

# Glenalta Chronology



Colleen Wilson walking on Sherwood Drive, Glenalta - Spring 1963

**1844**

First Land Grant taken up by James Coulls

**1847**

The name "Blackwood Vale Farm:" first used.

Daniel Tregallis settled in the district, built his house which still stands at 2 Byrne Street.

**1849**

Robert Burfield settled in the district and later opened the Blackwood Inn and was a trustee of the Inebriates Retreat at Belair.



Blackwood Vale Farmhouse, Byrne Road 1995

**1852**

James Laffer leased the north east area of the suburb, built a house and planted an apple & pear orchard. A couple of years later he bought the property for his son Phillip and it remained in the family until 1933.

**1869**

Blackwood Inn opened by Robert Burfield



Main Road Glenalta showing railway crossing and Belair Hotel (formerly the Blackwood Inn) - 1910s CA Petts Photo

**1878**

Robert Burfield was killed when his horse-drawn water wagon overturned on a bridge over the Minnow Creek near present day Minnow Reserve.

**1880**

Blackwood Inn renamed Belair Hotel.

**1883**

Railway Line opened along the western side of the suburb.

**1896**

Daniel Tregallis died.

**1914**

Legh Winser arrived in the district.

**1922**

Thomas Petherick took up 25 acres on Hawthorndene Drive and built a house.

**1926**

William Dunn, a dairyman of Geraldton WA began the first subdivision of the suburb into 62 allotments which took more than 20 years to sell as Blackwood Park.

**1934**

Rover Scouts used the area Glenalta for training camps (Chronicle 4 Jan 1934 pg34)

**1939**

Timothy Quinlan-Watson built a house on Rosella Ave and was the first to run sheep to produce wool in the area.



Quinlan-Watson's house on Rosella Ave

**1954**

John J Roche bought Quinlan-Watson property and proceeded to subdivide it.

**1955**

Geoffrey A Adcock bought the Laffer property.

**1956**

Education Department bought 2 acres for Belair Primary School, which opened in 1958.

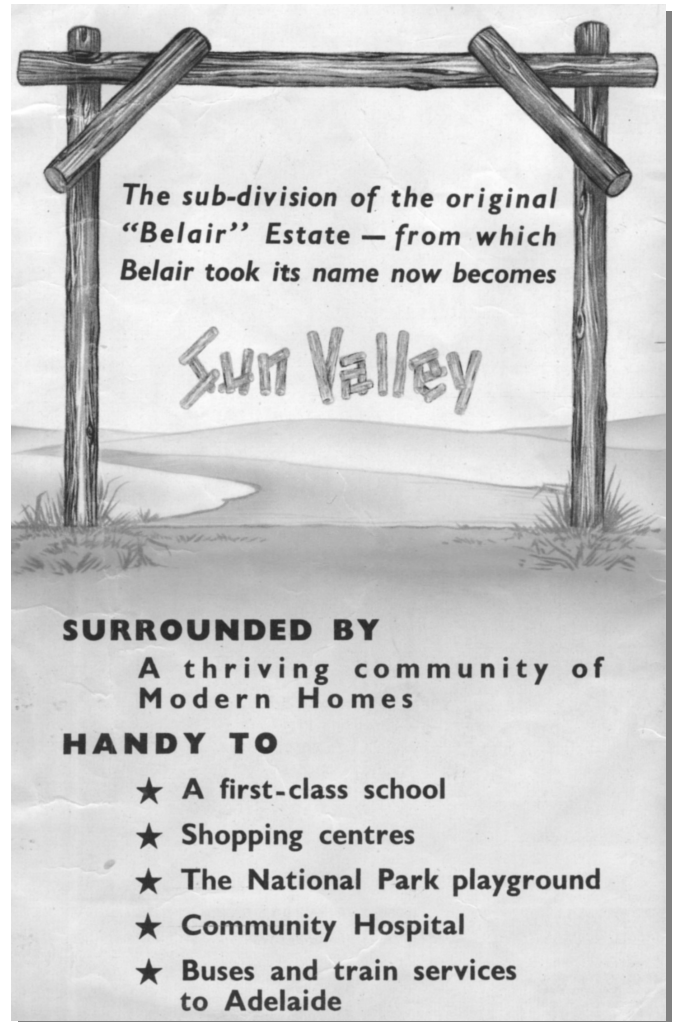


**1958**

Sun Valley subdivision begun by GA Adcock.

