

Hello members,

The Ides of March 2019

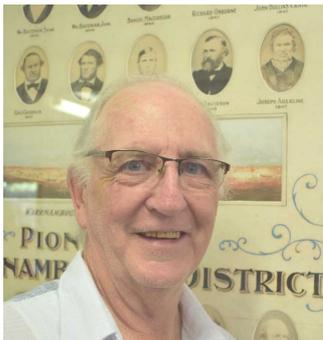
Members who live locally may have seen us hanging around on the streets during the last week in February. You might remember that back in the middle of 2017 our Victorian Collections cataloguing team won an award at the Museums Australia (Victoria) Awards, and with that came a special prize of a



BrightSign box and three days of production assistance with a professional designer and producer of digital media to help us create a presentation. So that might help to explain why we have been sighted on the Banyan & Merri St roundabout. We put quite a lot of effort over the three days into our little multi-media presentation which highlights some aspects of early Warrnambool history and is intended to entertain and inform visitors to HeritageWorks. Here's a photo of the team - Marita, Glenys, Mandy, Janet, Barbara and Rosemary - with the screen presentation to give you a bit of a hint as to what it is all about, however it is best to come down and try it out. All you have to do is select a number, 1-4, to see the stories we have put together.

Unfortunately, if you were driving along Merri street on the following Saturday evening about 7.45pm you would have seen the president back on that street again, this time in response to a call from the police. A car which had been parked on the north side of the street more than half an hour earlier suddenly began to roll backwards across the road, crashing through the fence and coming to rest against the north wall of History House. The rear window of the building was smashed and the window frame and part of the sandstone wall and retaining wall were dislodged. The good news is that there was no one in the vicinity when this occurred, so no one was injured, and though there is substantial damage to the building, much more evident from the interior of History House than from outside, there was no damage done to any of the society's collection stored inside. The City Council has responded quickly, ensuring the building is safe and secure. Collection items and furniture in that room have been moved to other areas and the room has been partitioned off. We now await insurance assessment and reparations, which is likely to be a lengthy process. The History House exhibition space is now closed and will be used to store relocated collection items. Otherwise, normal services of the society will be maintained for members and visitors.

On a more positive note: here are some images from *The Boys Are Back In Town*, our welcome back to the Pioneer Board party for members, donors and friends held on a very warm Friday 1 March evening.



Graeme Aberline photographed with his antecedent



Cr Sue Cassidy & Glenys Phillpot disrobing



Bernard Rooney & Bernard Rooney.

*An invitation to discover Earth's secrets with scientists from the Geological Survey of Victoria  
Tuesday 2 April.*

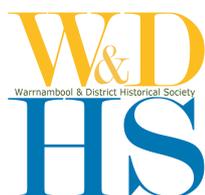
The Geological Survey of Victoria (GSV) established an office in Warrnambool in September 2018 to conduct a range of geoscientific and environmental studies to better understand the subsurface geological features of the south west and the potential gas resources of the region. W&DHS members are invited to be part of our group visit to the GSV laboratory at Deakin University on Tuesday 2 April, 10am to learn more about the studies underway and experience Victoria's geology in 3D. As group numbers are limited, please book for this event by contacting *HeritageWorks* by phone:5561 0283 or by email: [info@warrnamboolhistory.org.au](mailto:info@warrnamboolhistory.org.au)

**On tour:** One of our more unusual and interesting artefacts, the 'carry all' trade apron which was made for Thomas Hamilton Tracey Osborne, manager of the Western Steam Navigation Company 1883-1899, has been lent to Sovereign Hill Museum, Ballarat, to be exhibited in the historic apron section at the Ballarat Apron Festival, St Patrick's Hall, Lyons St Ballarat, on the weekend of 27 & 28 May. Here's a link to the festival website to learn more about what's on offer at this interesting festival, now in its seventh year. [www.ballaratapronfestival.org.au](http://www.ballaratapronfestival.org.au)



The National Trust Heritage Festival 18 April – 19 May 2019 will include several events in the local area. Below is a summary of some of great things planned. For more information & other events please refer to the National Trust Victoria website. The festival booklet can be downloaded at: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/vic/>

Who?	What?	Where? When?
Friends of Warrnambool Botanic Gardens	History of the Gardens guided walk & talk Celebrating the 30 year anniversary of the Friends of the Warrnambool Botanic Gardens.	CockmanSt/Queens Rd Gate 2pm Sunday 5 May
Warrnambool Historical Society	The Way We Were: short films from mid century Warrnambool from the W&DHS collection of amateur & professionally made films.	Mozart Hall 7.30pm Wednesday 15 May
Parks Victoria	Tower Hill Twilight tour & talk – celebrating the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Robin Boyd designed visitor centre and the centenary of Boyd's birth.	Tower Hill Visitor Centre Saturday 18 May 3-5pm



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