

Affiliates Newsletter

2024-07

June 2024

“Putting Maylands on the Map!” is launched

On May 29th Maylands Historical and Peninsula Association had the official launch of “Putting Maylands on the Map!”, our exciting new digital map project. With a grant from LotteryWest we have purchased a large, touch-sensitive, screen mounted on a height-adjustable stand, two laptops for research and also to engage local software experts to configure the map and provide training for MHPA volunteers.

The overall objectives of the project are to expand how we share our existing resources relating to the History and Heritage of Maylands and to develop our connections with local communities. We are systematically expanding the breadth and depth of the information, pictures and videos available through our website and this project creates an exciting new way to explore that information. We believe that this new channel of access to our information will engage with broader communities across our suburb – and eventually far beyond!

The core of the project is displaying a map of Maylands that can be manipulated, zoomed, scrolled and expanded as one would with any on-line map. Onto this map we are placing ‘pins’ that relate to key places and buildings around the suburb. Users can explore the map down to the level of individual houses or locations, and by touching a pin, an information box opens that displays one or more pictures of the location, a short digest of the information relating to it and a link to the website. This link takes the user direct to the information we have relating to that building or place. From here we hope that users will explore more of the wealth of information on our website.

Image - Local MP Lisa Baker, Guest of Honour, during her remarks at the launch of the digital map project, together with (L to R) Jeremy Edwards, CEO of the City of Bayswater, Keith Cundale President of MHPA, Lisa Baker MLA, Nick Drew from RWAHS, Greg Haughey from MHPA and Pamela Statham Drew from RWAHS



Next Affiliates Committee Meeting will be held on the 16th July 2024

Please direct all queries relating to the newsletter to Rosie Stroud at the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society. eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au or phone 9093 3360.

RWAHS Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies hosted by the Irwin Districts Historical Society 6-8 September 2024 Lottery West Grant Application

Nick Drew is pleased to advise that our usual grant application to Lotterywest has been approved by the Board.

This grant is for support for one representative from each Affiliated Society over 100 km from Dongara to attend the Conference.

The application form can be found at the back of the newsletter. Alternatively the registration form and program for the Conference can be obtained by contacting the Irwin Districts Historical Society or visiting their website - irwinhistory.org.au

The grant is for a total \$11,600.00 therefore once applications for this amount are received, the grant will be no longer be available



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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
- Fiona Bush – Minute Secretary (Mundaring & Hills) - fiona.bush@icloud.com
- Ashleigh Murch (Denmark) - ashleigh.murch@gmail.com
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- Keith & Suzanne Cundale (Maylands) - maylandshs@gmail.com
- Marilyn Gazeley (Cervantes) - cervantes50th@hotmail.com
- Bev McGuinness (Denmark) - bev@denmarkwa.com
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- Ellen Parrick (York Society) - ellen.parrick@gmail.com
- Diane Pope (Bindoon) - popetwo@gmail.com
- Rosie Stroud (Eastern Goldfields) - eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au
- Richard Offen – ex-officio (President RWAHS) - richard.offen@inet.net.au
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- Trish Parker (Irwin Districts) - trishpark@bigpond.com
- Denise Cock (City of Cockburn) - dcook@cockburn.wa.gov.au
- Amy Price (City of Cockburn) - aprice@cockburn.wa.gov.au
- Natalie Evans (Collections WA) - natalie.evans@amaga.org.au

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

Committee Meeting News

The May meeting of the Affiliates committee was held on the 21st and was well attended. Among other agenda items the the annual activity report was discussed.

Members are reminded that the annual **Affiliates Activities Report** needs to be submitted before the 26th of July. We encourage **all Affiliated Societies** to submit their reports. The Affiliates Committee uses the reports to select the recipient of the Annual Merit Award which will be announced at the State Conference in September. The reports also assist in providing valuable feedback to other Affiliates, ensuring that contact details are up to date and correct and can be used help with grants and funding. ***It is also a chance to showcase the great work being done at your Society.***

The form can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the Royal Western Australian Historical Society webpage under the Affiliates heading. If you require assistance accessing or completing the form please contact Nick Drew or one of the committee members.

