



and Hills Historical Society

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(Inc.)

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Issue 1.

Welcome to the spring edition of our newsletter. We hope that by reading this publication you will gain an insight into our society and the Old School Museum.

Like most community groups, our society is run entirely by volunteers and offers a terrific outlet for many of the hidden talents of Hills residents.

For example, restoring furniture and hand tools, planning and setting up displays, event organising, cataloguing and filing of old records, data processing, oral histories and much more.

Our society was incorporated in 1989 and for the past two years our home has been the Station Master's house, corner of Burkinshaw Street and

Railway Parade, Glen Forrest.

These premises are open every Thursday from 10am - 2pm. During these times, members assist with the cataloguing and filing of old records, conduct oral histories, hold committee meetings, or do their own research.

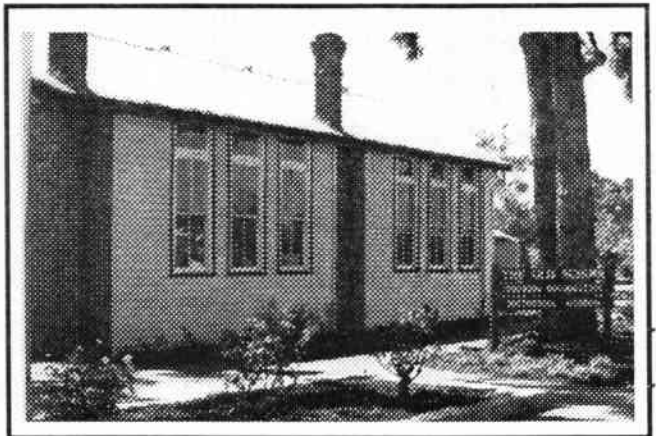
Our monthly meetings are held at the Station Master's House on the first Wednesday

of each month at 7:30pm.

Recently, our society was given the opportunity by the Shire of Mundaring to jointly lease the original Mundaring School with the Mundaring Tourism Association and hence the Old School Historical Museum is now open to visitors.

The Old School Museum is located at 7225 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring and is open from 10am to 1pm daily. Admission is free.

Our current display denotes the development of Mundaring in this its Centenary year with a small section devoted to the former Mundaring School. The school operated on this site from 1908 until 1990.



THE OLD SCHOOL MUSEUM

MUSEUM STUDY GRANT

In July the Lotteries Commission granted MHHS funding for two part-time places in Edith Cowan University's Museum Management Course (1999). This grant was provided under the Promoting Excellence Program and was for \$2,200.

The society was extremely happy to receive this grant which will assist its volunteer staff in the operation and development of the Old School Museum. Ruth McCole and Brian Marshall will be enthusiastically undertaking this course in the new year.

HILLS SHOWCASE

The Mundaring Tourism Association is organising this event as part of Mundaring's Centenary Celebrations and the MHHS will be operating a stall from the Mundaring Village Shopping Centre Car Park on the day.

We ask that small items be donated for the stall, such as preserves, books, magazines and bric-a-brac. No clothing, please.

Items may be left at the Station Master's House on Thursdays prior to the event or delivered to the stall on the day.

We are also in need of additional volunteer helpers on the day. Please phone Maureen on 9295 1601 if you can help. The Old School Museum will also be open for this event on Sunday September 20th, 1998.

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HILLS WOMENS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Old School Museum hosted a special anniversary display for the Hills Womens Hockey Association from July 20 to August 7th which commemorated 50 years of dedication by the sporting association.

The association was founded by Lillian Gianni in 1948, with two teams called the Swallows and the Shamrocks.

The display of memorabilia included trophies, uniforms, books and photographs and was compiled by Phyllis Nicholas, Mary Ball and Marg Selkirk who are all Life Members

There are now eight clubs in the Association of which Mundaring is the oldest. Several players have gone on to become State representatives.

If you are part of a Community group who will be celebrating a milestone event we may be able to organise a special celebration display at the Old School Museum to share with the community. For more details, contact Brian on 9572 3971.

COMING EVENTS

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| Sunday | Hills Showcase Stall |
| Sept 20th | Mundaring Village Shopping Centre Car Park |
| Oct 28th | Centenary of Sawyers Valley |
| Sunday | M.H.H.S. Christmas Party |
| Nov 29th | Station Master's House Glen Forrest |



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Secretary,
Mundaring & Hills Historical Society,
P.O. Box 334,
Mundaring WA 6073

I wish to become a member/renew my membership of the Mundaring & Hills Historical Society. I have enclosed my membership fee for this year.

Name(s):.....

Address:.....

.....P/Code.....

Telephone: Day:.....

Night:.....

Signature:.....

MEMBERSHIP FEES	
COUPLE:	\$25
SINGLE:	\$20
PENSIONER:	\$10
PENSIONER COUPLE	\$15
INSTITUTION	\$25

MEMBERSHIP IS RENEWABLE IN JULY EACH YEAR



WE NEED YOU!



Are you interested in local history or museums?

Can you volunteer some time?

Please indicate your area of interest by ticking the box:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Program | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Event Organising | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dress Making | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Word Processing |

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PLEASE POST, OR RETURN TO THE OLD SCHOOL MUSEUM