



# BUNBURY HERITAGE FORUM

## Untold Stories

10.15am arrival

Meet and greet, tea and coffee available

Friday, 14 May

10.30am	Welcome by MC	Brendan Kelly
10.35am	<b>Streets of Bunbury</b> An overview of the project which includes a street by street history of the City of Bunbury, its heritage buildings, places, notable people and unique stories.	Reece Harley Executive Director, Perth History Association Inc.
11.05am	<b>Different Dreams – The story of Leonas Leknys – one of Arthur Caldwell's 'Beautiful Balts'</b> Following the chaos of World War 2, over 170,000 immigrants arrived in Australia under the Federal Government's Displaced Persons Scheme. One of these was Leonas Leknys, a Lithuanian by birth, who arrived in Fremantle with all his belongings in a small wooden trunk and ended up in Bunbury where he lived for the rest of his life. This is his story.	Leslie Thiele Museum Customer Liaison Officer
11.35am	<b>This is where....</b> "This is where" is a site specific theatrical production about private moments that occurred in public places in Bunbury. The production is currently in development, with a view to being performed in 2022.	Siobhan Maiden Theatre-maker and Teacher
12.15	Light Refreshments	
12.45pm	<b>Noongar Boodja – Place Names</b> 'Noongar Boodja', is a documentary made by young Aboriginal people from Albany. A stunning cinematic story with Noongar Elders that explores significant places, their Noongar names and culture in Albany and surrounding areas.	Country Arts Network Introduced by Lacey Brown
1.15pm	<b>B-side Stories</b> The untold stories of Western Australians who lived ordinary lives, but caught a fleeting glimpse of fame, before vanishing into forgotten history.	Brendan Kelly President Bunbury Oral History Group
1.45pm	Close by MC	Brendan Kelly

# KEY SPEAKERS



## Brendan Kelly

Chair of the Bunbury Oral History Group, Brendan has been involved in civic issues in the Greater Bunbury Region for over 25 years and is an active advocate for the natural environment. Brendan works professionally in natural resource management and land use planning and is a motivated historian. With his wealth of experience, networks and knack for telling Bunbury's stories, Brendan received a commendation in the "Voluntary individual contribution" category at the 2020 WA Heritage Awards.



## Leslie Thiele

Leslie Thiele is a published author and researcher currently working at the Bunbury Museum & Heritage Centre. Her fascination with stories – those we tell each other, and those we tell ourselves – drives her research into the lives of those who have walked these streets before. Leslie has an interest in all eras of history, particularly the pivotal moments in time when people, no matter where they come from, are always people. Leslie leads a number of successful tours throughout Bunbury focusing on our rich history.



## Siobhan Maiden

Siobhan Maiden is a storyteller who creates works for stage and screen. She has performed in and directed over thirty plays and made over a hundred documentaries. She was the director and host of Schools' TV and worked as a broadcaster for ABC radio for ten years, presenting live radio in Melbourne, Tasmania and Bunbury. Siobhan is a teaching artist for Barking Gecko Theatre; a teacher at Bunbury Senior High School and is currently devising the play "This is where..."



## Reece Harley

Reece has an abiding interest and passion for the history of Perth and the regions. Reece has run history and small bar walking tours of Perth sharing his knowledge with residents and visitors alike. He prides himself on knowing every alleyway and street, arcade and building like the back of his hand. Reece co-founded the Perth History Association Inc. and Museum of Perth in 2015 to chronicle the social, cultural, political and architectural history of the city. Since then the Museum has curated fifteen unique exhibitions on a range of topics and embarked on the "Streets of..." projects.