**1961**

Allotments of Sherwood Estate were offered from 36 acres in the south west part of the suburb.



**Above and Right:** From of AC & CC Adcock's promotional pamphlets for the subdivisions of 'Sherwood Estate' with it's street names inspired by the Robin Hood stories and 'Sun Valley' with it's American theme and street names.

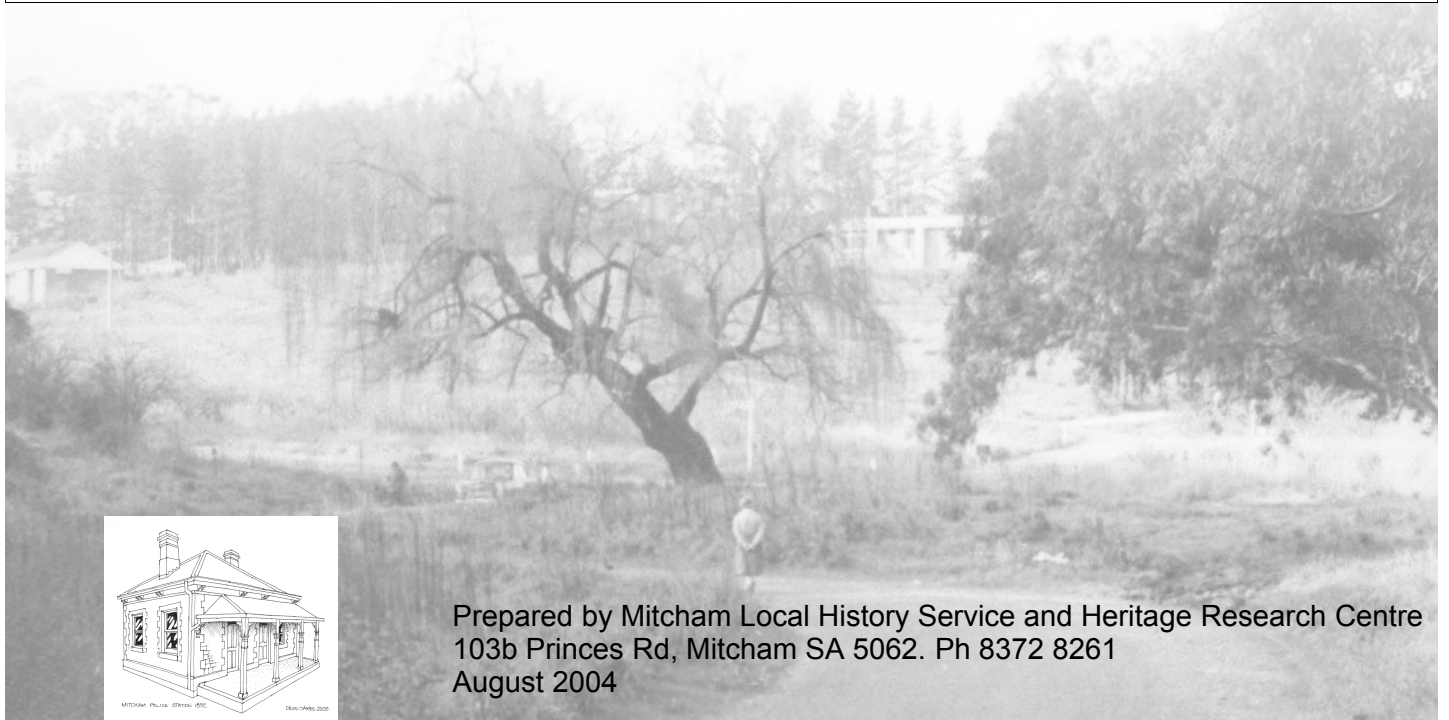
