

The year has been a year of change with visits to Lang Lang, Chelsea, KooWeeRup and Narre Warren. We share our interest in local events both past and present when we go to member societies. Their quarterly reports keep us informed and even inspire us with a new direction! Displays and festivals and open days encourage members of our communities to come in and ask those puzzling questions, like "my grandfather lived in Western Port and I want to find his grave" or "that's a photo of him I think, can you confirm " or even " His house used to be there ...have you a picture of it"

Heather and Lyn have done an amazing job, offering practical seminars. At Narre Warren we met again in the magnificent Mechanics Institute Hall to find out many bits of "stuff" that we needed to know. The list of websites has been invaluable and I have shared it with people who were looking for various things, the history of their house, their ANZAC ancestors. Sites like Trove are great fun but easily sidetrack the researcher. Sites for recording family trees are useful too. I suggested Legacy to my brother and know he's up to Legacy 9 which we can access together from different sites. The speaker from Mornington Murray Adams gave us ideas about digitization and preserving all our resources and making access easier. The sharing of all these resources has been great for all the member societies.

Our Cemetery seminar in October is coming up fast and the preparations are well underway. I have invited several people who are interested and further publicity will be started to encourage more people to come.

All our member societies are working hard to promote local and family history. Many events are coming up with Phillip Island celebrating their sesquicentenary, many interesting things happening. Grantville Day run by the new U3A history group on October 6<sup>th</sup>, Bass Valley Show and Tell Night for Christmas and every body's Christmas breakup which has us visiting each other in November and December.

SEHA is now faced with thinking about our future directions.....what sort of group do we wish to be? The connections that we share are most important and the resources that we can provide are vital. We can share speakers who we have found interesting, we can share news items and discoveries on the net and we can share publicity through facebook and web sites that promote the work of each member society. There is continuing interest in family history and we can offer assistance to those who have caught the bug. There are many anniversaries that can be celebrated....is the school 100? Is the town,village, shire 150? What can we do to promote these occasions?

Sharing SEHA's news is also important and our website is fantastic. Now we can help member societies to get on the internet highway too NBN notwithstanding!

## SEHA report 30/9/18

### Talks to Schools and Community Groups

May 29 - I talked to the Endeavour Hills Men's Shed chaps about the history of Endeavour Hill. 25 chaps attended.

July 16 - I spoke the Narre Warren Legacy widows on Women in 19<sup>th</sup> century Casey Cardinia. They are a small group - only 6 lovely ladies.

In August and the first week of September I did a four talks at Endeavour Hill Library and four at Cranbourne Library on Family History - beginners, Family history sites on the Internet, Ancestry database and using Trove. They were fun, the people who attended participated well and enthusiastically. We had an average of 12 people at each session and I was pleased with that.

On August 17 I spoke to all the Preps, Grade 1 and Grade 2s at the St Francis de Sales Catholic School in Lynbrook on the history of Lynbrook and Lyndhurst. Three sessions and 180 kids – it was so much fun.

### First anniversary of Family and Local History at the Cranbourne Library.

The Library and the Narre Warren & District Family History Group (NW&DFHG) celebrated our anniversary at the Cranbourne Library on September 24. We had 30 members of the public and heritage groups join us. It was a great morning and was covered by the local papers so it was an opportunity to tell the local community about the services we offer them in local and family history.



NWDFHG foundation member an first President, Lorraine Taylor, is cutting the cake together with Chris Buckingham CEO Casey Cardinia Libraries, Lynne Bradley current President NW&DFHG, Lorraine Taylor, Heather Arnold, Local History Librarian and Cr Wayne Smith from the City of Casey.

Heather Arnold  
Local History Librarian, Casey Cardinia Libraries



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# Cranbourne Shire Historical Society

Established 1968

ABN: 86659602533



Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (Feb to Nov) at 8.00pm.  
All correspondence to 13 Mickle Street, Tooradin, 3980. Telephone : 03 5998 3643.  
New members welcome.

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## **SEHA meeting 30/9/2018**

### **Annual General Meeting**

We held our AGM on August 23 and there was no change to the Executive - President: Colin Brown; Vice President: John Denholm; Secretary: Polly Freeman and Treasurer: Carol Baker.

