into that sort of thing. I pre-date the Narrows Bridge opening seven months it opened on 13th November 1959. I am a caring spiritual person, not religious, and respect the beliefs of those who do. I am a patient person, and respect considerate and courteous people. Born to Lewis Lionel Cox (1925-2014) and Dorothy Florence Lee Cox (1923-2016) I was raised by the best parents who instilled in me the practice of good manners, courtesy, and respect, which I endeavour to live. I was a full-time carer for 16 years in an assisted living role for Dad and Mum in their twilight years. I hold three tertiary qualifications and a TAFE Certificate IV in Hospitality and 2 undergraduate degrees with studies in History, Politics, Government, and International Relations. I have a strong family and long-term personal friendships, which date up to 50 years in length. which I believe, friendship is a treasured gift where trust and love grow. I lived in South Perth from (1959-1961) and I spent 6 years in various country locals including Kulin, Leonora, and York (1962-1966). I attended South Perth Primary from 1966-1971 Years 2 to 7. In high school I was enrolled in Kent Street Senior High from (1972-1974) which I did not particularly enjoy and counted the days down could leave, I did not care for any more education once I had finished high school.



I have worked in various positions in hospitality, retail, and public service positions. By the 1990s and in my early 30s I returned to study to complete my secondary education as a mature age student, what a difference 20 years makes, I loved education as an adult. I moved to Bayswater on 17th December 2018, and I joined the Bayswater Historical Society in 2022. I have enjoyed my time with the Society by contributing written articles and editing our Newsletter. I have learnt a lot about the interesting history of the City of Bayswater. I was nominated and elected Treasurer in March 2023 and look forward to taking up the role. I love living in Bayswater because I am closer to my family my sister Yvonne and niece Caitlin. My sister has lived in Bayswater since 1992 and we strongly recommend and encourage others to join our Society as it offers harmony, social networking, and fellowship. To quote Aldous Huxley "That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all lessons that history has to teach." History is vital because if we do not learn from it, we are doomed to repeat it, it is littered with examples over time, and it waits for no one and hence it is created.



**Taken in front yard of South Perth yard
on 27th Sept. 1974 Age 15**



**Oct. 2018 with my older sister Yvonne at my Niece Caitlin,
Wedding. I was 59 here.**

Bayswater Historical Society Management Committee

L- R (Front row sitting)

Wayne Swindells
Lazar Radanovich
Julie Murphy

L- R (Back row standing)

Glen Cookson - Secretary
Lewis J. Cox - Treasurer
Wendy Garstone
Branka Radanovich
Monica Main - Chairperson
Greg Smith
Simon Shuvaka



Duties of all Members (Ref: Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and Code of Conduct))

- 1) Act with honesty and integrity, diligence, and skill.
- 2) Treat members of the BHS and the public with respect, courtesy, and sensitivity.
- 3) Disclose any interest that could conflict, or appear to conflict, with the mission or objectives of BHS.
- 4) Do not take advantage, or seek to take, improper advantage of his or her position to obtain a benefit for themselves or any other person.
- 5) Not to make improper use of the property and resources of BHS, or make extravagant use of this property or resources.
- 6) Avoid damage to the reputation of the BHS.

History is important because it helps us to understand the present. If we listen to what history has to say, we can make better decisions for future generations.

BHS Mission: Preserve, Protect, and Promote the history of Bayswater

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The Bayswater Historical Society Inc. was formed in 1991. It is a non-profit organization which aims to preserve the history of Bayswater district; protect the records and objects relating to the area; promote public interest in and support for the preservation of historic records, buildings, and sites. Leighton (Halliday) House is Bayswater's historic home and is used as the Society's base and museum.

Historical Bayswater is the society's newsletter and welcomes contributions such as stories and photographs relating to the history of Bayswater to be included in future issues. Please forward all enquiries addressed to the Secretary.