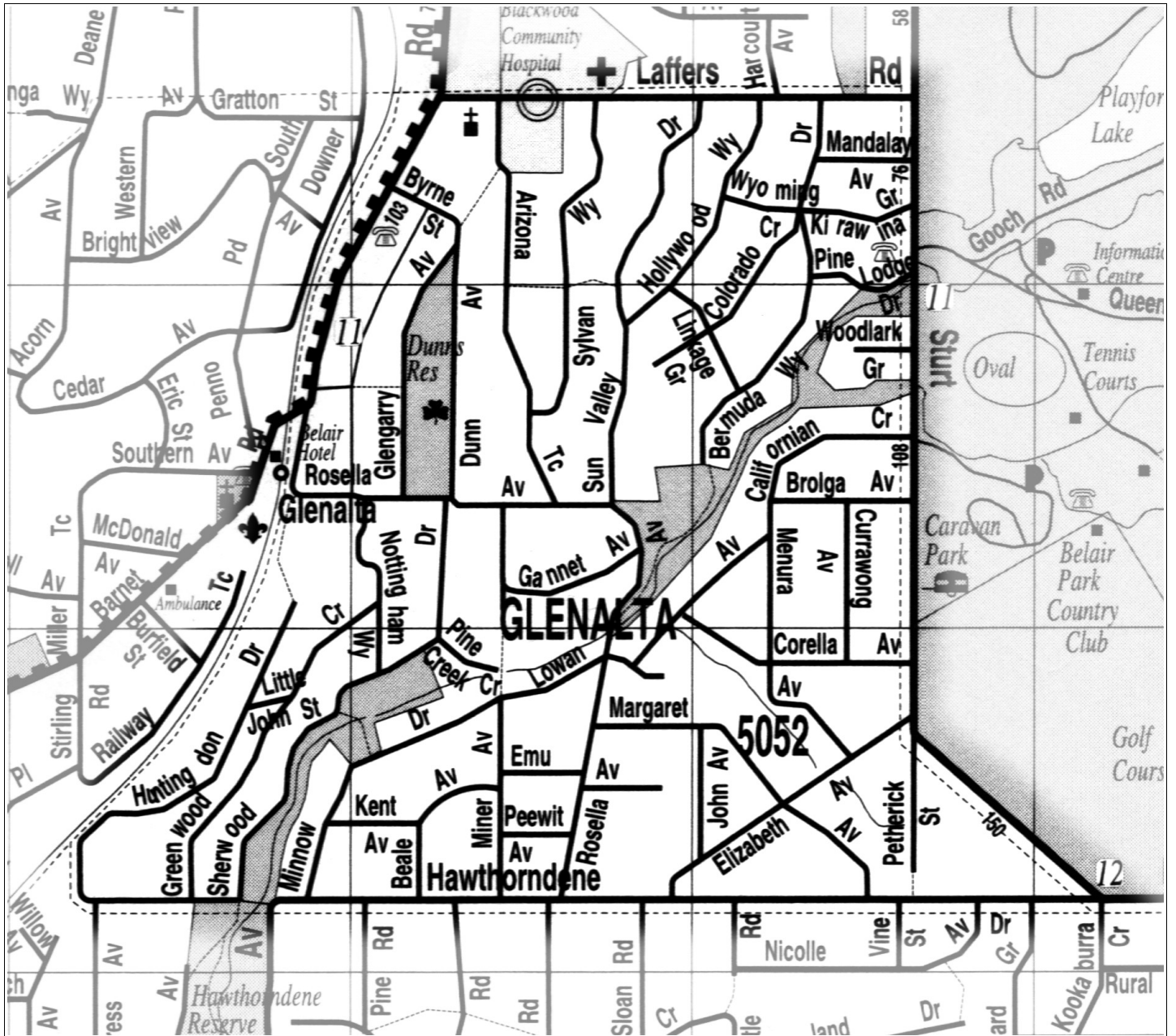
**1968**

Last part of Glenalta was subdivided between Rosella, Emu Ave and Hawthorndene Drive.



Looking towards Belair Hotel - Horses on Legh Winser's farm - 1946 (Legh Winser photo)

# Glenalta Map



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