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Key Diary Dates

Committee Meetings:

Tuesday October 18th

Tuesday November 15th

Tuesday December 20th

Members welcome

7.30pm at the museum

Working Bee

Sunday October 16th

10-12 at the museum

End of Year Get-together

Sunday November 27th

from 4pm at the museum

Warrandyte Historical Society



AGM report

At last the Society was able to hold a face-to-face meeting after months of lockdowns and restrictions due to COVID. Despite parking being at a premium in the town, there was a good attendance at the Neighbourhood House community room which proved to be an ideal venue.

Unfortunately President Margaret Kelly was unable to attend due to illness. In her absence and thanks to her running sheet the meeting was able to proceed smoothly. After welcomes and apologies, Paul Kelly read Margaret's President's Report of the past year's activities to the meeting (see the full text later in this newsletter). David Carty presented his Treasurer's report reporting that while activities and sales had been impacted by COVID for much of the year the Society remains in a robust financial position.

Elections were held for the new committee. Margaret Kelly had previously indicated that she would be stepping back from the presidency at the AGM. It was very gratifying that Andy Bevan-Jones (president from 1995-2002 and 2007-2011) nominated for President for one year in a caretaker role with a view to finding a suitable replacement. A new member Lauren Wallis (who unfortunately couldn't attend) nominated as Vice President but sent a short CV which was read to the meeting.

In addition, long-standing member and museum volunteer Linda Noke, nominated (and was seconded) from the floor. The following committee was then elected for the year 2022-23 and acknowledged with applause.

Andy-Bevan Jones	President
Lauren Wallis	Vice President
David Carty	Treasurer
Dianne Phillips	Secretary
Peter Curry	Member/Facebook
Margaret Kelly	Member
Margaret Abbott	Member
Neil Abbott	Member
Don Hughes	Member
Linda Noke	Member

Warrandyte Historical Society acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as traditional custodians of the land on which Warrandyte resides and of the river Birrarung on which it is centred.

It pays its respects to all Aboriginal Elders, past, present and emerging, recognising that Indigenous people never ceded sovereignty of this country and remain strong in their enduring connection to land and culture.

AGM cont'd



The meeting concluded with the awarding of Life Membership to Margaret Kelly. Margaret has been a member of the Society for nearly 25 years and President for the past ten. The nomination described how Margaret has been tireless in promoting the unique and wonderful history of Warrandyte to the wider community and unstinting in her work of managing the work of the committee and day-to-day affairs of the Society. She has organized many successful school and community visits. Her ability to multitask has been exemplary and she has brought a wide knowledge and skillset to the duties that she has faced, particularly over the past

COVID years with lockdowns and constantly evolving requirements. Her valuable role fully deserves the recognition conferred through a Life Membership. Paul Kelly accepted the certificate on Margaret's behalf to the applause of those present.

Ephemera Talk by Mandy Bede

Mandy is the president of the Ephemera Society of Australia who is passionate about ephemera, those printed items that reflect our everyday lives. She showed a wide range of items collected over time, from bills and receipts to fliers and notices and everything in between. She explained how they are helpful in bringing our social history to life

One example was the collection of discarded shopping lists from shopping trolleys. In themselves they are just handwritten lists but they serve as a snapshot of what people were buying at that time. Mandy also said that keeping a small collection together could also give a snapshot of life. She showed slides of a collection of wedding items from 1918, the last year of WW1. There was the invitation, the invoice for the cake and the food (paid and receipted the very next day). There was a wedding present list and the tags from the wedding presents which when turned over showed the name/s of the givers. Only two were purchased cards, the rest were all hand made. Again a lovely snapshot of a wedding at a time of war.

So much of this material just gets thrown away. Programs, tickets, invoices, tags—all can help round out our history.

Mandy was an engaging and enthusiastic speaker who kept her audience engrossed.



After a short question time the Society then added to Mandy's collection with the presentation of a Warrandyte card and book token.

The meeting then drew to a close and everyone enjoyed an afternoon tea and chat.

