

Hello Members,

October 2017

Spring has certainly sprung, as anyone who has visited HeritageWorks lately will attest. The luxurious growth of grass on the lawn in front of History House might need to be bailed rather than mowed, however we are relieved to report that the ivy which was threatening the east side of the building has recently received severe pruning, so now we have more light to work by. The warmer weather has brought more visitors with research enquiries. Volunteers on the daily rosters have reported that even the days of the week which are generally quiet have been much busier this month.

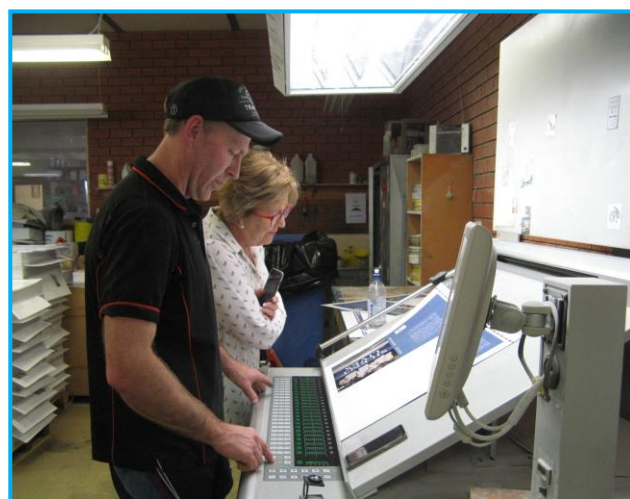
Committee members travelled to Terang last week to view the printing of *Silent Lives* and we are very much looking forward to the launch of this book which has been researched, written and now printed locally.

Elizabeth O'Callaghan's book *Silent Lives: Women of Warrnambool and District 1840 to 1910* will be launched at Warrnambool Art Gallery at 5pm on Thursday, 9 November. Areas of Elizabeth's extensive research include Aboriginal women, schools-private and government, specialist teachers, paid employment, writers, everyday life, sport, charitable work, political activities, women and the law. The book has 380 pages and contains over 300 illustrations and includes a bibliography and index. Copies of the book are \$30 and will be available for purchase at the launch and following that at HeritageWorks.

Your invitation to the launch is attached to this bulletin and we would love to see many members there at the celebration of this monumental work. If you are unable to attend, but would like to order a copy, please contact us by phone or email and we will reserve a copy for you.



Uncut pages of *Silent Lives* awaiting binding at Star Printing Terang.



Quality control inspection of book covers.

Some more dates to add to your calendar:

- 14 December – W&DHS Christmas cut-out barbecue. 5pm
- 15 December – Last day - HeritageWorks closes for break 4pm
- 08 January - HeritageWorks reopen for 2018, 10am
- 13 January – Drive-way Jumble sale at HeritageWorks 9am

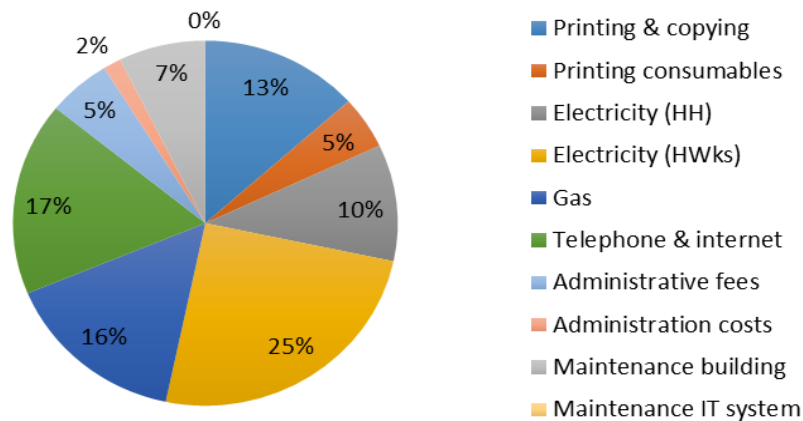
More details of these activities will follow in November bulletin



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In our case, the old Chinese proverb should be amended to **many members make lights work**. Our twin treasurers at the Family History Group and Historical Society have been crunching the numbers on the income and expenditure figures for the period since we moved in to HeritageWorks in 2014. We thought we would share these graphs below with you as they show clearly the importance of the membership of our two organisations to the day to day work we do. The 2016-17 financials have been used and show how your membership fees are spent.

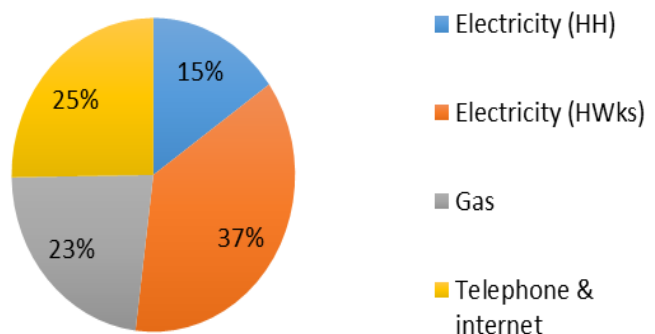
HeritageWorks Operating Costs 2016-17



As you can see from this chart, lighting, heating, telephone and internet expenses loom large in the accounts, as they do in household budgets. The realities of rising prices for these items is cause to consider ways we can make our operation sustainable into the future.

The majority of our income is derived from membership fees, though we also generate some money from research fees, book sales and fundraising activities such as our stall at the Timor Street market. We thank all our members for their continued support and hope that they will continue to enjoy the benefits of membership of W&DHS, WFHG or of both groups.

HeritageWorks Services Costs 2016-17



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