

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, AUGUST 1993.

It is with mixed feelings that I write this report on the Society under my year of Presidency. A few of us have worked devotedly and as I note down what has been achieved, I feel pleased with the results; however when I read that our neighbouring Bayswater counterpart has 118 members now and grew from 40 members initially, I wonder when that will happen to us. It will need to for us to convince our Shire that we are capable of running a museum and deserve support.

We made a decision in Sept. '92 to break our activities in two, as so many societies do - a business meeting on the first Wednesday night of each month (to which all members were of course welcome), and a night we called Nostalgia Night on the 3rd Thursday of each month for guest speakers, displays of acquisitions or reading of research papers. We felt that busy but supporting people might thus keep in touch with us whilst not necessarily wanting to be lumbered with chores associated with day-to-day running of the society. This does not seem to be working and we are toying with the idea of having the Nostalgia Night turned into a day meeting when so many more older people (who are the main ones interested in history) might feel happier about going out to a talk or display. Our present venue is certainly an arctic one of a winter night!

The following is a resume of some of our activities for the society's year.

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| Aug. 20th (Nost. Night)..... | Three speakers from the Mdg. Arts Council on its history. |
| Aug. 29th- (Hist. Walk)..... | Along Weir Rd - old Gugerri property. |
| Sept. 26th- (Hist. Walk)..... | Old farm sites, Glen Forrest (along Moola Rd). |
| Oct. 17th- (Bus Tour)..... | Darlington History . |
| Dec. | Christmas party. |
| Feb 16 & 17 | M.H.H.S. presenting local history research ideas to Swan View S.H.S. students. |
| March 18 and 19 | Pres. & B.Waterhouse at curators' course at Museum. |
| March 21st | Removal day - M.H.H.S. moved to Park. Chn's Home, old dining room. |
| April 4th.. (Display) | At Mundaring Arts Festival |
| April 15th... (Nost Night).. | Stephen Smith, Mund. Weir & Pump. stations- plans for upgrading museums and Heritage trails. (Yallambee Hostel venue) |

May 16th	Park. Chn's Homes - 90th anniversary- display & stall at Hall
May 20th (Nost. Night)...	Ron Perry, "Parkerville Hist."
June	Attendance at Westweek celebrations in schools by exec.
June 19th (Hist. Walk)...	To Sandsprings.
July 17th (Hist Walk) ...	Number 2 Pumping Station.

I am sure that I have missed out some events (for which I apologise to the organisers)- and of course the monthly meetings and the almost weekly meetings on Wednesday mornings (at which 3 or 4 members regularly attend to file material,organise meeting agendas, clean the hall and answer requests for information which we regularly receive and other bits of work) have not been included. Nor have the trips to photocopy material, or take photos lent to us to be copied, to see old people in the Shire to check on local history details and other similar history-associated chores. As I said earlier, I am extremely grateful for the mostly unrecorded but ceaseless work of the faithful few. It is my sincere hope that when we have a central museum we can have more volunteers for segments of our work.

Co-operative ventures with other organizations.

These have involved many meeting attendances and other work by representatives of our society and include;-

- (1) Representation on the Shire's Australia Day committee and running the Historical Costume segment of this event.
- (2) Representation on the Mundaring Arts Council's "Up the Old York Road" project; visits to schools (about 8 in all) to give talks on associated history.
- (3) Representation on the No 1 Regional Council of W.A. Historical Societies.(Four yearly meetings).
- (4) Liasing with Mundaring Shire on matters concerning our efforts to save the Old Mundaring Schoolrooms and also requesting help in finance for audio recording equipment and security screening of the main storage area of our new premises.(Financial help with recording equipment and securing the area both generously given by Shire).
- (5) Liasing with management of Parkerville Children's Homes for tenancy agreement, permission to hold open days and the like.

FUNDING APPLICATIONS.

These must, of necessity, be attended to and I spent a great deal of time on such an application to the Museum Assoc. of Australia (which handles Lotteries Commission Grant applications for museums now). The application was for a caravan and appropriate equipment (T.V., V.C.R.) , LIGHTS, DISPLAY WALLS, SAFETY FEATURES) to use as a Mobile Museum. (This seemed appropriate when we had "Temuka" as our headquarters, but couldn't use it to have many schoolchildren or the general public in). We are also often being asked to present open-air displays at fairs and so on (which are worrying when photos, paper and other damageable material may be on show).....however, though I was told we nearly got the grant and to re-apply this year, fate stepped in and we now have a HUGE HALL and headquarters to which people and schools can come. Pity it's not closer to Mundaring's heart.

The M.A.A. submissions for grants are again due in on 15th October - though it's hard to think up a submission relevant to a museum when you don't have one .

NEXT APPLICATION.....

Could well be to the W.A. History Foundation, which offers up to \$5000 to assist research and publication of historical data. It fits very neatly into our long-held aim to produce a booklet similar to Kalamunda Hist. Society's "Line on Kalamunda." This application is due in on Sept. 30th and requires fairly detailed budget information as to costs of photocopying, word-processing, research information collection and so on. I will be away all Sept , so that someone else will need to shoulder most of the work this time if we take it on. It is also just possible that the grant could cover printing of the 4 Mundaring scenes on post cards which we tried to get going, using the kindly donated art of Joan Jordan . We envisaged these being good fund-raisers - but help is needed to prepare the submission.

FUTURE EVENT - HELP NEEDED.

BYFIELD REUNION, TO BE HELD IN 'OUR' HALL.

The extensive number of descendants of this family, who were early lessees of the Old Mahogany Inn, are having a re-union on Nov. 7th in "our" hall.

Again, a stall provided by us could be a useful source of money for us.*See Maureen for details.