*Here is President, Colin Butler's report, which is a good summary of the years' activities: We have once again had a very successful year. We have held some very productive working bees which have led to some great improvements. The machinery shed now looks terrific and the improved lighting helps to highlight the displays. The rest of the museum has been kept looking very attractive and thanks go to the people who helped. The school looks terrific without dirt, cobwebs and overhanging trees. The rest of the garden has also been improved with pruning, weeding and planting. Thanks also to John for the very welcome BBQs after the work.*

*We were very fortunate to get a \$1,000 grant from the Bendigo Bank. This money has been used to fund the Honour Board which is now in place in the School.*

*We had a very enjoyable visit to the vintage planes at Tyabb. Thanks to John for organising the trip and thanks also to our drivers, Carol and Gary. This visit followed the previous trip to Point Nepean which was also greatly enjoyed.*

*This is our 50<sup>th</sup> year of operation and we need to note that Derry has now attended his 51<sup>st</sup> AGM! Thank you to all the members who have helped this Historical Society function so well. We are all looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in September.*

### **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations**

On September 9, 2018 we held our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Over 60 members and locals attended. The Mayor of the City of Casey, Cr Geoff Ablett and local councillor, Cr Amanda Stapledon unveiled a plaque to honour foundation members, Kath Metherall, Peggy Banks and Jessie Ayres. Mrs Metherall is the only surviving member of the trio and she was there with her son, granddaughter and great granddaughter. Mrs Metherall also cut the birthday cake. We then enjoyed a magnificent afternoon tea. The event was held at the Fishermans Cottage Museum in Tooradin, which was looking grand as the City of Casey had completed a lot of odd jobs for us, before the event.

**Polly Freeman and Heather Arnold.**

# Dandenong & District Historical Society Inc

**Registered Address:**

39 Clow Street, Dandenong Vic 3175

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Website: [www.ddhs.com.au](http://www.ddhs.com.au)

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Registration No: A13681W ABN 91196711434

Opening hours: Wednesdays 10 am – 3 pm or by appointment  
President: Chris Keys (Ms)

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## Report to the SEHA on Sunday 30 September 2018

- 1 Firstly five gold stars must be awarded to Heather Arnold and Lynne Bradley for their very successful "Stuff you need to know 2" seminars held in July. Even when one of the speakers was unable to attend, Heather and Lynne quickly filled the breach with a lot of extremely useful information. Take a bow!
- 2 Forty seven members and friends enjoyed the DDHS annual lunch held at the Dandenong Club on Saturday 16 June. The guest speakers from the Friends of Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery, Sue Beazley and Rosemary Reddick gave an excellent presentation. The DDHS volunteers were shocked to learn about the decision taken in 1954 to build right over the top of the Beaumaris Cemetery.
- 3 Our general meeting was held on Sunday 19 August at 39 Clow Street. We were humbled to hear Trish Keilty speak to our members of her work at Avocare. We understood fully how Trish was chosen for the Greater Dandenong's Citizen of the Year award for 2018. Avocare has been digitising and indexing for our Society, providing real work experience for those who are on Work for the Dole. Their wonderful work also extends to those in need in the community. This includes: Food Relief, Suited for Work and Student Based Apprenticeship Trainees.
- 4 The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 21 October at 2pm at 39 Clow Street. This time one of our volunteers will be the guest speaker. Lorraine Webb is fascinated with history and architecture of Victoria, and it is no surprise that this extends to the National Trust. She is a voluntary tour guide at Ripponlea and Lorraine will take us on an imaginary tour of this mansion. She will share with us who was the Creator of Ripponlea and who else was the Saviour of Ripponlea.
- 5 Once again DDHS will be part of the Dandenong Show on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November. The Society will staff a stand and display in the Arts and Craft Pavilion. This is a great opportunity for exposure in the local community and beyond. If you are going to the Show, please come over and say hello.
- 6 Traditionally each year we have two end-of-year lunches, one with members and friends and the other just for the volunteers. Sunday 2 December will be the date for the official DDHS Christmas lunch at our usual venue, the Dandenong Club. We will enjoy a delicious two-course Christmas lunch in a more informal setting. No guest speaker, no raffle, not even a top table. This is the opportunity to chat and relax after another busy year. The cost will be \$32 per head and pre-bookings are essential.