The next meeting date will be on the 16th July. If you have anything that you would like raised please contact one of the committee members above.



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.

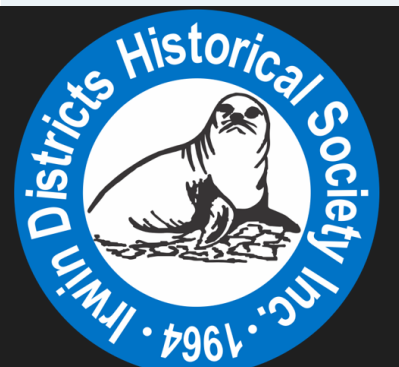
If you have a book or know
of a book that you would
like the Book Shop to stock
please contact the
Book Shop -
bookshop@histwest.org.au
or 9386 3841.

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.

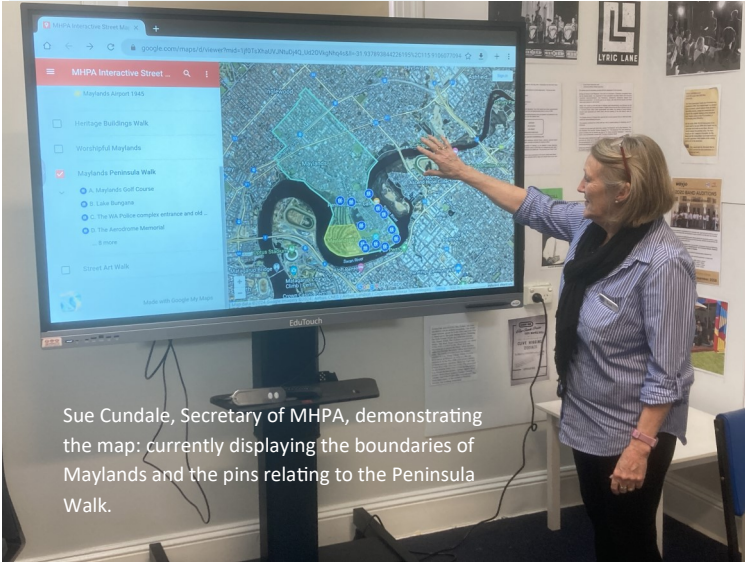
office@dongarahotel.com.au



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Users can search for a particular address or navigate around the map to find a specific place that they want to know more about. Many new users will obviously start by finding their own house on the map to see what we already know about it. Whilst it will be good if we already have information on the past history of that house or plot, the absence of information creates an opportunity for that person to undertake some simple research themselves and eventually add that information to our database.

A series of 'layers' can be displayed on the map: overlays that focus on specific aspects of the information. For example, a user can see at a glance all of the pins that relate to any of the Walks that we have developed:



Sue Cundale, Secretary of MHPA, demonstrating the map: currently displaying the boundaries of Maylands and the pins relating to the Peninsula Walk.

The Peninsula Walk, Heritage Buildings Walk, Worshipful Maylands Walk or the newly updated Street Art Walk. Another layer that can be displayed relates to "Houses" and later layers may relate to themes such as 'Industrial Heritage' or even "Notable people".

The official launch was addressed by local MP Lisa Baker and guests included the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO of the City of Bayswater, along with other local

Councillors, sponsors and many members of MHPA. From the RWAHS we were pleased to welcome Nick Drew, Affiliates Convener and Pamela Statham Drew, Vice

President of RWAHS. We were also pleased that Liz Alexander from LotteryWest, who helped us develop our Grant application, attended and she was delighted to see in action the equipment and software that the Grant enabled us to obtain.

Haunted Libraries Around the World - Australian Experiences.

Courtney Block, librarian at Indiana University Southeast in the U.S. is gathering personal stories for an upcoming book *Inside the World's Haunted Libraries*.

