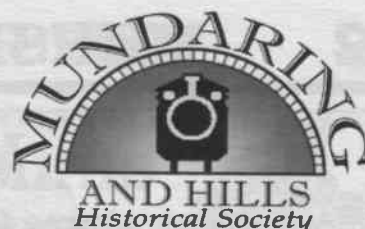


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# MHHS NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 2007

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Since our autumn newsletter, the business of the Society has been trundling along as usual with the efficient running of the office, by Trish Beaman and the Museum, by Ruth McCole. Ruth has settled in well as our new Curator and she has also made wonderful progress on cleaning and organising the various documents and objects that have been given to the Society over the years. We welcome new volunteers, Judith Hardacre, Caroline Ingram and Joan Piesse. Judith and Joan assist the Monday Morning Ladies (Val Martin and Mary Anthony) with their various tasks, and Caroline, who is currently completing Museum Studies at university, is helping Ruth in curatorial tasks.

Our preparations for the Affiliated Societies **State History Conference** are well underway and in their final stages. You will find a copy of the Conference programme in this newsletter (*see centre pages*) and we urge all members to come along and attend either the Conference or the Conference dinner. Volunteers will also be needed to help out at the Conference.

**Trek the Trail** is on Sunday August 19th from Chidlow to Sawyer's Valley Oval. As in other years, the Society is heavily involved in this event, together with the Mundaring Tourism Association and the Mundaring Arts Centre amongst others. (*see page 3 & insert*)

Our move into **Mundaring Station Master's House** has unfortunately been delayed once again. The Shire recently advertised the refurbishment works but no tenders were received. At this stage we are victims of the State's building boom which makes this job seem comparatively small so the Shire has decided to wait until January next year before re-advertising the work. As we have now been waiting many years for this move, it has been decided that we can no longer put off upgrading our filing system and so we will make a start on determining the best way to review this system, starting with the reorganisation of our library.

The Society now has a **website** ([www.mhhs.org.au](http://www.mhhs.org.au)), thanks to the efforts of committee member Scott Buckland. Scott also designed, and maintains the website and continually adds information to the site. This is an important move forward for the Society and I urge all of you who are computer literate to check the site out and see the wonderful work that Scott has done for us. (*see page 3*)

Our **AGM**, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm will be held at Craigie House. The AGM will be held first, followed by a short general meeting.



Maureen Tie will give a brief talk on the history of Craigie House and Mundaring Sharing. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Fiona Bush**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday August 19th**

Trek the Trail (*see page 3*)

**Saturday August 25th at 3pm**

Annual General Meeting (*see page 3*)  
Craigie House - 3 Craigie Pl, Mundaring

**September 7th - 9th**

State History Conference in Mundaring

**No September Meeting**

**Saturday October 20th at 2pm**

Visit to Azelia Ley Homestead -  
Cockburn Historical Society Museum

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**MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE**

Fees (inc. GST):

- Senior/pensioner \$12 (Couple \$18)
- Single \$22 (Couple \$28)
- Company/Institution \$30

Return to Treasurer

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**Thank You For Your Support**

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## MUSEUM MATTERS CURATOR: RUTH MCCOLE



'King Jarrah' by Paul Beck

**Anzac Day Display** – A British War Medal awarded to local soldier Corporal W. H. Rickard (a plaque on the Bishop's Chair on display at the Museum commemorates him) was loaned from the Fremantle Army Museum as part of the Anzac Day display. Also a photo display titled 'Gallipoli – Birthplace of the ANZACS' was loaned from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The display was very well attended by visitors, both on Anzac Day and during the month of April. A local collector of military memorabilia has offered to loan us some of his objects for future displays.

**Gosnells Historical Society Visit** - On 31st May 2007 approximately 30 members of the Gosnells Historical Society attended the Museum as part of their excursion to the

Mundaring Weir area. After giving visitors time to look around the displays, we screened the black and white silent film "A Steam Train trip to Mundaring Weir 1926" from our DVD collection. A delicious afternoon tea prepared by Judith Hardacre was then served outside with the help of Scott Buckland and Val Martin, so thank you to those people for assisting on the day and also to the Mundaring 'School For Seniors' for the loan of their data projector.



**Current Exhibition** - The new exhibition for the State History Conference titled 'Up the Hill, Down the Line' has now been installed. It features information, photos and objects about the Wooroloo Sanatorium, Blackboy Hill Training Camp, Eastern Railway, Mundaring School Centenary and local Tourism sites. Thank you to John

Tuppen and Chris French for helping shift large objects and panels into place and to Briony and Ron Waterhouse for storing and cleaning the Wooroloo hospital bed.

