

## **Brief Outline of Project and Budget**

### **Title: York: WA's first inland Town: A Documentary History**

This Book will complete the work begun by the late Tony Clack, York Historian, and encouraged by the late Professor Geoffrey Bolton, both very good friends of mine.!

#### **Project Background.**

A Documentary History was Tony's idea: to collect together documents that would tell the history of York, year by year. He only got to 1850 and had the easiest task as he could use explorer's diaries and readily accessible pioneer records. He asked Julie Rae and me to finish it virtually on his deathbed. I asked him what to do if there were no particular records for a given year and he said a good rule of thumb would be use a document or newspaper article about something that would have had the whole town talking in that year. That is the guiding principal I have used in taking the story to 2018.

The York Society sponsored many of Tony's earlier works and are solidly behind this publication. It's launch has been planned to coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the society in September 2018. The book will be 350 pages long and fully illustrated in colour.

#### **Public Outcome**

This documentary history will be a useful tool for the York High school and hopefully give pleasure to many York people who have missed a history of their town. One of the major stories in York's history is the isolation brought about by the decision to run the goldfields railway through Northam and not York, yet that decision may well prove critical. As a result, York township is a perfectly preserved early 20<sup>th</sup> century town, minus the horses. It has a magnificent Residency Museum, and a Motor Museum equal to none. It is thus poised to exploit the tourist bandwagon and perhaps items and issues highlighted in this book will help that endeavour.

#### **Book Preparation**

Julie Rae and I have done all the research and writing free of charge. I have also paid all the necessary fees to obtain research and writing materials which would amount to a good \$1000 since 2012. I am very grateful to the shire for waiving the \$25 fee for 25 photographs but obviously I need many more than that and have already paid the shire an additional \$400 and Battye Library even more.

Before printing, the book has to be designed and formatted, a quite expensive process but I applied for and fortunately obtained a grant for \$4000 from the WA History Foundation, (which will have to be acknowledged.) The actual cost will be \$4250 but I will cover the extra. However I just cannot cover the whole costs of printing the book. The cheapest quote for a full colour production hard cover 350 page book is attached.

#### **Printing Costs**

As can be seen the cost of printing 250 books will be \$8,841.80

We have discussed quantities and feel 150 copies is too small a number and 500 copies too expensive. 250 does not sound many but we have been assured that re-prints can be done within a week if needed.

I am hoping the Shire will provide \$4000, the York Society \$2500 and I will put in \$2500 – and may be a little more to cover two copies bound in leather, one each for the Council and Society at a cost of \$120 on top of the book cost.

### **Possible Cost-offset – an Auction**

Recently the Shire of Busselton financed the Publication of *Busselton in Snips and Snaps* by an auction held at the launch. The Shire paid for the launch and after half an hour or so the Mayor introduced the concept and the auctioneer, and made the final bid of \$2000 for the first book. This soft cover book was retailing after the auction for just \$34 and was much smaller than ours.

The auctioneer sold the second book to the Historical Society for \$2000, the 3<sup>rd</sup> for \$1,500, 4<sup>th</sup> for \$1000 then quite a few for \$750 and \$500 with the Mayor exhorting his audience of local businessmen and farmers to bid higher. They auctioned ten books and made nearly \$10,000 which recovered the full cost of the book. Whether this would be appropriate for York is up to Council to decide.

### **Recommended retail price**

We think the **normal** retail price of this full colour book should be \$49.90 or \$50. Most bookshops will buy in at \$30 to sell at \$50. All returns can be used for printing further copies when needed. As my husband and I will make the initial payment to the printer I would like Nick to handle sales in conjunction with Clayton Smith of Barclays Books. Nick has had experience in managing sales of all my books in the past.

### **Acknowledgement**

I am more than happy to acknowledge any help from the Council in the manner they deem appropriate.

### **Launch**

It has been agreed that this will take place in the Town Hall on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Council granting a waiver of fee for hire of the hall. Invitations to be sent to all those involved and an open invitation to the public placed in *Community Matters* with an RSVP deadline. Council to take acceptances.

Catering arrangements to be undertaken by the York Society and the Drew's with possible financial help (\$500?) from Council.