# KOO WEE RUP SWAMP HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Established 1974

No. A0027576R

President: Heather Arnold  
510 Murray Road  
Vervale, 3814  
Ph: 0407 521 637



Secretary: Audrey Mills  
2 John Street,  
Koo Wee Rup, 3981  
Ph: 03 5997 1357

**"Mallow" 1916**

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (Feb to Dec) at 7.30pm,  
at Mallow House, 325 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup. New members welcome.

## SEHA report 30/9/2018

- Our Museum is closed for the rest of the year, so we can do work on the downpipes and drainage, paint the outside and sort out our floor issues.
- Our guest speaker at the May meeting was Patrick Ferry who spoke about the Great War soldiers on the Pakenham South War Memorial. Patrick spoke about - Harry Worship, Alf, Jack and Bert Ellett; John and Thomas Bryan; Andrew, Archie and Jim Blackwood; Fred Baldry and Ben Turner.
- We had a visit from the Year 9 Environmental students from Newhaven College, on Friday, July 27. There were about 20 students and their teacher, Liz Hall. They are studying the Koo Wee Rup Swamp so I gave them a talk about the history of the Swamp. After they left us they were going to the Swamp lookout tower and then for a drive along the Main Drain to where the man-made section starts just south of Bunyip.

## Annual Dinner

- The Annual Dinner held May 27 2018 went well. The numbers were down a bit as many people were on holidays, but we still had 70 people on the day. The presenters, John and

**Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society Inc.**  
**40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LUNCHEON MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2018**  
**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**John Spencer**

**Guest Speakers From the Past:**

1970's: Warren Titcher,  
1980's: Tom Burhop, Allan Humphries, ??? ?????, Joan Padfield, ??? ?????, Mark Callinan, Chris Chandler, Adrian Wakenshaw, Fred Hooper.  
1990's: Ian Cleeland, Marilyn Ramsay, Geoff Maggs, Len Clark, David Bourke, David Paroissien, Alan Chandler, Phillip Malcolm, Paul & David Harris,  
Sir Peter Derham. 2000's: Allstair Brooks, Susan Priestly, Peter Clemence, Alan Willingham, Dr. Walter Robson, Shirley Hurley, Dawn Harris,  
Paul & David Harris, Alan Brown, Andrew Pinxt. 2010's: Russell Broadbent, Libby Skidmore, John Bordingnon, Jenny Churchill, Lambis Englezos, Geoff Pledge, Barry Gracey, John Spencer

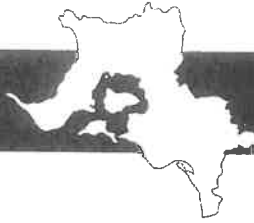
27<sup>th</sup> November 1978, 1<sup>st</sup> Dinner at Bowling Club, No Speaker, \$5 per head, \$57 profit.

Jo Spencer, were interesting and entertaining as they talked about their trip around Europe on a motorbike. They even had the bike on display.

- Phil Harris designed our 40<sup>th</sup> annual luncheon placemat with a list of all the previous guest speakers and a symbol to represent their talk. There are a few gaps so if you can remember

someone who spoke at our dinners that are not on the list then let us know. Interesting to see that our first dinner held in November 1978, we charged \$5.00 per head and made \$57.00 profit!

**Report by Heather Arnold.**



**Secretary's report for the General Meeting  
held on Sunday September 30, 2018  
hosted by the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society**

