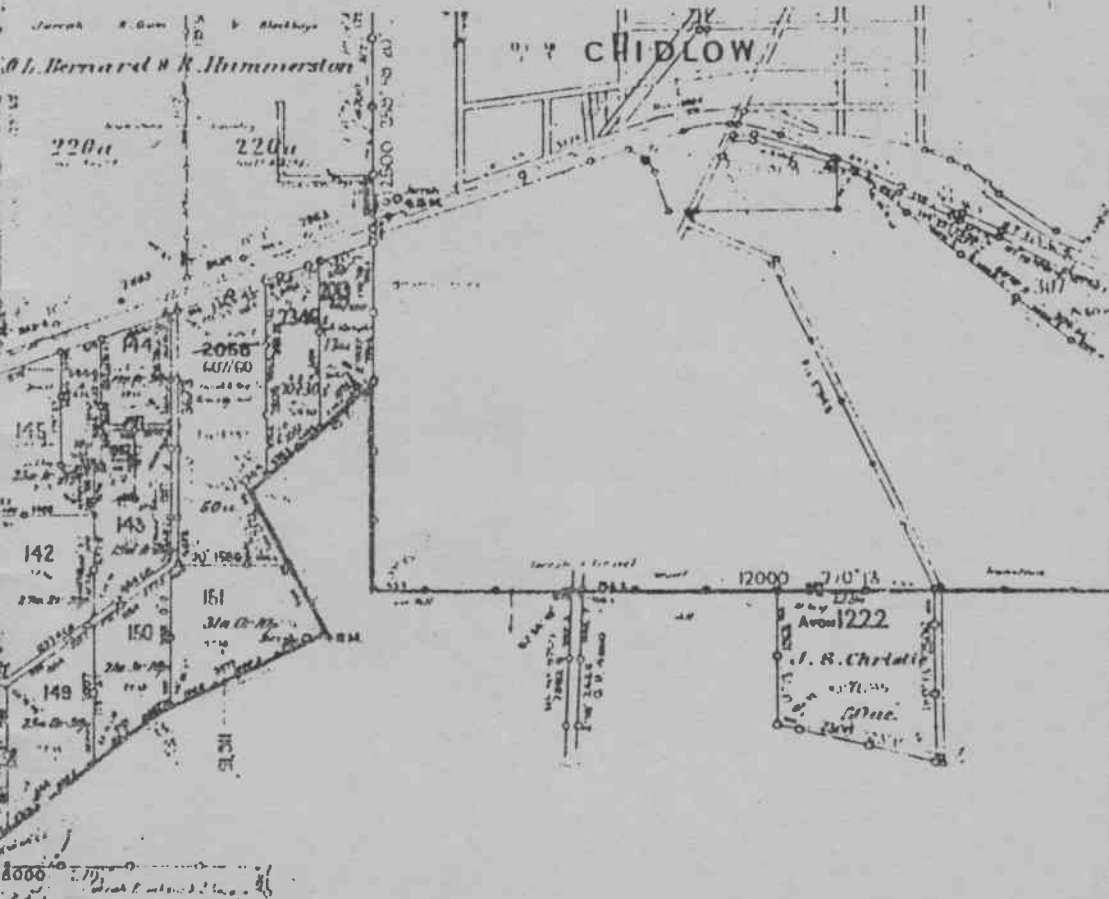


The Mundaring and Hills Historical Society



Hello Members and Non Members,

The Mundaring and Hills Historical Society extends an invitation to all interested people to become involved in our local history.

The MHHS is a relatively new society, having been formed in September, 1989 at a Public Meeting held on a cold winters night at the Mundaring Council Buildings. From this inaugural meeting, the MHHS has steadily grown in strength to now where we have over 30 members.

The MHHS is the local authority dedicated to the research and preservation of historically important artefacts and features within the Shire of Mundaring. Since the MHHS is concerned with matters throughout the Shire, this will encourage everyone with an interest in our local history to become involved and join our cause.

The MHHS is actively involved in projects such as:

- a) the old Mundaring Primary School.
- b) the Lacey Road ruins.
- c) photographing historically significant sites for future reference.
- d) the Eastern Hills Railways.
- e) establishing a Historical Museum.

Individual members are undertaking research into many subjects which will contribute to the establishment of a Local History Reference Library.

If your interests are similar and you would like to participate as a gatherer of information or perhaps as a supplier of information, then we would like to hear from you.

The MHHS meets at 8p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Library of the New Mundaring Primary School. If you are unable to attend the evening meetings, we do have weekend day activities and also support public gatherings such as the Darlington Arts Festival and the Mundaring Arts Festival.

So get in touch and support the Historical cause, before development and time remove the lifestyle of the Hills known and enjoyed by our older folk and our pioneers.

1. Annual General Meeting.

Now that you have been spurred on to become actively involved in local history, how about coming along and seeing the MHHS for yourself.

The opportunity is available on Wednesday the 1st August at 8p.m in the Library of the New Mundaring Primary School at the Society's first ever AGM. All members are encouraged to attend and bring along a guest to this special occasion. If you do not know anyone in the Society, then come along as a visitor, you will be most welcome.