**Total funding requested from the Shire of York \$4500 – Book and launch subsidy**

Yours sincerely

Dr Pamela Statham Drew

## York Book Budget for Printing 250 Books

### Income

York Shire Council	\$4,000.00
York Society	\$2,500.00
PSD/ND	\$2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>

### Expense

<b>Printing 250 books</b>	<b>\$8,841.80</b>
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#### Permissions for Illustrations:

36 scans @ \$25.00 each \$875.00

Less Council Subsidy \$500.00

Total \$400.00

RWAHS & Battye illustrations \$250.00

2 Hard Cover @ \$120.00 each for \$240.00

York Council, York Society

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,731.80</b>
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### Estimated Sales

Book Launch 60 x \$40.00 \$2,400.00

Book Shops 150 x \$30.00 \$4,500.00

Private Sales 30 x \$50.00 \$1,500.00

Free copies- 10 (Launcher, legal deposit etc) \$0.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>
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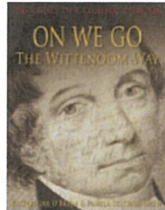
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### Pamela Statham-Drew

Pamela Statham-Drew lectured in economic history at the University of Western Australia for 42 years retiring as Associate Professor in 2006. She graduated with an honours degree in Economics from Monash University in Victoria and was awarded her doctorate by the University of Western Australia. She has written and edited a number of books on Australian History.

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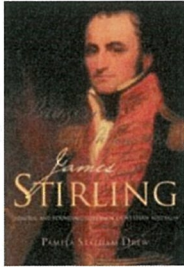
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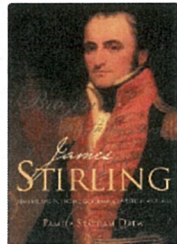


### Pamela Statham Drew

Pamela Statham-Drew is currently a Senior Lecturer at The University of Western Australia, where she gained a doctorate for her research into the economic development of the Swan River Colony to 1850.

She was responsible for the first volume in the *Dictionary of Western Australians* series, contributed to the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, and has been author, contributor and editor of a number of other books on colonial subjects.

She has recently been made an honorary life member of the Friends of Batty Library.



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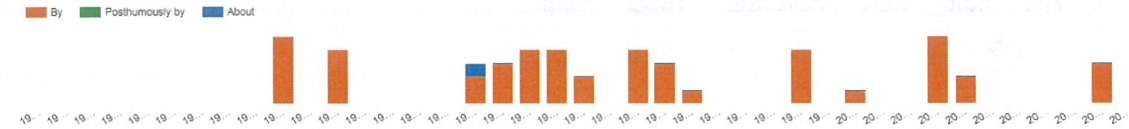
## Articles

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Garry Gillard | New: 23 August, 2017 | Now: 6 January, 2018

Publication Timeline



Most widely held works about Pamela Statham-Drew

- Pamela Statham-Drew papers by Pamela Statham-Drew (Book)
- Interview with Dr Pam Statham by Pamela Statham-Drew (Interview)

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- James Stirling : admiral and founding governor of Western Australia** by Pamela Statham-Drew (Book)  
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- Ins and outs : the composition and disposal of the NSW Corps, 1790-1810** by Pamela Statham-Drew (Book)  
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To the Shire of York

Thank you so much for your interest and offer of assistance for the publication of a book begun many years ago by the late Tony Clack, and encouraged by the late Professor Bolton!

### **About The Book**

This is not a narrative history of York. Tony felt that could come later. What he envisioned was a collection of documents from various sources that would present an **eye witness account of past events that shaped the town.**

Unfortunately cancer terminated Tony's life before he could complete the book, but - literally on his death bed in York hospital - he begged his good friend and fellow York Society member Julie Rae and I to finish it – which we agreed to do.

I had met Tony in 2004 while writing the History of the Wittenoom Family as Tony was then “keeping an eye” on the **Gwambygine property** that had originally been granted to the Colonial Chaplain J.B.Wittenoom. At this time Tony had only collected documents relating to York's very early years, to 1850, so we had much in common.

When faced with completing the book I asked Tony what to do if there was no outstanding record for a given year. He said he had spoken to Geoff Bolton about that and a good rule of thumb would be use a document or newspaper article about any event that most people would have known about and discussed. That is the guiding principal I have used in taking the story to 2018.

But it has proved a difficult task. Sometimes major world or Australia wide issues are missing in York's papers. So the local reaction to such events is often just not known. As an example, there was nothing in the papers about the end of the Second World War – the only piece we could find was the Victory Picnic provided for school children!

The Shire Minutes were a good guide but a poor source for a relevant 'document'. Particular issues would either have many pages of discussion or a single line. So they have not been used often. Another difficulty has been that while a document has the immediacy and veracity of news “as it happens” it lacks context. To be appreciated documents need explanatory notes, who the people are, for example, or how the described incident came about. So throughout the book blue italic notes are provided to give such background, as well as copious colour illustrations.