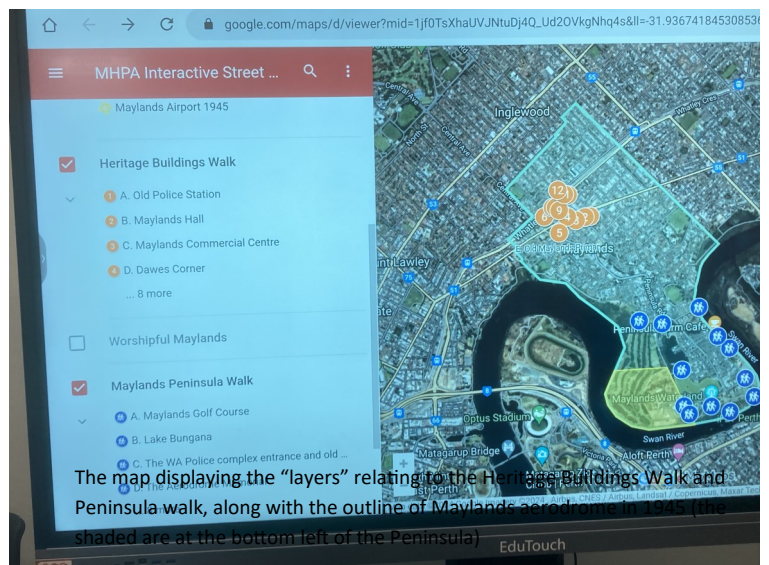
If you've had a strange experience in a library (of any type - public, academic, school, archive, etc), I'd love to include it in my book! I created a brief Google Form [Haunted Library Experiences \(google.com\)](#).

Or email coblock@iu.edu



Currently, access to the digital map is restricted to people using the touch screen in our premises at the Old Police Station, but within a few months the final public version of the software will be released enabling remote, read-only, access to the map. All our Members and supporters will receive a link to the site and will be able to navigate the map using a touch screen or mouse as they would on any other internet map.

We believe that this is only the start of a long-term project that has the potential to greatly increase the depth of information we can collect on the History and Heritage of our suburb, but also really expand our outreach and connections with different communities.



The map displaying the "layers" relating to the Heritage Buildings Walk and Peninsula walk, along with the outline of Maylands aerodrome in 1945 (the shaded area at the bottom left of the Peninsula)

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VOLUNTEER



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an initiative of volunteering australia

Serpentine Historical Society - We need your help!

The Serpentine Historical Society as part of expanding our knowledge and family ties of those who have lived or worked in the Serpentine, Mardella, Keysbrook, Hopeland areas.

We want to hear the stories of families, organisations, events that have shaped these areas.

A short summary of 150-200 words would be appreciated. Send to Allan Harris c/- P.O. Box 203 Rockingham W.A 6968 Or email aneharris@westnet.com.au

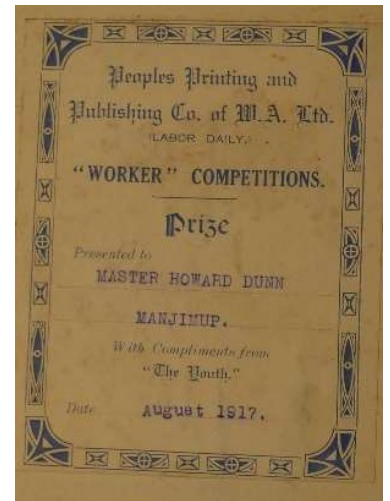
Manjimup Historical Society - The Dunn Brothers Book Collection. - A selection of children's books were offered to the Manjimup Historical Society a number of years ago. They were accepted and accessioned into the collection in 2013. Given the nature of the books, it was considered they should be added to the display within the Hamlet school.

However, recently, as part of the regular 'spring clean' of the display areas within the Hamlet buildings, it was noted that all of the books had an inscription inside the cover.

These inscriptions would suggest they had a higher level of significance, than being display items within the school building. They migrated from the school to be boxed together in the research area for further investigation.

Howard, Alex and Allan, their older brother Cecil, and parents, arrived in the District soon after the No 1 State mill became operational. The Dunn brothers father, Mathew, was a hewer in Worsley in 1910 and at Mornington in 1913. However, recorded as an engine driver working at the No 1 State Mill by 1914. He continued to work on the bush lines until the late 1920's when, with wife Lillian, moved to Pemberton, continuing to drive engines from the Pemberton Mill.