If members have any ephemera items they would like to add to the Society's collection then such items can be dropped into the museum or contact made by emailing info@whsoc.org.au

Margaret Kelly—Manningham Citizen of the Year 2022

Congratulations to our immediate past president Margaret Kelly on her award as Manningham's Citizen of the Year, 2022.

Margaret received this prestigious award for her unstinting contribution to the heritage of Manningham through her 25 year membership and long presidency of the Historical Society. In addition it recognised her extensive involvement as a member of the Manningham Heritage Advisory Committee where she contributed her wide heritage, local knowledge and personnel skills to help provide firm, well-based historical advice over the years.

In addition the following examples show just some of Margaret's other volunteer interests and personal involvement:

- Yarra Warra Kinder Committee 2003-2004
- East Doncaster Little Athletics Committee 2012-2015
- Caller at Little Athletics 2012-2015
- Taroona Avenue Kinder Committee 2011
- Warrandyte High School Council 2012-2019
- Music Support Group 2013-19
- Member of Warrandyte Community Association
- Member of Friends of Warrandyte State Park

It can be seen from the above that Margaret has the good of her community front and centre and as such thoroughly deserved this recognition as an outstanding community leader.



Photo right :Margaret with her award (top) and giving her speech (below).
Photos: Manningham City Council.

Below: David Carty, Sandi Miller, and Val Polley with Margaret at the Manningham Civic Award Gala. Photo: Warrandyte Diary (taken by Cr Geoff Gough).



AGM—President's Report—Margaret Kelly

Yay we are here in person! So wonderful to be able to see everyone here today and meet again. Zoom was a wonderful tool but there is no substitute for the real thing.

The last 12 months has again had its challenges for the society as a result of COVID but with the input and support of our wonderful volunteers we have achieved a lot. I cannot thank our volunteers enough for all they do and the list of activities undertaken is as always varied and long – archiving, newsletter, advocacy, community and council support, new displays, responding to requests for information, education, holding events and the list goes on.

Of particular delight though is the fact that we have re-opened our doors to visitors. And visitors also seem to be delighted with this as the numbers attending the museum have been very impressive. This has been quite challenging with varying COVID requirements needing to be implemented, initially our rostered duty volunteers were paired and we opened once a week, now we are back to weekend openings with usually one volunteer on duty. A huge thank you to the committee for navigating the COVID rules and regulations, Gina Bevan-Jones for managing these changes, and all our volunteers for bearing up with all the changes and continuing on the roster.

We also were extremely pleased that the Festival was able to proceed in March and we had a great presence – representation in the parade and Val as Monarch, 3rd time lucky, a well-deserved honour – the work she has done for the Society alone is incalculable and invaluable, we would not be where we are today without Val's involvement – and this honour was given to Val for her work Warrandyte-wide. We held a face-to-face meeting in April where James Charlwood engaged the audience and asked all to think about "What is Heritage?". This was supplemented by a wonderful exhibition developed by Val on Stonework displayed in the museum.

We have continued our advocacy work:

- Refurbishing the Gold Memorial Cairn – finally underway, with significant funding contributions from Rotary Club of Warrandyte Donvale, Warrandyte Lions Club and the Warrandyte Riverside Market Committee.
- The Old Pound site at 90 Pound Road – slow and steady but ongoing
- Old South Warrandyte Fire Station, Brumbys Lane – now sold and in private hands.
- A proposal to rename the Warrandyte Creeks to reflect their historical Aboriginal names – ongoing
- Community and Council support has included:
 - Signage at the Old Dairy and Coolroom site
 - wonguim wilam signage, and the relocation of some of the tiled squares from Federation Play-space which have a historical theme to the rear yard of the Museum
 - Manningham Heritage Advisory committee representation and input
 - Input into the Nillumbik Heritage Review
 - Association of Eastern Historical Societies participation
 - Successful application for a Public Records Office of Victoria Grant for the scanning/digitising of the *Warrandyte Diary* archive of newspapers.

