



Walpole Nornalup and District Historical Society Inc.
AGM
Sunday 22nd November 2020 2 pm
Walpole Community Centre - Supper Room

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome everyone

Our last AGM was held on Sunday 28th April 2019.

Due to Covid 19 Pandemic the 2020 AGM scheduled for 19th April was postponed. General Committee Meetings, March April, May were cancelled due to Covid 19 Pandemic Lockdown.

Taking into consideration the Constitution of Walpole Nornalup and District Historical Society Inc. was under review, the committee rescheduled the Special General Meeting and AGM for 22nd November 2020.

With thanks to Colin Story; these meetings deliberately coincide with the final day of his history exhibition 'Between the Trees' displaying European settlement of Walpole and surrounding districts.

The Historical Society would like to congratulate Colin on this successful event featuring recorded digital local interviews, it has created much interest not only within the community, many people, including some descendants of early settlers have also travelled from other towns to experience the memories of local history.

Year 2020 –

Nornalup Celebrates 110 Years – 1910 – 2020. Pierre Bellanger, Pioneer of Nornalup – 1910.
Walpole Celebrates 90 Years – 1930 – 2020. Walpole Land Settlement Scheme 1930.

2019/2020 has been a successful year for the Society.

WNDHS Constitution Review – Harold Luxton has reviewed the WNDHS Constitution.
Thank you Harold.

Version 1. December 1992, Version 2. April 2016, Version 3. November 2020.

Lotterywest Grants – Shire of Manjimup advised the availability of Lotterywest Grants should we have experienced financial hardship in relation to Covid 19, i.e. cancelled events etc.

Items of historic interest continue to be donated to the Society; almost thirty items have been received over recent months, including a donation of seven framed photographs of Walpole's early history, which were on display at Golden Wattle Café and Bakery, donated by Peter and Linh Nguyen.

Also a framed map of Nornalup (Town Planning Scheme Town Plan of Nornalup Site 'C') 1929 (Walpole). Originally hung in Nockolds Walpole Pioneer Store. Donated by current owners James and Neill Griffiths.

All items received are recorded and included in the Society Collections.

Horses Honour Roll Poster – Pioneer Park – Original poster was faded and replaced. A smaller version of the poster has been printed and framed, and currently hangs in the Homestead which can be used for general display. This poster was framed at no cost to the Society by Hilary Mayger, a letter of thanks was sent to Hilary.

Walpole Markets, Society had stalls Easter Sunday 21st April 2019 and Thank A Volunteer / Blessing of the Fleet Saturday 30th November 2019. A Certificate of Registration of Food Handling required by Shire of Manjimup was obtained. Both Markets were a success for the Society.

Walpolian Newsletter, the Newsletter is printed four times a year, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring, at member's choice it is either emailed or posted to them. Copies are sent to Denmark Historical Society, Royal Western Australian Historical Society in Perth and the State Library of Western Australia in Perth. Extra copies are printed and distributed to selected businesses for the purpose of community and visitor interest.

'Mandalay' Framed picture in Homestead – Agreed plaque to read – The Iron Barque *'Mandalay'* of Farsund Norway, Donated in 2015 by Arne Kolbjornsen USA. (Framed by Denmark Picture Framing & Gifts, plaque and engraving at no cost to Society)

Walpole Weekly Community Newspaper – Society had a quantity of back issues of the Walpole Weekly. Helen Gallash went through them all to extract articles of significant historical interest, filed in a monthly order for use in a future Timeline. Thank you Helen.

Homestead Inventory – A requirement by CRC, an updated Inventory of Homestead contents was forwarded to Cherie Smith CRC 14th November 2019 and 19th August 2020.

WNDHS Insurance Requirement – Certificate of Insurance with Rainbow Coast Insurance Brokers P/L Albany renewal 23/06/2020

Library Displays – Library displays are ongoing; Society arranges displays of local historical interest for our community to enjoy.

