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SAM HAZLETT

EXPLORER & ONE TIME BAYSWATER RESIDENT

Nearly 100 years ago Bayswater was home to the well-known drover, bushman, explorer and gold prospector, Sam Hazlett. He used camels to travel the outback, and one time he rode his camels right into Bayswater, surprising observers at the unusual sight.

Sam Hazlett was born in Victoria in about 1870, first coming to WA in the early 1900s as a drover and to find gold. He and his wife Nina had six children and for about ten years they lived at 2 Hamilton St, Bayswater. The house they lived in was knocked down between 2009 and 2014, and the site is now a car park.

THE CAMEL TREK ENDING IN BAYSWATER

The following article appeared in the Goldfields Observer on 17 January 1937:

MR SAM HAZLETT REACHES PERTH ON HIS CAMELS

Mr Sam Hazlett, the well-known explorer and prospector completed a 600 mile camel ride from Laverton to Perth last Tuesday. The journey took him about three weeks to his home at Bayswater. He left Laverton on December 21 with two of his camels, which he reckoned were capable of doing 60 miles per day without trouble.

He has handled camels from before the gold rush days of Coolgardie, and what he does not know about these beasts of burden is not worth the telling. From Laverton he headed for Mulline, prospected at Lake Barlee where gold finds were reported recently; then, nearing Perth, he travelled down the rabbit proof fence. For the most part he found fair feed for his camels but when he neared country known to contain poison areas he purchased food for his 'train'.

On numerous occasions Mr Hazlett allowed children to ride on his camels. Tommy and Bonny are docile animals, and, strangely enough they have not caused any disturbance to other animals. On Sunday night last he was at Bakers Hill, where again a number of children induced him to give them camel rides.

Monday night he camped near the Darlington turn off on the York Road, choosing a spot where passing horses were unlikely to spy the animals. A 16 year old son joined him, as Mrs Hazlett had been apprised of her husband's movements.



Goldfields Observer article cont'd

Before daylight Tuesday, a habit Mr Hazlett has observed down the years, he was astir and on the road again. He reached Midland Junction as the sun was lifting over the hills. He chose the back streets where possible for his trip through the town but only once did a horse become frightened. The camel train continued on through Bassendean and on to Bayswater.

Numerous early morning strollers rubbed their eyes in amazement as they saw the two camels and the riders traveling through the town at a steady clip. Others to whom they reported the occurrence were incredulous. But Sam Hazlett did not worry. He reached his special paddock, tethered out his camels, and returned to his home, where he will holiday for some time.

For Mr Hazlett this trip marked a novel adventure. He has travelled thousands of miles on camel back through the country ...but Tuesday ended his first through trip to Perth by camel and he enjoyed the novelty.'

If you would like to learn more about Sam Hazlett's fascinating life, his grandson Jim McKeague has a website dedicated to Sam Hazlett. It includes many stories, photos and letters and is well worth a read. To find the website search: 'Sam Hazlett and the Search for Lasseter's Reef' by Jim McKeague <https://hazlettgold.wordpress.com/>

References:

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State Records Office Retro Maps

Images:

1. Sam Hazlett on a camel. Daily News Jan 1937
2. Family group on Bayswater train station platform 1938
<https://hazlettgold.wordpress.com/>



This article was contributed by W. Garstone

Mystery photo! - do you know the location of this intersection?

see page 13 for the answer!

We posted this photo on our Facebook page earlier this month. The photo created a good bit of discussion about the shops and street names. We think it's worth including here so all members can test their memories! The photo is from the front cover of a booklet produced by the City of Bayswater to celebrate 75 years of Local Govt: 'BAYSWATER and 75 YEARS'.



NAIDOC Week

Sunday July 7th to Sunday July 14th 2024

NAIDOC Week is a national observance held in Australia from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday. NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines' and Islanders' Day Observance Committee. NAIDOC Week has its roots from the 1938 Day of Mourning and became a week-long event in 1975.

Naidoc Week celebrates and recognises the history of the oldest continuous living culture in the world. The week has a focus on the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and sharing their histories with all Australians. This year's theme is:

“Keep the fire burning! Blak, loud and proud”.

