



Bayswater Historical Society (BHS) 2026

Events and Member meeting times

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Date	Event/Activity	Notes
Volunteer Fridays Feb 6, 13, 20, 27	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 22 Feb	BHS Members & Public Open House 114 King William St., Bayswater. View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm	
Volunteer Fridays March 6, 13, 20 & 27	Leighton (Halliday House) Volunteer morning 9.30am – 12.00pm. BHS Members encouraged to support our Society by helping with display preparation, gardening 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 22 March	BHS Members & Public Open House 1-4pm	1pm- 2 pm - Special Guest Speaker: TBA, Bayswater Town Centre History. \$5 donation covers light refreshments. 2pm - 4pm View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available.

Volunteering WA is the peak body for volunteering in Western Australia, working across community, government, corporate and education organisations to build capacity of volunteer involving organisations, and support volunteering.

Volunteering WA empowers people and communities to enrich Western Australia through engaging, leading and advancing volunteering across the state.

We proudly represent thousands of organisations who utilise volunteers, almost 800 volunteer involving member organisations and over 1.5 million volunteers throughout WA.

Bayswater Historical Society has opportunities for you. Helping with display preparation, gardening and research on topics of interest- all enriching our local community.

For more information, contact via <https://www.volunteeringwa.org.au/volunteer> or directly via our contact link <https://bayswaterhistoricalsociety.org.au/>

Friday 3 April

(Good Friday)

Easter Monday

6 April

**Public Holidays –
BHS Closed**



Leighton in the 1920's



**BAPTIST CHURCH AND CONGREGATION
FIRST SERVICE WAS HELD - 13th DECEMBER 1896**



Some of the first Baptist Church services in WA were held at Leighton and under the Slade Street Olive tree. Later in 1896 the first church built in WA held its inaugural service on 13 Dec. A substantial operational structure was built in 1906. From 9 July 2013, it has operated as the Romanian Baptist Church located at 451 Guildford Road Bayswater.

Easter or Resurrection Sunday is commemorated by Christians, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Cavalry c. 30 AD. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Resurrection_of_Jesus

Volunteer Fridays

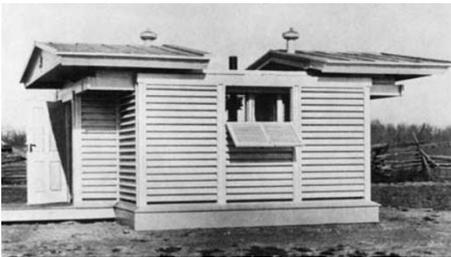
10, 17 & 24 April

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	<p>1 – 30 April</p> <p>Boorloo Heritage Festival</p> <p>https://visitperth.com</p> <p>EOI's to heritageperth@cityofperth.wa.gov.au</p>	
18 Apr- 18 May	<p>The 2025 Australian Heritage Festival will take place from 18th April 2024 – 18th May 2025.</p> <p>See link below for events:</p> <p>https://www.ntwa.com.au/visit/austrelia-heritage/</p>	<p>The theme of the 2025 Australian Heritage Festival is Unearthed – revealing the past, bringing to light lesser-known histories and stories, and unearthing knowledge to empower younger generations as custodians of culture and tradition.</p> <p>We encourage the community to celebrate the rich and diverse stories of our nation, strengthen cultural and historical ties and forge new bonds. We celebrate our linkage to people, places and the past, and the enduring connections that will shape the future of heritage.</p>
<p>ANZAC Day</p> <p>Saturday 25 Apr</p> <p>Public Holiday</p>		<p>Members encouraged to attend local 25 April ANZAC Day services.</p>
<p>Sunday 26 Apr</p> 	<p>BHS Members & Public Open House 114 King William St., Bayswater. 1pm-4pm.</p> <p>View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm</p>	<p>1-2pm Presentation: Stories of Bayswater during war time. Presenter TBA.</p> <p>BHS has numerous items of war service memorabilia and will be available for viewing.</p> <p>Bayswater has a significant war time response history. Underground bomb shelters were constructed, troops were trained, and an army mess established and operated in Slade Street. The community were on full alert. Come along to our museum to learn more.</p>
<p>Volunteer Fridays</p> <p>May 1, 8, 15 22 & 29th</p>	<p>Leighton (Halliday House) Volunteer morning 9.30am – 12.00pm.</p> <p>BHS Members encouraged to support our Society by helping with display preparation and research on topics of interest.</p>	<p>Light refreshments and convivial discussion always available. Members able to use resources for research, reading, writing about local history. Bring a friend.</p>
<p>Saturday 16 May</p>	<p><u>Noranda Shopping Centre Display</u> * <u>TBC</u></p>	<p><u>Special Noranda History Information</u> <u>10am-2pm</u></p>

