

Affiliates Newsletter

2024-08

July 2024

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society - This year sees Kalgoorlie-Boulder host the 33rd annual Diggers & Dealers Mining Investment Forum and for the first time, at the forum, the EGHS will have on display the ornate name plate that once adorned the mansion of W.G. Brookman that formerly stood on Adelaide Terrace, Perth.

Brookman along with Sam Pearce were the founders of the Great Boulder Gold Mine, (among other famous Boulder mines) and subsequently the Golden Mile. The nameplate weighs approximately 300 kg, so storing and moving this piece has been a challenge! However, recently we had a custom stand made for the plate, making it a little bit more mobile. We are looking forward to seeing this piece on display around Kalgoorlie-Boulder.



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

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.



The Great Boulder

Great Boulder
RESOURCES LIMITED

In 1893, W.G. 'Willie' Brookman was one of the founders of the fabulous Great Boulder Mine on the Golden Mile. Tarnished by insolvency issues when he and Sam Pearce found the gold, the proceeds from the rich leases they secured enabled him to discharge his debts. From 1895, he went on to live a very lavish lifestyle while purchasing an enormous amount of property in W.A.

The Brookman's main residence, the 'Great Boulder' - was a two-story Adelaide Terrace mansion, furnished in a style that made it Perth's most glittering showplace. As a tribute to the source of his wealth, Brookman set up an ornate symbolic plaque on the corner tower of the house, with the words 'Great Boulder' across it.

At the 'Great Boulder' there was a spacious tennis lawn surrounded by formal flower gardens and in the stables, a Benz motor car, one of the earliest in W.A.

He was Lord Mayor of Perth in 1900 and was also a member of the Legislative Council from 1900 to 1903. However, Willie Brookman's high life was short lived. By 1903 his fortune was rapidly declining and he was again facing insolvency.

Although during his heyday he boasted that he had secured investments of £35 million for W.A., at his death in 1910 at 50 years of age, his estate in W.A. was valued for probate at only £127 and in South Australia at less than £8.

Over time, 'Great Boulder' the Adelaide Terrace mansion became a rooming house, and later a car sales yard. By the time it was demolished in 1966, it had long been without its beautiful wrap-around ornately carved verandahs. At the time of its demolition to make way for the IBM Centre, the ornate nameplate 'Great Boulder' was rescued and went to the Royal W.A. Historical Society headquarters in Nedlands to be displayed on an outside wall.

In the mid 1990's the plaque was offered to the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society and was conveyed to Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

The EGHS thank Great Boulder Resources Ltd for their support in preserving this plaque.



THE LATE MR. W. G. BROOKMAN.

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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- Marilyn Gazeley (Cervantes) - cervantes50th@hotmail.com
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- 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 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.

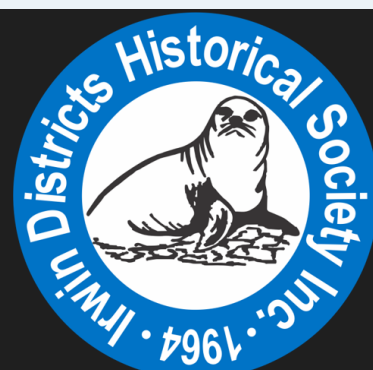
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Conference 2024

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



Affiliates News

Manjimup Historical Society - Manjimup Historical Society is housed within a purpose built, replica community hall within the Manjimup Heritage Park. The hall being one item within the Historical Hamlet of buildings, where the residents appear to have just left. The police station (1914) and goal, foresters office, school, settlers cottage and doctors surgery that form the Hamlet have been relocated from nearby. Replica vehicle, blacksmith and agricultural sheds make up the spaces in the Hamlet. Objects from the Society's collections can be found throughout these buildings. Monthly committee meetings are followed by Activity days, on the fourth Sunday of the month.



Denmark Historical Society - has just received a Lotteries Commission Grant to erect signage along the old Rail Trail from Nornalup to the Hay River. It includes images of the sidings, stations, bridges and historical information. The most will be at the No 3 Station in Denmark but will have signs placed at the siding locations as well. There are 38 all together. The Society is also putting in a substantial amount for this project.