NAIDOC can be traced back to a letter by William Cooper, as below, that was aimed at Aboriginal communities and churches. It was written on behalf of the Australian Aborigines Progressive Association, an umbrella group for a number of Aboriginal justice movements. The association gathered together a wide circle of Indigenous leaders including Douglas Nicholls, William Ferguson, Jack Patten and Margaret Tucker. In 1937 they were preparing for what would become the famous Day of Mourning in 1938. It not only sparked a very effective one-off protest, it also stimulated a national observance that was first championed by churches, and is now a national celebration.

“ Australia Day 1938 Aborigines' Day of Mourning

The Australian Aborigines' Progressive Association (AAPA) of New South Wales has called on all Aborigines in the advanced stages of civilisation and culture to observe a DAY OF MOURNING concurrently with the white man's DAY OF REJOICING to celebrate the 150th year of the coming of the white man to Australia.

The Aborigines, by this means, hope to call the attention to the present deplorable condition of all Aborigines, of whatever stage of culture, after 150 years of British rule. It is expected that such action will create such sympathy on the part of the whites that full justice and recompense will follow.

The "DAY OF MOURNING" has been endorsed by the Australian Aborigines' League, the Victorian body, which also looks after Federal matters, and it is expected that meetings will be held at a number of places and suitable resolutions passed. This League now asks the Christian community to help us in another way.

We know that sympathy with the Aborigines is widespread and growing and, because the Aboriginal knows that the goodwill of the white man is essential to success they seek to justify the continuance of this sympathy. We now ask all Christian denominations to observe Sunday, 3rd January as ABORIGINES' DAY. We request that sermons be preached on this day dealing with the Aboriginal people and their need of the gospel and response to it and we ask that special prayer be invoked for all missionary and other effort for the uplift of the dark people.

We regret the unavoidable delay in submitting our request, which was not avoidable in all the circumstances, but we feel that a suitable notice from you in your church press will give that wide publicity that is so essential.

Very sincerely yours,
W. Cooper ”

Reference: Andrew Markus (ed), Blood from A Stone: William Cooper & the Australian Aborigines League (Monash Publications in History, Department of History, Clayton, 1986

The History of NAIDOC Week cont'd.

The Day of Mourning, held before Australia Day in 1938 in Sydney with the AAPA and around 100 further Aboriginal people, made significant impact on the national conversation and triggered an invitation for Indigenous leaders to meet with Prime Minister Joseph Lyons.

The message to churches got through too, some churches were observing the day by January 1940, and it was nationally observed by 1946.

NAIDOC day of remembrance (1957)

By 1957, the leaders of the movement decided to change the date from January to July. The National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC) formed, and the first Sunday in July became a day of remembrance and celebration for Aboriginal people and heritage.

NAIDOC Week (1991)

In 1991 NADOC became NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee), to recognise Torres Strait Islanders and to have a whole week of recognition, rather than one day.

NAIDOC WEEK Football

In Western Australia, an Australian Rules football match between Claremont and South Fremantle in the West Australian Football League has been played during NAIDOC week since 2007, with the winner being awarded the Jimmy Melbourne Cup, in honour of the first Indigenous Australian player to play senior football in a major Australian football league.

Reference: Hope, Shayne (1 July 2011). "Greats gather to celebrate NAIDOC". The West Australian.



The first Day of Mourning in 1938. From left is William Ferguson, Jack Kinchela, Isaac Ingram, Doris Williams, Esther Ingram, Arthur Williams, Phillip Ingram, Louisa Agnes Ingram OAM holding daughter Olive Ingram, and Jack Patton. Source: Man magazine, State Library NSW

Article prepared by: Glen Cookson, Secretary BHS

Bayswater Historical Society Community Engagement at Leighton (Halliday House) Friday mornings



A local Alzheimer's group enjoyed a visit of the Museum displays and gardens. Check out <https://www.alzheimerswa.org.au/> to learn more about this worthwhile organisation.



Some of our dedicated volunteers (L to R, Lazar, Marion, Wendy, Glen, Wayne and Monica). Wild weather damaged our front entrance signage and thanks to the expertise of Lazar and Wayne a professional repair was quickly completed.



We had a lovely visit from long-term BHS member, Roma Trainer, seen here with her daughter Christina and Glen and Monica from our Management Committee. Roma is fast becoming a legend at the Society with her experience of living in Bayswater. Roma was born in 1929, attended Bayswater Primary School and has an excellent recall of what Bayswater was like in the good old days. Her memories of WW2 are particularly riveting and a reminder of how lucky we are today.



