

Affiliates Newsletter

2023-02

December 2023

As everyone starts to wind down for the year the committee would like to wish all the Affiliates a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

Next Affiliates Committee Meeting will be held on the 20th February 2024.

Don't forget to visit the History West webpage for useful information. <https://histwest.org.au/affiliates/>



Thankyou to all the people that took the time to submit an article for the first, of what we hope is many, Affiliates Newsletters. We have received some great feedback and people are excited to be hearing about what is happening at other Societies around the state.

W.A. Historical Society

The next meeting of persons who are interested in the formation of a goldfields branch of the W.A. Historical Society will be held in the council chambers at the Kalgoorlie Town Hall at 8 p.m., on Thursday, July 2. This room, which contains a fine display of photographs of the early days of the goldfields, has been made available by the courtesy of the Mayor of Kalgoorlie, Mr. R. G. Moore. The municipal photographs will be supplemented by photographs, pictures, records, newspaper clippings, etc., that those attending may care to bring along. The principal business of the meeting will be the election of officers. An outline of the immediate objects of the goldfields branch of the society will also be given. The evening, to which all are welcome, should be of special interest to pioneers and others desirous of furthering the objects of the W.A. Historical Society.

Focus! The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society was formed on Tuesday the 16th June, 1946 as a branch of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society . It wasn't until 1978 that the group took steps to become a Society in its own right, becoming an incorporated body and having it's own constitution and as such becoming an affiliate of the RWAHS.

Published in the 1946 Early Days Journal were branch notes for the following Societies - Katanning, Eastern Goldfields, Busselton and York.

Do you know your Societies History? How long have your Society been affiliated to the RWAHS? Reach out with your history to have it featured on the cover of this newsletter.

The article to the left was taken from the Kalgoorlie Miner - "ITEMS OF NEWS" *Kalgoorlie Miner* (WA : 1895 - 1954) 14 June 1946: 4. Web. 1 Dec 2023 <<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article95536015>>.

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Your Committee Members

An Affiliated Societies Committee is elected each year at the Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies. This Committee acts in the interests of Affiliated Societies and is represented on the Society's Council of management. Representatives for 2023-24 are below:

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Please feel free to contact anyone on the committee if you have a query or concern.

Committee Meeting News

The Affiliates Committee would like to thank Ellen Patrick for the completion of her work on the Council for the Royal Western Australian Historical Society. Ellen has represented the Affiliates on the Council for the last two years and her term has come to an end.

Keith Cundale was elected to the position of representative for the next two years. Nick Drew and Fiona Bush also represent the Affiliates as part of their roles at the RWAHS.

The RWAHS will be closed for Christmas and New Year from 4 pm the 2nd December and reopening 10 am 22nd January 2024.

Save the Date !

The RWAHS Giant Second Book Sale 2024 will be held from 4pm - 6pm Friday 5 April, from 9am Saturday 6 April and Sunday 7 April at 49 Broadway, Nedlands, WA 6009

Newsletter Name

If you have a suggestion for a catchy name for our new newsletter please get in contact with one of the committee members of email eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au before the next Affiliates Committee Meeting - 20th February 2024.

Did you know the RWAHS Book Shop have more WA History books for sale, than any other Book Shop.

**Open Monday to Friday
10am to 4pm, situated at 49
Broadway, Nedlands, WA
6010.**

www.histwest.org.au under services, History West Shop or for any queries please see the contact details below.

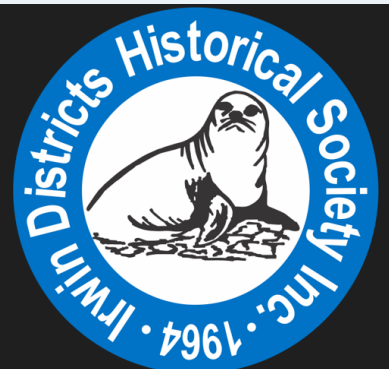
If you have a book or know of a book that you would like the Book Shop to stock please contact the Book Shop - bookshop@histwest.org.au or 9386 3841.

Conference 2024

Irwin District Historical Society 6, 7, 8th September 2024.

