



# Moving Forward Looking Back

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September 2023

## Royal Western Australian Historical Society 58th State History Conference of Affiliated Societies

Hosted by Bridgetown Historical Society Inc. on Pibulmun/Wadandi Country at Bridgetown Public Library, 75 Steere Street

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC  
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## Program

### FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

**Delegates Welcome Function** 5 – 7 pm Junior Farmers Hall, 38 Peninsula Road, Bridgetown 5 pm Registrations open for delegates.

5.30 pm Welcome address by Tim Clynych, CEO, and Cr Jenny Mountford, Shire President. *Drinks and finger food. (limited, not dinner)*

### SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

**Conference Day 1** Bridgetown Library

(Registrations & collection of conference bag) Raffle tickets - \$3 each or 2 for \$5 *Speakers will have 20 minutes with 5 minutes for questions.*

CONFERENCE DAY 1

#### Session 1

08:40- 08:45	Mary Elgar	Welcome, housekeeping
08:45-09:00	Elder Sandra Hill	Welcome to Country
09:00-09:15	Hon David Templeman & Jane Kelsbie MLA	Conference opening
09:20-09:30	Nick Drew, RWAHS	Roll call, apologies, remembrance
09:30-09:50	Elder Sandra Hill	First Nations People, their history and inclusiveness in museums
10:00-10:20	Peter Hall	Orcharding in Bridgetown
10:30-10:50	Philippa Rogers	WA Railway history to Bridgetown
<b>11:00-11:25</b>	<b>Morning Tea and conversation</b>	

#### Session 2

11:30-11:50	Pat Scallan OAM	Mining in Greenbushes, from tin to lithium
12:00-12:20	Tim Clynych	The evolution of Bridgetown – growing a rural town
12:30-12:50	Dr Sally Paulin	The Donnelly Mill Project – recycling a mill town
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>'Paper bag' lunch from Shamrock Hotel, Greenbushes</b>	

**Optional afternoon tours (all pre-booked, pre-paid).**

All commencing at 14:00hrs

Bevan and Jennie Carter	Genealogy workshop – how to discover your ancestry. 2 pm Library. TBC
Greenbushes Talison Lithium Mine Tour	Mine site tour, pick up Library 2 pm, drop off Library ~3 pm
Dr Erica Shedley Southern Flora	A flora/fauna and history walk through Dorothy Scott Reserve, Blechynden St, Bridgetown. Meet 2 pm at Library
Richard Allen	Bridgetown History walk commencing at Bridgetown Police Station Museum, 148 Hampton St
<b>18:00-20:00</b>	<b>Conference Dinner</b> , Junior Farmers Hall, Bridgetown Showgrounds, 38 Peninsula Rd <i>Caterer and sponsor – Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant</i> <i>Wines – Sunnyhurst Winery (sponsors)</i>

**SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER****Conference Day 2 Bridgetown Library**

## Session 1

08:45-09:25	RWABS Annual meeting Chair Richard Offen, President RWABS	
	Ratification of minutes September 2022 Denmark.	
	Report from FAHS.	
	Merit Award announcement.	
	Promotion for 2024 Conference – Irwin Historical Society.	
	Call for nominations for 2025 conference.	
	Conference election results of ASC	
	Open forum for questions.	
09:30-09:50	Karen Hill, Mngr VC	Heritage festivals for rural towns
10:00-10:20	Richard Allen	Heritage Tourism: sustaining historical societies
<b>10:30-11:00</b>	<b>Morning tea and conversation</b>	

## Session 2

11:00-11:20	Bevan Carter & Richard Allen	Joseph Smith – convict, builder and Roads Board President
11:30-11:50	Mary Elgar & Patsy Vizents	Oral history – voices sparking memories
11:55-12:00	Mary Elgar	Closing address and thanks

**Optional afternoon tours (all pre-booked, pre-paid).**

12:30-14:00	John Lucey	2-course lunch and talk on cider making at The Cidery & Blackwood Valley Brewing Company. Drinks not included but available for purchase
14:00-15:00	Richard Allen	Bridgetown History walk commencing at Bridgetown Police Station Museum, 148 Hampton St

**Queries or more information**

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