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Warrnambool & District Historical Society Inc

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Dear Members,

In the month since you have heard from us we have been involved in the *Celebrage** activities and also hosted school and scout visits at Heritage Works. The end of the year is rapidly approaching and we will be closing on Friday 13 December, reopening on Monday 13 January. Though the doors will be closed over that time, please be aware that we can open by appointment for any visitors who may travel to Warrnambool over the holiday period and have specific queries. As long as a request is made prior to the visit, by phone or by email, we can usually work something out. Having no fear of *paraskevidekatriaphobia* here at HeritageWorks, we have planned our traditional Christmas celebration for Friday 13 December and hope many members are able to join us on that evening. Please refer to the attached invitation for details.



Congratulations to the Woollen Mill residents group who at the weekend held a launch of their new website. Their community garden, converted from an old asphalt car park and other aspects of the mill environs were displayed on the day. A highlight of the celebration was the sounding of the Mill whistle, making all those present soggy with nostalgia. The group of residents who have moved to the new residential development are to be applauded for their efforts to gather information

about the site and to record it. Their new website www.warrnamboolwoollenmill.com.au details the history of the area and also contains interviews with former workers, photographs and much of interest about the area. Part of the rail trail path runs through the Mill precinct and a short walk across the Merri bridge and along that section of the pathway is a good way to appreciate some of the new and interesting features of the area.

Looking for original, locally manufactured or themed Christmas gifts? The HeritageWorks stall, located in the NE corner room upstairs at the FJ market is stocked with our publications: books, booklets and cards. A year's membership to W&DHS would also make a very original gift. Benefits of membership include a subscription to our journal *Warnimble*, plus invitations to all events held during the year.

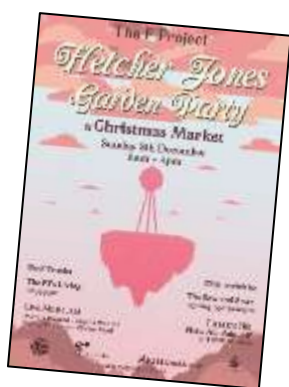
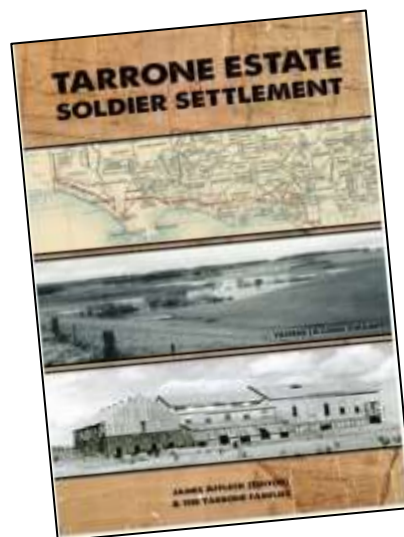
*Celebrage** as many of us know is the local month long seniors festival activities run in October by WCC Archie Graham centre encompassing Victorian Seniors Week. Recently we made mention of *Celebrage* in correspondence with Royal Historical Society of Victoria, who of course were unfamiliar with the term. They assumed it was some sort of celebration of celery growing. Perhaps an idea for a theme to next year's festival.

Plenty to do in the next few weeks

W&DHS members are invited to the launch of *Tarrone Estate Soldier Settlement* at the Warrnambool RSL Club, 2pm Friday 29 November.

This book, compiled by James Affleck is a combined effort from many community members and will be launched by Dr Bruce Christie.

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



FJ Picnic & Living Museum - Sunday 8 December 11am-2pm

This year's picnic will have the usual entertainment, food and craft stalls, art, Santa and the added attraction of the Living Museum. You have heard of citizen science, perhaps, but it is great to see that Warrnambool groups such as the FJ Stories and the Mill Residents group engaging in citizen history.

Warrnambool Family History Group – Cemetery Walks 1920 → 2020

The graves visited and the stories told will be of those for whom 1920 was a significant year.

Thursday, 2 January 6pm

Saturday, 4 January 10am

Sunday, 5 January 2pm

Wednesday, 8 January 6pm

Saturday, 11 January 2pm

Sunday, 12 January 6pm

Sunday, 26 January 2pm

Each walk will take approx. 1½ hours Meet at Rotunda. \$5 donation. Enquiries: 0405 440 231



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