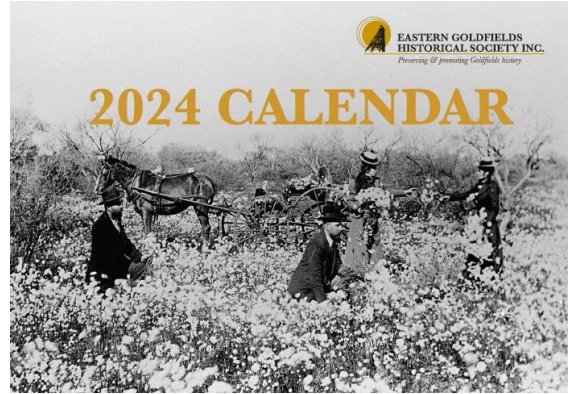
Irwin Historical Society has made a group booking at the Dongara Hotel and Priory. When booking your accommodating please specify that you are booking for State History Conference.

office@dongarahotel.com.au



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Eastern goldfields Historical Society - In October the EGHS was successful in receiving a grant to help celebrate Seniors Week. The Society used this grant to take its volunteers to Widgiemooltha for the day. The grant helped pay for the hire of a bus, morning tea at Kambalda and lunch in Widgie and was enjoyed by 20 volunteers on the day. Thanks to the Council of the Aging - Western Australia, Lotterywest and the Department of Communities. We also received the shipment for our annual calendar. Creating the calendar is a lot of fun and work and it is a great fundraiser for the Society. The calendar retails for \$15.00.



Societies annual calendar



Members on the trip to Widgiemooltha

Ravensthorpe Historical Society - ACQUISITION OF WATER IN A DRY AND THIRSTY LAND .

An informative tour hosted by the Ravensthorpe Historical Society was held in October 2023 and led participants to explore various ways of collecting water. Local water availability through the ages was explained by Mr Darcy Roberts, long time settler in the Mt Madden area. The type of water sources spanned thousands of years from gnammas to state of the art 21st century solar pumps. Ravensthorpe Historical Society plans to hold a Magic Mystery History Tour each winter, to be repeated in spring (flower time!).

For further information, please contact dancecottage@westnet.com.au

Serpentine Historical Society - Old Bridge School

The Serpentine Historical society volunteers open the school every second Sunday of the month, from 10.00 am to 2.00pm, gold coin donation.

Entrance is off South Western Highway at Gordon Road

The school is open every month except December and January.



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Kalamunda & Districts Historical Society - A Community Project –

Remembering the Railway The Upper Darling Range Railway was built in 1891 to transport our precious jarrah timber from the Hills Forest to Midland and on to Fremantle for export to the rest of the world. Now affectionately known as the Zig Zag the trail can be followed to Canning Mills.

Through the community effort of the Darling Range E -powered Bikers Group, the City of Kalamunda, Kalamunda & Districts Historical Society, the Pickering Brook Heritage Group and the Darling Range Hub a series of signs marking the sidings along the route have been erected. These quite substantial signs contain text and photographs and give the bike riders and walkers a look into the history of this fascinating part of our history.

The line was taken up in 1949 but in parts of the trail today it is not difficult to imagine the steam train making its way along the 31 kilometres through the bush.



Midland and Districts Historical Society - Midland Town Hall Soldiers Memorial Clock & Tablets 100th Anniversary.



Saturday November 18, 2023 saw the Midland and Districts Historical Society together with the City of Swan acknowledge and recognise the 100th anniversary of the Midland Town Hall Soldiers Memorial Clock and Tablets in Midland with an Open Day.

It was 100 years to the day that the Soldiers Memorial consisting of the clock and tablets were officially unveiled by the Governor of Western Australia, Sir Francis Newdegate to commemorate the fallen soldiers from World War One who hailed from the Midland area.

The open day provided visitors with an opportunity to take a closer look inside Midland's most iconic building including behind the scenes tours. A collection of photographs of the Midland Town Hall through its history also gave visitors an insight into the times gone by.

