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For Girls Home

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The Mundaring and Hills Historical Society

TEMPORARY DEVIATION PARKERVILLE RESERVE

SUBURBAN LOTS

Corr: 1216/96

MAHOGANY CREEK ST

EASTERN SUB LOTS

GREENMOUNT

SUB. LOTS (SEE LARGE PLAN)

T. Jecks TIMBER RESERVE

FOR PORTLAND SAWYERS

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96/31 as at present = Blue
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Hello Members,

The highs and lows of life are experienced by people and organisations as they go through the vigors of surviving in todays busy and demanding environment. The MHHS has and no doubt will go through this cycle many times throughout its existence to achieve its aims and objectives.

Due to the many circumstances inflicting people at the moment and the adverse economic situation, the involvement of Society members has diminished. There is no compulsion to attend or participate in any society activity or meeting, but it is the presence of members which makes the functioning of a society possible.

The MHHS is currently preparing to be involved in the Darlington Arts Festival, to promote our existence through displays, host district meetings, press for a museum site and much more. But!! we need our members participation to achieve them.

In this bulletin is a summary of the coming events with indications of those areas requiring support. If you read further, have your pen and calendar handy to note down those times you are going to attend and how you can help.

1. THE DARLINGTON ARTS FESTIVAL

There are several dates and commitments pertaining to the display being presented at this Festival.

A. WED 24TH OCT 8PM - WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING -
to be held at **MUNDARING PRIMARY SCHOOL**
to make the final preparations and decisions
required for the display and games to be employed
at the Festival.

For the benefit of those members who have not been able to attend recent meetings, the MHHS will be presenting a display with the theme of 'Childhood' in the Early Years of the Mundaring District.

The concept adopted will consist of a static display of appropriate games, toys, dolls, books, comics etc. which were used by children up till the 60's. Supporting the static display members and (hopefully) members' children will be playing games relevant to the era.

Children of the public attending the Festival will be encouraged to participate in games such as marbles, spinning tops, skipping, dressing peg dolls and such like. A list of suggested games and activities is enclosed to give you the full picture. What we want you to provide for Wednesday night are rhymes or verses which were chanted by children (perhaps you years ago) to the games listed. Please write them down so we can have a record of them. Also bring along or have information on books, photographs, toys, dolls etc which will be available to put on display at the Festival. This is the last preparation meeting before the Festival, so all details must be finalised on this night.

B. SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER - SWAP MEET -

by the Mundaring Primary School P&C. To be held at the Harry Riseborough Oval. To assist the MHHS to meet the expenses incurred in participating in the Festival and to also assist the bank account, we will be having a stall at this Swap Meet. Any donations of saleable items may be presented to JEFF MURRAY'S residence at Lot 20 La Grange Rd, Stoneville prior to the day, or alternatively brought along to the stall on the Sunday.

Donations of any sort will be most welcome and go towards a good cause. So dig in deep now and clean out your garage, shed or spare room.

Required on the day will be stall attendants to sell the produce. The Swap Meet normally goes for only half a day and your involvement need not be for too long. It's fun and a good chance to have an early sneak preview of what else is for sale.

Submit your intention to assist with Jeff on 295 2469 as soon as possible so that he may make the appropriate arrangements.

C. FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 2,3 & 4 NOV

The Darlington Arts Festival weekend.

Assistance is required on the Friday night from 5:30 pm to erect the marquis and set up the display. Many hands make light work with this task, so please indicate your intention to attend on the appropriate form.

On the Saturday and Sunday is the Festival itself. A roster of members will man the display and demonstrate the childhood games. Maximum participation is sort from the public and this can only be achieved with effort from yourselves. On the enclosed form for the Festival is a list of timings. Indicate your availability so that a final roster may be drafted. Ideally we require three people in attendance throughout the opening times of the Festival. This will allow one member to oversee the static display and two others to manage the childhood activities.

The theme being presented this year promises to result in an interesting and exciting weekend.

Expressions of interest have been presented that members participating in this and other public displays dress in period costume. This is not compulsory, but would present the MHHS in a favourable manner. The style, theme and making of the costume would be the responsibility of the members. The effort spent in preparing your period costume would be worthwhile as it could be used many times over at future venues.

I must stress that it is the individual's decision to dress in period costume and the decision not to should not hinder your involvement in any activity.

2. INTERVIEWERS WANTED!

Time is passing on and so are the older folk of our district who have the irreplaceable knowledge of Mundaring's and hills history.

