



Denmark early 1920s. image courtesy DHS

**Royal Western Australia Historical Society
57th Annual State History Conference of Affiliated Societies
hosted by the Denmark Historical Society
Denmark WA September 9th – 11th**

Plan a trip to Denmark on the beautiful south coast for a wonderful weekend of history, heritage, food, wine and good company.

The State History Conference will be held from Friday, September 9th to Sunday, September 11th.



Venue for the conference and dinner will be the **Denmark Riverside Club** on the banks of the picturesque Denmark River.

New Format: We are trying a new format this year with a mixer and registration Friday evening, talks split between Saturday morning and Sunday morning and excursions on Saturday afternoon. We are planning several workshops for Sunday afternoon. These will not be included as part of the conference and will incur an extra fee as optional extras.

Welcome reception and registration

Will be hosted by the Shire of Denmark at their administration building, 953 South Coast Hwy Denmark from 18.00 -20.00 on Friday 9th. Drinks and finger food will be provided.

Stay a little longer: Discover the delights that Denmark has to offer - and plan to extend your visit to take in Walpole, Albany and Mount Barker as well.

The number of attendees will be limited because the Riverside Club has an absolute capacity of 120, both for the conference and the dinner. Book early as attendance will be first come, first served.

Pepper & Salt, Denmark's premier restaurant, will be providing a 3-course dinner with a choice of fish or meat main and fixed entrée and dessert. There will also be options for those with special dietary needs. **Please note your needs on the registration form.**

Registration and Payment

Registration and Payment can be made on-line at:

<https://conference.denmarkhistoricalsocietywa.org.au/>

or by using the accompanying downloadable Registration form.

Accommodation and travel are for you to organise so don't hesitate. Contact the Denmark Visitor Centre on 08 9848 2648 or via <https://denmark.com.au/> for their advice and bookings. Denmark has two motels: The Denmark Hotel right in town and the Koorabup Motel on the western edge of the town. There is also a huge range of Airbnb's, and other short term rental accommodation, best booked through one of the online booking services.

Public transport is available to Denmark via Bunbury by bus and train, or direct to Albany. Flights are available between Perth and Albany via Regional Express Airlines. The RWAHS Coach option has been abandoned through lack of interest.

The Denmark Historical Society looks forward to welcoming you to Denmark in September this year. It will be a conference to remember!

Saturday Afternoon Excursions:

Recollections of War Museum



The owners, John and Kathryn Shapland have a fascination with the human experience of war, both good and ill, and a powerful sense of respect and admiration for Australians and others who set out to fight in conflicts past. This has led them to build a unique home for letters, photographs, uniforms, relics and other noteworthy items. Their ever-growing collection is treasured in a series of rooms built by John himself and in displays designed by Kathryn. You are welcome to step into this special place and share their

journey as a place of contemplation and inspiration. Thousands of artefacts have been sourced from around the world including medals, equipment, uniforms and items made by troops for their entertainment, together with documents such as personal diaries, letters and unique wartime photo albums. One of the special focuses is the role played by women. Items connected with the Red Cross and the Women's Land Army form some of the main displays and research archives. Recollections of War focuses on the humanity of all people who have served. It is about honouring not only their sacrifice, but the forbearance made by their loved ones and families both during the war and after. **Cost: \$25 including scones jam and cream and tea or coffee.**

Tingledale Hall

The hall is situated on the Valley of the Giants Road about 43 km west of Denmark. It was erected in 1925 as a school to educate the children of parents who came as Group 116 of the original Group



Settlers. The building was last used as a school in 1968. It has been maintained and preserved by the local community and is now the local centre for sports, meetings, church and all local functions. Modern tennis courts have been erected, while septic toilets and barbecues are available for social functions. The hall is the main centre of public meeting between Walpole and Denmark and represents a great example of repurposing an historic building for current use. The interior is lined with a great display of historic

photographs of the district. A country afternoon tea is included, and members of the Bow Bridge-Tingledale-Hazeldale Ladies Club and the Walpole-Nornalup Historical Society will be available to tell you more about local history. If time permits, you may be able to visit the near-by Valley-of-the-Giants treetop walk. **Cost for the Tingledale visit: \$15 including afternoon tea.**

Denmark Museum

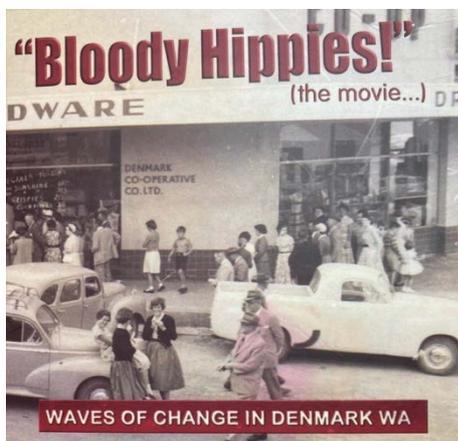


Visit the Denmark Museum and see it's wonderful collection of photos, documents and artefacts of life in the district over the last 128 years. The Museum is situated in the Old Police Station, 16 Mitchell St. Denmark Historical Society members will be on hand to help you if you are looking for more information. We can also provide you with a pamphlet which lists historical sites around the town that you can visit on foot, or by car if the weather isn't conducive to

walking.