### 10th Anniversary of the Mundaring District Museum -

Work is progressing and amongst other exhibits we hope to produce a multi-media display on the history of the Museum.

### UPCOMING EVENTS @ THE MUSEUM

**Sat 8th September** – Launch of 'Up the Hill, Down the Line' State History Conference Exhibition.

**Sat 27th October** – 10th Anniversary of the Opening of the Old School building and Museum.

**Sun 4th November** – Mundaring School Centenary re-union at the Museum 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

### RECENT DONATIONS

- Upper Quadrant Automatic Signal ladder & platform c1926 donated by Greg Hedley.
- WAGR and Westrail crockery donated by David Hallett – on display in the Museum.
- Family photos and copies of Certificates from the Masonic Lodge Mundaring donated by David Lundie.
- Lion's Club Past Presidents Honour Board 1989 – 2006, donated by Doug Lapham.
- Three bed sheets, one that is patched (for Sanatorium bed) donated by Mary Richmond.
- WAGR 'Z' padlock donated by Jamie McKain – now on display in the Museum.
- Woollen blanket with leather straps for carry handle donated by Val Martin.
- 'C of A' post office boxes from Mt. Helena P.O. donated by Jeff Webster.
- Photo of Water Supply houses at Mundaring Weir 1930s donated by unknown.
- Marcel quilt from the 1920s (for Sanatorium bed) donated by Maureen Tie.
- Photo of Anzac Day march in Wooroloo c1956 donated by Michael Salapak.

## TREK THE TRAIL - SUNDAY AUGUST 19TH



Things are going well for Trek the Trail, the Shire have been able to get extra sponsorship from Watercorp, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Swan River Trust and Bendigo Bank. The passport is in the final stages of design and production will be underway soon. Once again there will be prizes given after finishing the 'trek' and filling in the passport

The Historical Society is again involved in producing the display panels along the trail and we have mapped the area with a GPS and marked where the panels will be placed. We will be providing old-fashioned games and activities at the end of the 'trek' on Sawyers Valley oval. Anybody who can help on the day 19th August, please contact Trish at the office on 92988944. If you are available for 2 hours on the day we would greatly appreciate it. Nothing too strenuous, it is basically just supervising the activities, including coits, jumping jacks, knucklebones etc.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**3pm August 25th 2007**

*\*please note the change of date\**

**AGM to be held at *Craigie House*.**  
**3 Craigie Place (off Phillips Rd)**  
**Mundaring.**

This will be followed by a delicious afternoon tea and a brief historical talk on *Craigie House*.

Craigie House was built in 1916 for Ted Jacoby brother to Fred and Mathieson (see back page) and has at various times been a residence, guest house and nursing home.

Since 1988 Craigie House has been home to Mundaring Sharing Adult Learning Centre.

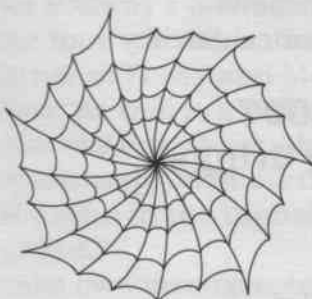
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## WELCOME TO THE 21ST CENTURY OUR NEW WEBSITE - [www.mhhs.org.au](http://www.mhhs.org.au)

The MHHS has a website up and running. It is 'live' right now as you read this. The aim of the website is to give the community greater access to our records and to keep them up to date with our activities. For our members it means you will be more fully informed about your Society.

Our goal is to grow the website into the pre eminent history resource for the Shire of Mundaring. Eventually most of our collection (scanned documents, images and photo's of items) will be online and fully accessible - no more dark and dusty cupboards.

Currently on the website you will find a wealth of information such as coming events, membership forms, a copy of our constitution and a comprehensive links page. Back issues of all our newsletters are currently being scanned and will be available for download. The whole website is searchable, this means as more information and documents are added to the site it will become increasingly more useful as a history resource. Featured images from our collection are shown on the home page and are changed regularly.



The upcoming State History Conference has provided an ideal opportunity for our website to be used as an information point for the Conference with the full programme, registration form, maps and other links online.

So log onto [www.mhhs.org.au](http://www.mhhs.org.au) and try it out!

