

Affiliated Societies

of the Royal Western Australian Historical Society

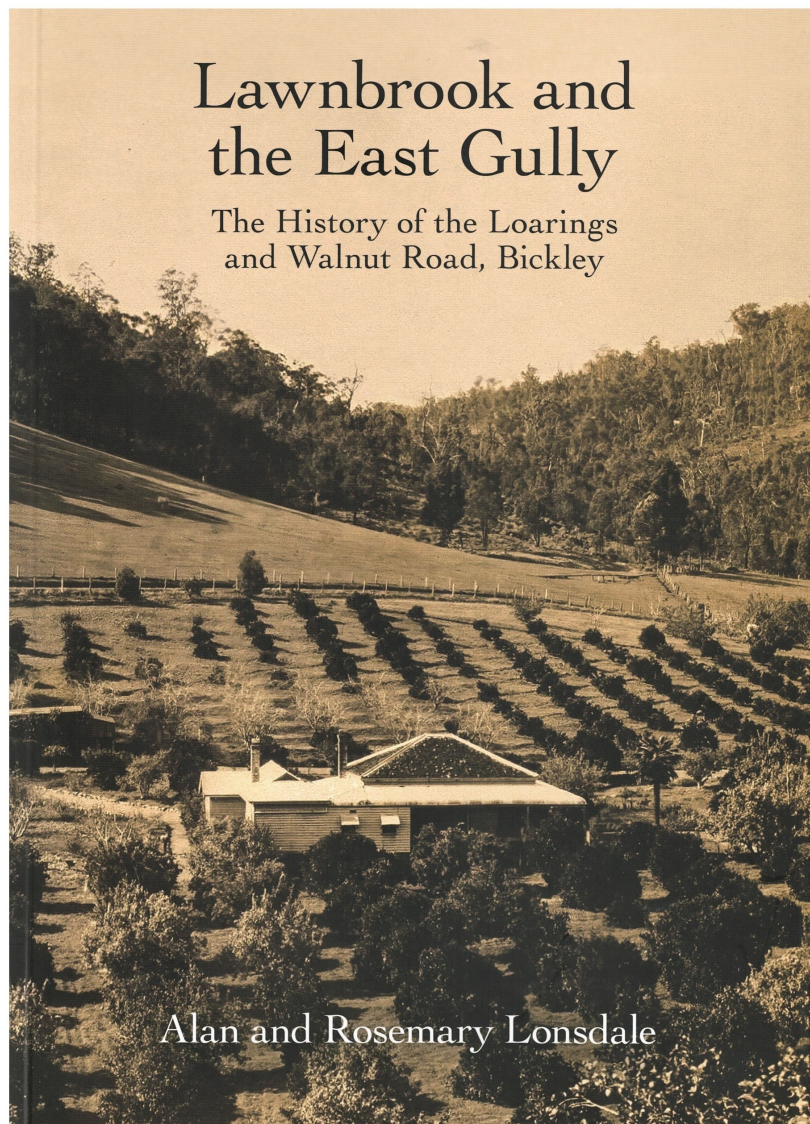
Newsletter

March 2026

2026-26

Kalamunda & Districts Historical Society

In November last year our President, Jenny Lewis, was honoured to launch the book 'Lawnbrook and the East Gully', the latest publication adding to our districts story. It was a four-year project by the authors Alan and Rosemary Lonsdale researching Walnut Rd, the road they live in. The road is 3.6kms long and the period of research was 135 years with something like 60 families living in this road over that time. The stories are amazing ranging from the pioneering Loaring family to fascinating horticulture in the fertile valley to mystery and crime. Copies are available at Kalamunda History Village for \$55. Congratulations to Alan and Rosemary Lonsdale!



Next Affiliates Committee
Meeting will be held in
March 2026

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 109 Stirling Hwy (corner Baird St), 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.

