

10 Philip Chauncey (1816-1880) (also known as Chauncy)
Philip Lamothe Snell Chauncy, sketcher, amateur photographer and surveyor, was born in England. He travelled to South Australia in 1839, and to the Swan River Colony in 1841, where he was appointed Assistant Surveyor at Perth. Philip Chauncy surveyed the original Bassendean Homestead and built one of the early West Guildford* homes in 1842, which he named the ‘Retreat’.

11 Malachi Meagher (1837-1906)
Malachi Reidy Meagher was born in Limerick, and was a qualified Civil Engineer. At 22 years of age, he was convicted of forgery and sentenced to eight years transportation. He arrived on the *Sultana* in 1859, and obtained a ticket of leave in 1860. He married Caroline Stubberfield in 1862 (daughter of a Guildford Hotelier) and in 1869 became the licensee of the Stirling Arms in Guildford. Malachi Meagher was a foundation member of the Swan Roads Board (1871), member and chairman of the Guildford Municipal Council (1873-1876). In the 1880s, he managed the brickworks on the Bassendean Estate and was the main force in building the Guildford/Bassendean bridge. In 1885, he was elected to the Swan Road Board as Chairman. Malachi Meagher was noted for assisting friends in trouble by leasing properties, paying debts and outstanding bills for them.



12 Richard McDonald (1885-1967)
Richard Alexander McDonald came to Western Australia from Ireland in 1885. He worked at the West Australian Government Railways in Midland and was elected to the Road Board* in 1915. He enlisted in the v1 Field Company of Engineers, was wounded in France in 1918 and was invalided home. Richard McDonald served on the Bassendean Road Board* for 25 years from 1922, with 17 years as Chairman. He was involved with the conversion of Hay’s Swamp to the B.I.C. (Bassendean Improvement Committee) and was Head Warden for the Bassendean District A.R.P (Air Raid Precautions). In 1946, he was appointed Deputy Chairman of the WA Fire Brigade Board. Richard was the foundation president of the Swan Districts National Football Club (1934), President of the Bassendean Horticultural Society, and a patron and life member of the Bassendean Bowling Club. He is commemorated with the R A McDonald Stand at the Bassendean Oval. The family is commemorated with McDonald Crescent, Bassendean.



13 Serafina Ghisalberti (1905-1985)
Serafina Ghisalberti was born in Vilminore, Italy, and migrated to Western Australia in 1928 to join her husband. She is considered to be the first Italian woman migrant to settle in Bassendean. Serafina lived in Bassendean for 50 years, where she raised her family. Her children and grandchildren continue to live in Western Australia.



14 Edward Hamersley (1810-1874)
Edward Hamersley and his wife Anne emigrated to the Swan River Colony in 1837. He purchased the ‘Lockeridge’ property from William Tanner in 1841. A year later, he purchased the adjoining 500 acres and named it ‘Pyrtou’, after the family seat in Oxfordshire. Edward Hamersley was also a prominent pastoralist, and a member of the Western Australian Legislative Council. The Hamersley family became one of the most prominent families in the colony.

15 Beatrice Chape (1920-2017)
Beatrice Chape (nee Wood) was the first female councillor in Bassendean Shire Council (1973- 1975), and the Bassendean Town Council (1975-1979). She was the prime mover of the Meals on Wheels service, a foundation member of the Senior Citizen’s Association, and a supporter of many local social and welfare organisations. She became a Freeman of the Town of Bassendean on 13 December 1996.

16 Walter Padbury (1817-1907)
Walter Padbury arrived as a child in Western Australia with his father in 1830 from Oxfordshire. His father died five months later, and Walter was left in the care of people who subsequently abandoned him. He proved to be very resourceful, working a variety of jobs until he made enough money to bring his mother and family out from England. Walter Padbury was an astute businessman. He ran the Padbury Colonial Store in Guildford, was a shipowner, pastoralist, politician and philanthropist. He was active in public life and represented the Swan River in the Legislative Council from 1872-1878. He was Chairman of the Guildford Municipal Council in 1884 and 1887. He died in 1907, leaving his business interests to his nephew, William. William built the Padbury building in Bassendean. Walter Padbury is commemorated with Padbury Court, Padbury Way and Padbury Way Reserve in Eden Hill.

17 Patrick Connolly (1866-1946)
Patrick Andrew (Paddy) Connolly was born in New South Wales in 1866 and became a stockman, well sinker and prospector. When gold was found in Western Australia, he went to try his luck. He did not make his fortune from gold but bought a racehorse called *Blue Spec*. *Blue Spec* won the Kalgoorlie Cup and Perth Cup, before winning the 1905 Melbourne Cup. Paddy Connolly was a philanthropist, contributing to war funds and other Western Australian causes. He built the Bassendean Hotel, that opened in 1930, despite strong local opposition.



