

Hello members,

July 2019

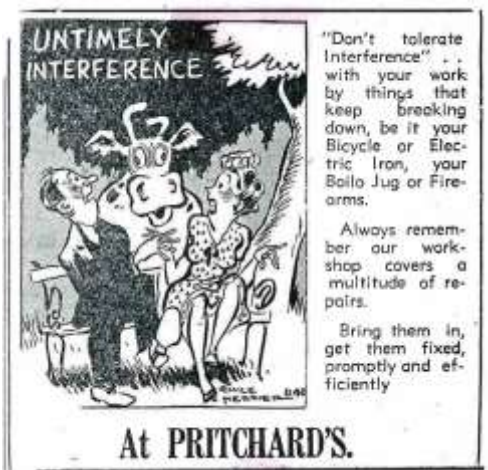
You have been sent this bulletin due to the fact that you fall into one of the following categories:

- You have paid your membership for 2019-20. Well done – you are one of our heroes!
- You have yet to pay, but we really, really hope that you join us for another year, so we are keeping you on our list for a little bit longer, in the hope you will respond to our friendly reminder.

As this is being written the smell of fresh paint hangs heavy in History House, an exciting development as it is evidence that our building repairs are almost complete, and all might soon be back to normal. Repairs to the north wall of Les O’Callaghan History House and a total replacement of the sandstone retaining wall and wooden fence have been completed to a standard consistent with the heritage status of the precinct, and all that now remains is the clean up and replacement of furniture and collection items which had to be relocated to facilitate the work.

In last month’s bulletin it was mentioned that we have received a large donation of Standard newspapers, these all from recent decades. We have had some enquiries about access to these and report that until we have a chance to fully examine them, we are not in a position to know how to deal with them. We are exploring options for digitizing the information and we have applied to the WCC’s Community Development Fund for a grant for shelving to enable us to store them in a suitable manner to enable access. At the moment however they are still in the bundles in which they arrived.

While on the subject of Standards, a former Warrnambool resident who now lives in Queensland recently sent us some photographs of a 1947 edition of the Standard, offering to donate the newspaper when she next comes back to town. The broadsheet newspaper, dated 24 March 1947, is from the city’s centenary year and contains descriptions of some of the celebrations which the very hardworking centenary committee staged to mark that significant event. The Pritchard’s advertisement which appeared on page 5 is evocative of those more frugal times before built in obsolescence had been thought of. Pritchard’s sports and electrical goods shop operated at 48 Kepler from 1920s-60s. Our files contain a range of their humorous ads featuring the cartoons of Emile Mercier. With “repair cafes” now becoming a trend, one wonders whether they sell and mend firearms, as Pritchard’s did back in those times.



Page 2 of this bulletin is devoted to the official notification of our Annual General Meeting, coming up in September attached to which are a separate invitation to put on the fridge door and a copy of the nomination form for committee positions. We promise to keep formalities to a minimum, as we have an interesting guest speaker coming from Melbourne to talk about her research on the life of Vera Deakin, daughter of Alfred Deakin. After the outbreak of the Great War her father expected Vera would assist her mother in the running of the Anzac Buffet in St Kilda Road. Instead, Vera defied convention and sailed for Cairo to become founder & secretary of the Australian Red Cross Wounded & Missing Bureau. Through our research at W&DHS we have found direct evidence of the practical assistance given by Vera Deakin to local families in locating and supporting soldiers who had become prisoners of war. Carole Woods’ talk about her research promises to be of great interest.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

In accordance with the Rules of the Society and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981, 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 22 September 2019. The Rules of the Society adopted at a special meeting held on 27 November 2011 and effective from 3 February 2012 and amended in 2016, provide for a committee consisting of a President and up to ten other members. These rules state that a President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

This year five committee members retire.

Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

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

President: Janet Macdonald

Committee Members: Glenys Phillpot, Eric van der Wal, Joanne Laity and Rosemary Isaac

NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

President: 1 position (1 year term)

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

All nominations close at **4.00pm on Friday 30 August 2019**, 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 Annual General Meeting Agenda to be forwarded prior to the meeting.

Membership fell due on 1 July 2019. Nominations may only be received from financial members.

Rosemary Isaac - Secretary Admin Sec W&DHS Inc.

Date: 18 July 2019



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Joanne Laity, Glenys Phillpot, Pat Varley and Eric van der Wal.
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