

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

Northam & Districts Historical Society runs a Facebook page with approximately 1,200 followers. The Administrator usually posts two to three short photo stories per month using photographs and research from our collection.

Members are also encouraged to post stories. One of the recent innovations suggested by a member is "Where am I?" where followers post a contemporary photograph usually of only part of a building, and other followers have to guess where it is.

N&DHS is also revamping our website to make it easier for people to research Northam's history. It should also be easier for us to update and add new information. We expect the new look website to be launched in about a month.

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

As above, our Facebook page has many more followers than the N&DHS has financial members. Most of the followers on Facebook are either local people or former residents of the town, some of whom are now living in the Eastern States.

The N&DHS maintains displays of memorabilia and photographs at Morby Cottage, the oldest building in Northam dating from 1836, which is open to the public on Sundays and for group tours at other times by request.

The N&DHS also has displays at the Old Northam Railway Station Museum, which is open three days a week, and for group tours at other times by request,

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.

We usually deal with two or three research requests a month,

We also do research on specific topics which are printed as articles from time to time in the monthly community newspaper "The Northam Advertiser".
