

## Liddelow Homestead Arts & Crafts Club Inc.

Formed in 1977 by Joan Piggford, Mary Miocovich, Madeline Faulkner-Brown and Jo Taylor.

At that time the Homestead was in poor decorative order and under threat of demolition.

Fortunately it was recognised by the City of Gosnells and the West Australian Museum Board as being of historical importance.

The Building was then renovated and became the pleasant old building it is today.

A Homestead management committee was formed to run the building and from this the Homestead Arts & Crafts Club was formed.

A Bursar was appointed to delve into the history of the Liddelow Family and the original Land Grant.

Photographs and information are on display at the Homestead.

From this humble beginning the Club has continued to grow and in 1989 the Club appointed a Coordinator.

1992 the Club was incorporated and took the name Liddelow Homestead Arts & Crafts Club Inc.

1995 The City of Gosnells built additional space for the pottery groups and a large multi purpose room for classes, meetings and Exhibitions.

These current additions now make the facilities at the Liddelow Homestead extremely desirable for those wishing to learn and participate in the many classes and groups available at the centre.

The Liddelow Homestead is the only Art Facility of its kind in the City of Gosnells, servicing a population of 79,000 and actively demonstrates its committal to extending arts and crafts knowledge to residents of the district.

Some of the Arts & Crafts Available are Art oils & Acrylics, Watercolours, Mosaics, Drawing, Patchwork, Embroidery, Pottery, Woodturning. We add to these if space is available and the public require it.

We also have classes for the Children in Pottery..

We hold an Annual Spring Exhibition in which most of the members participate and sell their work.



135 Years  
1883-2018

## Brief History of the Liddelow Family

1826 John Liddelow born in Norfolk England.

1850 Migrated to Western Australia at the age of 24 years.

1853 married Amelia Crow and had a son Frederick.

1856 to 1859 John was supplying Milk, Vegetables and Meat to the Government Stores.

John prospered as a Butcher and obtained all the Government Contracts and established a shop in St Georges Terrace.

1857 Their Daughter Emily was born

They had a further 4 children whom all died very young

1860 He acted as merchant for Salted Hides & Greasy Wool  
He also qualified as a Juror having established an Estate in excess of £1500

1861 He had a home shop and skin store in St Georges Terrace Perth and acquired a confectioners license.  
His Son Frederick, attended Bishop Hales School.

1869 His wife Amelia died and four months later he married Jane Byers-Wood. This was the first wedding in Wesley Church.

The House now called Liddelow Homestead stands on land which used to be "Kenwick Park"

## KENWICK PARK

Wallace Bickley established his home "Kenwick Park" in 1851 on the land where Liddelow Homestead now stands. His extensive land holdings included locations 3, 11 & 12 initially allocated to C Morritt, W Bickley and R Dawson.

These names appear on the rooms of the Homestead.

In 1870, Bickley leased "Kenwick Park" to John Liddelow for £70 per year and after Bickleys death in 1876, John Liddelow purchased the entire property.

In February 1882 a bushfire destroyed the house and some outbuildings. John Liddelow rebuilt the house, incorporating the servants quarters in the new building.

Locally fired bricks and pit sawn timber were used in the building. The 16cm (6 ½") floorboards still show the adze marks.

The outhouses consisted of barns, stables, coach house, servants quarters and cooking area.

Liddelow operated a slaughterhouse on the banks of the Canning River to cater for his butchers shops on the corner of Murray and Barrack Streets, Perth. He also employed Chinese workers on his Kenwick market gardens.

In 1886 John Liddelow and his wife went to England for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition where John had exhibited a cask of salted meat. Whilst there he purchased a trotting horse "Bay Shales" and also a Jersey herd to establish the colony's first Jersey Stud which he ran on the Kenwick property

John became a Perth Town Councillor for one term, then retired and transferred his business interests to his son, Frederick.

Frederick pre-deceased his Father by one year.

John left his estate to his widow who passed it to Fredericks son Beverley.

Beverley Liddelow sold most of the Kenwick property between 1903 and 1909

Subsequent owners and occupiers were Robert Hayes, Sheard Brothers, Hicks family and Cooper family.

These people have been remembered on the doors of the rooms of the Homestead.

It was from the Cooper Family that the City of Gosnells acquired the property.