

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.

Re 1,2,3 above. Please see attached___ The constitutional objects of the WAPHS are;

(1). To arouse Interest in and promote the study of and writing of Western Australia Police History.

Recent Outcomes: 1987-2024 these have certainly been met, improved now that the Police Library has been recreated together with an area of the meeting room that caters for studies access to and use of computers to read digital records that have been converted from written material.

(2). To promote the interchange of information among members of the Society.

Recent Outcomes: 2022-2024 Serving member officers SC Emily Jones and SC Shaun Staples administer the WAPHS FB (Meta) Site. Em sources and colours in old black and white photographs and Shaun is an expert on Uniforms and Firearms. Unfortunately, the website has been dormant due to the inability of volunteers to update information as the site was set up under a codified method. A major priority for the Curator and Project Officer. The WAPHS still pays for the domain name. www.policewahistory.org.

(3). To publish historical records and articles dealing with police activity in its many and varied forms.

Recent Outcomes: 2018-2024 The document records at the WAPHS are now separated into four areas,

3.1 People, including Police Officers, indigenous policing and partners

3.2 Places, Police Stations, Police Posts, Multi Functional Police Facilities, Police Districts, Police Divisions

3.3 Major Events in policing history

3.4 Squads, Created and decommissioned

This information is contained in books, folders, hard and soft copies, photographs, paintings and a variety of digitized and electronic formats.

(4). To promote the collection, preservation and classification of source material and records of all kinds relating to WA police History.

Outcome: 2018-2024 this complicated and time consuming project is now completed and all information stored and preserved, whether in book form, card form, folders or otherwise as close as possible to State Records and WAPF document retention standards. The compactus room is now re organized labelled and ticketed with further space for future records.

(5). To place all such source material collected in suitable premises for preservation.

Outcome: 2018-20-24 As # 4 outcome.

(6). To cooperate and if in the interest of the society (WAPHS) to affiliate with similar societies and bodies.

Outcome: 19867-2024 Continued and valued affiliation with the Royal Western Australia Historical Society. Affiliation membership with the Australian Museums and Galleries Association. Cooperation with the various project groups of the Museum of Australian Policing. (MoAP) Assisting and where possible contributing with independent local area historic policing displays. (Policemans Way Argyle near Donnybrook. And other older police stations still used as museums. (Mt Barker, Brookton etc.) Cooperation with the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society, Goldfields Museum, Hainault Tourist Mine. The Station(Old South Perth Police Station) Display.

Although not an object of the WAPHS but nevertheless an important part of policing history, Continuing the Graves identification and dedication projects.

Outcome: 2022 East Perth Cemetery fence for officers buried there until 1920. 2024 Pitman Walsh memorial relocation and dedication Kalgoorlie. Future projects Detective Sgt Denis Kavanagh Rookwood cemetery near Sydney NSW.

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