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18 Cyril Jackson (1863-1924)
Sir Cyril Jackson was the first Inspector General of Education for Western Australia. He lived in [Daylesford House](#), built to his specifications, from 1898 until 1903. Cyril Jackson was the first Chairman of the West Guildford Road Board*. (1901-1903). He returned to the United Kingdom in 1906 and revolutionised the English education system. He was knighted in 1917. The Cyril Jackson Senior High School, later the Cyril Jackson Senior Campus, was named in his honour. He is also commemorated with Jackson Street and Cyril Street in Bassendean.

19 John Hyland (1869-1956)
John Hyland was a member of the West Guildford Road Board* from 1902-1908. He worked for the Western Australian Government Railways and is commemorated with Hyland Street, Bassendean. John Hyland's father, also named John, was an enrolled Pensioner Guard who lived on Surrey Street, West Guildford*.

20 Amy Gardiner (1898-1980)
Amy Clara Gardiner (nee Hitchcock) and George Hollis Gardiner lived at 13 Devon Road, Bassendean. Amy Gardiner was a foundation member of West Guildford* R.S.L. Ladies Auxiliary and was concerned with the welfare of people during the Depression, making clothes for needy families and delivering them door to door. Amy was the recipient of the R.S.L.’s gold badge of merit for outstanding service to the district.

21 William Dyer (1808-1858)
William was the indentured servant of the Henty brothers (the original owners of Stoke Farm, later sold to Peter Broun and renamed Bassendean). He was the main builder of the old homestead and was entrusted with managing the estate while the brothers attended business as merchants. William wrote a series of letters home to his father suggesting that he was bound to the Hentys as punishment for some misdeed back in England. His letters also reveal his love for his Swan River home and his unhappiness in being forced to move from Stoke Farm to Tasmania in 1831.



22 Annie Dempster (1842-1880)
Annie Ellen Dempster was born in Northam, Western Australia. The Dempster family lived in Fremantle, and then the Guildford area. Annie married Thomas Gull in 1861, a nephew of the Barkers at Guildford. Barker and Gull were partners in a store in Meadow Street, Guildford. Annie was a good business woman and took an active interest in the store. She had six children. Thomas Gull died in 1878, and Annie married Dr Edward Scott, who later became the Mayor of Perth. Their marriage was short lived, as she died after giving birth to her seventh child in 1880.



23 Rita North (1896-1962)
A popular local identity, Rita was an accomplished pianist and musician, and a member of the original Broadway [Band] Orchestra (formed in 1926), and later, leader of the local dance band, The Black Cat Orchestra during the inter-war years. Rita was involved in a number of local organisations, and worked hard for many charitable causes in the district. She assisted May Holman with fundraising. Rita married Albert Edward Smith in 1928, and they had four children. Daughter Gwen Fenech, became a Freeman of the Town of Bassendean in 1996.

*Text in this colour denotes State Heritage listing

24 Ben Bailey (1895-1915)
Ben Bailey was a foundation pupil of the West Road School in 1906. He was a popular local lad, and a fine sportsman. He was a foundation member of the West Guildford* Volunteer Fire Brigade. Ben Bailey was one of the first West Guildford boys to volunteer in the AIF (Australian Imperial Force) at the beginning of WWI. He was killed at Gallipoli in 1915. His death was mourned by the whole township with a memorial service held at St Marks Anglican Church.



25 Merv Woods (1906-1987)
Mervyn John Henry Woods was the Health and Building Surveyor for the Shire of Bassendean from 1946-1971, and a councillor from 1973-1986. This service included the office of deputy mayor from 1985-1986. A very popular personality, he was made a Freeman of the Town in June 1986.



26 Jubaitch (d.1907)
Jubaitch was the son of Yellagonga, the elder of the 'Guildford tribe' at the time of British settlement. He was a respected elder who traditionally camped near Success Hill. He was Daisy Bates' chief informant about the customs, food sources, spiritual beliefs and territories of the Swan River people for her anthropological research.

27 May Holman (1893-1939)
Mary Alice (May) Holman was elected to the Western Australian Parliament in 1925. She was the second woman elected to an Australian Parliament. She was also Australia's and the British Commonwealth's first Labor woman parliamentarian. Prior to her election, she was acting secretary of the Timber Worker's Union, and by the time of her tragic death in a road accident in April 1939, she had been re-elected five times, making her the first woman to serve more than ten years in any Commonwealth Parliament. May was involved in local fund raising efforts for the Perth Hospital Appeal and was crowned the 'Queen of giving'. In 1930, she was a member of the Australian delegation to the League of Nations Assembly in Geneva. She also served on the Board of Management of Perth Hospital. May lived with her family in Ida Street, Bassendean from 1920-1939. She is commemorated with May Holman Drive, Bassendean, and the family with Holman Reserve.

