

The Royal Western Australian Historical Society (Inc.)
hosted by
Eastern Goldfields Historical Society (Inc)

56th Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies

Boulder Town Hall

Conference Minutes

Saturday 4 September 2021

Welcome : 9.00am to the 56th Conference Scott Wilson, President of the EGHS

Welcome to Country : Gavin Murray

Welcome to Kalgoorlie : Mayor John Bowler

Welcome to the Conference: 9:00am Welcome to *56th Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies* – Dr Steve Errington , President of the RWAHS

Nick Drew, RWAHS Councillor and Convenor of the Affiliated Societies Committee to give the Roll, Call, Apologies and Remembrances.

Roll Call, Apologies and Remembrances
28 Affiliated Societies, together with 2 other organisations:

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Attendance

Society

Bassendean Historical Society

Baywater Historical Society

Birdwood Military Museum

Bunbury Historical Society

Cervantes Historical Society

Chittering & Districts Historical Society

City of South Perth Historical Society

Denmark Historical Society

Donnybrook Historical Society

Eastern Goldfields Historical Society

Fremantle Historical Society

Geraldton Historical Society

Harvey

Historical

Society

Historical Society of Cockburn

Kalamunda & Districts Historical Society

Maritime Archaeological Association

Maylands Historical & Peninsula Association

Midland &

Districts

Historical

Society

Mundaring & Hills Historical Society
Murray Districts Historical Society
Narembeen Historical Society
Northam & Districts Historical Society
Rockingham District Historical Society
Royal Western Australian Historical Society
Serpentine Historical Society
Swan Guildford Historical Society
WA Police Historical Society
Wanneroo & Districts Historical Society
York Society

**Other
Organisations**

Motoring Past
Vintage
Publishing

DRAFT

WA Multicultural Association

Apologies

Bridgetown
Historical
Society
Manjimup
Historical
Society
Melville
Historical
Society

Remembrances

Mr Drew asked those present to share a moment of silence in respect for the following members of The Royal Western Australian Historical Society and Affiliated Societies who passed away in the last 2 year

In our thoughts

Albany

Susan Baker
Bonnie Hicks
Elizabeth Lane
Greta Kuchling
Gwen Norman LM
Ray Shorrocks LM

Joyce Thomas

Broome

Naida Darcy

Eastern Goldfields

John Butcher

Lesley Walsh

Fremantle

Ron Davidson

Elaine Ives, Life Member

Katanning

Ainslie Evans

Athol Harris

Kalamunda & Districts Historical Society

Gretchen Forrest

Evelyn Kitney

Geraldine Smailes

Mundaring & Hills Historical Society

Gerard van Didden

Michael Kyd

Olga Wignal

Murray Districts Historical Society

Lance Woodhead

Ross Walmsley

RWAHS

Nelly May Beech

Barbara Cann

Ann Carr

Graham Cumpston

Evangelia (Leah) McVeigh

Greta Kuchling

David Hough

Alison Gregg

Walter King

Joyce Young

Trisha Kotai Ewers

Bill James

Helen Muir

DRAFT

Christopher Fyfe, Fellow

South Perth

Mr G. Dwer

Cec Florey

Anne Maloney

Sheila Palmer

Toodyay

Dawn Metcalfe

WA Police Historical Society

Brian Bull, AO

Rene Crocker

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Mr Nick Drew - Convenor of Affiliates Societies Committee and RWAHS Councillor. Call for nominations for Affiliated Societies Committee for 2021/22

Session 1 Chaired by RWAHS President Dr Steve Errington

9.30am: Scott Wilson – President & Life Member EGHS – Kanowna, Australia's Largest Ghost Town

10.00am: Tim Moore, Heritage Services City of Kalgoorlie Boulder- History of Boulder Town Hall and the Goatcher Curtin

10.30am : Sabina Shugg, Managing Director Curtin University Scholl of Mines, Kalgoorlie, Womrn in Mining – Her Story

Morning Tea: 11.00 – 11.30am

Session 2 Chaired by EGHS President Scott Wilson

11.30am: Dr Norma Latchford – Relationship of Mining and the Arts in Kalgoorlie-Boulder

12pm: Phil Bianchi – Woodlines around Kalgoorlie

12.30pm – Claire Weir – Digitising photographic collections and metadata

Lunch: 1.00 – 2.00pm

Session 3 Chaired by Dr Steve Errington– Annual Meeting, Reports, Awards and Open Forum

