

**Parramatta and District Historical Society
announces the Speaker for the
*September 2019 Monthly Meeting***



The Speaker on this occasion will be

Judith Dunn

Her subject

“Crimes of the Convict Women”

Judith Dunn OAM is a Fellow, Councillor and Past President of Parramatta & District Historical Society and a current Councillor of the Royal Australian Historical Society.

In her talk, she will reveal the feisty nature of convict pioneer women, noted in the official records as “the very dregs of society”. Individual crime reports from the Sydney Morning Herald illustrate the larrikinism and inner strength which allowed the convict women to survive. Far from stealing a loaf of bread, these feisty women were up to all sorts of mischief, amorous adventures with men, drunkenness, absconding, violent and riotous behaviour and much more. All stories relate to crimes committed after arrival in the colony. Although humorous, this is also a thought provoking talk describing the transport and gaol system endured by these women.

Come along and hear this intriguing story.

TIME and DATE: 7.30 pm Monday 16 September 2019

**VENUE: Burnside Gardens Community Centre
3 Blackwood Place, Oatlands**

The lecture is free and will be followed by supper.

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