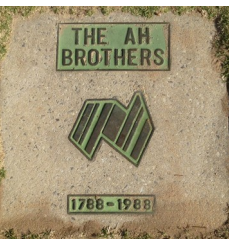


28 William Tanner (1801-1845)
William Tanner arrived in the Swan River Colony in 1831, and soon established himself as the largest single landowner in the district. In 1832, he was granted property adjacent to Success Spring. By the late 1830's, he held approximately fifty percent of land in the district, and owned the greatest portion of land that was to become the Town of Bassendean.



29 Sisters of Mercy
The Sisters of Mercy, a Catholic religious order of women, was founded in Ireland in 1831. The first sisters came to Western Australia in 1846. Six Sisters established the West Guildford Convent in 1914, that later became St Michael's school. Since that time, they have made a significant contribution to the social and spiritual welfare of residents of Bassendean.

30 The Ah Brothers
Choy, Day and Quee Ah were brothers who owned and operated (with Chinese labour) the Chinese market gardens in the Ashfield Flats, and Elder Parade area during the 1890s and early 1900s. They owned other property in Guildford and Perth. The market gardens, on the corner of Elder Parade and Bridson Street, continued into the 1980s.



31 Francis Byrne (1798-1872)
Captain Francis Byrne and his wife Matilda (nee Westcott) travelled to Western Australia aboard the *Warrior*, together with the Molloy and Bussell families. Only a few months after arriving in the colony, their two daughters died of dysentery. In July 1830, they moved to a 100 acre grant on the Swan River at West Guildford*. Captain Byrne was Resident Magistrate of York, and friend of Thomas Peel. Byrne also had other land grants at Belmont, York and the West Guildford town site.

32 John S. Roe (1797-1858)
John Septimus Roe arrived with Captain Stirling aboard the *Parmelia* in 1829. He was the first Surveyor General of the colony, and at one time, owned land in North Road, close to Point Reserve. He was also granted land in Caversham that he named Sandalford (now the well known winery and vineyard). Originally named Preston's Creek, Bennett Brook is named for his wife, Matilda Roe (nee Bennett).



33 Rino Rossi (1931-1983)
Rino Rossi was born in Tuscany. He migrated to Western Australia in 1964, and settled in Bassendean. He opened his first store 'The Bassendean Open Market', at 7 Old Perth Road. In 1971, he built the Bassendean Shopping Centre on Old Perth Road, and provided shoppers of the time with the area's first one stop shopping facility. At the time of his death, Rino Rossi and his wife Ilia, had acquired one of the largest holdings of commercial land in the Bassendean district.



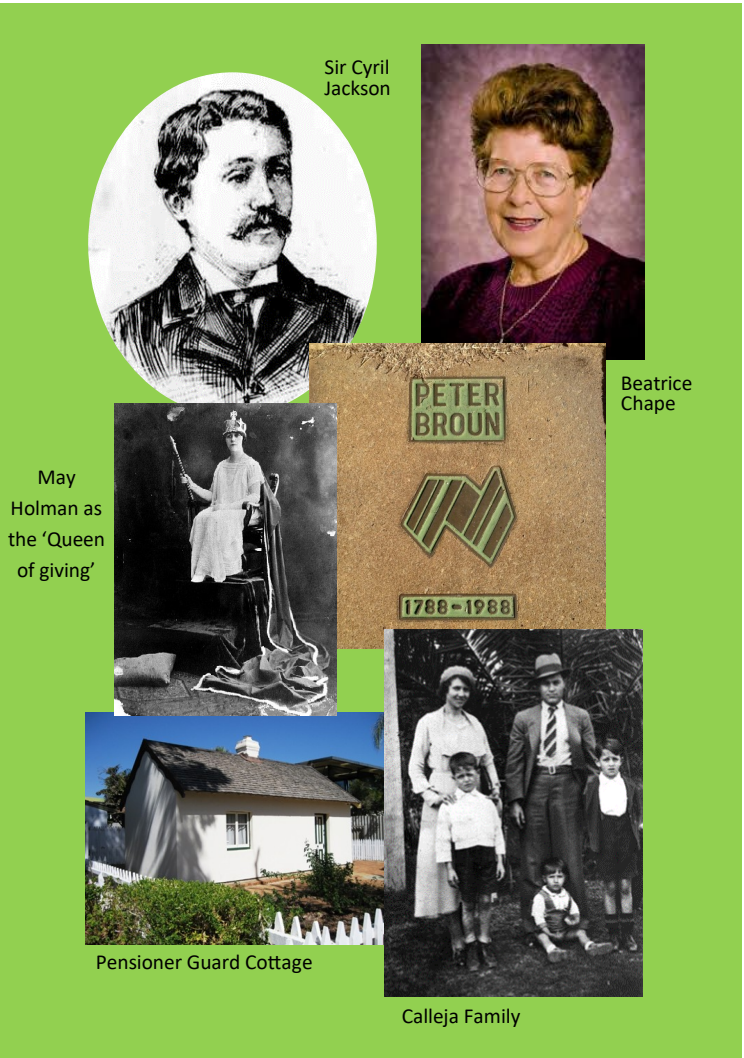
34 Calleja Family
Prominent members of the Maltese community, Carmel and Tony migrated to Western Australia in 1927. At the close of the WWII, they sponsored other families to Perth, who then settled in Bassendean, bought land and built houses in the Anzac Terrace/Broadway section of the North Ward. In 1958, the Calleja family were involved in the establishment of the Maltese Club in Broadway, which became the cultural focus for Maltese families in the area.