**Correspondence received since the May 2018 meeting**

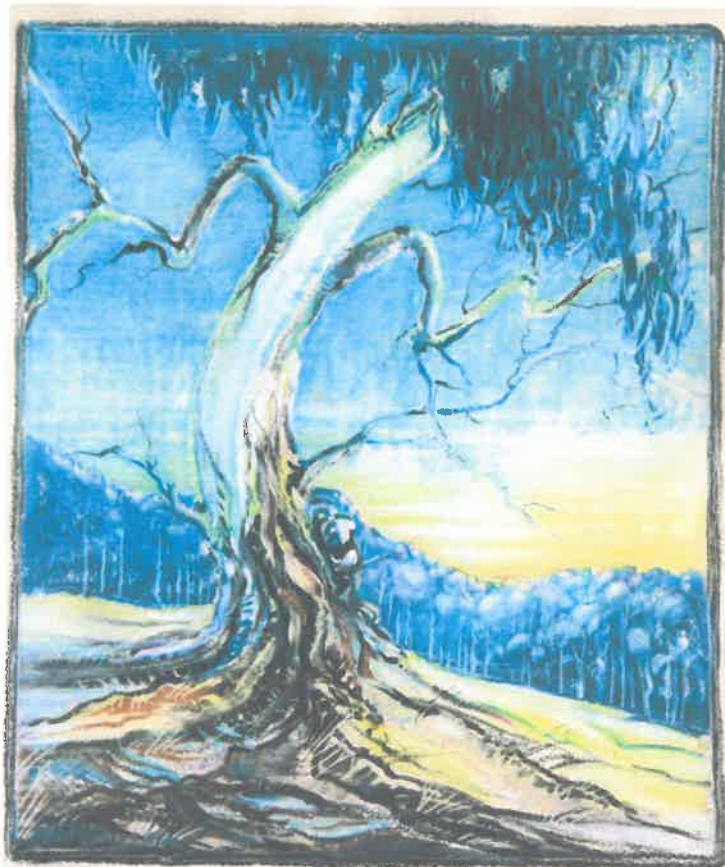
- Bass Valley Historical Society flyer - Dinner Meeting 9/9/2018; Grantville History Day 6/10/18 flyer; newsletter July 2018, September 2018
- Brighton Cemeterians The Cemeterian September 2018
- Chelsea & District Historical Society newsletter September 2018
- Dromana & District Historical Society flyer newsletter June 2018
- Friends of Cheltenham & Regional Cemeteries *Raves from the Graves* July 2018
- Hastings Western Port Historical Society newsletter June 2018, September 2018
- Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society newsletters June 2018, July 2018, August 2018, September 2018.
- Lang Lang & District Historical Society Newsletter July 2018
- Leongatha & District Historical Society - Shingler Memorial Lecture and Dinner flyer; newsletter September 2018
- Mordialloc College Alumni Association *Ventured* July 2018 September 2018
- Mornington & District Historical Society newsletter June 2018, August 2018
- Narre Warren and District Family History Group newsletter *Spreading Branches* August 2018
- Nepean Historical Society newsletter *The Nepean* June 2018, September 2018
- Phillip Island & District Genealogical Society *Reflections* August 2018
- Rye Historical Society newsletter *White Cliffs* July-September 2018
- Somerville Tyabb and District Heritage Society newsletter June 2018, September 2018
- Wonthaggi and District Historical Society newsletter *The Plod* June 2018, July 2018, August 2018, September 2018, Annual Memorial Dinner flyer

# BOOK LAUNCH

Wonthaggi Library – 11:30 am Sat 6th October 2018

## THE ART of LIVING: LIFE & ARTISTRY of JAMES GLOVER

by Jill Miles (nee Glover) & Arnis Heislars



I am the home of birds and possums; spiders, ants, beetles and bees have I sheltered so long that no man knows. Winter storms and the summer sun have toughened me, but the axe is my arch-enemy.

*James Glover (1911 - 1976) was a fine metal worker, artist, calligrapher, poet, writer, field naturalist, an educator & community worker in the Wonthaggi district. This fully illustrated book features his life & works as recounted by his daughter. Jim was a Life Governor of Wonthaggi Hospital, inaugural Secretary of Wonthaggi & District Historical Society and taught art at Wonthaggi for 31 years.*

ALL WELCOME

Information: Tel 0429 724 318 or 0431 939 731; email <arnisheislars@gmail.com>

# Phillip Island & District Historical Society Inc

## CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 2018

6.30 for 7.00pm

at the

ST PHILIP'S PARISH HALL, THOMPSON AVENUE, COWES



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

MIKE CLEELAND

Education Officer

Bunurong Coast Education

"Dinosaurs of Bass Coast"

Pre Dinner Nibbles

Main Course/Dessert/Tea/Coffee BYO Drinks

Lucky Prizes including Christmas Hamper

\$30 per person Admission only by Pre-purchased Tickets

(Ticket price includes your entry into the lucky Prizes & Hamper draw)

RSVP: 16th November 2018

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**REPLY SLIP - PLEASE RETURN WITH PAYMENT  
& INCLUDE POSTAL ADDRESS FOR RETURN OF TICKET/S**

Post to: Judy Gittus, Phillip Island & District Historical Society Inc  
PO Box 816, Cowes, 3922

Phone: Judy Gittus: 5952 6498 or 0417 390 885

Or payment by Direct Credit to: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000 A/c 151829389

email Judy with all details at [j.gittus43@gmail.com](mailto:j.gittus43@gmail.com)

Please advise if you have special dietary needs.