Apart from the proceedings of the AGM, there will be a guest speaker to address the MHHS on the importance of such local societies developing a record of local history. We have been fortunate to have the company of Margaret Medcalfe, the President of The Royal Western Australian Historical Society. After Margaret has addressed the meeting, the opportunity will be available for general discussion on any areas of interest. It is an ideal chance for everyone to see who the MHHS is and what opportunities exist in being involved in our active society.

So, see you there!

By the way, if you have old photographs, diaries, newsclippings, artefacts or whatever, that you want to show the Society or perhaps get information on, then bring them along. We are very interested in seeing what is still available and also have good sources of local knowledge to answer many questions.

2. Mundaring Hotel

For some time now the MHHS has followed with interest the development of the Mundaring Hotel, this building is of tremendous importance to Mundaring, being one of the oldest remaining structures within the townsite. The MHHS has expressed interest to the owners of the possibility of siting our headquarters in the ground floor, when the building is restored and the current bar trading facilities move to the new neighbouring tavern.

After corresponding with the licensee, we have been invited to inspect the site on Saturday August 4th at 2p.m. This will give members the opportunity to view the potential of this accommodation and also hear of how the proposed development and restoration will proceed. All interested members and visitors are invited to gather on the lawn area adjacent to the Hotel at 1.50p.m.

Bring a few dollars for a social drink afterwards.

3. Field Excursion

Want to get out and have a good look at what the Mundaring Shire has to offer; then here is your opportunity. The MHHS will be conducting an on site activity at the Lacey Road Ruins at 2p.m. on Saturday the 22 Sept, 1990.

These ruins have a tremendous amount of potential to become a significantly historical site. The buildings and accompanying features tell a story of much activity in our early years of settlement. Representatives from the Western Australian Geneological Society and the W.A. Museum will enlighten those present on what research has been able to reveal. This offers a very interesting afternoon and also the chance to be involved in the more sociable side of the MHHS.

The excursion will be held at 195 Lacey Road, Mundaring. This is private property so please show the due courtesy by closing gates and not taking souvenirs.

Look forward to seeing you there!

P.S. Bring along a dollar to go towards the afternoon tea.

4. Photographic Record

With the generous assistance of the Swan Districts Camera Club, the MHHS is progressing towards the cataloguing, by photographs, of historically significant sites and features within our Shire. As is often the case, what is here today may be gone tomorrow. With this concept in mind, the MHHS is ensuring todays surroundings are recorded before they become but memories.

The range of subjects being photographed include:

- The Old Mundaring Primary School
- The Mundaring Hotel
- Lacey Road Ruins
- Significant trees
- Mundaring War Memorial
- Chippers Leap
- Timber mill sites
- Historic springs
- Prominent buildings

The list will steadily grow and with time the importance of having photographically recorded these areas will increase.

If you know of buildings, ruins, springs, old wells, historic sites etc which you believe warrant being photographed, then contact the MHHS so arrangements can be made. Remember the MHHS represents the entire Mundaring Shire and is interested in all details concerned with this area.

6. Artefacts

One of the responsibilities of a Historical Society is to collect and preserve significant artefacts of the area they represent. As time passes the availability of relevant material diminishes. For that reason, the MHHS is very interested in hearing from people who have items which may have historical importance. The type of item can range from photographs, diaries, letters, newsclippings, school books, local publications and so on. Also in another direction, there are items of machinery, clothing, housewares, tools etc which can play an equally important role in depicting our past history. The MHHS is a new Society and currently has limited resources to store such artefacts, but we are very interested to know what is about. If you wish or need to dispose of any article which you may consider could be of interest to the MHHS, then please get in touch on 295-2469. If the item is not of historical interest to the MHHS, we will be honest in informing you of such. But we would appreciate the option of considering its worth. Items which necessitate us holding, will be suitably stored to ensure their protection.

The MHHS is your local historical society and aims to ensure the survival of the district's history. This can be partially achieved by safe-guarding those items which have a place in the settlement and development of the Mundaring District; for future generations to see and recollect.

6. Fund Raising

Like all organisations, we are competing to obtain necessary funds to enable the MHHS to perform the functions necessary to fulfill the aims of the Society.

Several worthwhile suggestions have come forth to assist in the collecting of such funds and the necessary details are being investigated by the members concerned.

An interesting project underway is the marketing of souvenir teatowels and other manchester. This venture, though not necessarily a big money earner provides good promotional material for the MHHS. Well designed items are always popular and sought after by tourists passing through and also by those local people who have pride in their district and get satisfaction out of promoting local goods. Artists or even the not-so-artistic are encouraged to get in touch with the MHHS so that we may be able to design suitable material to depict our district. Screen printers and other skilled persons are also encouraged to call.

Lets promote our local historical society with totally locally made goods.

Another avenue being sought is support by local businesses. Considering the significance of history in all the aspects of tourism, trade, promotion, arts and research, the MHHS offers many benefits to local businesses. If you are involved in local business and would like to promote your interests in association with the MHHS, please contact Mr. Garth Wilson, a/h 295 1844 for further details.

