

Summer 2004 Update

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Proclamation Train Launch Wraps Up WA 175 Year

The launch of the Proclamation Train memorial at Chidlow was one of the final events of the WA 175 celebrations in 2004.

Around 100 people gathered at the former Chidlow Station site to see the unveiling of the memorial by Jaye Radisich MLA (Swan Hills). Other speakers included Historical Society President Fiona Bush, Shire of Mundaring CEO Max Williams, and Lindsay Watson, President of the Australian Heritage Railway Preservation Group.

A highlight of the launch was the attendance of many former workers at the station, including some of the 'Railway Refreshment Room Ladies' (right).

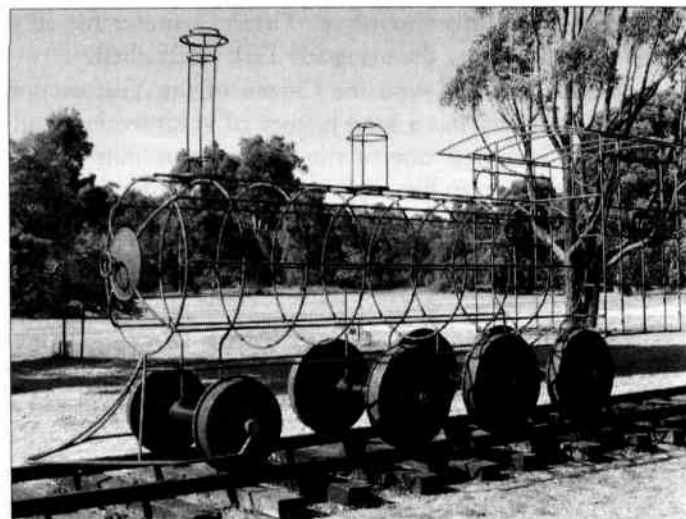
The grants received from Lotterywest, the Dept of Premier and Cabinet, and Community Arts Network enabled the Society to employ two talented people to produce the memorial—sculptor Greg Young and local historian Ruth McCole.

The sculpture is mainly comprised of 25 mm reinforcing rod. Its overall height and length are those of the original locomotive that transported WA's first constitution through Chidlow to Perth in 1890.

A set of colourful tiles, painted by local seniors and schoolchildren, and an explanatory sign are located next to the sculpture. All the companies who provided labour and materials for the project, either free or at a reduced price, are acknowledged on the sign.

Dozens of individuals gave their time voluntarily to the project. Certificates of Appreciation have been sent to all of them.

Did you know that 2005 is the International Year of Science? Another cause for celebration perhaps?



Monthly Meetings

- Wednesday 16th February at 7pm.
- Wednesday 16th March at 7 pm.
- Sunday 17th April at 3:30 pm.

Unless otherwise advised, meetings are held at the Station Master's House, cnr Railway Pde and Burkinshaw Rd, Glen Forrest.

Membership Subscriptions

I wish to: become a member / renew membership.
Fees (inc. GST):

- Senior / pensioner \$12
- Senior / pensioner couple \$18
- Single \$22
- Couple \$28
- Company / institution \$30

Return to Treasurer, Jane Bullock, MHHS, PO Box 334 Mundaring WA 6073 or to Mundaring District Museum, Old School, 7225 Great Eastern Hwy.

My Mundaring Photographic Competition

The 'My Mundaring' photographic competition attracted 36 entries. The aim of the competition was for Shire residents to photograph what they saw as distinctive parts of the Hills' built environment.

Entries ranged from more traditional themes, such as Mundaring Weir and the region's railway heritage through to sculptures, local buildings and gardens.

The prizewinners in Section 1—Best Photograph were: 1st Lorna Henson, 2nd Henk Boender and 3rd Pat Golding.

In Section 2—Best Statement Accompanying a Photograph, the winners were 1st Pat Golding, 2nd Robin Woodward and 3rd Greg Donegan.

A selection of the entries will be on display at Greenmount Library in February and Mundaring Library in March.

The competition was run as a partnership between the Shire of Mundaring Cultural Planning Advisory Committee (on which the Society is represented), the Hills Gazette, the International Year of the Built Environment Secretariat and Lotterywest.



Cr. Peter Carter presents a winner's cheque to Pat Golding

Australia Day Awards

Great news—Trek the Trail 2004 won the Shire of Mundaring Community Event of the Year section of the Premier's Australia Day Awards.

The Trek the Trail event was organised by the Mundaring Tourism Association, the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society, the Mundaring Arts Centre and the Shire. Mundaring Visitor Centre Manager, Jennifer Rupp, accepted the award on behalf of all those involved. Thanks Jennifer for all your hard work in getting the inaugural Trek established.

Mary Richmond won the Citizen of the Year section of the awards. Mary has a long history of volunteering, and the Historical Society is one of the many community groups to have benefited from her support. Well done Mary!

Bark Art Exhibition

The joint exhibition at Mundaring District Museum by local artists, Brian Aylward and Isobel Lee (right), was very successful. Around 30 Society members and guests attended the launch.

The paintings and photographs on show explored the connection between Hills people and the natural environment.

It is exciting that we are able to host high quality temporary exhibitions such as this. It encourages new visitors to the museum and also provides a new experience for people who have visited it previously.



Snippets

- ◇ Sales of our 2005 Hills Heritage Calendar were very good. We still have a few left over, which can be purchased for \$3 per copy from the museum. Thanks again to Bill Cutler, Maureen Tie, Fiona Bush, Shelley Bertola, Brian Marshall and Gerard van Didden for all their hard work..
- ◇ We have submitted a grant application to cover the costs of producing a history of the Mahogany Inn. The result of the application should be known in March. Fingers crossed!
- ◇ The 2005 Trek the Trail will be held between Mt. Helena and Parkerville on Sunday, 21st August. More on this in the next newsletter.
- ◇ Following conservation work, the Mundaring Weir WW1 Honour Roll is now on display at our museum. It looks a treat.
- ◇ Thanks to Eve Buckland, Stacey August, Trish Beaman, Wendy Searle and Meg Lowe for producing the Bark Art exhibition and to Tricia Rawlings for the launch catering.
- ◇ 36 members attended our Annual Lunch at the Sawyers Valley Tavern, including Scott Buckland, Florence Watson and Gerard van Didden. The food was yummy.