The Centre for Western Australian History

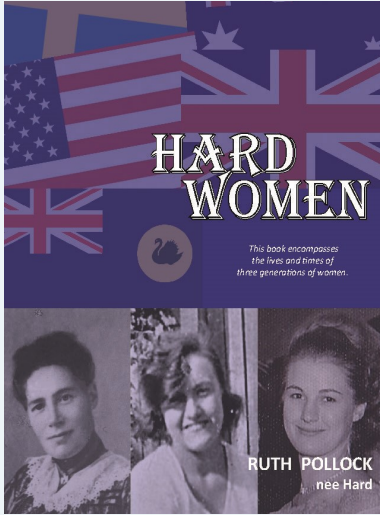
The Centre for Western Australian History (CWAH) was founded in 1985. It promotes and facilitates the researching and presentation of Western Australian histories to the highest professional standards. We connect those who would like histories produced with the academic and professional historians who are experts in writing history.

Since 1985, projects managed by the CWAH have resulted in 34 books on histories of organisations, schools, suburbs and government departments, numerous reports, and most of the 35 issues of Studies in Western Australian History. Further details are available at: [The Centre for Western Australian History](http://www.cwah.org.au).



Returning in April and May with the theme **Connections**, the 2024 festival will celebrate the rich and diverse stories of our nation, strengthen cultural and historical ties and encourage the community to forge new bonds. It acknowledges our link to people, places and the past, and the enduring connections that will shape the future of heritage.

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Denmark Historical Society - The Denmark Historical Society released a new book this week called *Hard Women* by Ruth Pollock (nee Hard). It is about 3 generations of women with the surname Hard and what life was like living over a period of 150 years, starting in Sweden and coming to Denmark in its very early days.

For more information or to purchase a copy please contact the Denmark Historical Society.

Margaret River & Districts Historical Society - A good time was had by all at The Berry Farm Christmas Lunch. Volunteers enjoyed a lovely meal with fun quizzes. Happy Healthy 2024. Below members from the the MR&DHS.



Maylands Historical and Peninsula Association - During November we were delighted to have RWAHS President Richard Offen as our Guest Speaker at the last public talk for 2023. Richard's talk on *Conservation In Action* explored some of the complex issues in the conservation of old buildings and, through the use of numerous examples - both local and international, Richard expanded on the many challenges that are faced in dealing with the preservation, or even restoration, of heritage buildings.

President Keith Cundale gave a short summary of recent activity before introducing Richard to the appreciative audience in the dining room of the Old Peninsula Hotel .

We are excited by the imminent delivery of the large-scale touch screen and associated hardware that will underpin our digital mapping of Maylands project - one of the key developments planned for 2024. I hope to be able to report on the configuration and formal launch of this interactive tool early next year.



Richard Offen was the guest speaker for MHPA in November.

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Melville History Society - The 40th Birthday celebrations of the Melville History Society 7th October 2023. The afternoon began with the President introducing the occasion and explaining the aims of the Melville History Society, followed by a short speech from the Mayor Mr. George Gear, and Lisa O'Malley presented the Society with a voucher from Woolworths, with the suggestion it could come in handy for our Christmas Party.

The magnificent birthday cake appropriately decorated with the Society's logo was ceremoniously cut by Barbara Dudding, helped by the newly appointed Honorary Life Members, Norae Jones, Jenny Shalders and June Powell, who was able to join us in her wheelchair. Afternoon tea was available throughout the afternoon.

Helen and Robert brought Jack the Clydesdale down along with Jarrah the German Short haired Pointer. Pony rides with Maggie Newman and Lorraine's ponies were a great favourite with the children, as was the face painting with Fairy Sandy. The parents were amazed that all the entertainments were free. Rob and Jack took the century old baker's cart up and down Baal St. with Henry and Harry 'delivering' bread and rolls from their baskets to 'customers'. Jarrah carried the money bag and was seen to abscond with it half way through! They made quite a sight and as they made their way through folk on either side of the street. On the last ride Jarrah joined Rob 'up front' and was in her element.

The displays and demonstrations – Barbara with her display of the different stages of preparing and spinning wool; Faye with her bobbin lace and Brenda with her tatting; Milija with her flower arranging; in addition to different styles of family trees, old photographs and newspaper cuttings, all added to the collective interest of those moving around. The continuous running of a selection from the large photographic collection, created a lot of interest.