But now, taken together – the document, its context and colour pictures - for over 186 separate yearly entries provides a quite unique history of York,

### **Value of the Book**

One of York's stories is the isolation brought about by the decision to run the goldfields railway through Northam and not York, yet that decision may well provide a prosperous future through tourism. **York township is a perfectly preserved early 20<sup>th</sup> century town minus the horses.**

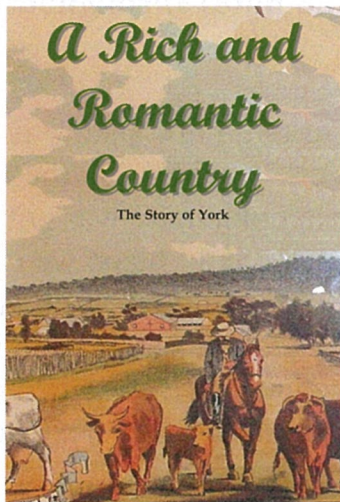
This book tells the story of the emergence of that streetscape. The illust which we hope York people will dip into often to relive the past. There will inevitably be significant events we have wised and inclusions that some will contest, but we have done our best to honour the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the The York Society

Although such documents have the immediacy and veracity of news “as it happens” they often had no context. To be understood they needed explanatory notes, so blue italic notes have been inserted before or after the document to provide such background. Accompanying illustrations, in colour where possible, make this collection of over 200 documents a quite unique history of York.

(because sometimes there were more than one significant event in a year)

## Introduction to York Book

This Book was the brain child of Tony Clack, a gentle soul who lived in York for many years and wrote a lot of articles **booklets** on various aspects of its history – which fascinated him. An early member of the York Society, Tony kept a low profile **while working tirelessly for the River Conservation Society and The York Society Archives**. **he had a strong aversion to argument and ruefully admitted that given the strong personalities that made up the Society there would inevitably be differences of opinion.** He had been planning this book for some years, had selected most of the pre- convict entries and the Millett extracts, had designed a cover and had even asked Professor Geoffrey Bolton to write an introduction.



From the beginning Tony had determined it was not to be a full history, that could come later, it was to be a series of documents from various sources that presented an **eye witness account of past events that shaped the town.** Unfortunately cancer terminated Tony's life before he could complete the book, but - literally on his death bed in York hospital - he begged his good friend and fellow York Society member Julie Rae and I to finish it – which we agreed to do.

I had met Tony in 2004 at the State History Conference in Toodyay held by the Affiliates Committee of the Royal WA Historical Society (of which my husband Nick and I are Councillors). I was then writing the History of the Wittenoom Family with Mrs Jacqueline O'Brien (nee Wittenoom) and wanted to see where her grandfather, Sir Edward Wittenoom and his family had lived on the original land granted to the Colonial Chaplain, the Reverend John Burdett Wittenoom.

Tony was then “keeping an eye” on the **Gwambygine property** for the owner, Mrs Maggie Veneri’s, and offered to show us. He was very distressed that the rammed earth homestead, which dated back to 1836, was disintegrating, having been left empty since the death of Maggie’s father, Merton Clifton, in 1998. The story of the rescue and rejuvenation of this property by a group Tony and I formed, thus figures largely in the book.

Tony’s advice regarding the choice of material to finish the book was to include **reports of events that involved the whole Town** - events that most people would have discussed – and it proved a difficult task. While a series of documents has the immediacy and veracity of news “as it happens” the documents often have no context. They must be cited as published at the time, but to be appreciated need explanatory notes, who the people are, for example, or how the described incident came about often need to be included. **The blue italic notes throughout the book are intended to provide such background.**

Another surprising problem we encountered in trying to tell York’s story is that major world or Australia wide issues are missing in York’s papers. So the local reaction to such events is often just not known. As an example, there was nothing in the papers about the end of the Second World War – the only piece we could find was the Victory Picnic provided for school children! Another problem is that many quite significant events did not get newspaper coverage or much comment in the Shire Minutes. So often, the minutes would have one line about an issue - hardly enough for a “document” so we have not used them very often.

**The York Society’s Honorary Archivist** Julie Rae of **The York Society Archives** has been amazing in finding documents that do tell a story. She has worked tirelessly typing articles and lists, collecting and scanning pictures, and finding the answers to my thousands of questions by visiting the institutions and people concerned.

York archives are a joy for researchers, you have hard copy instead of microfilm of most newspapers and they are all there! The facilities are amazing – it is light and airy, the very antithesis of a stereotype archive hidden underground. It is such a shame that Tony Clack, **who helped Julie and the team plan the building and raise the necessary finance**, did not live to see it. We trust he would be pleased with this book, which we hope York people will dip into often to relive the past. There will inevitably be significant events we have missed and inclusions that some will contest, but we have done our best to honour the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **The York Society**