Bloody Hippies (the movie)

During the early 1980's Denmark experienced a cultural influx that was to stamp its identity forever. The alternative life-style movement that had swept the globe through the 60's and 70's had finally discovered the South Coast of Western Australia.



"Bloody Hippies!" is an oral history documentary that explores this social-cultural phenomenon ... A collection of old movie footage, photographs and interviews, providing reflections on the town's recent history. Although the 'hippy' settlers were initially not well received by the locals, many of them have since become respected community leaders, politicians and business people, contributing greatly to the town's 'greenie' and arty' identity, and consequent popularity with tourists and locals alike. Interviews are woven together with Director Valeska Wood's personal recollections about growing up in this small, conservative farming and milling town during the 1970's. After some years away, Wood returns

to discover a very different Denmark to the sleepy little town of her childhood. Duration: 67 mins. We hope to have a couple of the remaining "Hippies" from this era to add further colour to this film showing. Free and held at Denmark CRC 2 Strickland St.

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS (optional and at extra cost)

We will be bringing you more details next month on these optional workshops, to be held on Sunday afternoon

Mike & Joy Lefroy, Bringing history to life through story and games

Ruth Halbert, Using art in historic interpretation

Fiona Bush, Applying for grants for small societies + Succession Planning in historical societies

RWAHS AFFILIATES 57th CONFERENCE PROGRAM (DRAFT)

DENMARK September 9-11 2022

FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAM	
18.00-20.00	Civic Welcome and Conference Registration Hosted by Denmark Shire Council Administration Building at 953 South Coast Highway, Denmark

SATURDAY PROGRAM		
TIME	NAME	TOPIC
9.00 - 9.10	Lester Coyne & Ashleigh Murch	Welcome to Country & Conference
9.10 - 9.20	Conference opening - Hon Jane Kelsbie MLA Member for Warren-Blackwood	
9.20 – 9.30	Roll Call of RWAHS Affiliated Societies	
Denmark - The Early Days		
9.30 – 10.00	Vernice Gillies with Malcolm Traill	Menang and Bibbulmun: The Importance of Wilson Inlet to Indigenous Society
10.00 - 10.30	Malcolm Traill	No, not Copenhagen! Origins of Denmark after European Settlement
10.30 – 11.00	Miriam Crandell	Emilliah: The Utopian Suffragist Settlement Scheme Proposed for Denmark
11.00 - 11.30	Morning Tea	
Denmark - The Defining Years		
11.30 – 12.00	Ross McGuinness	Elleker, Denmark, Nornalup: The Railway extended West but Never Met
12.00 - 12.30	Dale Fewings	Group Settlement: A Denmark Perspective
12.30 – 13.00	Bev McGuinness	Through Sawdie's Lens: Perspectives on Pioneer Photographer Bert Saw
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
Denmark – Out and About		
Recollections of War Museum	Halcyon Park, 51253 South Coast Highway (Hay River)	
Group Settlement Experience	Tingledale Hall, Valley of the Giants Road, Tingledale	
Denmark Museum Explorations	Denmark Museum, 16 Mitchell Street, Denmark	
Bloody Hippies (the movie)	Denmark CRC 2 Strickland St Denmark	

SATURDAY EVENING CONFERENCE DINNER

6.00 -10.00	At the Riverside Club catered by Pepper & Salt Restaurant
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SUNDAY PROGRAM

9:00 – 10:00	AGM & RWAHS Business Meeting Including Presentations and Other Announcements
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10.00 – 10.30	Morning Tea
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Denmark - In the Context of the Modern World

10.30 –11.00	Bill Bunbury	‘They Said You’d Own Your Own Farm’: Using Oral History to record Group Settlement Memories
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11.00 - 11.30	Pat & Andrew Gill	There’s Still Life in the Local Rag: Newspapers in Regional Australia Today
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11.30- 12.00	Andrea Gaynor	Can Denmark’s Fire History Help Us Prepare for Denmark’s Fire Future?
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12.00 – 12.15	Close
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