The Melville City Herald of the 21st of October ran an article entitled 'Well-baked MHS' which reported that the MHS was formed in 1983 and was instrumental in saving the heritage-listed Miller Bakehouse from demolition. 'There were digital displays of historic photos – courtesy of The City of Melville, family trees, a Miller bible and pictures of the Miller, Neesham, McManus and Coleman weddings. Vice-President Pam Neesham said more than 300 people came to the birthday party'.



Above -Jack the Clydesdale pulling a 100 year old bakers cart

This event was sponsored by the City of Melville and was a huge success.



State History Conference 2024

IRWIN DISTRICTS HS (DONGARA) – STATE HISTORY CONFERENCE 2024 – Bruce Baskerville

The 59th State History Conference is being hosted by Irwin Districts Historical Society over the weekend of 6-7-8 September 2024 at The Priory Hotel in Dongara, on the sublime Batavia Coast. Mark these dates in your diary or calendar.

The theme of the Conference is 'Waves of Change'. This partly refers to the diverse maritime and fishing heritage of Dongara and Port Denison, and partly to looking at new developments and ways of doing local history. Both strands are woven through the draft program now being developed.

There will be all the usual features of a State History Conference – a Friday evening welcome to the Irwin shire, a sumptuous conference dinner, fascinating talks and presentations in the Saturday and Sunday mornings with tours and other events in the afternoons.

The conference venue is The Priory Hotel in St Dominic's Road, Dongara. The old Dominican Priory and Dominican Ladies College complex was built in phases between 1881 and 1926 and has an atmosphere richly evocative of the period. It was the setting for a movie shot in 1992 and starring a young Hugh Jackman that was set in 1920s Egypt with its Mediterranean ambiance and encircling date palms.

A program and details will be available in March 2024, but meanwhile all intending conference goers are **strongly encouraged to book accommodation as early as possible**. The conference will coincide with the start of the wildflower season and will be just a fortnight before the King's Birthday long weekend and start of the Spring school holidays. Mining activities elsewhere in the shire are also bringing a high demand for local accommodation. It will be possible to stay at The Priory Hotel – bookings can be made through the Dongara Hotel Motel on 08 9927 1023, where rooms are being held for the conference (just mention that you are attending the conference). However, these rooms are likely to go quickly, so don't tarry if that is your first choice.

Irwin Districts Historical Society looks forward to welcoming you to our little piece of paradise in the same year we will be celebrating our Diamond Jubilee. Just **don't leave your accommodation bookings until the last minute** as the demand is sure to be high.

Meanwhile, we wish our fellow members in the historical society movement all the best for a happy Christmas and New Year break and hope to catch up with you all in delightful (although sometimes very windy) Dongara next year.



Australian Historical Associations Prizes, Awards and Fellowships.

In the recent Centre for Western Australian History Newsletter some links were published for several prizes that may be relevant to some Societies. More information can be found at theaha.org.au.

The [Kay Daniels Award](#) is a biennial prize recognising outstanding original research with a bearing on Australian convict history and heritage including in its international context. In accordance with Kay Daniels' values, it is to be an international award. Applications close 31 January 2024.

The [Magarey Medal for Biography](#) is awarded biennially to the female person who has published the work judged to be the best biographical writing on an Australian subject. The 2024 Medal will be awarded for a book published in 2022 or 2023. The award is co-sponsored by the Association for the Study of Australian Literature. Applications close 31 January 2024.

The [Serle Award](#) is given to the best postgraduate thesis in Australian history. The 2022 Award will be granted for a thesis passed in the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023. Applications close 31 January 2024.

The [W. K. Hancock Prize](#) recognises and encourages an Australian scholar who has recently published a first scholarly book in any field of history. 2022 Prizes will be awarded for a work published in 2022 or 2023. Applications close 31 January 2024.



Chat GPT and Grant Writing Article

ChatGPT is an artificial intelligence (AI) that uses language processing to create dialogue. It can respond to questions and compose content. The Institute of Company Directors recently published a post outlining the pros and cons of using AI to help write grant applications. The article can be found at the following link [Institute of Community Directors Australia \(ICDA\) | Can a robot write...](#)

For help with grant writing the FundingCentre has a Answer Bank which contains a number of sample answers for standard questions often asked on grant applications. [Funding Centre | Answers Bank - sample answers for grant applications](#) .

If you need help with letters of support for a grant or project you are trying to get up and running contact the committee and we can assist.

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