

Hello members,

August, 2019

Thank you to those members who have renewed your memberships during the past two months, in response to our pleas. We realise that many people are away from Warrnambool at this time of year, and it is sometimes hard to keep track of dates and deadlines, so we are keeping up the flow of gentle reminders. Our annual general meeting will be held this month, so perhaps that's a good time to come along to Mozart Hall to hear our interesting guest speaker, keep in touch with the Society's activities, enjoy the excellent afternoon tea that is always a feature of the occasion and renew subscriptions. We welcome guests as well as members on the day and promise to keep the formalities to a minimum. Nominations for committee positions closed on Friday 30 August, and have been posted on the noticeboard at HeritageWorks, so we are now set to go at Mozart Hall on Sunday 22nd September at 2pm. We hope to see many members there.

We reported in last month's bulletin that we had submitted a grant application to the Warrnambool City Council's Community Development Fund for shelving to house our copies of the Standard newspaper. We are pleased to report that our application for \$2,337 was successful, so this will enable us to store and access this recently acquired valuable resource.

It has been a busy few weeks since the completion of repair works at History House. Several committee & members have been working in the cramped confines of the archive room on construction of a large three dimensional jigsaw puzzle. We were concerned that all those grey boxes which came out of there to enable the room to be repaired and repainted had somehow multiplied or expanded after being moved. The room is now a work of art with everything back in places from whence they came. Did you know that in our amazingly organized and archive room which houses the paper collection *WARR* stands for books on, by, about or having belonged to notable Warrnambool people; *ANT* for antiquarian; *C* for collections; *L* for Ledgers and *FD* for flat documents? There are also other collection categories housed in this room such as programs; badges, medals & coins.



What's next?

Now that the archive room has been tamed, our attentions will be turned to the Long Room, in an attempt to restore all our carefully wrapped and labelled objects back to their original location in cupboards, so we can locate individual items as required. After that

we can be excused for a distinct lack of enthusiasm for spring cleaning at home this year!



The Victorian Collections team continue their valuable work of recording the individual items in our collection on the online database that is part of the Australian Museums and Galleries Association supported software designed for small organisations such as ours. This is a labour intensive task, as each item must be photographed, measured, described and have its provenance and significance recorded, as well as vitally important information such as condition and current location. This month the team has been working on our labels. We have folders of these comprising mailing address tags and product labels from many local shops and



factories, eg soft drink & cordial makers' and chemists' labels. The labels show a snapshot of the era, reflecting contemporary design styles of the times they were created.

Some events of interest coming up soon

Celebrage Seniors Festival 6-29th October

This year the festival will have a history focus and W&DHS will be taking a large part by providing our services to the festival organisers. We will be mounting a special exhibition of photographs in the Archie Graham Centre rooms for the month. We will also conduct two street walks and two film sessions. See the festival brochure for details of dates and times for these and many other interesting activities being held during this festival.

Brochure available www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

WIAE/Deakin 50th anniversary reunion 25 & 26 October

Warrnambool Institute of Advanced Education was formed in 1969 in response to local community members' calls for a tertiary education provider in the region. WIAE operated 1970 to 1990, when it became part of Deakin University. A weekend of celebrations is planned for the weekend of 25-26 October and an invitation is extended to WIAE staff and students from far and wide to attend. For more details and to register for events: deakinalumni@deakin.edu.au

There is also a search on for photographs or and film or video footage of the WIAE during the period stated above. Organisers would love to hear from anyone who has such memorabilia.

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