



BULLETIN

Warrnambool & District Historical Society Inc

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Hello members,

You may be wondering why the September bulletin is coming to you in October. Our excuse for tardiness is that it is a special pictorial History Week edition. This year we are combining with Archie Graham Centre which is also celebrating Seniors' Week with a month long calendar of events, so our History Week activities will be street walks and films at the Archie Graham Centre. We also have visits to HeritageWorks from the Tooram Scouts, Emmanuel College year 8 students and a Parkinsons support group occurring this week. The R class steam train rolled into town on Saturday 12 October, pulling 10 antique carriages full of passengers, so history is being celebrated in many ways throughout our community this week.

A small contingent of Family History Group and W&DHS members travelled to Melbourne on 2 October, and were treated to an 'inside and out' guided tour of the Shrine of Remembrance, memorial gardens and trees by member James Affleck. Exhibits relating to local district soldiers such as Sgt Edward Geary (Boer War) and Pte Cornelius Carroll (WWI) were highlighted during the extensive tour of the crypt galleries, and stops made at special trees in the gardens commemorating units with special meaning to some of our group.

Our official annual meeting, held on 22 September was a very enjoyable social event. The Royal Victorian Historical Society executive officer Rosemary Cameron made her first visit to Warrnambool to present Elizabeth O'Callaghan with her RHSV Award of Merit. It transpired that although Rosemary is a recent arrival to Victoria from Queensland, she has family connections to our local area from the late 19th century. In accepting her merit award, Elizabeth pointed out that she was the third O'Callaghan from Warrnambool to receive that accolade. The other two were her late husband Les in 2001, and Thomas O'Callaghan, no relation, a noted detective and amateur historian who rose to the position of Chief Commissioner of the Victorian Police Force, 1902-1913, and was also President of the Royal Historical Society 1925-27. During Thomas O'Callaghan's time as a Police Inspector in Warrnambool, he was the officer to whom 'Whiskey Tom' Delaney surrendered in 1894.

Guest speaker at the meeting, Carole Woods MA, FRHSV, gave a very interesting presentation about the life of Vera Deakin, founder of the Red Cross Wounded and Missing Soldiers' Bureau during WWI. Carole showed great interest in the research done by Marita Murphy into local families who received assistance from that bureau, and we discovered a link between some of our local soldiers and Capt. Tom White who became Vera's husband after the war. The connection was the Afion Kara Hissar POW camp in Turkey, where they were all imprisoned.

Retiring committee members Glenys Phillpot, Eric van der Wal, Joanne Laity and Rosemary Isaac were re-elected for a further two years at the meeting and Janet Macdonald re-elected president. Janet was astonished and honoured to find herself the recipient of a life -membership of W&DHS. Charles Heathcote received a special "Brownlow" for his deep and abiding dedication to scrapbook scanning throughout the year. Executive committee roles and other positions of responsibility are determined within committee at a meeting held subsequent to the AGM each year, in accordance with the rules of the organization.

BOOK LAUNCH – TARRONE ESTATE & SOLDIER SETTLEMENT



W&DHS is assisting James Affleck in the publication of his latest book, *Tarrone Estate & Soldier Settlement*. Members are invited to the launch, to be held at 2pm on Friday 29 November, at the Warrnambool RSL club. Attendees and other interested people are also invited to Woolsthorpe the following day for a light lunch at the Woolsthorpe Hall to give people a chance to catch up with community members and exchange stories.

RSVP to W&DHS or to James Affleck 0428 985 230 jaffleck@westvic.com

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HISTORY IN PICTURES



Clockwise from above:

Ken & Lyn Ryan at tree dedicated to 4th Anti-tank Battalion; Steam train passing HeritageWorks; viewing memorial wall at Shrine listing Victorian towns & villages of WWI enlistees.



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Top left: Marita & Janet – latter recovering from her astonishment
Above: Carole Woods, Janet Macdonald, Elizabeth O'Callaghan and Rosemary Cameron
Left: Charles wins a 'Brownlow', not to be confused with Charles Brownlow.

SOME RECENT DONATIONS



Four slides of seven which were sent in this month by Helen Barnett, taken mid-1960s at Botanic Gardens, the agricultural show and Florado. Our thanks go to Helen for sharing these.

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Mandy King, Joanne Laity, Glenys Phillpot, Pat Varley and Eric van der Wal Elizabeth O'Callaghan - Librarian.

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