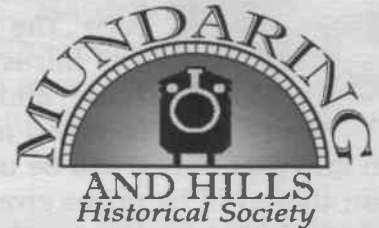


**"HILLS' HISTORY: MUNDARING"**

The Royal Western Australian Historical Society (inc.)  
 2007 State History Conference of Affiliated Societies  
 Proudly hosted by Mundaring and Hills Historical Society

**Civic Reception, Friday 7th September 2007**

**Venue: 'The Hub' - 8 Craig St, Mundaring**



TIME	EVENT
5.45 pm	Early Registration
6- 7.30 pm	Civic Reception
6.00 - 6.20pm	Official Welcome by President of the Shire of Mundaring Cr John Beaton
7.30 pm	Close of Civic Reception

**Conference, Saturday 8 September 2007**

**Venue: 'The Hub' - 8 Craig St, Mundaring (\$25 registration includes morning tea and lunch)**

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER
<b>8 - 8.45am</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
9 - 9.05am	Welcome address	Prof Reg Appleyard, President RWAHS
9.05 - 9.10	Welcome to Country	Noel Nannup
9.10 - 9.15am	Official Opening	Mundaring Shire President John Beaton
9.15 - 9.20	Roll Call & Remembrances	Mervyn Reger
9.20 - 9.25	Speaker set up	
9.25 - 9.55am	Archaeology of early settlement	Dr Shane Burke
9.55 - 10.05am	Question Time	
<b>10.05 - 10.40am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
10.40 - 10.50am	Chair's Report	Ms Lennie McCall
10.50 - 11.15am	Conference Business	RWAHS
11.15 - 11.20am	Speaker set up	
11.20 - 11.50am	Wooroloo Sanatorium	Dr Criena Fitzgerald
11.50am - 12pm	Question time	
<b>12 - 1pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	Optional tour of Mundaring District Museum
1 - 1.40pm	Conference Business	RWAHS
1.40 - 1.45pm	Speaker set up	
1.45 - 2.15pm	Blackboy Hill A.I.F. Training Camp:	Mr Paul Bridges
2.15 - 2.25pm	Question Time	
2.25 - 2.40pm	Report of Federation of Australian Historical Societies:	Dr Helen Henderson
2.40 - 2.50pm	2008 Host Society Presentation	Katanning
2.50 - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.40 - 4.10pm	Geographical Names	Mr Brian Goodchild
4.10 - 4.20pm	Question Time	
<b>4.20 - 4.30pm</b>	<b>Close</b>	Fiona Bush, President Mundaring & Hills Historical Society

**Conference Dinner, Saturday 8 September 2007**

**Venue: Mahogany Inn (\$43.50 not including drinks)**

TIME	EVENT
6.30 - 6.50pm	Pre Dinner Drinks
7pm sit down	Conference Dinner with a history quiz hosted by Bill Cutler

## Optional Sunday CONFERENCE TOURS: Sunday 9 September 2007

TIME	EVENT / LOCATION
900 – 10.10am	Morning Tour No 1 & No 2 Pump Stations
10.30 – 10.50am	Farewell Morning Tea (\$5) No 1 Pump Station
10.50 – 11.00am	Farewell & Thanks Fiona Bush, President MHHS
11.30am start	Late Morning Tours Various

### Morning tours:

#### (1) No 1 Pump Station - Free

Commences: 8.30am at the No. 1 Pump Station  
Ends: 10.00 am

Tour the No 1 Pump Station which has been conserved by the National Trust of Australia (WA) and holds original boilers, steam engine and display on the lives of those who worked on the pipeline. A walk around the Weir can complete the tour. Followed by Morning Tea at the No 1 Pump Station.

#### (2) No 2 Pump Station - Free

Commences 8.30am at the No. 2 Pump Station  
Car Park  
Ends 10.00 am

Tour the site of the No 2 Pump Station and the adjacent house sites where the engineers and greasers once lived. Follow this tour with morning tea down at the No 1 Pump Station. Followed by Morning Tea at the No 1 Pump Station Site

### Late Morning Tours

#### (1) Swan View Tunnel - Free

Commences: 11.30 am in Pechy and Morrison  
Roads Car Park  
Ends: approximately 1.00pm

Take a tour of Western Australia's only railway tunnel constructed in 1895 as part of the Eastern Railway's Mahogany Creek Deviation. The tour will depart from the car park near the corner of Pechy and Morrison roads, Swan View. As this is a walking tour please wear sensible walking shoes, the total distance is approximately 3 km over flat terrain, a torch can be useful in the tunnel. Car-pooling can be arranged.

