

November 2016

Seasons Greetings!

The seasons come and go rapidly these days. Football season seemed to go on forever this year, but then cricket season whizzed by with only three matches which we are trying hard to forget. And now the festive season has arrived. This is often a gruelling test of endurance and patience, but is followed by the one we all look forward to..... holiday season.

The past month has been a busy one at HeritageWorks. We have had visits from Emmanuel College year 7 students and also hosted a University of the Third Age group. Members have attended a Vic Collections workshop on exhibitions held at Flagstaff Hill, the Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies southern zone meeting held in Terang and also an information session run by the Victorian Commission for Children and Young People on creating a child safe organization. There has been an increase in enquiries this month, both from visitors and via phone and email. Among those who have called in person to make historical enquiries have been descendants of the Lawson and Cramond families. In both cases, our files contained a great deal of interest to the enquirers.

We are a little over midway through a three year process to achieve accreditation as a museum through Museums Australia (Victoria). Our journey through this program is being undertaken with the Family History Group. We hope the program will provide us with a way of ensuring that our policies and processes are in place and our standards of collection care, exhibition and public programs are maintained. We had a visit this week from two of the MAV staff who are guiding us through the procedures to enable us to gain accreditation and during the early part of 2017 we will be making final preparations to join other organisations in Warrnambool – Flagstaff Hill and WAG- as one of over 100 accredited Victorian museums.



If you were to ask the committee members of any small club or community run volunteer group to list the most difficult tasks involved in running their organization, then the task of keeping their membership records up to date would probably be high on most of the lists. W&DHS membership renewals occur in mid-year and as it is now five months into our current year, we are reviewing our membership database. Many thanks to all who have renewed memberships, and particularly to those of you who responded promptly to our recent reminders. Your subscriptions are vital to our organization. If you are not sure whether your membership is current, please contact us and we can check for you. We will be removing non-financial members from our mailing list during this process and do not wish to lose communication with any lapsed members who may have merely forgotten to renew.

It is rare that we receive a notice of resignation, but recently one arrived from the family of Eric Williams, who with his late wife Rita joined our Society in the early 1970s. Eric, an active and engaged member throughout his time in Warrnambool and we would like to thank him for his many years of interest in local history and support of W&DHS.

Whether you receive this bulletin by email or by post, you will also be receiving the Spring edition of our newsletter *Warnimble*. Congratulations to Barbara McLeod and the contributors for a collection of very interesting articles and images. This month's puzzle page is quite a challenge. If stuck for answers you may need to make a trip to the corridors of municipal power for assistance. We welcome feedback on *Warnimble*, so please let us know if you have ideas for an article, constructive criticism, or maybe some images to share.

Our Christmas party is being held at HeritageWorks again this year. Following the fun and frivolity of last year's pool party, we are again heading outdoors, for a barbecue. We are calling it a 'cut –out' due to the fact that we will be closing for business that day: Friday 16th December. HeritageWorks will re-open on January 9th, 2017. If needs arise, we can open by appointment over the period of closure. Appointments can be made by email or by phoning the numbers listed for the President (below).

Hope to see volunteers and members at the cut-out party. Wishing you a very happy Christmas.

Janet and committee



Dates for Cemetery Walks
Warrnambool Family
History Group
January 2017

Saturday Jan 7 10.30am
Sunday Jan 8 2.00pm

Saturday Jan 14 2.00pm
Sunday Jan 15 6 pm

Wednesday Jan 18 6pm
Thursday Jan 26 2pm

Meet at Rotunda
Requested donation \$5

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