Visitors from Ashfield, Brian and June, dropped in to explore the Museum displays and enjoy a cup of herbal tea. Brian was particularly interested in the early 20th century brick making machine. Back in the day, a skilled operator could produce up to 2000 bricks per day. The present price for recycled bricks is \$2 per brick. I wonder is there an opportunity for a small boutique business!

Community engagement



Interstate visitors curious about the historic brick making machine



Discovering that your uncle served on the 1948 Roads Board.



Spot the artefacts! Is it the car or long-term BHS members and Hamilton Street neighbours, John and Rob?

Community engagement

At Leighton (Halliday House) are volunteers Lazar and Julie recreating a 1900-bedroom display which is now complete.

However, we are in need of a donation - an important artefact that was kept under the bed.

Do you know what it was? In the early days just about everyone kept one under their bed.



BHS in the Community

Noranda Shopping Centre: BHS Information display



Community engagement

BHS were invited to set up an information display at Noranda Shopping Centre on Friday 17 May. There were lots of visitors to our display, all interested in the history of Bayswater.

A number of the visitors had lived in Bayswater for over 50 years and were keen to share their stories.



BHS Chairperson Monica Main is seen here with a sprightly 95 years-young Roma Trainer, reminiscing on the fact that for a mere 5-pound deposit one could purchase 5 acres of Bayswater land.



BHS Secretary Glen Cookson was invited to a special retirement afternoon tea celebration for EDWA staff member Pat Snow. Pat had served at both Embleton and Weld Square Primary Schools for over 35 years. Pat has lived in Bayswater and has raised a family for that entire time. Pat is a recent BHS member, and we look forward to hearing some of her stories from living and working in Bayswater for over 40 years. Glen was Principal of Embleton and Weld Square Primary Schools from 2001 until 2019.

Community engagement

Bayswater Train Station Festival

What a busy event! – over 7,500 people attended the festival on the 21st April. It was organised by Metronet to celebrate the opening of the new train station. Highlights included:

\$835 sales in 3 hours – well done and thank you to Monica and Lewis – what a team! Our tea towels are proving to be very popular.

The BHS certainly raised it's profile with visitors to it's shared tent at this event with many conversations about Bayswater history and some it's interesting past personalities.



Article prepared by: Glen Cookson, Secretary BHS

Researching the history of your home – the place, the people and their stories

The Bayswater Historical Society enjoyed a visit on 26th May from Prue Griffin of Hocking Heritage + Architecture. Her firm have been involved, and continue to be, in a number of very interesting historic restoration projects. Prue provided us with the following very helpful information to assist when undertaking research of your home.

Source/website	Possible information	Cost
Landgate, Certificate of Title landgate.wa.gov.au	Invaluable for determining change of ownership. Dates for mortgages can be a clue to when construction & alterations occur.	Certificate of Title \$30.50
Rate books	Details of owners and occupants each year. Most local governments have deposited records with the State Records Office.	Free
Local history collections and local history books	Often have good information about families or houses.	Free
State Heritage Office inHerit database: inherit.dplh.wa.gov.au/Public/	Heritage inventories. Check if your property is included and maybe someone will have done the work for you.	Free
City of Bayswater, previous building plans bayswater.wa.gov.au/online-services/forms-and-publications/forms/2024/plan-search-request-form	Archive plan search or plan search request. Previous building licences granted showing previous works approved. But it doesn't mean they always went ahead! Frequently older plans have not been retained but you will still be charged a search fee.	\$84 + printing costs
Landgate https://www.landgate.wa.gov.au/location-data-and-services/imagery/aerial-imagery/	Aerial photos can quickly determine when changes occurred although the quality is not always great. Landgate hold images from 1948 of most of the metropolitan area. Access is by appointment at Landgate Midland or online with an account.	Free
Post Office Directories 1893-1949 State Library of WA slwa.wa.gov.au	Determine who was living at the address and when the place was first recorded. A useful quick guide to when houses were built and who occupied it but is not infallible as street names and numbers do change. A useful tip is to work backwards from 1949.	Free
National Archives of Australia naa.gov.au	Military records of service men and women, providing their home address, marital status etc. Migration records provide dates of arrival and naturalisation records and sometimes addresses. Some photographs of Commonwealth properties	Online free. Fees for digital and hard copy.
WA Births Deaths and Marriages bdm.dotag.wa.gov.au/ OR https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-justice/the-registry-of-births-deaths-and-marriages	Births 1841-1932 Deaths 1841-1971 Marriages 1841-1936	Free
Metropolitan Cemeteries Board https://portal.mcb.wa.gov.au/name-search/	Valuable for determining the ages of individuals at death, often leading to information on changes of ownership and occupation.	Free