Make own arrangements for lunch

#### (2) Tour of Wooroloo Township

##### & Cemetery - Cost: \$15

Commences: 11.30am in No 1 Pump Station  
Car Park

Ends: approximately 3.00pm

Take a bus tour to the township of Wooroloo, on the outskirts of the Shire of Mundaring with tour guide Ruth McCole. The tour will travel through the township of Chidlow before arriving for a walk around Wooroloo together with a tour of the Wooroloo Cemetery. Lunch at The Lakes Road House, which is next to the ruins of the Traveller's Rest Inn. This once served travellers on the road to York between the 1860s and 1930s. Lunch will be at your own expense.

#### (3) Winery Tour (by Hills Heritage Tours & Charters) - Cost: \$66 (inc. lunch)

Commences: 11.30am in No 1 Pump Station  
Car Park

Ends: 4.15pm at No 1 Pump Station.

Take a tour of Hainault, Myattsfeld and Fairbrossen wineries with Karen Gilmore. This tour will include lunch at Hainault Winery and Afternoon Tea at Fairbrossen.

Minimum of 12 persons.

### REGISTRATION

To register for the conference please contact the Mundaring & Hills Historical Society on 9298 8944 or email [mhhs@iinet.net.au](mailto:mhhs@iinet.net.au)

A Registration Form and full Conference details are available on our Website:

[www.mhhs.org.au](http://www.mhhs.org.au)

### ACCOMMODATION

Bookings for accommodation, or information about accommodation can be made by contacting the Mundaring Tourism Association Inc.

PO Box 413 MUNDARING 6073,

Phone: 9295 0202 or Fax: 9295 0306 Email: [info@mundaringtourism.com.au](mailto:info@mundaringtourism.com.au)

Website: [www.mundaringtourism.com.au](http://www.mundaringtourism.com.au)



## JANE BYFIELD RESERVE UPDATE

On 21<sup>st</sup> April, ten members visited Jane Byfield Reserve to discover the extent of the Reserve, problems associated with the long-term neglect and to view our new sign! For the moment the sign only displays the name of the Reserve, but we have given the Shire a copy of our logo which will then be attached to the sign. We were accompanied on our visit by Gemma French, the Shire's new Bushland Co-ordinator. Maureen Tie gave us a brief presentation on the history of the Reserve and, together with Gemma we walked around the site to see the extent of the weed infestation and the areas which we hoped to close off to prevent vehicular access. Following our trip round the Reserve, we adjourned to the Mahogany Inn for afternoon tea.

Gemma also assisted us in the preparation of a grant application to the Swan Alcoa Landcare Programme. If we're successful, the grant will pay for poisoning and slashing of weeds along the verges together with an allocation of plants to assist with the re-vegetation of the Reserve.

We were given an allocation of plants by the Shire and on a somewhat damp Saturday in June, five members (and one co-opted husband), spent the morning planting out over 500 plants. We're doing our bit to save the planet!

(l-r) Scott Buckland, Daphne Byrne, Ruth McCole, Chris French, Fiona Bush, Gemma French (Shire), Alf & Janet Entwistle, Maureen Tie & Jane Bullock at Jane Byfield Reserve.



## "MUNDARING VINEYARD" FIELD TRIP

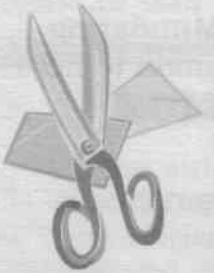
For the month of June, Fiona Jordan kindly showed members around her property, the historic Mundaring Vineyard on Mundaring Weir Rd (*see back page*). Ms Jordan had originally requested information about a timber cottage on her property which was thought to have been used by John Forrest (*Later WA Premier*) as his hunting lodge. However, the small, weatherboard cottage displayed stylistic characteristics which indicated that the cottage had been constructed sometime during the early years of the twentieth century - after Forrest's time in Mundaring.



A cottage at the property originally thought to have been John Forrest's Hunting Lodge - evidence suggests otherwise.

Ms Jordan also took us to see a Lord Nelson apple tree, the oldest remaining fruit tree on the orchard which was planted sometime around the turn of the century. Local legend relates that two very old apple trees on the property were purportedly planted by John Forrest. The orchard still produces pears and apples and the "Lightening" fruit grader, a display item at Kalamunda History Village, is still used on the orchard to grade the fruit, although it is now driven by an electric engine rather than a steam engine.

**SNIPPETS**



New volunteer Joan Piesse is compiling information we have on the **Mundaring Infant Health building** which is 50 years old this year. Joan is a retired librarian so her skills will be of great benefit to the Society.

Lotterywest has approved a \$15,000 grant for a history to be compiled of all the **Fire Brigades in the Shire**.

The **Affiliated Society's Committee** came up for a visit and looked at the venue for the State History Conference after having lunch at Murphy's who will be catering for the event.