The People's Printing and Publishing Company of Western Australia published the union newspaper 'The Westralian Worker'. John Curtin, a future prime minister, was editor of the newspaper from 1917 to 1928.



From the Junior section on page 3 of the Friday 31 August 1917 issue of Westralian Worker, Howard, Alex and Alan Dunn were listed as answering the previous week's puzzle correctly. Howard Dunn writes:—"I am writing to thank you for the book, "Redskin and Scout"- I have already read It, but I like It so much that I will enjoy reading it again." [Note: this book is within the Society's collection]. Ian Wilson.

Friends of Donnelly Village Inc - The Friends of Donnelly Village in May as part of the Australian Heritage Festival held an exhibition of paintings and pencil drawings in the Donnelly Village Workers Club. These works represented the former mill town and surrounding area undertaken by distinguished artists Elizabeth Blair Bunning (nee Barber) and Eric Moyle along with recent pencil drawings by Michael Spight.

Jane O'Keeffe and Julian Mills (Granddaughter & Grandson of Betty Bunning) along with Fiona Jordan, Betty Barbers daughter spoke of Betty's love of Donnelly and her compulsion to paint when visiting with her husband Charles Bunning.



Jane O'Keeffe, Julian Mills, Fiona Jordan, Cindy Spight and Sally Paulin.

Australia Post
Community Grant Program
open until 1st July

The 2024 Australia Post Community Grants is accepting applications for community-led, local projects that connect individuals and communities to improve mental health and mental wellbeing.

Web - auspost.smartygrants.com.au/2024CommunityGrants



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Wilson Academic Bursary 2024

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society is pleased to offer an academic bursary valued up to \$2000 (including GST for ABN holders) for research into, and the recording of, Goldfields' history.

Purpose -The **Wilson Academic Bursary** aims to encourage new, high quality research which will contribute to the understanding of the history and heritage of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia. **Recipient obligations**
The successful recipient is expected to undertake research into a previously unexplored aspect of Eastern Goldfields' history or heritage. Conditions of the bursary require the findings are made publicly accessible, including via the EGHS library, on completion. Recognition of support from the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society is required in the final product. The research must result in a high-quality piece of writing, including referencing. The format of the final piece is negotiable, but is expected to take the form of a manuscript of at least 15 000 words. Photographs and/or sketches are encouraged, if they enhance the final product.

The applicant will have **12 months** to complete the project and will be paid in **four, equal, quarterly instalments** with receipt of evidence of work. Bursaries are available up to the value of \$2000 per year, with the total amount payable being at the discretion of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society Committee.

Eligibility - A wide range of applicants are encouraged to apply. Applications from community members, students, local historians, academics or individuals interested in Goldfields history will be considered.

Selection criteria - Proposals must be focused on new research or a new perspective on past research, intrinsically connected to the Eastern Goldfields. Confirmation is also required that the piece is original, and not published elsewhere, or submitted for another publication.



Applications - Applicants must complete the **Eastern Goldfields Historical Society Bursary Application Form**. A research proposal of 250 words and Curriculum Vitae must accompany the bursary application form. Applications can be emailed or posted to the attention of the Executive Officer: eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au; or Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, PO Box 643, Kalgoorlie, 6430 and should be received by the 30th June 2024.

The **Wilson Academic Bursary** has been named after Life Member of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, W. Scott Wilson and his wife Maria, who endowed the money for this research. We are thankful for their donation.



Preserving & promoting Goldfields history

EASTERN GOLDFIELDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

		<p>Irwin Districts Historical Society Inc <i>Maintaining the identity of the Irwin District</i></p>
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2024 State History Conference

Conference Registration and Companion Event Bookings

Conference registration includes the Welcome Event, all conference sessions, two morning teas and two lunches. Delegates may bring a partner to the Welcome Event. Companion events are the conference dinner and the tours, which are ticketed separately from the Conference Registration.