Source/website	Possible information	Cost
Family History WA / WAGS/Western Australian Genealogical Society 6/48 May Street, Bayswater https://www.fhwa.org.au/home	For more details of families and their relationships	Depends on services
State Records Office of WA http://www.sro.wa.gov.au/ Retromaps https://mapping.sro.wa.gov.au/#/	Sewerage plans – prepared by MWSS & DD, precursor to the Water Authority. Generally drawn in the first half of 20 th century showing outline of buildings and features in lots (fences, W.C.'s, garden paths etc). Recently launched as online source 'Retromaps'. It is easy to navigate and the quality is excellent. Workers Home Board / State Housing – some plans have been kept or typical home designs are available. Probate records are available which sometimes detail property.	Free to copy from microfiche to digital copy. Small fee for hard copy.
Australian Electoral Rolls State Library of WA (Battye Library) 3 rd Floor, Alexander Library, OR, if you have access https://www.ancestry.com.au/	Shows the people of voting age living at an address and their occupation. The electoral boundaries have changed over the years so be aware of which electorate you need.	Free
TROVE Major Western Australian newspapers published from 1840-1954 https://trove.nla.gov.au/	The biggest asset to research since its introduction in 2008! Always try and narrow search field by time periods and location, e.g., restrict to Western Australian newspapers. Useful search terms include: Building permits, Architect; tender; owner name; street name (usually for larger homes) Birth and death notices are useful sometimes including a house name	Free
Neighbours and the community	Ask around in the neighbourhood if anyone knows something about your home. Some people have long memories and are happy to share.	Might cost a cup of tea or two.

Tip: Always question and confirm your information & start with what you know and work backwards.

Answer to mystery photo on page 3:

The intersection is at the corner of Collier Rd and Walter Road, Morley. 1972. It is now the intersection of Walter, Old Collier and Wellington Roads. While it has seen many changes since the 1970s, the changes between the early days of settlement, the 1930s, and 1972 were also numerous. In the 1930s this area was known as Morley Park. It was mainly poultry farms and piggeries, swamps and bush. The first Morley Park primary school was near this intersection.



Poultry farm at the corner of Russell and Walter Roads, Morley 1930s.
SOURCE: BHS archives.

The Bayswater Historical Society Inc. was formed in 1991. It is a non-profit organisation which aims to preserve the history of the Bayswater district; protect historical records and objects of the area; promote public interest and support for the preservation of historic records, buildings and sites.

Leighton (Halliday) House is a historic home within Bayswater and is used as the Society's base and is a museum open to the public on certain dates. Please check our website and facebook for open dates.

The Bayswater Historical Society welcomes contributions to future newsletters, such as stories and photographs relating to the history of Bayswater. Please forward all enquiries addressed to a member of the Society.

Leighton (Halliday) House

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**SUNDAY
28 JULY**
1pm to 4pm

BAYSWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN DAY

BAYSWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

invites you to our next open day. The afternoon will feature a talk on

Collecting Antiques: Buying Coins and Medals

The talk will be by Rob Russell, antique consultant & valuer, a regular speaker on buying coins, medals and bank notes, and all round antique expert!

A special display from Rob's own collection will be on show.

Following his talk, Rob will conduct:

Bayswater's Antiques Roadshow

Please bring along your coins, medals, and any antiques that you can carry to the event for our very own Antiques Roadshow!

28 JULY

HOUSE AND GARDENS OPEN 1PM - 4PM

TALK 1:00PM - 2:00PM

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW 2.00PM TO 4.00PM

Halliday House will be open from 1pm to 4pm

- < Talk 1pm - 2pm is \$5.
- < Entry to the house and gardens only is by donation (gold coin or square transfer).
- < Tea/coffee and cake available at \$5 per person throughout the afternoon.



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