35 Peter Broun (1797-1846)
Hon Peter Nicholas Broun (Brown) arrived in Western Australia on the *Parmelia* in 1829. He was the first Colonial Secretary of Western Australia. In 1833, Broun was officially granted the Henty brothers' Stoke Farm, that he renamed Bassendean Homestead after the Broun ancestral estate. The name 'Bassendean' was chosen for the renaming of West Guildford in 1922. Broun married Caroline Simpson in 1824. He is buried at East Perth Cemetery. The Brouns are commemorated with Broun Way, Bassendean.



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1 Lottie Grange (d. 1970)
Lottie Grange was a respected Aboriginal elder and a midwife to her people. A home was built for her by friends in Eden Hill. Lottie is commemorated with Grange Court, Eden Hill.

2 Lockridge Hotel
1 River Street, Bassendean. The Lockeridge Hotel was designed by Clarence Wilkinson and Edward H. Dean-Smith and opened in 1896. The building has been known as Lockeridge (sometimes Lockridge) Hotel, Lockeridge (Govt.) Hospital, Miss Bailey's Girl's High School, Lockridge Private Hospital, Salvation Army Aged Men's Retreat, Amevo Hospital, Riverside Lodge and Riverview Lodge. It was listed by the Heritage Council in 2001 as Success Hill Lodge. It is now a private residence.



3 Eveline Royer (1908-1988)
Eveline Royer (nee Gaunt) had a long and meritorious record of voluntary work with the Bassendean Scout Group, Sea Scouts, Horticultural Society, Kindergarten, Senior Citizens' Association, Red Cross, Pensioner's League and A.R.P. (Air Raid Precautions). She received the Town of Bassendean Civic Award in 1983. The family is commemorated with Royer Court, Bassendean.

4 Dr RK Constable (1911-1985)
Dr Roy Constable was the local doctor and foundation member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Bassendean Sub-centre) in 1952. He was also Divisional Surgeon to Nursing Division & Brigade, Vice Patron and Patron of the Sub-Centre.

5 Earlsferry
Built in 1902 for John T. Short, Earlsferry was originally named Briarsleigh, with the named changed by owners in the 1940's. The two storey mansion has had many owners and uses over time besides a private home and received significant damage in a fire in 1989.

6 Jane (nee Cole) (1788-1844) and James Dodds (1775-1857)
The Dodds family arrived in the Swan River Colony in 1830. They selected land in West Guildford*, later established as the Cleikum Inn, that was praised as one of the foremost hostelries in Perth. James was responsible for operating the horse ferry across the river; below his Inn. Nurstead Avenue is named for the Dodds family's English connection. Their daughter Mary Thompson, inherited the Bassendean property (Thompson Road). She is reputed to have planted the magnificent Moreton Bay fig tree in Thompson Road.



7 Charles Wicks (1860-1956)
Charles Rickwood Wicks was a founding member of the West Guildford Road Board*. He built three homes in the district, including 8 Carnegie Street, Holme House in Anstey Street, and 'Abbotsford' in North Road, part of the former site of the Cleikum Inn. Charles' wife Emma (nee Mills) was involved with many West Guildford* committees. The family is commemorated with Wicks Street, Bassendean.

8 G T Wood (1863-1943)
George Tuthill Wood was a senior member of the Crown Law Department and instrumental in the foundation of the West Guildford Road Board*. He was an inaugural secretary and served on the Board from 1901-1907. GT Wood built 'The Bunga-low' (known now as Derisleigh) at 27 North Road, c.1888.



9 Pensioner Guards
The Pensioner Guards, retired British soldiers, were employed to guard convicts and fulfil other military duties. **The Pensioner Guards Cottage** is the only surviving cottage of the four built in West Guildford*. It housed Guildford Pensioner Guards families, and is the only one still existing in the Perth metropolitan area. It was completed by convicts in 1857 for Pensioner Guard John Law Davis. Davis came to Western Australia as a pensioner Guard in 1853. He married Amelia Wood in 1856, and they lived with their eight children in the two room cottage until John's death in July, 1870. Amelia remarried in 1873, remaining in the cottage until her death in 1906.