

Hello members,

January/February 2019

Welcome to the new year and to new members. After a good break over the summer, operations resumed at HeritageWorks in the second week of January and though during that period there were few visitors, possibly due to the excellent weather for outdoor activities in Warrnambool, there seems to have been an increase in research enquiries, indicating that many people take the holiday time to find out about those questions they have been putting off through the year. Over the past month we have fielded queries about everything from 1930s & 40s railway timetables to location of mileposts, with plenty of enquiries about Warrnambool houses, buildings and people in between.

The most notable occurrence in January was the arrival of the Pioneer Board, following its nine month sojourn in Melbourne. So, the boys are back in town now, and all will be revealed on Friday 1 March when we are planning an official unveiling. Your invitation is attached to this bulletin This will be the first member event for the year and an opportunity to thank those who have contributed to the restoration of the board.

Our market stall, now to be found on the upper floor of the Fletcher Jones market, enjoyed increased trade over the holiday period. As well as selling donated books, videos, homewares and retro items, the stall stocks our books, booklets and cards featuring historic scenes of Warrnambool. The market is open seven days a week, so can be accessed on weekends when HeritageWorks is usually closed.

We think we might have to put up the prices on our stall now that we are located in the most prestigious corner of the building, with a view overlooking the newly installed "Plus 8 Man", pictured here hot out of the 3D printer and back on his pedestal on the night of his official light up. Congratulations to the FJ Stories team, the management of the FJ factory and the garden volunteers for their dedication to restoration of the various elements of this site which holds special memories for and locals and visitors to the area. History can be so easily lost, but it is amazing what the application of new technology can do to help new generations to experience the past.

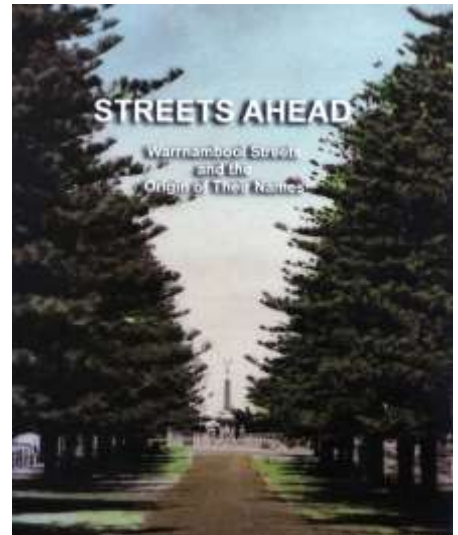


The new Plus 8 Man is an enhanced replica of the original cement cast man which adorned the gardens for many years. Built into him is a secret high tech innovation which makes him appear very on trend for the twenty-first century while at the same time a bit of a relic of the past.

The Archie Graham Centre has a couple of heritage related activities coming up this month which sound very interesting. Did you know that February 14 is not just St Valentine’s Day, but Book Lovers’ Day as well? Michael Scholtes, CEO of the Corangamite Regional Library Service will be coming to Archie to speak about the changing role of the modern community library. Then the following week, on Wednesday 20 February, a bus tour is being organized to the new, state of the art Geelong Library and Heritage Centre. For enquiries about either of these events phone Archie reception – 55594920.

Streets Ahead – on sale again, at a reduced price \$15

The book we published in 2011 which told the story of the origin of the names of Warrnambool’s streets sold out quite quickly and over the past four years we have had many enquiries about it and wished we had done a larger print run. So we were pleased to learn last month that the local businessman who printed these books had been having a bit of a tidy up in his shed and had come across two more boxes of the books. We now have these for sale at a reduced price – they were originally \$20. So, if you are one of those who missed out or would like to avail yourself of this bargain price, please get in touch with us.



What’s new?



A recent donation to our collection is this lovely photograph of the opening of the Farnham Butter Factory at Dennington, taken in 1891. This tiny version does not do justice to the very well composed and clear image which was donated by Chris Sealey of Swanpool. The photographer is unknown, but obviously one of Warrnambool’s premier photographers of the day was commissioned to record the event. The Nestle company later bought this factory, erecting a new plant on the site in 1910.

Coming up soon – for your calendar

14 February	Book Lovers Day talk	Archie Graham Centre
20 February	Bus trip: Geelong Heritage Centre	Archie Graham Centre
1 March	Pioneer Board revealed	HeritageWorks
30-31 March	WVAHS Annual General Meeting	Swan Hill
18 April-19 May	National Trust Heritage Festival	Several local events TBA

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