2.00pm – Robert Nicholson invited Lennie McCall, AM, Chairperson of Council, RWAHS to deliver her report. Lennie acknowledged Jeff Giles CEO City of South Perth and Lynn O'Hara President of City of South Perth and commented on the warm welcome received by all at the *Welcome Reception* on Friday. Appreciation and thanks were extended to Nick Drew for overseeing the applications from State History Conference delegates living outside the metropolitan area for travel expenses that were paid for from the 2nd instalment of a three year Lotterywest grant. Lennie then drew attention to the Honour Board and the fact that since its creation in 1964 this was Cervantes first time on the board. Lennie invited conference attendees to view the board before departing the meeting. The chair then proceeded to expand on some remarkable statistics ie that in 2017-2018 the Society recorded 14 102 hours which when multiplied by the Volunteering WA Rate of \$41.72 per hour equals more than \$500 000. Conference attendees were encouraged to acknowledge volunteer hours on all grant project applications. The importance of communication with Affiliated Societies was highlighted and appreciation for the Society's website, monthly newsletter *History West* (Editor

Lenore Layman), *Early Days* issue number 102 Edited (Editor Ian Berryman) and Affiliate Mail-outs were praised. The chair expanded on the Society's exhibitions, community talks, tours and events and History in the City talks which have contributed to raising our profile in the community and attracting new members. Lennie reported the Second-hand book sale achieved the best ever financial result of \$25 000 and thanked Convenors Pamela Statham-Drew and Nick Drew. Lennie concluded by thanking the delegates for their support and confirmed that Sally Anne Hasluck would provide an update on History West Community Centre proposal.

2:20pm – Sally Anne Hasluck advised that a grant from Lotterwest for professional consultancy fees for a Feasibility and Business Plan Study report had been received by Council. The Report presents options for development and various recommendations. These are presently being worked through by the Planning Committee and they will make recommendations to Council. A fundraising target of 8 million was confirmed for the new History West Community Centre. Sally Anne concluded by extending thanks to Peter Farr and to all delegates for their interest and support.

2:26pm Robert Nicholson called for the ratification of the minutes from 8 September 2018 Conference at Cervantes **Moved** that the minutes be accepted:

Pamela Statham-Drew (RWAHS)Seconded: Roger Tomlins (Maylands)

2:30 Robert Nicholson called for Helen Henderson to give a report on Federation of Australian Historical Societies

Helen Henderson: Thanked The City of South Perth Historical Society for hosting of the 55th Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies. Reported The Federation of Australian Historical Societies new website offered practical *how to* tips for Affiliated Societies and grant application support. Conference delegates were encouraged to support the "Be Connected" partnership. As a Network Partner, the FAHS can assist local historical societies in acquiring grant funding for digital initiatives. One-off grants are awarded to societies who join this project. All societies who join before December 2019 will be able to apply for a \$2,000 grant.

2:35 2019 Merit Award: - Robert Nicholson invited Nick Drew on stage to present the 2019 Merit Award.

This year the winner was Kalamunda and Districts Historical Society the award was accepted by their President, Jenny Lewis. Jenny advised she was delighted to accept the award on behalf of their 180 members / 70 active volunteers.

2:40 2020 State History Conference: Robert Nicholson introduced Ashleigh Murch President from Denmark Historical Society and Malcolm Traill to promote the 2020 State History Conference. Ashleigh and Malcolm delivered a Power-point presentation entitled *10 Good Reasons to come to Denmark*. The conference will be held Friday 11 to Sunday 13 September 2020.

2021 State History Conference: Eastern Goldfields Historical Society will host the conference in that year.

2022 State History Conference: Mary Algar President Bridgetown Historical Society indicated that her Society would like to put in a bid for the 2020 conference. There were no other nominees for this year.

2019 /2020 Election Results for the Affiliated Societies Committee Robert Nicholson called for Nick Drew to give a report. Nick Drew advised the following candidates had been nominated for position of Affiliated Societies' Committee Member:

Diane Pope	Bindoon Historical Society
Ellen Parrick	Brookton Historical Society
Lynn O'Hara	The City of South Perth
Malcolm Traill	Denmark Historical Society
Ashleigh Murch	Denmark Historical Society
Marie -Louise McDermott	Maylands Historical and Penninsula Association
Fiona Bush	Mundaring and Hills Historical Society
Nick Drew	The Royal Western Australian Historical Society

Jenny Edgecombe

Toodyay Historical Society

Gillian O'Mara

Wanneroo and Districts Historical Society

2.50pm – Open Forum: General questions, news or any other expressions of interest from the floor.

School Programs and fees and volunteer insurance questions were raised and briefly discussed. Helen Henderson directed delegates to The Federation of Historical Societies website's *Guide for Schools*.

Afternoon Tea: 3.00 – 3.30pm

Session 4: Chaired by Scott Wilson, President EGHS

3.00pm – Robert Nicholson introduced President of The City of South Perth Lynn O'Hara who spoke on the *South Perth Artists' enclave*.

3:50pm –.Robert Nicholson introduced W (Bill) Gleeson who spoke on – *Stories of "Bill the Barber"*

4:45pm Presentation to Host Society

Bob Nicholson invited President of The City of South Perth Lynn O'Hara to the stage and presented her with a commemorative shield for hosting this year's conference. Bob noted that it had been a very interesting conference and this comment was received to warm applause.

Conference Raffle Draw was carried out after the presentation of the shield.

The Conference closed at 5:00pm