The Friends of Donnelly Village Inc - Friends of Donnelly Village Inc want to let you know about the FREE heritage workshop being held at the Loco Shed, Donnelly River Village on Monday 26 August 2024.

This **FREE** Workshop at Donnelly River Village with Rikki from Creative Spaces and Claire from Savagely Creative will outline the basics of developing both heritage interpretation and experiences, and then work through the creation of an experience to attract visitors and \$.



Rikki and Claire will cover a few different methods and focus on how heritage owners and organisations can design relevant site based interpretation to reach visitors that are likely to connect with the experience, potentially creating avenues for repeat visitors and, for some sites, opportunities to charge entrance fees.

The workshop is organised by The Friends of Donnelly Village Inc and supported by Funding from the WA Heritage Commission. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided. Spaces are limited so please get your ticket promptly from - <https://www.trybooking.com/CTKFJ>

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.

Australian Society of Archivists - Professional Development Day 2024. An ASA WA mid-year Professional Development (PD) day on the themes of Audiovisual Archives and Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be held on Friday, 2 August.

Who Should Attend: The event is aimed at archivists, collection managers and curatorial staff working in cultural heritage spaces such as archives, libraries, and museums. Information professionals with learning needs in audiovisual archives and AI will also find the program useful.

Description: This one-day professional development program builds foundation knowledge and skill in reformatting and preserving moving images and sound. It will explore good practices in digitisation, media care and preservation, description, outsourcing and the provision of access. The program also explores artificial intelligence and its application to archival methods

Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Identify and discuss the main causes of deterioration and explain principles and practices in media care of moving images and sound.
2. Evaluate requirements for and plan for the use of re-formatting using digitization as the basis of preservation and access strategy.
3. Describe principles and good practices in analogue to digital reformatting and workflows for audio and video materials.
4. Make decisions and apply technology tools from the audiovisual archiving toolkit.
5. Apply good practices in the management of outsourcing of service provision.
6. Discuss the role of Artificial Intelligence in documentation and preservation of digital archives.

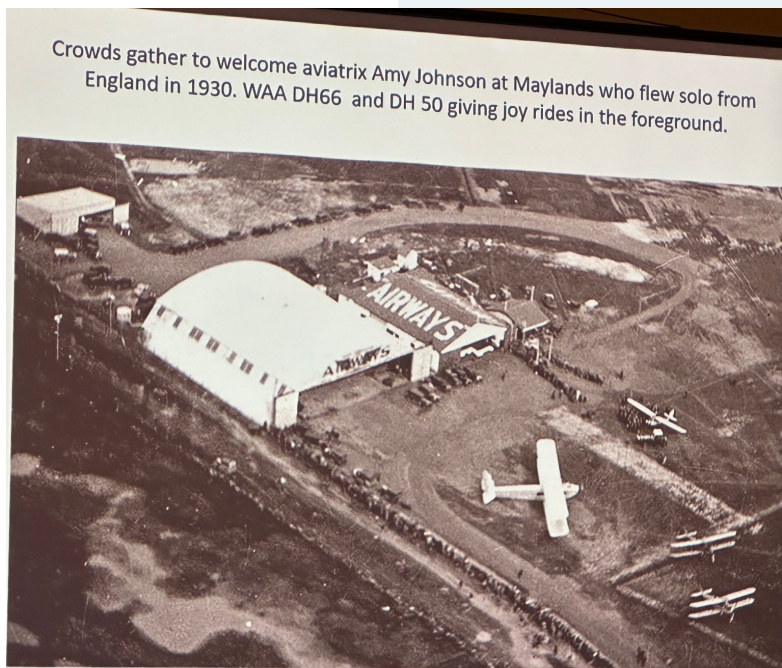
The PD is aimed at assumed levels of knowledge ranging from beginner to intermediate. Registrants with prior learning or with specific learning needs are invited to contact the organizers via email (mbrogan556@gmail.com) to assist presenters with selection of content and learning outcomes.