Welcome Event - Friday 6 September 2024			
Welcome Event	5.00-7.00pm		Free
Conference Saturday 7 September and Sunday 8 September (morning sessions, morning teas, lunches)			
Saturday & Sunday		Delegate Registration – two days	\$100.00
One day only (either day)		Delegate Registration – one day	\$50.00
Optional Tours – Saturday afternoon			
Sikh Tour of Dongara - bus tour	2.00-4.00pm	Bus tour of significant Sikh sites	\$15
Walking tour of the Old Port Road	2.00-4.00pm	From Russ Cottage, includes afternoon tea and art exhibition at Denison House	\$10
Conference Dinner, Priory Hotel			
Conference Dinner	6.00-9.00pm	Two course dinner, table wine to share, drinks for sale, talk by local raconteur	\$70
Optional Tours – Sunday afternoon			
James Drummond Wildflower Walk <i>Transport: Bus or Self Drive</i>	2.00-4.30pm	The 'Lost Road' 20km East of Dongara	Bus to site \$20 Drive to site \$5
Visit Packout Room/ Museum of Fishing and the Sea	2.00-3.30pm	Includes talk by boat restorer John Fitzhardinge	\$5
Walking Tour of Priory Hotel	2.00-3.30pm	Led by former students of Dominican Ladies College	\$5

Registrations to open on 1 May 2024 through Try Booking on the Irwin Districts Historical Society website. Cut off for conference registration is 24 August 2024, and for companion event bookings 24 August 2024 (or when respective dinner or tour is full). No “early bird registration” discounts.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation one week to 24 hours - 75% refund

Cancellation within 24 hours of Welcome Event - no refund



RWAHS State History Conference, 2024

Waves of Change - Dongara & Port Denison

How to Get There, and then Get Around

DRIVE

South from Geraldton, **Brand Highway** - National Route 1, and Tourist Drive 354, 'Batavia Coast Way', via Greenough and Bookara, 64 kms.

West from Kalgoorlie, **Great Eastern Highway** – National Route 94 to Southern Cross then via Bullfinch, Kondut, Morawa (limited route numbering) and Mingenew, 817 kms.

North from Perth - three main routes

- **Brand Highway**, National Route 1, via Midland, Muchea, Badgingarra and Eneabba, 342kms
- **Midlands Road/Great Northern Highway** – State Route 116 and Tourist Drive 360 'Midlands Way', via Midland, New Norcia, Three Springs and Mingenew, 326 kms.
- **Indian Ocean Drive**, State Route 60 - via West Perth, Wanneroo, Cervantes, Jurien Bay and Leeman, 320 kms – but note, the northern end from Leeman to Arrowsmith will be closed for roadworks between April and November, so just north of Leeman detour via Eneabba-Coolimba Road to Brand Highway and then on to Dongara via Arrowsmith.

All of these routes are scenic, with fuel stops, lookouts, layby/picnic areas, cafés and bakeries, hotels, camping/caravan parks, and of course local museums, along the way for more leisurely travelling around the Batavia Coast and North Midlands regions.

DRIVING - FUEL STOPS

Petrol and Diesel – Liberty and BP roadhouses on Brand Highway Dongara, Ampol service station at junction of Moreton Terrace and Point Leander Drive in Dongara. See [Fuel Prices Australia](#) for locations and current (daily) fuel prices in Dongara and regionally.

Electric – EV charging stations at Jurien Bay (AC/DC, Bashford Street, x 3), Dongara (AC, Dongara Hotel, x 4), Geraldton (DC, Foreshore Drive x 4, and others), Northampton (AC/DC, x 3, Visitor Centre). See [RAC EV Charging Stations Map](#) for other regional stations.

LPG – Liberty and BP roadhouses on Brand Highway Dongara, 4 stations in Geraldton, and stations in Cataby, Jurien Bay, Kalbarri. See [MyLPG Map](#) for stations and details.

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PUBLIC BUS

Transwa bus services operate on all three drive routes from East Perth via Midland or Joondalup, and from Kalbarri via Geraldton - services daily with route variations, all the usual concession rates apply, pick up/set down stops in Waldeck Street, Dongara (opposite Old Police Station museum) and Point Leander Drive, Port Denison (opposite Marine Rescue Hall). Check with [Transwa](#) for up-to-date timetables and fares.