Please send all queries and submissions relating to the newsletter to Rosie Stroud at the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society.
eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au or



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 2025-26 are below:

- Nick Drew – **Convenor** (RWAHS- Council Rep) - nickdrew@bigpond.com
- Fiona Bush - Minute Secretary (Mundaring & Hills) - fiona.bush@icloud.com
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- Rosie Stroud (Eastern Goldfields) - eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au
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- Trish Parker (Irwin Districts Historical Society) - Trishpark@bigpond.com
- Wendy Garstone (Bayswater Historical Society) - wendygarstone@gmail.com

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

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Just who is doing the work and how?

Just who is doing the work? Collecting Community Heritage in Western Australia. Are you a committee member of a community based historical society? Are you an active volunteer/member in that society? (more than one volunteer from any organisation can complete the volunteer section of the survey). Do you represent a local government that has a heritage collection and/or supports community heritage collecting organisations?

Are you willing to participate in a confidential online survey?

We want to develop an up-to-date picture of the community based/LGA supported historical collecting sector in Western Australia?

We really want to know all about your organisation and your perspectives on what you do! The survey is confidential and depending on the level of detail may take about an hour to complete.

If you are responding as a member or volunteer – it won't take so long!

You can get stuck right into the survey now: [Survey Link](#)

If you would like more information, please email Sally Paulin at s.paulin@murdoch.edu.au

Please share this survey invitation with other colleagues and collecting organisations in WA who you think might be interested in being involved.

History West - News from the Library

We have received a donation of shearing shed ledgers. It is from Doug Kennedy who operated his shearing contract business in sheds between 1962 – 1996. They are from larger runs in areas such as Bindoon, Mullewa, Kalannie, Pindar, Yalgoo, Meekatharra, Paynes Find, Cue and Mount Magnet. The tally sheets contain details of shearer's name, number of sheep shorn, by day, and by whom. Each ledger book also contains the name of the shearers, shed hands and cook with details of how they earned their pay with total paid. Apparently this information was required by the Tax Department. Very interesting for anyone following up on people who worked in sheds, and they give an indication of the scale of the sheds eg how many stands they held.

If you would be interested in accepting any of the ledgers into your collection please contact Jeanette Longwood at the History West Library. Jeanette Longwood, History West Library, email library@histwest.org.au

City of South Perth Historical Society

The City of South Perth Historical Society is currently hosting an exhibition of the 69 women in the WA Women's Hall of Fame 'Roll of Honour'. Four more ladies have been inducted in 2026 so we had 73 remarkable lives to celebrate on International Women's Day, Sunday 8 March. Lynn O'Hara gave a talk about May Gibbs who the Society was proud to have nominated some years ago and we had a bit of a party in Heritage House.

We have had two successful runs of 'Nutting about with Mamie' and the groups spent an hour learning about trams, artworks in Windsor Park and May Gibbs. We are busy preparing for the next exhibition for the National Trust Heritage Festival - 'Change in South Perth' that opens on 18 April.

Anthea Harris, President



Drawing prizewinners on International Women's Day

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

"Between 1952 and 1975 Keith Quartermaine compiled extended detailed and illustrated reports and maps of the travels of his team of Kalgoorlie School of Mines friends and local bushmen. The first organised exploration of the Nullarbor caves; out to the edge of the desert; and along the little travelled areas of the south coast. The later diaries are records of their hunt for meteorites mainly in the eastern goldfields area. The reports and photographs record the areas before the disturbances of modern mining. The local people and station life are well recorded. Twenty sets only of the 25 reports have been printed. They range from 25 to 152 pages. Perhaps, if there is interest and pre-orders, consideration will be given to sales of individual items". Hesperian Press, 2026.

PLEASE JOIN THE
EASTERN GOLDFIELDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
ROSS AND BEV QUARTERMAINE
FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE

QUARTERMAINE EXPEDITION DIARIES

by Keith Quartermaine
18 March - 7 pm

Old Boulder Power Station
Hamilton St, Boulder

RSVP: 089093 3360

THE INLAND SEA
OR
CARRY ON REGARDLESS
By M. K. QUARTERMAINE
Date - 1 January to 30 January 1962
BOOK - No 1

Albany Historical Society

Sculpture at Binalup: A Lasting Legacy of the Albany 2026 Bicentenary.