To avoid the repetition of important information being lost forever as each person moves or passes away, we need members who can spare the time, to talk to these people and record their memories.

As mentioned in a previous bulletin, it is not necessary to be an ace reporter. Anyone who has the interest and patience to talk and listen has the attributes required.

We need your assistance NOW. There are still people around with the knowledge and memories we want, to develop a more informative knowledge of our Shire's history. If you sit back and wait for someone else to do it then we will lose what is left.

If you are now enthused enough to want to do something then contact me now. The MHHS has a list of people who need to be approached and recorded.

The rewards for your time are great and will be preserved for ever.

3. YOU CANT PLEASE EVERYONE ALL THE TIME

In spite of the MHHS' best efforts to get everyone interested in local history involved in our activities, it doesn't always succeed.

Recently a member of the MHHS was at the brunt of full-scale criticism over our supposed lack of community relations.

The accusations were based on our apparent lack of courtesy in not inviting the Bugle Tree Brook Preservation Society to the planned excursion to the Lacey Road Ruins. No manner of explanation would convince the other party that no disrespect was inferred. The damage had been done and the MHHS was in the blackbooks.

Well, the damage has been done and only future arrangements may overcome these circumstances. Perhaps the only gain out of this encounter is the need for a public relations officer is highlighted. As all members are aware, it is not the MHHS' intention to cause animosity with any other organisation in the Shire, but quite the opposite. This situation occurred because we do not have a representative to converse with other groups to promote co-operation.

The results of similar encounters will only harm our reputation and ultimately hinder the aims of the Society.

There is a genuine need for the MHHS in our district and we must strive to maintain a high standard of performance and co-operation to ensure we succeed.

When the Lacey Road Ruins excursion is re-organised, the Bugle Tree Creek Protection Society and similar organisations will most certainly be invited.

4. PUTTING NAMES ONTO THE MAP

The Mundaring District is full of history as a result of diverse activities which have occurred. In spite of this there are very few recorded names and sites. The Geographic Names Section of the Dept of Land Administration is the authority for recording the position and official name of a feature or place. The list of names on record for our Shire, at this Section is small. This is not to indicate that there are few such features in our area, but that the majority of them have not been identified and recorded. In 1991 the MHHS will be continually working on the collecting of local names and their relevant background. Project "NAMEGAIN" will commence in January 1991 with the aim to have a comprehensive and accurate record of as many local names as is available by the completion of December.

Project NAMEGAIN will provide diverse results:

- 1 Update information on known names and sites.
- 2 Correlate a more comprehensive list, thus providing a better indication of past activities and developments.
- 3 Establish a recognised archive of place names.
- 4 Establish MHHS as the resource centre for information within the Mundaring Shire.
- 5 Encourage involvement from the Public, Schools, local clubs and organisations.
- 6 Publicize the existence of the MHHS with its aims and objectives throughout the Shire.

Though this project will formally commence in January 1991, ground work will commence immediately.

Starting with a small display within our tent at the Darlington Arts Festival. Maps and the computer list of recorded names of the Mundaring Shire will indicate those already recorded with an explanation of their known history. Provision will be available for the Public to add to the list and thus get PROJECT NAMEGAIN on the way.

As members of the Society, your contribution is always sort. If you know of names not on the list or have knowledge of history not recorded, then provide the information so that our records can be updated.

The information forthcoming from this project could be most interesting and open up new areas of research and understanding.

5. THE W.A. ROGAINING ASSOCIATION

Recently held their spring titles in the area south of the Lakes. Gary Aitkin, of the Association researched and was largely responsible for the production of a map and accompanying brochure. Both publications were extremely well done and provide additional information of an area within our Shire. Gary has donated a map and brochure to the MHHS to be displayed to members and the public. The MHHS and members of the Dept of Land Administration provided information and reference material for Gary to assist him in producing the publications.

Such co-operation is always eagerly forthcoming and results in worthwhile contributions to local history.

The map is titled 'IN LIKE FLYNN' and the accompanying brochure may be viewed at the next monthly meeting or seen on display in the MHHS museum (one day!).

6. WANTED TO BUY

The Mundaring Hotel has approached the MHHS to advertise that the hotel wishes to purchase old (or old looking) artefacts and photographs depicting the timber industry, orcharding, farming etc. The licensee intends to develop a lounge bar facility with suitable nostalgia displayed on the walls. Anyone with or knowing of items which would be suitable are asked to firstly approach the MHHS on what there is to offer. So have a look about the farm, or countryside and see what is available. It would be valuable public relations if we are able to assist in this venture.