7. Special Requests

The MHHS has been approached to assist in the locating of portrait photographs of Greenmount Road Board Chairmen and Presidents and Greenmount Road Board Secretaries.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of suitable photographs of the following, please contact Jeff Murray on 295 2469 so that an arrangement can be made.

Chairmen

C. Cook 1907-1908

Secretaries

W.J. Roach 1903-1904

C.H. Elliott 1904-1905

W.P. Grass 1933-1935

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. The loan of the relevant photographs will be as short as possible and due care will be taken.

8. Book Sales

For the benefit of the members and friends of the MHHS, we sell a limited range of local history publications. These include:

- a: Mundaring, A Shire's History \$24.95
- b: Steam in the Forests \$12.00

Contact the MHHS or request at the monthly meeting for copies of these books to be provided. A discount is available for members upon request.

Authors and Researchers Note:

As part of our commitment to provide assistance to the development of the district's local history, we are available to promote articles and publications portraying these subjects. No matter how small or comprehensive, we are genuinely interested in what literature is about. Contact the MHHS for further information if you have material of interest.

9. Darlington Arts Festival

In 1989 the MHHS presented a display at the Darlington Arts Festival at the request of the festival committee. This project was very successful in promoting the MHHS and gaining new members. It is intended to be involved in the Festival again this year and volunteers are sought to establish a working committee to organise the material to be displayed.

After several suggestions were discussed at a previous meeting it was decided to promote the historical nature of the MHHS incorporating childrens activities. The overall theme will be of childhood in the early years of the district.

The static display will depict childhood scenes of the era, supported with suitable artefacts. Complimenting the display will be child activities involving games and activities suitable to the theme

This is a great opportunity for the other members of our community to be involved in the MHHS by recollecting their own childhood games. So pass your thoughts back when you were a nipper and dive into those old boxes and chests to find your original toy dolls and games.

Get involved reliving history can be lots of fun and it will be a great opportunity to display to today's children how much enjoyment can be gained by playing with such simple implements without the necessity of high powered technology and flashing lights.

Contact the MHHS at any of the meetings or by phoning 295 2469, if you wish to participate, give suggestions or donate/loan equipment.

10. Annual Subscriptions

Yes, it's that time again. The membership subscriptions have not been altered from the 1989 period. The current amounts are listed below.

One person	\$8
Husband & wife	\$10
Pensioner single	\$6
Pensioner couple	\$8
Junior (non voting)	\$6

Current members may pay the secretary at the meeting or mail the required amount to the address shown at the end of this bulletin.

New members are welcome and may submit their application on the form enclosed in this bulletin. Joining the MHHS gives you the opportunity to be involved in the preservation of landmarks and buildings in our Shire. Membership also brings you in contact with other people of similar interests who can assist in your area of research or recording. Being involved increases your own say in the community and also improves the effectiveness of the MHHS.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The initial months of any organisation are the most difficult. It is a period where a lot of unknown ground is trod to determine what sort of response is going to be experienced in starting such a Society. As a society, it is a time where aims and policies are to be decided which will govern the future performance and function for years to come.

This delicate period has been achieved with reassuring results. The MHHS has successfully obtained the membership required to venture forward into coming years. Those members who took the initiative to be involved have contributed to the success of the MHHS existence. With their efforts the constitution has been established and incorporation is in progress.

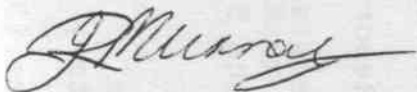
Our standing in the community has been achieved and with further effort will become even better known. The MHHS has already made contributions to the local community and thus proved its worth as a local historical resource centre.

I wish to thank all those people involved in the MHHS, for your support in getting this society off-the-ground and for ensuring that it will continue to achieve the aims intended for local history. We have a lot of hurdles yet to cross and many areas of development to achieve before the MHHS is as established as we would like it to be. But this will only take time (and a bit more money) to achieve and I know that we can and will arrive at that goal.

1990-91 will bring more challenges to work on with the opportunity to increase the effectiveness and notability of our Society. With the continued efforts of our members we will ultimately gain our own Museum and have a suitable headquarters to call our own.

I look forward to being actively involved in the MHHS for the next year and am sure all you members will also participate to make our Society the greater centre we want it to be.

See you there.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J Murray".

JEFF MURRAY
PRESIDENT Mundaring & Hills Historical Society
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HM Phone 295 2469

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MUNDARING AND HILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY
8pm Wednesday 1st August 1990
Mundaring Primary School Library

AGENDA

1. Welcoming to members, guests and visitors by President.
2. Receive Annual Report
3. Receive the Financial Statement
4. Election of Office Bearers for the ensuring year:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Committee Members (3)

Other Positions:

Archivist
Fundraising
Public Relations
Typist

5. Other business
6. Guest speaker: Margaret Medcalf
The Royal Western Australian Historical Society

JEFF MURRAY
President
Mundaring & Hills Historical Society

Following the meeting, supper will be held.