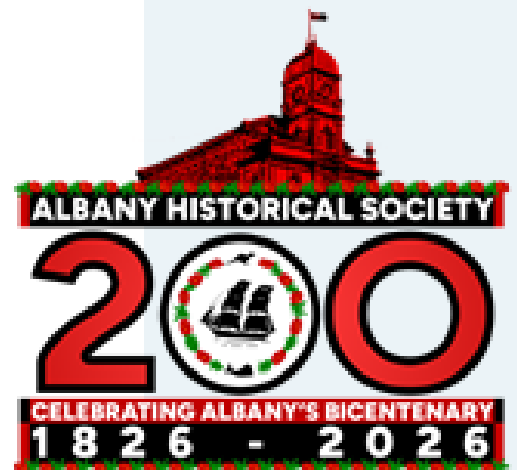
As part of the Albany 2026 Bicentenary, the 16 contemporary works presented through Sculpture at Binalup will find their permanent home at Duke Street following the exhibition from 10-19 April 2026 at Binalup / Middleton Beach.

Developed by local artist Mae Elliott in collaboration with Menang Noongar leaders, artists and community members, the sculptures reflect the Bicentenary themes of past, present and future, grounded in truth-telling and connection to Country. The project includes a school outreach program led by respected Menang elder Aunty Carol Pettersen OAM JP, inviting young people to engage with Menang-led installations.

The Albany Historical Society is incredibly proud to provide a permanent home for these significant sculptures and are honoured to support this important Bicentenary legacy and ensure the artworks remain accessible to the community for generations to come.

The exhibition takes place at Binalup / Middleton Beach, from 10–19 April 2026, inviting visitors to experience contemporary sculpture in one of Albany’s most significant coastal landscapes.

Submitted by Andrew Eyden - Chief Executive Officer



Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

Wilson Academic Bursary Guidelines 2026-27

The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society (EGHS) is pleased to offer the **Wilson Academic Bursary**, valued at up to **\$2,000 (including GST for ABN holders)**, to support research into and the recording of the history of the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia. 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.

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 will be expected to:

- Undertake research into a previously unexplored aspect of Eastern Goldfields history or heritage, or present a new perspective on existing research.
- Produce a high-quality, fully referenced written work.
- Submit a final manuscript of **no fewer than 15,000 words** (format negotiable with the Committee).
- Ensure the completed research is made publicly accessible, including through the EGHS Library.
- Acknowledge the support of the Eastern Goldfields Historical Society in the final publication.

Photographs and/or sketches are encouraged where they enhance the final work. The Eastern Goldfields Historical Society does not provide images free of charge under this bursary. Any use of images from the EGHS collection will be subject to the Society's standard fees and charges. Reproduction fees and conditions also apply.

The recipient will have **12 months** to complete the project. Payment will be made in instalments, or at the discretion of the EGHS Committee.

Bursaries are available up to the value of \$2,000 per year. The final amount awarded and paid will be determined by the Committee and is non-negotiable.

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

The Proposal must:

- Demonstrate originality and scholarly merit
- Be intrinsically connected to the Eastern Goldfields
- Present new research or a new interpretation of existing research
- Confirm that the work is original and has not been previously published or submitted for publication elsewhere

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- A completed Eastern Goldfields Historical Society Bursary Application Form
- A 250-word research proposal
- A current Curriculum Vitae
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Successful applicants will be required to submit a written progress report by 31 January 2027, outlining the status and development of the project.

Key Dates

Applications open: 1 April 2026

Applications close: 31 May 2026

Applicants notified by: 30 June 2026

Submission Details - Applications may be emailed or posted to:

Executive Officer

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

Email: eo@kalgoorliehistory.org.au

Post: PO Box 643, Kalgoorlie WA 6430



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Preserving & promoting Goldfields history



WILLIAMS / LEE STEERE PUBLICATION PRIZE PRIZE

\$1000

ENTRY FORM / COVER SHEET

The Society is offering a prize for a publication on Western Australian history published between June 2024 and June 2026. Entries must be publications over 20,000 words in length. Topics could be a biography of a West Australian, a family history, a local or community history, or any aspect of WA history the author chooses. Self-published entries are welcome, however non-fiction entries only are acceptable. Those which clearly belong to historical fiction are not eligible. Two copies of each entry must be submitted. Ebook entries are also welcome and while no printout is required for these, two USB carrying the book must be provided.

