

Hello members

June 2018

A huge thank you to all our members who responded promptly to our call in the last bulletin to renew membership for the coming year. We have been very pleased with the response from many who have visited, direct deposited or renewed by mail, and we also welcome some new members this month.

A highlight of the past month has been our involvement in the George Lance exhibition at the Warrnambool Art Gallery. Family members of the Lance, Stephens and Morris families descended from George Lance, travelled from as far away as Queensland to view paintings which had not been exhibited together since 1980. While in Warrnambool family members dedicated a new headstone on the family grave at the Warrnambool cemetery, visited HeritageWorks to view our files and attended a floor talk at the art gallery at which Elizabeth O'Callaghan and Dr David Lance profiled the life of George Lance, plumber, gasfitter, inventor, artist.



The above photographs, taken at the George Lance talk at the art gallery show Dr David Lance and Elizabeth O'Callaghan against the backdrop of the exhibition relating to the signing of the 1891 Women's Suffrage petition, a particularly appropriate venue for the talk as several members of the Lance family were signatories to the petition. The George Lance exhibition is showing in the gallery named after the artist and founder at WAG until 16 July. *Once Women Won The Vote* runs until 30 September.

Meanwhile back at HeritageWorks the rostered members, volunteer workers, researchers and visitors continue their daily work, this month to a backdrop of a stream of public speakers and musicians warming up their vocals and instruments in our meeting room prior to competing in various sections of the eisteddfod competitions next door at the Mozart Hall. The place has certainly been very busy despite the cold weather.

Among our regular visitors are the shipwreck hunters, who seem to have been very interested in our files lately. Perhaps they have been spurred on by the rumours of the reinstatement of a reward offered in 1990s for the finding of the Mahogany Ship or perhaps the recent release of a film made locally late last year by a visiting American film crew is what has reignited excitement. The film, made for US TV audiences, can be viewed on UTube and is well worth a look. Production standards are high and the local scenery and experts are featured. Here's a link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdqjJr3Uv6A>

MARKET ON THE MOVE

Our retail outlet for publications such as our books, booklets and cards has in recent years operated from the Timor Street market. This month we have made the move back to the Fletcher Jones site, from where Elizabeth O'Callaghan began the market stall seven years ago. The new site provides us with a little more elbow room. So, if shopping for local publications or a bric-a-brac bargain, please check out our stall, upstairs at FJs.



AN INVITATION

Friends of Warrnambool Botanic Gardens Inc. extends an invitation to all interested public to attend their upcoming gathering at the Hammond Centre at Christ Church, Henna Street at 5pm on Wednesday 11 July. A brief meeting will be followed by two speakers on topics of historical interest:

JESSICA HOOD-Community Advocate Environmental Heritage at the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) where she undertakes advocacy for significant trees, cultural landscapes and gardens as well as coordinating the Australian Heritage Festival in Victoria. She is also Vice-Chair of the Australian Garden History Society and dedicated to increasing new audience engagement with heritage gardens.

JOHN SHEELY took on the role as the curator of the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens on the 2nd January 2006. Since that time the Gardens have transformed from a fairly tired Guilfoyle designed garden into the gem you see today. John will talk about his time at the gardens, the team's achievements and his vision for future development of the WBG.

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to friendswbg@gmail.com or 0438620343 if planning to attend.

NEW ACQUISITIONS



Recently two hats in a leather travelling case were donated by the grandson of the late Dr John Hunter Henderson. The top hat, shown at left was worn by Dr Henderson during his professional career and the bowler (r) belonged to his driver. Dr Henderson began practice in Warrnambool in 1904 and on retirement in the 1939, sold to Dr William Angus. The hats are currently on display at HeritageWorks.



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