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## **Springvale and District Historical Society Inc.**

Research Centre: 11 - 13 Morwell Parade, Springvale 3171

Phone (03) 9548-2732

Reg No. A0015243F

**Meeting to be held on the - Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> of July 2018  
At the Narre Warren Mechanics Hall**

**We are still having to find things after the move the worst one is the accounts and receipt book for the end of year statement. We have most of them but there are some gaps. I know that all societies have got very good treasurers but don't forget the new ones coming in. If you have to move make sure that you have everything you will need for this type of thing.**

**As we are in a very small building we are unable to hold any exhibitions.**

**I attended the Dandenong Luncheon and enjoyed the company and talk about the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery by Rosemary Ruddock and Sue Beazley.**

**I had a very busy day the 16<sup>th</sup> of June as it was the dinner for the Victorian Re-enactment Society for the 202th Anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo and Queen Victoria's Birthday. We were lucky that when Colin was setting up the other tenant of our building use a bigger room and said to use it for the night. There were 19 well dressed people in either uniform or black tie for the gentlemen and either period dress and evening wear for the ladies.**

**At this dinner there are toasts to absent friends, the queen (Vic) the regiment, the ladies. Colin and his son Wayne do a very tasty dinner and dessert, after which the colours of the 40<sup>th</sup> regiment are paraded and the final item is the port that goes around the table by the left and must not touch the table, otherwise it starts again and to finish off is tea and coffee. By that time, it was after 10.30pm and past my bed time, it is a good thing that I live close.**

**We are still having trouble is getting our phone changed with Telstra, now roughly 6 months. By the time we move back we will have to go through this again the other way.**

**We also have a new member named Truffles. Truffles nine weeks old. She is black body with tan snort, paws and tail.**

**I usually don't go over the page, but I must those who were not at the Seminar yesterday missed some very interesting information.**

**Unfortunately, the banking gentleman was a no show due to family, but Heather and Lynne stepped in and did their talk for the second half before lunch and then told us about FREE family history web sites,**

**most of those there were interested in getting this information and all the information is on the SEHA.org.au web site.**

**At the seminars there were people from Morwell, Trafalgar and Marysville. If them can make the trip I am sure people closer could have got there.**

**Please note that we have closed our postal box and the postal address is now 35 Stuart Street, Noble Park 3174.**

**Regards**

**Robyn Robie**

**SEHA Delegate.** Rooms Address – 11-13 Morwell Parade Springvale

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**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 - Hosted by the Koo Wee Rup Swamp  
Historical Society at the Rooms in Koo Wee Rup**

**Another August and AGM been and gone and the Elections held. As usual we had a luncheon before hand at 1pm and then the AGM and general August meeting.**

**Once again the lunch was the sandwiches from Bread Winner in Dandenong. Again a very good selection and when we have our last meeting for the year the same place will be catering with a few extras.**

**We had the Mayor attend and chaired the Election. Before the meetings started the mayor requested an application form for joining the society and another guest requested the same.**

**I have had the phone connected so we are available to be reached, so ring and leave your requests. The internet is also connected and we are learning how to use it and navigate around.**

**We have had some requests for the local school children to come to the rooms but it is a bit far for the little's to walk nearly to the racecourse.**

**The society submitted some names for the naming of the walking track under the Skyrail and await the decision, also we sent photos and information on the Noble Park Railway Station before and after being pulled down and built.**

**The council has sent a few different companies to us for the changing of Burden and Parkfield parks, the only thing is that the residents don't know about the change requests but hey this is the City of Dreater Dandenong.**