Walpole Community Resource Centre – Coffee Table Book – Historical Society Secretary Jennifer Willcox, Curator of Photographs Don Burton and President Elizabeth Shaw reviewed the book for a final time. An arranged meeting and final review of the Coffee Table Book was held at CRC 29th July 2020. Cherie Smith CRC offered ¼ year free rent on Homestead as thank you for Historical Society assistance. Written confirmation as to the commission to the Historical Society has been received. It is our understanding the long awaited CRC Coffee Table Book may be on sale at CRC before Christmas 2020.

Walpole Cemetery Records are up to date and can be viewed on the Historical Society website wndhs.org.au

Easels – A decision was made by committee to ask Walpole Menshed to manufacture 2 x A-frame, 2 sided easels for indoor and outdoor use. Easels are now complete and handed to the Society by Peter Newton, Walpole Menshed in October 2020

Fuel Bowser – Originally from Don Burton's farm, and was on permanent loan to Ian Pumphrey in 2013, displayed alongside Ian's collection of old tractors. Ian has sold his farm and the bowser has been returned to the Historical Society, a decision has been made by committee to restore the bowser for future display.

New Website – WNDHS has a new website - wndhs.org.au

The Society's first website was set up and launched by Mat Wrigley in 2012. The purpose was to share photographs and historical documents from the Society's collection. It contained 171 photos and 47 documents or audio files. The Society decided to build a new framework using more modern application. The new website was launched by its creator, Curator of IT/Media Harold Luxton at the Walpole Markets held with Thank A Volunteer / Blessing of the (Emergency Services) Fleet on 30 Nov 2019. Thank you Harold.

Recent Stories on website include -

‘A job for a King’ by Roger Underwood

Tales from the Quarterdeck – ‘Between a Rock and a Hard Place’ by Chris Ison

Fundraising – Once again our sincere thanks go to Helen and Ian Gallash who generously provide popular homemade Jams, Pickles and Chutneys which are on sale at Walpole Community Resource Centre.

Our thanks go to Walpole CRC for their assistance with sales.

Book Sales – ‘85 Years in the Making’, ‘Rest Point Remembered’, ‘The Trees You Could Drive Your Car Into’ and ‘BTH Country Cooking’

We are working on bringing back ‘Battling the Karri’, ‘Elsie's Creek & Beyond’ and ‘Champagne and Tingle Trees’.

Also titles going to book format include 'Tracks in the Sand', 'Beyond the West River', and 'A Story of Early Nornalup'

Displays to Power Point are ongoing.

Enquires from Descendants of Early Settlers – Donna Kirk descendant of Leslie Arthur Chatley farmer and businessman 1930's requesting family history. Jeanie Coomber descendant Elsie Wilkinson first teacher Hazelvale School 1927 requesting family history. Society forwarded information as requested.

Charlie Galos son of displaced person Jan Galos – Jan Galos was a displaced person from Poland, he and family arrived in Fremantle in 1949 and was employed at Bow River Sawmill in 1952. Carlie Galos is writing his family history and requested a viewing of the Bow Bridge Sawmill site; this was arranged by Molly Smith, Curator of Photographs Don Burton and President Elizabeth Shaw were invited to meet Charlie and his wife Nola at the site. This was an emotional time for Charlie and he was most grateful for the experience. When Charlie has completed writing his family history he will forward a copy to the Historical Society.

Resignations – Helen Gallash Curator of History and Alison Kenworthy Committee Member have resigned, our grateful thanks go to them for their contribution to the Society.

Lee Hunter - With sadness the Society farewells Life Member and friend Lee Hunter, Lee passed way in August 2020. A valued member who contributed so much to the Society over many years. She will be remembered.

As I mentioned at the beginning of my report it has been a successful year for the Society and I would like to thank our valued Members for their ongoing support.

My sincere thanks go to our Committee for their commitment, time and good work over the year.

Thank you

Elizabeth Shaw

President

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