

Affiliates Newsletter

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Welcome to what we hope is the first of many newsletters for the Affiliated Societies of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society (RWAHS).

Did you know that there are 77 affiliated societies to the Royal Western Australian Historical Society (RWAHS) and a committee of 14 that represent these Societies within the RWAHS. The affiliates committee represent a vibrant sector across the state whose members contribute and share their enthusiasms for Western Australian history and the preserving of historical knowledge.

Every year the affiliates are sent an invitation to complete the Annual Affiliates Activity Report – As part of the report members can update their current contact details and committee members. The report also asks Societies to report back on the activities from the last year. This is a great opportunity to show case the work that your Historical Society is doing, big or small, to help preserve, protect and promote the history of Western Australia.

The Affiliates Committee would like to use this monthly newsletter to help Societies showcase all the hard work they are doing out in the community, that some times goes unnoticed. We realise everyone is busy and struggling with time management and to find sufficient volunteers but we are hoping you have five minutes to spare to contribute to this newsletter.

If your Society has news to share please email eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au by the 14th of each month and it will be included in the affiliates newsletter.

Societies can submit every month or not, we are looking for no more that one or two paragraphs per month, images optional.

You can also use this forum to ask for advice/help/support. If you are aware of a grant that may be useful to other Societies please forward the details and we will include this information in our grant section.

***Get involved! Join the conversations
around history & heritage.***

Next Affiliates Committee Meeting will be held on the 21st November.

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

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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:

- Nick Drew – **Convenor** (RWAHS- Council Rep) - nickdrew@bigpond.com
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- Rosie Stroud (Eastern Goldfields) - eo@kagoorliehistory.org.au
- Bruce Baskerville (Irwin & Districts) - baskervilleofdongara@gmail.com
- Keith & Suzanne Cundale (Maylands) - maylandshs@gmail.com
- Ellen Parrick (York Society) - ellen.parrick@gmail.com
- Richard Offen – ex-officio (President RWAHS) - richard.offen@inet.net.au
- Jacqui Huntley (Wanneroo & Districts) - huntleyjacqui@gmail.com

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

Role of the Committee Members

- Committee functions under the Constitution of the RWAHS
- Committee is elected at the Annual Conference
- Has the power to co-opt members to the committee if and when necessary
- Holds general meetings at least 10 times a year
- Keeps a record of all business transacted at all meetings
- May form special sub-committees for specific tasks
- Considers all items placed before it by the RWAHS Council
- Considers and progresses all items placed before it by the Annual Conference
- Makes recommendations to the RWAHS Council and Annual Conference
- Represents and acts in the best interests of all Affiliated Societies
- Assists the Host Society with the planning and conduct of the Annual Conference
- Keeps Affiliated Societies informed of Conference details and other items through mail-outs and news items in *History West*
- Edits and includes items of interest in *History West* received through Affiliated Societies Newsletters
- Reports to the RWAHS Council Meetings
- Reports to the Annual Conference

Can You Help

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society has been contacted by Abu Bakr Sirajuddin Cook, who is seeking handwritten Cameleer manuscript (especially if it they are written in Arabic or Persian). Do you have any like this in your collection?

He is undertaking research into the spirituality of the Cameleers and has published several articles. He can be contacted directly at sirajuddin@hotmail.com.au.

Australian Dress Register

The Australian Dress Register is a collaborative, online project about dress with Australian provenance. It includes men's, women's and children's clothing ranging from the special occasion to the everyday. Museums and private collectors are encouraged to research their garments and share stories and photographs, while the information is still available and within living memory. The Register encourages people to consider their collections very broadly and share what they know about members of their community, what they wore and life in the past. This provides access to a world-wide audience, while keeping the garments in their relevant location.

The site and its extensive resources provides a valuable forum for discussion within the museum community. It is a great resource for schools and universities, designers of fashion, film and television, along with researchers in many disciplines. The project is underpinned by training and support for the contributing organisations and private collectors.

