

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

Long-term member Mary Richmond was nominated and won a Citizenship Award. She was offered a Life Membership with MHHS.

4 x General Meetings with guest speakers

Evening out at a local Tavern with a historic re-enactment

Christmas Lunch at another local Tavern

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

Working with the Shire on the production of a Railway Heritage Trail brochure. Correcting previous errors and adding new information.

Involvement with Cultural Advisory Group

Involvement with the planning of the new Heritage Strategy

Involvement with confirmation of sites on the old and new Heritage Survey

Member Jeff Murray chaired the committee which was tasked with photographing and documenting the Heritage Strategy sites,

Involvement with the new Signage Strategy

Involvement with the planning of a new cultural precinct

Visits to 2 local Primary Schools to talk with the children about the history of their locality

11 articles in Local Magazine Darlington Review

5 articles in local newspaper – Chidlow Chatter

3 articles in local newspaper which has a wider reach – The Echo

Founding Committee Member Jeff Murray has been involved with the Reconciliation

Action Plan which is trying to gain more information on the indigenous history in Mundaring.

Jeff has done a lot of research into the indigenous history of the Shire.

Several requests for help in the "Can You Help" column.

Stall at Whim Festival

2. 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.

Newsletter distributed quarterly

Responding to ongoing Research Requests

Consulting and supplying the Shire with information on Heritage for new shelters at Lake Leschenaultia

Major exhibition "We've Got Balls" in the Museum

Smaller displays at other venues for special events

Photographic Competition which provided MHHS with new photographs for our Collection

Photographing and digitising the local Shire Rates Books

Helping with locating plaques of forestry workers in the Mundaring Weir area and commencing research on more of the workers, with the view of designing new and consistent plaques. We are still waiting on permission from DBCA as we will be using land that they manage.

Liaising with DBCA about the removal of the Hovea Falls Bridge in the John Forrest National Park, by pointing out the danger of removing the bridge. The public are still trying to cross the Jane Brook without the bridge and the river bed is covered by large slippery rocks and accidents will happen.

We are also talking with DBCA about the removal of the Rangers Office at the John Forrest National Park. We have voiced our concerns that there will be no Ranger on site in case of accidents.