I reiterate again, my thanks to fellow Committee for all they do to keep the Society operational and meeting its obligations and requirements - this includes the work undertaken by fellow office bearers Dianne Phillips as Secretary and David Carty as Treasurer - and all Society volunteers for their involvement, input and support over the past 12 months. Thanks also to Manningham City Council, the Shire of Nillumbik and Bendigo Bank for the financial support they have provided in grant funding to assist us in delivering our program.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the Society. As I mentioned in my report last year, I am stepping down today from the role of President, however I do look forward to being involved with the Society going forward.

As I do repeatedly say, new input and ideas are not only welcome but also vital to maintain the momentum of any organisation please consider joining our team and helping us navigate the successful running of the Warrandyte Historical Society. To ensure the Society can continue its important and valued work we need more volunteers. I look forward to a positive 12 months ahead for the Society.

Working Bee report

A working bee was held on 28th August with the primary aim of locating and landscaping the tiled squares from the Federation Playspace that had been gifted to the museum.

A core committee group comprising David Carty, Margaret and Neil Abbott, Di Phillips, Kevin Jones, Don and Michelle Hughes (with Zeus of course) and Val Polley were in attendance on a fine-weather morning.

The site adjacent to the Blacksmiths Hut was chosen because it is reasonably flat and free of tree roots and easily accessed by visitors.

Another working bee to finish the job (and tackle a few other outstanding tasks) is scheduled for Sunday October 16th. All help gratefully received.



Photos.

Above: site preparation with David, Michelle and Kevin.

Left: Setting the tiles in the gravel with David and Margaret.

Right: Kevin, Michelle and Don enjoying morning tea with an ever-hopeful Zeus looking on.



Snippets

The opening of wonguim wilam on Sunday 18th September celebrated the new children's playground and the reworked and well-accepted riverside park.

The Society received many mentions in the official speeches. The new historic signs display the Society's logo in recognition of its input into the planning process and provision of information.

The new playground has been very well patronised since its completion (photo: Dick Davies) and it has proved difficult to find a car park in the area due its popularity.



The heritage listed Pound Bend tunnel entrance was partially blocked by a rockfall in April this year (photo: Paul Fitzsimons). The right-hand photo shows the flow at the exit in August 2022 when the river was running at a very high level. Water was flowing through but at a much lower rate than previously observed during flood events. It will be interesting to see the effect of the rockfall on the summer flows through the tunnel. And how that might affect visitor use of the area.

Finally from Val Polley

This will be my final newsletter. I have stepped down from the committee and another member will be taking over the production of society news. While sometimes challenging timewise, it has been a pleasure and a joy to produce the newsletters over the last few years. Looking back I am delighted at the accomplishments of the Society despite COVID and other challenges, and the solid contribution the Society has made to the history and heritage of the township and indeed the wider area over the last decade.

It has been gratifying to see our immediate past President Margaret Kelly receive recognition of her contribution to the history and heritage of Warrandyte and Manningham.

It was also gratifying at the AGM to oversee the election of a rejuvenated committee with Andy Bevan-Jones taking on the presidency and with new members Linda Noke and Lauren Wallis. Andy is a safe pair of hands as he has been president on at least two previous occasions. With new members combining with experienced 'old hands' the Society can look forward to an exciting year ahead. There is a working bee planned for Sunday 16th October from 10.00am to 12 noon and an End-of-Year event on Sunday 27th November at 4pm. These occasions give a wonderful opportunity to come along and meet and chat with other like-minded people. Make sure the dates are in your diary. I hope to see you there.

Valerie Polley

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Please ensure email addresses are correct.

Please encourage friends and family to join and add their support.

Membership Application Form

I/we wish to become a member of the Warrandyte Historical Society (WHS) for 2022-2023 year.

I/we support the purposes of the WHS. I/we agree to comply with the Rules of the WHS.

NamePhone:.....

Family Members (Associates).....

Address.....

.....P/code.....

Email address:.....

Membership Type: Member (\$25 Single, \$35 Family - allows for one voting member)/ Community Organisation (\$35), Business Sponsor (\$150). (Circle the appropriate category.)

I wish to pay by cheque/EFT (Please circle)

NB: New memberships are subject to Committee approval.

A copy of the Rules can be viewed at the Museum or on request to secretary@whsoc.org.au.