How to register:

You can register for the 2024 PD on the ASA web site at the following address: <https://>



Maylands Historical and Peninsula Association - enjoyed another successful month of activity. On 17th June MHPA Volunteer Bevan Marshall gave a talk on the history and development of Perth's first airport – located on the Maylands Peninsula. Bevan's talk attracted one of the largest groups for many years with over 50 Members and Visitors crowding into the Dining Room at the Old Peninsula Hotel. Publicity for the talk also elicited a number of personal memories and anecdotes from local people who worked at the aerodrome or even flew out of Maylands. Bevan was contacted by Len, who used to work with him at Maylands aerodrome many years ago, but who now lives in Queensland. They had not been in contact for around 50 years but after reading about the talk on Facebook, Len contacted MHPA and now the two are having regular conversations as they reminisce of their days together at Perth's first airport.



One of the archive images that Bevan shared was an aerial view of the scene in 1930 when Amy Johnson, the famous aviatrix, landed in Maylands after her record-breaking solo flight from England to Australia

Another example of the power of social media came when MHPA Secretary Sue Cundale posted an appeal to the c300 individuals on our regular mailing list where she suggested that "Supporters and Friends" could become Members of the Association. Her appeal was successful and resulted in a net gain of around a dozen new

members, taking membership to over 50. These additional membership fees will help to pay for utility bills, insurance premiums and general running costs that Grants and Awards do not cover!

Work is continuing to populate the digital map as featured in last month's Newsletter – all the four walks are now fully documented and work has started to develop the range of pins relating to *Heritage Houses in Maylands*. The next layers that we plan to work on will be "*Sports and Recreation*" and "*Green spaces and wetlands*".



MHPA Volunteer and Committee Member Bevan Marshall used to work at Maylands aerodrome, and even flew small commercial aircraft from there. Here he is talking to the large crowd who

Melville History Society - A visit to a flour mill by Melville History Society in June fitted well, as the Society runs the Miller Bakehouse Museum in Palmyra. A Mega Flour Mill delivering to bakeries 60 tonne per day of unpackaged bulk flour via tanker, gives us an appreciation of the work that goes into "our daily bread". The Mill has ten huge silos to receive 600 tonne of wheat direct from farmers. Quality controls and sample testing on the flour making process and a testing bakery on site assure us of the quality of the flour that makes our bread.

The mill runs 24/6.

Photo - Members of Melville History Society and staff in safety vests and hair cover in front of the flour tanker and mill office.





You can apply for funding to support arts projects, professional development for artists and workers, and community capacity building projects. Funded projects will meet the objectives of the Regional Arts Fund.

Key dates - open 5th July - 16th August 2024. Deadline for draft review 01st August 2024.

More information can be found at -

<https://regionalartswa.org.au/funding/raf-project-grants/>

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society acknowledges the support of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

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Refresh of Significance 2.0

The Australian Government is proposing to refresh *Significance 2.0 a guide to assessing the significance of collections* to ensure that Australia continues to have a guide to assessing significance that meets the needs of contemporary collectors. It is envisioned that the revised guide will align with current and emerging best-practice standards in collections and cultural heritage management

Significance 2.0 was produced in 2009 by the Collections Council of Australia and continues to be widely used in Australia. It guides policies and processes in the Gallery, Library, Archive and Museum sectors, and allied fields. It is a teaching tool in university courses related to collections and cultural heritage management, and forms the basis of some grant programs and decisions on the management of our national cultural heritage. *Significance 2.0* also has applications beyond Australia. It was the basis for the United Kingdom's 2018 *Reviewing Significance 3.0* guide and there are Indonesian, Spanish, Portuguese and Swedish versions in use.



We invite stakeholders, particularly current users of *Significance 2.0*, to have their say on what aspects of *Significance 2.0* should be changed or maintained in the revised edition. This may include feedback on:

- the significance assessment framework
- appropriate ways to document significance in contemporary collecting contexts
- the types of collection items featured in case studies
- the balance of creators, themes, subject matter, and media representation across the guide
- any significance-related issues requiring particular guidance
- terminology
- suggestions for useful tools or templates, and
- the design and format of the guide.

We would also welcome suggestions for specific case studies that you think users of a revised guide could benefit from.

[Refresh of Significance 2.0 | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts](#)



		Irwin Districts Historical Society Inc <i>Maintaining the identity of the Irwin District</i>

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 (RWAHS) 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

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