The Australian Dress Register (ADR) is a collaboration involving the Powerhouse Museum, collecting institutions with dress collections, private collectors, and industry and sector specialists who have provided, and continue to provide, advice and guidance.

The Register has proved to be a resource-effective model for providing the skills and knowledge necessary for dress collectors to research, document and care for their collections according to best practice.

www.australiandressregister.org/

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IRWIN DISTRICTS H.S. (DONGARA) - STRATEGIC PLAN RENEWAL - Bruce Baskerville

A good turn out of members made the strategic planning workshop on 19 October a great success, as well as the experience and skill of our independent facilitator Jen Thomas. Almost all of the goals in our 2019-2024 have been achieved, and the few that remained were incorporated into the draft new plan for 2023-2028. Our vision for the new period was greatly simplified to now read "The IDHS is a highly regarded community group, place and space for anything relating to history and heritage in the Irwin Districts".

The new strategic plan is arranged into four focus areas: Sharing Our Stories, Being Good Stewards, Being Sustainable and Engaging Near and Far. Within those four areas we now have 32 operations to fulfill over the next five years (these may yet be narrowed down), bringing us to the eve of WA's 200th anniversary in 2029. One of those operations will be celebrating our own 60th birthday next year, when we will also be hosting the State History Conference in Dongara.

We already have operational plans or arrangements in place for some of the operations, and others will be developed as needed. The new strategic plan will be available on our website once the drafting is finalised and the plan is formally adopted by the committee. Thanks to everyone who has taken part in charting our way forward, including EGHS and MHPA who shared their strategic plans with us. This sort of collegiate sharing is, I think, one of the great benefits of RWAHS affiliation as it allowed us to focus on what we can contribute to our local communities and the broader historical society 'movement'.



Expanding our fishing and the sea museum will be one of the bigger operations in our 2023-2028 strategic plan

Kojonup Historical Society - Susanne Bilney, President of the Kojonup Historical Society (KHS) has informed the RWAHS Affiliates Convenor that the decision has been made to wind the Society up, citing lack of volunteers. At the last AGM, one office bearer was nominated.

The Shire of Kojonup will look after the collection. <https://www.kojonuphistoricalsociety.com.au/>

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society - In August the EGHS held its AGM and a night of celebrating the 30,000 images that have been digitised to date. This was a huge achievement. It is estimated that the EGHS has 60,000 negatives in its collection. However, this number is growing every year as we receive more and more donations.

The night was used to help identify unknown places, people and events and was a great success.



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Wanneroo Historical Society - sent in their first newsletter to their members and into the affiliates committee to be shared with all, they are hoping to make it a bi monthly document. Looking forward to many more.

Swan Guildford Historical Society (Inc.) On Sunday 8th October 2023, the Society joined in the fun by manning the Swan Guildford Historical Society stall at a Nostalgia Day held in Stirling Square.

Volunteers were on hand throughout the day, showcasing examples of photographs, brochures, household items, books, clothing etc, that are held in our collection. It was a great opportunity to meet with lots of different people, talking about the work the Society does to collect and store items, thus preserving the rich history of Guildford and the Swan Valley.



Cervantes Historical Society - An addition to the 'Cervantes' outline at Ronsard Reserve on Corunna Road was put in place last week. A ship's wheel, beautifully crafted by Frank and members of the Men's Shed, was bolted into place. This was observed by members of the Historical Society, Men's Shed, community members and visitors. The wheel construction was funded by a CHART grant through

Museums Australia and stems from an idea of Historical Society member Coral McLay. The majority of the wheel project has come from recycled materials. It is mounted on a rescued piece of the Cervantes Fremantle Fishermen's Jetty, the base plates from the old water tower, jarrah from a Catalonia Street renovation and aluminium from members garage hoard. Shaun from Cervantes Aluminium and Steel found some stainless parts in his stash and did the necessary welding. Photo credits to various members plus visitors Dale & Kellie. Thank you to all for the support .



The Connecting Up program supports Australian and New Zealand not-for-profits to build stronger communities through the use of technology. Since 2007, a growing list of leading tech companies have partnered with Connecting Up to support the sector with donated and discounted IT products and online learning.