Closing date **last Friday in June 2026.**

The winner will be announced at the Society's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21 October 2026.

Entries must be submitted to the Society office: 109

Stirling Hwy Nedlands WA 6009

Tel (08) 9386 3841

Email: admin@histwest.org.au

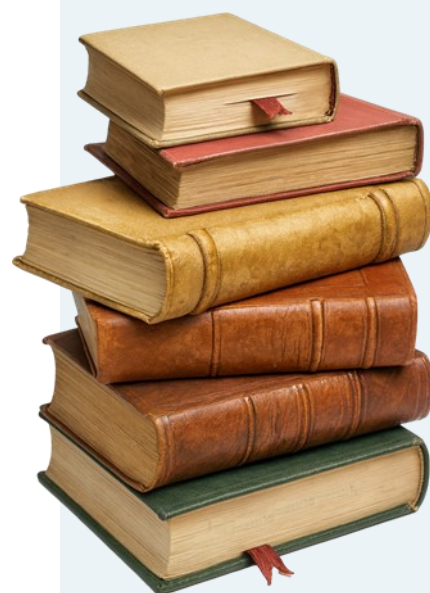
APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Title of entry

Name: Address:

Email:

Phone:



Grant Season

FRRR – Telstra Connected Communities Grant Program

<https://grantguru.com/au/ckb/g/eirp98pv>

Overview

This program aims to boost support for communities across remote, rural and regional Australia to enhance liveability with digital solutions that harness the power of connection. It supports remote, rural and regional communities to embrace new technologies and digital solutions to build social capital and digital capability via a grant opportunity fostering:

- Liveable communities that have the digital capability to help individuals with the skills to live, learn and work in a digital society.
- Sustainable communities that are diverse and inclusive, planning for the health, wellbeing, and prosperity of their people and the planet.
- Resilient communities that are well prepared and socially connected when disaster strikes, with the ability to renew and recover together.

Grants of up to \$10,000 is available.

Barminco Community Grants

Barminco is proud to launch our Community Grants Program across the Murchison, Cue and Coolgardie regions of Western Australia. Local community groups can apply for a one-off grant of up to \$5,000 to support initiatives in education, health and wellbeing, inclusion and equity, First Nations programs, and environmental projects.

Qantas Regional Grants Program

<https://grantguru.com/au/ckb/g/9t84wr2l>

Overview

This program aims to help communities sustain brighter futures by providing financial, flight and marketing support to charities, organisations, causes, projects and individuals.

The program offers a combination of:

- Cash grant
- Flights in-kind
- Marketing support

There are no specified minimum and maximum funding limits.



Grant Season

Rabobank – Rabo Community Fund

<https://grantguru.com/au/ckb/g/q3bvjbn1>

Overview

This program aims to support initiatives that help strengthen the vitality and sustainability of rural and regional communities across Australia.

The six Rabo Client Council theme are:

- Long-term industry capacity and agriculture education
- Environmental sustainability
- Rural/urban connection
- Rural wellbeing
- Adaption/disruption
- Natural Disaster Resilience

Minimum funding of \$5,000 (including GST) is available.

CBH Group - Grass roots community grants

<https://www.cbh.com.au/community/grass-roots-community-grants>

Grants eligibility

To be eligible for our Community Grass Roots Grants, the project must:

- Be located within a grain-growing community in WA
 - Fit with CBH's purpose, values and behaviour
- Align with at least one of CBH's [Community Investment Fund Framework pillars](#)

Be completed within 12 months of funds being awarded

National Library of Australia - <https://www.library.gov.au/services/grants/community-heritage-grants>

Aurizon - [https://media.corporate.aurizon.com.au/ch/38869/2mr5q/2955678/](https://media.corporate.aurizon.com.au/ch/38869/2mr5q/2955678/GcxNamAZ0Wdx7_kxXxd_PqiFGqJsE40vZM3e6mYJ.html)

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Historical societies guidance

Registering with the ACNC

To be income tax exempt, charitable not-for-profit organisations with an Australian Business Number (ABN) must:

- register as a charity with the ACNC, and
- be formally endorsed by the ATO.