Sunday 24 May	BHS Members & Public Open House 114 King William St., Bayswater. Admission by donation. View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm	1-2pm "Discovering your house history"- Special Guest Speaker: Prue Griffin, Master App Cultural Heritage Studies, (Curtin). Prue is a BHS Member and lives locally. Prue is an experienced historian and researcher and will lead an informed discussion. Free handouts available. \$5 donation.
Volunteer Fridays June 5, 12, 19 & 26th	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 28 June	Open Day Special screening of “The Tunnel”, Q&A and light refreshments. View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm	1-3pm - Special Screening of “The Tunnel” - an award-winning documentary written and directed by BHS member Shireen Narayanan. The focus on the impact of large scale infrastructure development on history and heritage of a unique Perth community. -
Volunteer Fridays July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	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 26 July	BHS Members & Public Open House Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm. Admission by donation.	1-2pm Guest Speaker: Damien Hassan, Senior Archivist SRO – presentation title: “Tales from the State Archives Part 3: Special Bayswater Edition”.

Volunteer Fridays August 7, 14, 21, 28th	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 Aug.	BHS Members & Public Open House View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm.	1-2pm *Guest Speaker: TBC. <i>Chinese History and contributions to the City of Bayswater.</i>
Monday 31 Aug	BHS Annual General Meeting, 6pm start. Zoom or Venue TBA.	Extra Agenda and Committee nominations forms available from the Secretary. Light refreshments provided.
Volunteer Fridays Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25	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 27 Sept.	BHS Members & Public Open House View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm. Admission by donation.	
Volunteer Fridays Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	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 25 Oct.	BHS Members & Public Open House View displays research local history and socialise. Quality light refreshments available. 1pm - 4.00pm. Admission by donation.	
Volunteer Fridays Nov. 6, 13, 20,	Leighton (Halliday House) Volunteer morning 9.30am – 12.00pm. BHS Members encouraged to support our Society by helping with display	Light refreshments and convivial discussion always available. Members able to use resources for research, reading, writing about local history. Bring a friend.

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Sunday 22 Nov	*End of Year Sundowner & Fundraiser - 4pm-7pm \$30 Entry - Includes – Entertainment, drinks and canapés.	*Last Event for 2026. BHS closed until Sunday 28 Feb 2027.



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Whadjuk is the name of the dialectal group from the Perth area. Whadjuk is situated south of Yued and north of the Pinjarup dialectal groups.

The major cities and towns within the Whadjuk region include Perth, Fremantle, Joondalup, Armadale, Toodyay, Wundowie, Bullsbrook and Chidlow. The approximate size of the Whadjuk region is 5,580 km.

The Bayswater area, situated along the Swan River, is on the traditional lands of the Whadjuk Noongar people. For thousands of years before European settlement, the Noongar maintained a deep connection to the river and its surrounding country, using the area for fishing, hunting, gathering, and cultural practices. The arrival of settlers in the 19th century, however, brought significant disruption to Noongar life. One notable example was the introduction of fencing and private land ownership, which denied the Noongar access to their traditional fishing and hunting grounds. Large areas of land along the Swan River, once used for gathering native plants and conducting ceremonies, were cleared for farming and development, leading to the destruction of important cultural sites.

Government policies, such as the forced removal of Noongar people to missions like Moore River Native Settlement, further displaced families from their ancestral homes. Many Noongar children were also taken from their families as part of the Stolen Generations, severing vital cultural and familial connections. Despite these impacts, the Whadjuk Noongar community continues to maintain strong ties to the Bayswater region and the Swan River, honouring their enduring cultural heritage and custodianship of the land through ongoing community activities, advocacy, and the sharing of traditional knowledge.



Excerpt from a 1945 Perth Street map showing the Belmont line and surrounds. The Belmont Railway Line was a branch railway in Western Australia that extended from the Eastern Railway at Bayswater to cross the Swan River to Belmont near the Ascot Racecourse. The line closed in 1956.

Ref: <https://www.brendansodyssey.com/youtube-videos/what-remains-of-the-belmont-railway-spur>