

Hello members,

July 2017

As you will gather by the bits and pieces attached to this month's bulletin, we are approaching that time of year again. Springtime it brings on the shearing...the footy finals and the AGM! Thank you to the many members who have been quick to renew. The form is again attached, for those who might have missed it last time.

Last month we reported on some of the generous support we had received for our efforts to raise funds to restore and conserve the Pioneer Board. Subsequently we received a \$2,500.00 donation from the Ern Hartley Foundation. The combined total of \$22,500.00 has been received from local philanthropic bodies, a heartening endorsement of our efforts and evidence of the recognition of the importance of the Board to the community. We intend to apply to the Warrnambool City Council's Community Development Fund and have applied to the National Library of Australia for support for this project and we also welcome support from members and others interested preservation of local history. Do you have a relative on the Board who you might like to adopt? Perhaps you live in a street named after one of the 204 men on the board and would like to pass the hat around your neighbours? Please contact us if you would like more information about our project.



*L: Dr Isabella Younger Ross, pioneer of the Infant Welfare movement. R: Baby scales from W&DHS collection*

On Friday 14 July a morning tea and exhibition was held at the Lighthouse Theatre to commemorate the centenary of the establishment of infant welfare services in Victoria. Although the first Baby Health Centre opened in Richmond in 1917, the instigator of the service was Warrnambool's Dr Isabella Younger Ross. W&DHS lent items from our collection for the exhibition, which was organized by the Warrnambool City Council's Child Services department. Our set of baby scales, the memorial stone from Warrnambool's first baby health centre, 1927, and a copy of the book *The Happy Mother and Child* by Dr Younger Ross were among several items which made a really interesting display tracing the early development of this vital service, which today we take for granted. Prior to the establishment of health centres high infant mortality rates were a fact of life.

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

In accordance with the Rules of the Society and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Warrnambool & District Historical Society Inc will be held at

**HeritageWorks, 2 Gilles St, Warrnambool at 2.00pm on Sunday 17 September 2017**

At the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on September 25 last year a resolution was passed by the membership to amend the rules of the Society, effective immediately, as follows:

*The committee members elected at the Annual General Meeting and each year thereafter shall consist of the president and up to ten other ordinary members.*

This year four committee members retire. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

The names of the members to retire at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting are:

President: Janet Macdonald

Committee Members: Eric van der Wal, Joanne Laity and Rosemary Isaac

Andrew Suggett resigned early 2017

## **NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS**

President: 1 position (1 year term)

Committee: up to 5 positions (5 x 2 year term)

All **nominations close at 4.00pm on Friday 25 August 2017**, by which time nomination forms must be lodged with the Secretary. Nominations may be mailed to the Secretary, Warrnambool & District Historical Society Inc., PO Box 731, Warrnambool 3280 or hand delivered to HeritageWorks, 2 Gilles Street, and placed in the box marked '**NOMINATIONS**'.

A copy of the nomination form is provided with this notice. The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be forwarded prior to the meeting.

**Membership fell due on 1 July 2017.** Nominations may only be received from financial members.

Rosemary Isaac - Secretary

July 20, 2017

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Committee: Marita Murphy (Vice President). Barbara McLeod (Treasurer) Mandy King, Joanne Laity, Glenys Phillpot, Pat Varley and Eric van der Wal.

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