

July/August 2020

Hello members,

Big cheers to the many of you who have renewed your membership promptly since the beginning of the new year on 1 July. To those who have yet to renew, you are receiving this as you are still on our list for a little while longer and we hope that this serves as a gentle reminder.

The second page of this bulletin is devoted to the official notification of our Annual General Meeting, coming up in October. The good news is that we are able to hold our annual meeting this year and fulfill our responsibilities under the Incorporations Act, albeit under the constraints of a digital medium. The bad news is that attendees will have to provide their own ribbon sandwiches and sponge kisses this year. We know that will be a big disappointment to many people, however to compensate we may be able to provide the recipe to Marita's "rolled gold" lemon slice to all those who sign up to attend by Zoom.

This year we have six vacancies for committee positions. While four of these are due to the fact that four current committee members' two year terms have expired, there is also one unfilled vacancy, and there has been one resignation. Eric van der Wal has served several terms as a committee member. He is currently in the process of relocating to another part of Victoria for family reasons. During his time on committee, Eric has been a valuable contributor, adding strength and practical assistance to the exhibitions and display team, being involved in research and writing of articles for *Warnimble*. Attendees to the 2018 AGM will remember Eric's entertaining presentation based around his collection of antique music boxes. We thank Eric for his contributions to our Society and wish him well.

Although HeritageWorks remains closed, work is continuing on quite a few projects. We were grateful to the David and Isobel Jones Family Foundation for a grant of \$10,000 which we received in late June. The money has been expended on an upgraded computer operating system with six new computers and a new photocopier/scanner/printer.

The Zoom video conferencing system subscription was purchased through our *Connecting Up* membership, to enable our meetings to be held online. *Connecting Up* is an Adelaide based organisation which provides information technology products and training to not-for-profit organisations at discounted rates. W&DHS has been a member for 15 years.

The Warrnambool City Council is again providing funding to support local clubs and societies through their Community Development Fund grants. This year we have combined with the Mozart Choral Group and the Family History Group to submit a joint application for the installation of a photovoltaic solar system at HeritageWorks and Mozart Hall. The application was submitted last week, so we await the outcome.

Like bicycles, electrical goods and seedling sales figures, research enquiries have continued to surge during the isolation period. Since the beginning of July we have heard from people wanting to know about a myriad of matters, everything from football (VFA teams Nth & Sth Melbourne matches played against local teams in 1888) to theatres, common schools, quarries, Baptist churches in the area, the Chinese shopkeepers and market gardeners and houses, houses and more houses. From what is coming in this week, it seems that the concept of Princeland is trending again, and it's not hard to guess why.



## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

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 via Zoom video & audio conference

**at 2.00pm on Thursday 22 October 2020.**

The Rules of the Society adopted at a special meeting held on 27 November 2011 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 there are six committee positions to be filled. 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: Barbara McLeod, Pat Varley, Mandy King & Marita Murphy.

### **NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS**

President: 1 position (1year term)

Committee: Up to 6 positions (2 year terms)

**All nominations close at 4.00pm on Thursday 1 October 2020**, by which time nomination forms must be lodged with the Secretary.

Nominations may be emailed to: [warrnamboolhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:warrnamboolhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com)

or mailed to the Secretary:

Warrnambool & District Historical Society Inc., PO Box 731, Warrnambool 3280.

**Membership fell due on 1 July 2020.** Nominations may only be received from financial members.

*Rosemary Isaac* -Admin Sec W&DHS Inc.

Date: 27 August 2020

A copy of the nomination form is provided with this notice.

The Annual General Meeting Agenda, minutes of last AGM and reports will be forwarded to members prior to the meeting.

**To participate in the Zoom AGM please RSVP to the above email address no later than Monday 19 October to enable Zoom passcode to be provided.**