

Hello Members,

August 2017

It is hoped that by now you have had a chance to read the Winter edition of *Warnimble* and have caught up with the news of our win in Victorian Museums Awards late last month. We have not grown tired of trumpeting our win and the award for cataloguing has inspired our Victorian Collections cataloguing team to work harder. Like several AFL teams, they are currently preparing for a big effort in September!

While the VC team are winning accolades there is a great deal of other hard work going on about the place. The exhibitions crew – Glenys, Eric and Marita – are preparing a special exhibition to complement the launch of *Silent Lives*; volunteers Erene, Nola and Ingrid are toiling over the constant accessioning and cataloguing of our photograph collection, and Barbara P is entering information from old water board rate books onto a digital database.

On Friday 25 August committee members Glenys, Marita and Janet spent the morning at West Warrnambool Primary School presenting sessions in both senior and junior sections of the school. Themes for the day were 'What aspects of the past can be seen today and what do they tell us about our past?' 'What are artefacts?' 'Differences and similarities in Warrnambool, past to present'. Students viewed photographs of Warrnambool 1850s-1950s and also a sample of some of the artefacts from the W&DHS collection, with a particular focus on school, entertainment and household items. We welcome West Warrnambool Primary School as our newest school member of the Society.

Warrnambool was the first venues across the state to host a War Heritage Roadshow, held at Emmanuel College Hall on 11 & 12 August. Several W&DHS members attended over the two days for free consultations with conservators from the Grimwade Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation. This program supported by the Veterans Branch of the Department of Premier and Cabinet aims to provide better understanding and care for significant material relating to Australia's war heritage, not just in official museums, but in personal, family and community collections. The Roadshow featured a consultation day at which war memorabilia could be taken for identification and assessment by experts, followed by an activity day where demonstrations and practical sessions on cleaning and care of artefacts took place.

Recent researches have included: the Ozone Hotel, plans & specifications; Thunder Point rifle range; Robert Mitchell 1890s *Standard* journalist and enquiries into the histories of various houses in and around Warrnambool.



A final boarding call for any members who may be interested in joining the tour of the Warrnambool to Port Fairy rail line on Saturday 9 September. This activity is being organized by Michael Menzies of the Geelong & Southwest Rail Heritage Society on the 40th anniversary of the closure of the line. Michael has advised us that there are a few places on the bus for people who wish to join the tour at this end, which will begin at HeritageWorks at 11am and return to Warrnambool at 5pm. Please contact HeritageWorks (55610283) for more details or for bookings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2017

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

Business: Presentation of annual reports

Election of office bearers

Presentation

Following the annual meeting all members and interested public are invited to attend the launch of the Warrnambool Pioneer Board Conservation & Publication project, at 2.30pm. (see attached invitation for details).

Afternoon tea to follow launch

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

At the close of the nomination period at 4pm on Friday 25 August, the following nominations had been received:

President: Janet Macdonald

Committee: Rosemary Isaac; Joanne Laity; Eric van der Wal

Members are respectfully reminded that membership subscriptions for the 2017-2018 are payable from 1 July 2017 and that only paid members are eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

Upcoming events at HeritageWorks

9 September	Visit by Geelong & South Western Rail Heritage Society
17 September	AGM & launch of Pioneer Board project
15-22 October	History Week
21 October	Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies zone meeting

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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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