

April 2016

Dear Members,

It has been all action at last on the Pioneer Board restoration! We are pleased to report that we have had a visit on 14 April from Elizabeth Triarico, the consultant historian who has started work with great enthusiasm on the significance assessment report for our Pioneer Board. Several members met with Elizabeth and there was considerable discussion on all aspects of the board and sharing of the impressive research work that has already been undertaken by members of the Warrnambool Family History Group on the 204 men who are featured. We also discussed the research on Lillian Foyle, of the Foyle Photographers family who did some beautiful watercolour works on the board. Lillian is the only woman recorded on the board and deserves a mention in relation to the important part she played in the production of this valuable community asset.

Elizabeth O'Callaghan suggested that Les had mentioned that the Pioneer Board originally had another frame around the one that is currently there. Has any member got any information that may allow us to confirm this? A memory, a photograph or contact names of someone who may have further insight? Just to remind you all of the current state of the Pioneer Board, it is visible in the background of the photo in relation to the relaunch of *For King and Country* below.

Another event of note this month was the relaunch of James Affleck's book *For King and Country*. This valuable research tool has been sold out for some time so has been revised and updated to include some new information and is sure to sell well in the future. Cr Rob Askew launched the book with some well-chosen words and included many references to interesting portions of the book that he had obviously read and absorbed.



Cr Rob Askew, Dulcie Askew with James Affleck co author of *For King and Country*.

Cultural Heritage Open Day As part of International Museums Day and Heritage month HeritageWorks will be open on Sunday 22 May for a “come and try” history and genealogy. There will be free consultations on family history or local history questions. Bring a question, find an answer!

Flagstaff Hill will also have a special program with free admission on the same day and Warrnambool Art Gallery will host back of house tours and other interesting activities. Flagstaff Hill anticipate seeing the return of the Childers ships cannon from Melbourne University and the starting of its restoration, plus hopefully revealing two new heritage items linked to the Warrnambool Garrison.

The function to express our thanks to Peter Robertson for the positive role he played in the implementation of the HeritageWorks project was a pleasant social event. Peter came to the WFHG AGM and took part in a presentation to him after suitable words of appreciation were expressed. Without Peter's constant support and advice the task of delivering HeritageWorks that we know now from the bedraggled relocatables that we started with, would have been almost impossible. We are all very grateful. The partnership between WDHS and WFHG continues to flourish as we work closely together sharing resources and knowledge on a daily basis.



Judy Miller, President WFHG, Peter Robertson, Glenys Phillpot President WDHS.

Fiftieth Birthday. The first Historical Society began in 1935 with annual subscriptions of 5 shillings. This society appears to have folded in 1938 to be followed much later in 1958 by another Historical Society that lasted until 1961. Warrnambool & District Historical Society has been operating in its current form since 1966. What has happened in the intervening years?
How can we future proof our valuable community asset?

[An important date for your diary-](#)

WDHS 50th birthday dinner Saturday 14 May 2016, Hotel Warrnambool 7pm.
Guest speaker - Dr Pat Varley, an interesting speaker, a well-respected educator and community member who was also a foundation member of WDHS! Please join in the celebrations.

[Now that postage has risen to \\$1 it costs even more to send our member communications by post. If you have an email address we would love to use that.](#)

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