A letter has also been sent to the Shire stating our intention to renew the lease for the **Mundaring District Museum**.

Fiona Bush has finished a heritage assessment of the **Chidlow Hall**, which has been sent to the National Trust for their classification approval.

We have decided to part with our **Red Telephone Box** currently being stored in the hallway of the Old School building. In the first instance we intend to offer it for sale to another historical society who can make better use of it.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR VAL MARTIN**

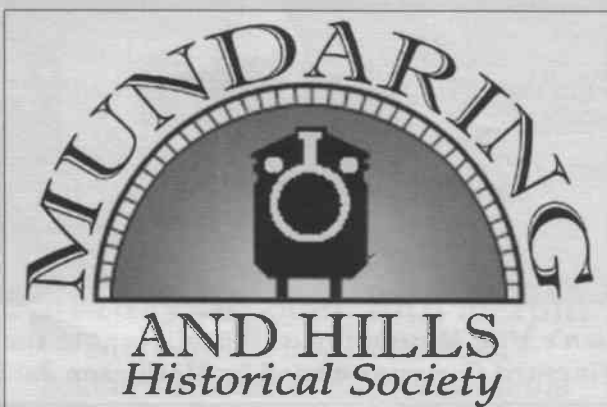


In April MHHS President Fiona Bush presented member Val Martin (*right*) with her Life Membership to the Mundaring and Hills Historical Society. With us since the beginning in 1989, Val continues to be a dedicated member of the Society. Val also spent several years as our Secretary. Congratulations Val.

**NEW SOCIETY LOGO**

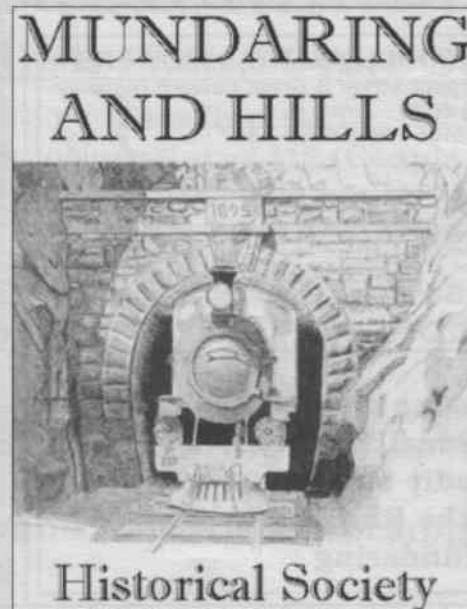
In an effort to make our Society logo more realistic and representative of the Hills we are seeking to update our logo. The new logo will improve on our current logo, importantly being visually clearer with a more true to life train emerging from the iconic Swan View Tunnel.

**Our current logo**



Members are encouraged to assess the proposed logo so that it can be discussed at the August AGM.

**Draft of a proposed logo**



# MHHS NEWSLETTER WINTER 2007

## WHAT'S IN A NAME: MUNDARING

Many readers will be interested to know that the original pronunciation of Mundaring was Mundaring, with the emphasis on the first syllable. Today it is more common to here Mundaring pronounced as Mundairing with a more elongated second syllable. Here is a brief history of the origin of Mundaring and its name ...

Permanent settlement in Mundaring began in 1882-84 when Mr Peter Gugeri established a vineyard south of the Eastern Railway.

The first railway siding at Mundaring was named after Gugeri and for some years the area was generally known as "Gugeri's".

A later settler, Mathieson H Jacoby, took over Gugeri's vineyards in 1893.

Around that time there was an Aboriginal camp in the hills between the vineyard and Sawyers Valley. Jacoby enquired after the Aboriginal name for the area

It was known to the local Aboriginals as 'Mundaring' and pronounced 'Mundahring' (with an emphasis on the first syllable). For simplification Jacoby named his property the 'Mundaring Vineyard Company'. (see field trip page 6)

### CAMPBELL'S LITTLE LOADS

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The Aboriginal meaning for Mundaring given to Jacoby was "a high place on a high place". (The location was in the vicinity of the apex of the Darling Range about that area).

In 1894 Gugeri's Siding was renamed Mundaring.

The Mundaring Townsite was declared on the 20th May 1898.

Common usage through the years has slowly converted the pronunciation to Mundairing.

Sources:

- Metropolitan suburb names [www.landgate.wa.gov.au](http://www.landgate.wa.gov.au),
- 'Mundaring A History of the Shire (Ian Elliot)
- MHHS Newsletter October 1989



Shepherdson's Mill, Mundaring c.1895 adjacent to the Mundaring Vineyard Company owned by Mathieson Jacoby