OLD MUNDARING SCHOOLROOMS

During this year M.H.H.S. has continually written to anyone who might throw light on how we are going with our oft-stated aim of saving these historic rooms. I have actually made up a **book** of all the letters we have sent and received since 1989 on the subject! The gist of them seems to say the ball is in the court of the Shire to save the building.

We read that the proposed shopping complex will not go ahead on the site and that an auction of the land on which the old Mundaring Primary School stood is likely. Perhaps now the Shire will be able to accede to our request to move to excise the land on which both the rooms and the War Memorial and Rose Gardens stand and to let us have the Old Schoolrooms as a Museum.

We live in hope!

I conclude this report with my grateful thanks to Val Martin, Maureen Tie, Briony Waterhouse and members generally.

If you were not at the A.G.M., may we remind you that your annual membership subscription is now due, according to the following scale and we would be pleased to receive it at our P.O. Box.

Please watch in the local papers to see when and where future Nostalgia meetings will be held. Business meetings will remain at our new HQ on the first Wednesday evening of each month, at 8 p.m.

POST SCRIPT

At the A.G.M. executive members elected were:-

Briony Waterhouse (President), **Jeff Murray** (Vice President), **Libby Peebles** (Secretary) and **Maureen Tie** (Treasurer).

Committee members are :- **Ron Perry, Robin & Norm Giles.**

Also at the A.G.M. we were heartened to hear from the three Shire Councillors present that we can expect definite steps to be made by the Shire to save Old Mundaring Schoolrooms and the adjacent War Memorial and Memorial Rose Gardens. If for no other reason than this, we need your membership and support !

Note also that the attendance of members on Wednesday mornings to attend to filing, research etc will now take place of Tuesday mornings, starting at 9.30 approx. This provides a good chance for members to call in at the Hall and peruse information and look at our growing collection. Feel free to call - but first perhaps phone one of the active members to ensure that someone will be there.

NEXT MEETING , SEPTEMBER 1 st AT 8 P.M., PARKERVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME DINING ROOM HALL (SEE ATTACHED MAP).

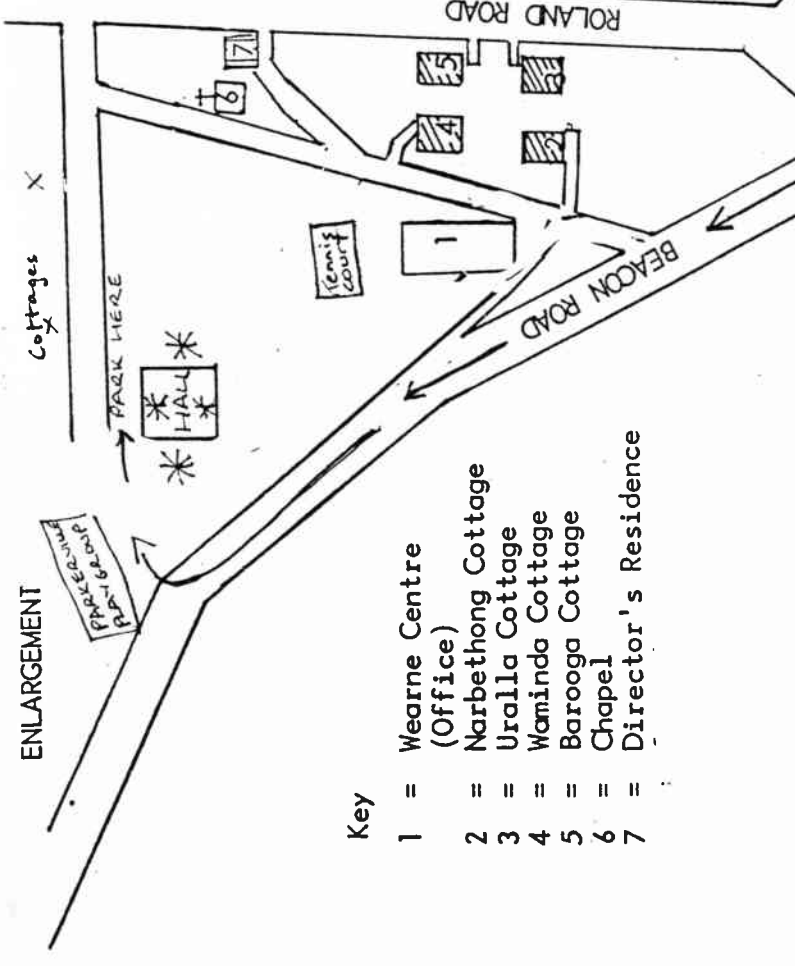
* Subs.

Couple	\$ 20
1 person	\$ 15
Pensioner Couple	\$ 8
Single pensioner	\$ 6
Student	\$ 6
Institution	\$ 20

KILBURN ROAD
TO HAY SHED AND FARM

Cottages X

ENLARGEMENT
PARKING



- Key
- 1 = Wearne Centre (Office)
 - 2 = Narbethong Cottage
 - 3 = Uralla Cottage
 - 4 = Waminda Cottage
 - 5 = Barooga Cottage
 - 6 = Chapel
 - 7 = Director's Residence

BYFIELD ROAD (ADJOINS SEABORNE STREET)

RICHARDSON ROAD

DIRECTIONS:--
 TURN LEFT INTO SEABORNE STREET OFF GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY FROM MIDLAND.
 TURN LEFT INTO ROLAND AND THEN RICHARDSON RD.
 FIRST RIGHT INTO BEACON ROAD AND PROCEED TO SLIGHT LEFT-HAND BEND (SIGN "PARKERVILLE PLAYGROUP" ON TREE ON RIGHT).
 TURN IN (RIGHT) HERE
 HALL IS LARGE BRICK BUILDING ON RIGHT

From Midland

See Enlargement

