

Hello members,

July 2018

It's the middle of the winter holiday season so hello to all those members reading this bulletin on electronic devices while sitting on sunny northern beaches. The rostered members and volunteers may be a little thin on the ground at HeritageWorks at this time of year, however there has been a steady stream of visitors prepared to brave the Warrnambool weather to visit us. The school holiday period was quite busy with enquiries and some very interesting donations of historical material have kept us occupied poring over old newspapers, photographs and documents recently added to our collection.

New donations include two boxes of photographs and documents belonging to William Ardlie and his descendants. Solicitor William Ardlie was a prominent early resident with extensive involvement in public life of the town. In 1929 he and his wife were living in a top floor apartment in the Hotel Mansions (previously the Ozone Coffee Palace Hotel) when it burnt down. The Ardlies and all other people in the hotel escaped however their belongings and other contents of the hotel were destroyed. The fire was so complete that little survived. One of the interesting and unusual items W&DHS has had in the collection for many years, is a relic of the fire, a silver platter presented to William Ardlie by the members of the Warrnambool Bowling Club on the occasion of his second marriage in 1900. Among the recent donation of Ardlie material is a rare and interesting photograph of the official opening of the Town Hall in 1890. It shows the original neo-classical façade which was replaced in 1925 when new municipal chambers were erected. This photograph is currently featured on our Facebook page.

Three photographs scanned from some slides donated recently appear below. These were taken by Gil Thomas, a pharmacist in Warrnambool in the 1950s and 1960s and were given to us by a family friend who had shown careful custodianship of the boxes of slides for many years. These and many others in this wonderful collection show street scenes which many members will remember, so I won't spoil your fun by telling you where they were taken or what the occasion was. I will leave that up to you. We know the event, but we would like to know the exact year, as the slides themselves are undated. Perhaps if any of the ladies on the floats – the four Lions lasses or the lady pictured swanning down the street – could come forward and make themselves known to us we could print them their own souvenir copies of the photos.



W&DHS is very grateful to families and friends who generously donate significant items such as those photographs and documents described above. Sometimes, as in the case of the Ardlie family, the items link to other objects or information already in our collection and therefore help to tell a more complete story. In other cases, such as these slides, a new donation can fill gaps in our collection.

AGM Sunday 23rd September It's that time of the year again!

Thank you to members who have renewed their annual subscriptions in the past month and to new members. Below is your official notification of our annual general meeting. You will also soon receive an invitation which will give details of our interesting guest speaker and of other enlightenment and entertainment on the day.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018

In accordance with the Rules of the Society and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, members are advised that the Annual General Meeting of the Warrnambool & District Historical Society Inc will be held at

HeritageWorks, 2 Gilles St, Warrnambool at 2.00pm on Sunday 23 September 2018

The rules of the society state that committee members elected at the Annual General Meeting and each year thereafter shall consist of the president and up to ten other ordinary members.

This year five committee members retire. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

There are currently two unfilled committee positions. Total = seven committee vacancies

The names of the members to retire at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting are:

President: Janet Macdonald

Committee Members: Mandy King, Barbara McLeod, Marita Murphy, Glenys Phillpot, Pat Varley

NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

President: 1 position (1 year term)

Committee: up to 5 positions (5 x 2 year term) + up to 2 positions (2 x 1 year term)

All **nominations close at 4.00pm on Friday 24 August 2018**, by which time nomination forms must be lodged with the Secretary. Nominations may be mailed to the Secretary, Warrnambool & District Historical Society Inc., PO Box 731, Warrnambool 3280 or hand delivered to HeritageWorks, 2 Gilles Street, and placed in the box marked '*NOMINATIONS*'.

A copy of the nomination form is provided with this notice. The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be forwarded prior to the meeting.

Membership fell due on 1 July 2018. Nominations may only be received from financial members.

Rosemary Isaac – Secretary

July 20, 2018

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Committee: Marita Murphy (Vice President). Barbara McLeod (Treasurer) Mandy King, Joanne Laity, Glenys Phillpot, Pat Varley and Eric van der Wal.

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