Connecting Up is free to join and access. For example you can access Microsoft products for free or very little cost., discounted refurbished hardware including laptops, desk top computers and phones.

www.connectingup.org



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.

www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/

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Maylands Historical and Peninsula Association put on the "Maylands History and Heritage Festival" from 4-11 November - to align with, and complement, the Maylands Street Festival on Saturday 11th.

Overall, it was judged to have been a great success by the participants with lots of positive comments and feedback throughout the week. As well as offering events for Members we also engaged with demographic groups that we would not normally see at one of our regular evening meetings. We had significant and direct interaction with around 200 community members as well as those who took one of the newly-printed cards for self-guided walks. A grant from the City of Bayswater enabled us to produce professionally designed and printed materials and engage an expert guide for the Art Walk.

Summary of Festival Activities

We held three Open Days for the public with around 40 visitors signing in at the Old Police Station. For Members we arranged a special preview of our major new display focussed on the Maylands Brickworks, covering the history of the brickworks until closure and the subsequent events concerning the claypits, lakes and possible future redevelopment. Around 25 Members, Sponsors and guests attended the special evening function where the display was officially opened by our new City of Bayswater Councillor, Nat Latter. Three different guided walks were organised and offered on two occasions each: Street Art Walk, Heritage Buildings Walk and Maylands Peninsula Walk: a total of 100 participants took part. The Heritage Buildings walk included pre-arranged tours inside four of the most significant heritage buildings in Maylands: the old Primary School (1903), The WA Institute for the BLind (1937), now the home of WA Ballet, the Presbyterian Church (1904) which is now home to Bold Park School and Maylands Hall (1921) which is now used by the WA Youth Jazz Orchestra as their home. Two lunchtime talks were given at the Library and attracted 35 people. MHPA set up a display stall as part of the Street Festival from where we issued cards for self-guided walks and entry forms for the Treasure Hunt / Picture quizzes devised for adults and children. All children were given a small gift and the winning adult entrant received a hamper with goods from IGA and vouchers from our Sponsors to the value of \$400.

Organising the Festival entailed an enormous amount of work for the Secretary and Committee and presenting the various events needed a small army of Volunteers helpers throughout the week.

We received many favourable comments along with heartfelt pleas to repeat the walks and talks at some time in the future! To be discussed..... :)



Left - Outside WA Ballet.



Right - Volunteers at the MHPA stall.

Useful Information



The foundation makes grants across a range of charitable activities. Our grants are made in two ways:

In response to applications and/or an expression-of-interest.

In response to a need or opportunity pro-actively identified by the Foundation's Board.

www.sheargoldgroup.com/foundation_subdomain/page/our-purpose/

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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Welcome to GrantConnect

GrantConnect provides centralised publication of forecast and current Australian Government grant opportunities and grants awarded

<https://help.grants.gov.au/>

What is GrantConnect - GrantConnect is the Australian Government grants information system. It provides centralised publication of current Grant Opportunities, Grant Awards and Forecast Opportunities.

It provides a free, simple and effective service for all potential grant applicants to find and access Commonwealth Grant Opportunities and related grant documentation.

It allows for the publishing of all publicly available Australian Government Grant Opportunities, Forecast Opportunities and electronic distribution of Grant Opportunity documentation and addenda notifications.

There are two types of opportunities provided on GrantConnect. One of these is for current Grant Opportunities, the other is for future Forecast Opportunities.

Grant Opportunities - 2024

QANTAS Regional Grants - February 2024

www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/in-the-community/qantas-regional-grants.html#about-the-program

Community Heritage Grants 2024 – open in March.

www.nla.gov.au/about/fellowships-scholarships-and-grants/community-heritage-grants

Western Australia History Foundation – June 2024

www.wahistoryfoundation.org.au/grants/

Lotterywest - available all year round

www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants/grant-opportunities

Please consider sharing grant opportunities you hear about with other societies or email them directly to eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au for inclusion in the next newsletter..