**The elections were as follows**

**Colin Robinson for President**

**Bill Warner for Senior Vice President**

**Robyn Robie for Secretary / Treasurer / Public Officer**

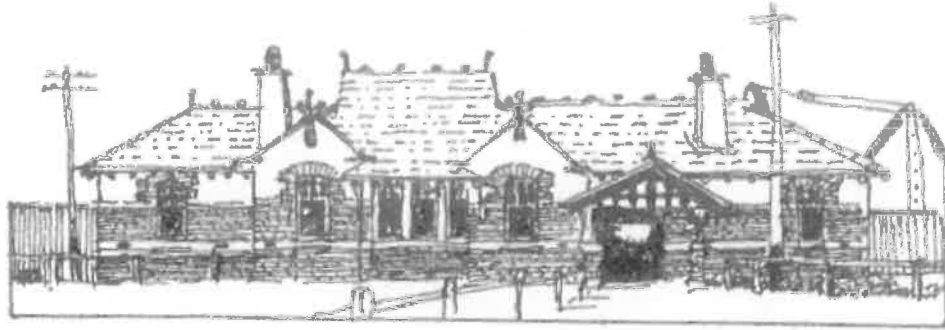
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## **Wonthaggi & District Historical Society Inc.**

**Incorporation No. A0016938J**

**Secretary:** Mrs Irene Williams  
40 White Rd, Wonthaggi 3995

**President:** Mrs Fay Quilford  
70 McKenzie St, Wonthaggi 3995

### **S.E.H.A. QUARTERLY REPORT JULY 2018**

Our society continues to keep very busy. The school programs seem to fall in the first two terms, just as well as preparation for other activities seems to be the latter half of the year. One major project continues to be “full on” is the work that we are doing with Bass Coast Shire, Heritage Victoria, D.B.Design and Context. The extension to the Railway Station Museum is still a major focus.

Cataloguing of photos, documents, artifacts and newspapers as well as restoration and preservation of objects continues to be weekly tasks of members and volunteers.

Research for various organisations or family history enquiries is a growing aspect of our services. Some recent examples of this are:

- The Wonthaggi State School Swimming Pool. The pool liner was damaged by vandals and needs to be replaced so the pool can be used. Our society was asked to research the history of the pool and Sam Gatto wrote a substantial PLOD Essay last month. We hope to make a booklet from this research and photos. The school is raising money to have the pool fixed.
- The Railway Crane. Some years ago the crane was dismantled due to public safety concerns. It lay in pieces on site until its very recent restoration. W.&D.H.S. has been involved in preparing information and photos for an interpretive sign which is to be placed at the site.

- The Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre has been renovated. Our contribution to this has been the basis for the “History of the Union Theatre” display on the western wall. The theatre is a lively centre for performing arts for local schools, theatrical group and performers from Melbourne as well as the Fine Film group with regular films and festivals.

The Gippsland Association of Affiliated Historical Societies awarded the Gippsland Regional History Award to Sam Gatto for “Outstanding contribution to the preservation and celebration of the history of Gippsland. Sam received this award in Trafalgar on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

Several of our members attended the meetings at Bass Coast Shire to discuss a variety of ideas which could add to the development of changes/needs of the town.

A new project has developed through a grant from The Wonthaggi Foundation. We are involved in a Then and Now digital presentation of the Central Area of the S.C.M., focusing on about 6-8 specific sites. In the process of selecting various photos, we discovered that one of the early panoramic photos that is displayed in the Museum foyer and has been reprinted over the years in public/government documents, is actually a reverse negative print. No wonder we had much discussion and confusion about “what was where”.

We have already planned our two events for Seniors’ Festival. Because this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closure of the S.C.M., we have planned a guided bus tour of the whole S.C.M. mines; Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am starting from the Watt Street Bus Stop.

Our Annual Dinner is also being organized, our topic this year is Wonthaggi Training Hospital. Speakers will take us to a very different era from the University path to nursing.

Today, Sam Gatto is one of the presenters at the Phillip Island Literary Festival. Some of our members are performing with the Bass Coast Chorale and local identity, Tom Green, is performing in Phantom of the Opera in Frankston.

SEHA



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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2018

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	\$420.00	Fair trading Fee	\$ 56.90
		RHSV M/Ship & Insurance	\$183.30
		Hosting Society	\$200.00
		Seminars	\$170.00
Term Deposit Interest	\$187.67		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$607.67</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>\$610.20</b>
Excess Expenditure over Income		Closing Balances:	\$ 2.53
Opening Bank Balances:			\$8,576.18
Bendigo Bank (633-000 125844373)	\$8,388.51		
Bendigo Bank (633-000 125844233)	\$ 815.08		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,203.59</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,201.06</b>
		Change in Balances	\$ (2.53)

Philip Harris  
Treasurer

Dated 29 June 2018

Ruby Constable  
Auditor  
Dated 7 July 2018