Generally, most historical societies will be eligible to register as a charity.

Eligibility for charity registration

To be eligible for charity registration, an organisation must:

- be [non-for-profit](#)
- have only [charitable purposes](#) that are for the [public benefit](#)
- not have any [disqualifying purposes](#)
- not be an individual, a political party or a [government entity](#)
- comply with the [governance standards](#)
- comply with the [ACNC External Conduct Standards](#) (if operating overseas).

Your organisation's ABN must match with your 'entity type' (see the ACNC's [guidance about legal structures](#) for more information).

Assessing your organisation's eligibility to apply

Use our [charity registration self-assessment](#) tool to check your organisation's eligibility and understand the information you will need to include in an application.

You can also find detailed guidance on the ACNC website to help determine whether your organisation may be eligible for charity registration, including information on:

- [starting a charity](#)
- [charitable purposes](#)
- [who can apply to be registered](#).

If you believe your organisation is eligible for registration as a charity, follow the ACNC's [instructions to apply online](#).

Tips for completing a registration application

Use our [checklist](#) to ensure you have the information you need when applying for charity registration.

1. Choosing a date of registration for your organisation:

When you apply for charity registration with the ACNC, you will be asked the date from which you wish to register. The ACNC can only register an organisation on or after the **latest** of these dates:

- the organisation's establishment date
- the date on which the organisation's ABN was made active
- the date on which it meets the requirements to be registered as a charity
- 3 December 2012 (the date that the ACNC was established).

If you want to backdate your organisation's charity registration, you will need to demonstrate that it was eligible for registration from that time.

2. Governing document (constitution or rules):

Your organisation must have a [governing document](#) that includes all required information, such as its:

- name
- objects (purpose)
- [not-for-profit clause](#)
- [winding up or dissolution clause](#).

If you do not have a governing document, or you need to update your organisation's governing document, you can use a [template](#) and adapt it to suit your organisation's circumstances.

The ACNC has templates available for charitable unincorporated associations and companies limited by guarantee.

In your governing document, you need to outline your organisation's purposes. When you are creating or updating your governing document, you can refer to the ACNC's [examplecharitable purpose clauses](#). You can also find example not-for-profit and winding up clauses in the [not-for-profit guidance](#).

Your governing document should reflect your organisation's legal structure. Please check that the same structure is showing for your ABN on [ABN Lookup](#).

3. Responsible people:

You need to list the correct number of [Responsible People](#) (your organisation may call them board or committee members). You can find the required number of Responsible People in your governing document. You will need to provide the details of each Responsible Person.

4. Charity Subtype:

Choose the [charity subtype](#) that matches the objects in your governing document. You can choose more than one subtype if that matches your organisation's objects and activities. Historical societies will most likely fit into either, or both, of the below subtypes:

Advancing culture

This subtype is best suited for organisations with activities that include:

- caring for, preserving and protecting the Australian heritage
- establishing and maintaining public museums, libraries and art galleries, and moveable cultural heritage

Advancing education

This subtype is best suited for organisations with activities that include:

- research directed towards expanding human knowledge and made publicly available – specifically in regard to local or Australian history.

5. Tax concessions:

In your application, you can apply for [charity tax concessions](#), including income tax exemption.

Although it is the ATO that makes decisions on charity tax concessions, applying when completing the ACNC charity registration form means that you do not have to complete a separate application with the ATO.

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After the ACNC registers your organisation as a charity, they forward the application for tax concessions to the ATO. The ATO then assesses your eligibility for charity tax concessions and will inform you of the decision.

**Need help? Please contact Luke Talarico at
registration@acnc.gov.au or 13 22 62.**