FLY, then drive or transfer

Qantas, Perth (Terminal 2) – Geraldton, daily return (1 hour flight time), and **Nexus**, Perth (Terminal 2) – Geraldton (daily), and 'Northern Route' regional cities (6 days/week).

Hire cars (Hertz, Budget, Thrifty, Avis) – at Geraldton Airport, advance bookings recommended.

Geraldton Taxis, 13 2227, 24 hours, available from Geraldton Airport.

New Leaf Connect - Tours & Transport, 0474 922 552, private bus transfers from Geraldton Airport to Dongara and return, best for groups of 4 or more people.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AROUND DONGARA and PORT DENISON

Dongara Taxis, phone 08 9927 1555, closed after midnight Fri/Sat, after 10.30pm other nights.

Walking – most footpaths well paved and lit, several scenic walking tracks around the towns.

No local scooter, bicycle or car hire available. No local public bus service available.

HISTORICAL SERVICES, DISCONTINUED

Passenger shipping services to Port Denison ceased in 1905 (Adelaide SS Co)

Passenger shipping services to Geraldton ceased in 1973 (State Shipping Service)

Passenger train services to Dongara ceased in 1975 (WAGR/Westrail, ex Midland Rail Co)

Wishing you a safe journey to and from the conference!





HistWest (RWAS) Annual Affiliates CONTACT DETAILS and ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT

Please complete both sides of this form.

Page 1. Current details of your organisation to ensure the correct listing on www.histwest.org.au

Page 2. Annual Activity Report. Information on your Organisation's annual activities to support assessment in the 2024 Merit Award.

DUE DATE Friday 26 July 2024 Return completed form to admin@histwest.org.au

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY USING A BLACK PEN

Does your organisation agree to these details being published on the HistWest website? YES NO

Name of Society/Organisation _____

Postal Address _____

Physical Address _____

Email Address _____

'Phone _____

Web Address _____

Social Media _____

ROLL CALL: Name/s of deceased members since Oct 2023 – 30 June 2024

_____ attach separate list if required

_____ No. Members _____ Active Members _____

Name of Insurer _____

Does your organisation operate a Museum YES NO

Name of Museum _____

Does your organisation have a paid Curator/Manager YES NO

Month of AGM _____

CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS:

Position	Name	Email or Postal Address	'Phone
President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			

Activity Report Overleaf – return forms by 26 July 2024

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT – 2024

DUE DATE Friday 26 July 2024

Please complete the following Activity Report to be eligible for consideration in the Annual MERIT AWARD which recognises the various activities carried out by our affiliated societies.

The report should be **ONE PAGE** only, providing a summary of your activities and actions that occurred between **01 June 2023** and **30 June 2024** return to **admin@histwest.org.au**

Should you wish to submit separately please ensure your organisation's contact details are clearly shown

1. Engagement with members e.g. activities - opportunities for involvement, talks, excursions

2. Engagement with the local and wider community e.g. involvement in committees outside your association, outreach activities; educate, displays, exhibitions, talks, enactments

3. Research activities, enquiries and other research, **Publications**, Leaflets, books, websites etc. **Collection development and management, Curation, Oral History and other areas**, achievements and training etc.

The Royal Western Australian Historical Society Inc.

Application Form for one Lotterywest supported representative to attend the RWAHS Annual Affiliated Societies State History Conference hosted by Irwin District Historical Society.

6-8 September 2024

Name of Society.....

Name of
Representative.....

Address.....

Telephone.....Mobile.....

Email.....

Bank Account BSB.....Account Number.....

Signed.....

If you are 100km from Dongara, you may:

REQUEST A SUBSIDY OF:

(Tick, which ever your society deems appropriate and equitable)

A) TWO NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION \$300.00 (excl GST)

B) REGISTRATION FEE \$100.00

C) TRAVEL COSTS ,PETROL,ETC \$65.00

Please return this form before the Conference to

Attn: Nick Drew, Royal WA Historical Society, 49 Broadway, Nedlands, WA 6009

Email admin@histwest.org.au

Any queries please email Nick nickdrew@bigpond.com