

The Sea Lion



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SOCIETY NEWS



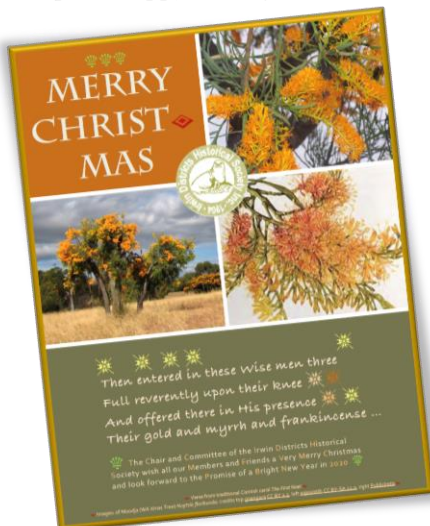
Annual General Meeting 6 September 2019

The Society's Annual General Meeting was well attended, with over 22 members and 4 visitors attending, and 12 apologies and 2 proxies. The Day Room was almost bursting!



From the Editor *Bruce Baskerville*

The eagle-eyed among you will see that this issue follows the Autumn issue, without any Winter intervention. That issue (No 4) was taken by the Special Issue on Denison Hall. Now, we're almost back with the season and our Summer issue will follow early in the new year. This number includes reports from the AGM, several essays (the first in our series on famous women of Irwin), and the usual 'where is this' quiz. Happy reading over the holidays.



The annual reports clearly showed a very busy year over 2018-19, and were presented in a 'high tech' address projected on to the old stone walls by Chair Graham Grundy. Graham reported against each of the five goals in the new strategic plan. Highlights included the purchase of a new computer, upgrading the website system to WordPress, and changing to the NBN, the re-digitisation of our photograph collection and re-housing in archival boxes, our 35th successful Easter Markets, re-starting the newsletter (the Sea Lion), the restoration of the Midland railway trolleys, the continuing operation of two museums, and the commencement of a campaign to save Denison Fishermen's Hall. Graham especially thanked all the members and volunteers, and concluded by looking "forward optimistically to achieving our five year goals for a positive contribution to the Irwin District."

The elections returned Graham Grundy as chair, Bob Cail as deputy chair, Trish Parker as treasurer, and Bruce Baskerville as secretary, with Julie Nunn, Nan Broad, John Rossiter, Shirley Scotter and Joy Heitman elected as general committee members. This added 3 new members to join all the old members on the committee, with 1 casual vacancy remaining



that the Committee is keen to fill. Graham Grundy was re-elected as webmaster.

Members were very pleased to have Mr John Fitzhardinge accept their invitation to be patron. The nomination was extended from the floor, and confirmed with acclaim.



The Day Room on a quieter day with the Irwin section of the 'Convict Tracks of the Victoria District' exhibition.

The general business of the meeting focused on a discussion of the Denison Hall and Museum of Fishing and the Sea issue.



Casual Vacancy filled: Welcome Jean Amos

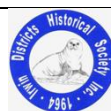
The Committee appointed, at its first online meeting on 21 September, Jean Amos of Port Denison to the casual vacancy of general committee member. We now have the full complement of 10 committee members.



Sundowner A Pleasant Evening

Following the end of the AGM, the tables were laden with food and drink and members and friends who had come along enjoyed a pleasant couple of hours. The formal event of the evening was the launch of the new website (see below). Yolanda Cool, facilitator of the Heritage Skills Project, also joined the evening, and a number of interesting conversations ensued.

Thanks to all members and friends who came along and contributed to an enjoyable evening, and to those who organised everything and contributed to the fare.



Launch of new website

The new website was launched at the post-AGM sundowner by Shire Councillor Isabelle Scott.



Screenshot of the new homepage, which features a changing collage of historic images so as to present a difference appearance every time it is visited.

When the first version of the site went live in 1996 it was one of the first websites created by a historical society in WA. At that time, long ago before 'off the shelf' websites became available, Graham coded and built the site from scratch. The earliest version archived by the National Library's Pandora Website Archive is dated 15 April 2003. The site has been extensively updated and refreshed over time, with the most recent, and momentous change, being the transfer of the whole site to a Wordpress platform.

Graham gave a live demonstration of the enhanced capacity of the new site, using the example of local and regional convict history and heritage to display the depth and breadth of the new site and its possibilities.

Members are encouraged to go online and play with new website – and not just once! The content is continually being added to and updated.

Bookmark it! www.irwinhistory.org.au





Heritage Skills Tour

Bruce Baskerville

The Saturday morning after the AGM and Sundowner began with a thought-provoking discussion between the Society, Yolanda Cool of the Heritage Skills Project and the Dongara CRC on the opportunities for linking heritage trade skills training, accreditation, and on-site training.

Following the meeting, three loaded cars left the Museum on a tour around Dongara and Yardarino looking at a varied range of sites that might be suitable for, and interested in, hosting a training scheme. This is a state-wide project with a focus on country towns currently being developed, and could offer opportunities for ongoing conservation work on historic structures and maintaining the traditional skills needed for such work.

Following the tour that was a discussion over lunch on the Museum verandah. After lunch, a number of further potential sites in Port Denison were also viewed before Ms Cool's departure. This is a project with great promise for real outcomes that will build upon and enhance the bountiful heritage resources of the Irwin shire.

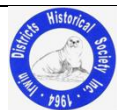
The committee has met five times since the AGM, twice online, with some of the main items and decisions set out below.

The 10 October meeting, in the midst of the Hall demolition, was pleased to note, and expresses its thanks through this column for, two anonymous donations totalling \$5,000.

The 12 November meeting appointed Trish Parker and Julie Nunn as *pro-tem* curator and market day co-ordinator, discussed ideas for replacing the Great War exhibition, reported on the Old Irwin School busy bee and thanked all who helped-out, agreed to stock Ann Jefferys new book, *Rascals, Rogues and the Reformed* (a history of convicts in the Irwin districts), reported on the work being undertaken at The Grange, especially on the Shepherd's Cottage, and expressed opposition to the closure of UWA Publishing, which has been the major publisher of local history in WA. The meeting was followed by a members' meeting at which the main topic was the proposed fishing history and heritage workshop to follow the AMAGA Mid-West Chapter in Port Denison on 2 May 2020.

An online meeting was held on 29 November to formally approve the submission of a development application for the trolley shelter.

The meeting of 13 December agreed to look at a strategy to engage corporate memberships and sponsorships, discussed upgraded disability access to the museum, extended the museum roster to include afternoons during January as a trial, continued the Great War exhibition discussion by looking at a post-war soldier settlement theme, and agreed to clean up the old earth closet toilet at the back of the police station yard for public viewing and interpretation of a pre-septic, pre-sewage toilet.



Welcome to new members

The committee extends a warm welcome to our newest members, and looks forward to seeing them at future events and activities.

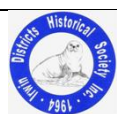
- **Margaret Jones** of Utakarra
- **Margaret Dawson** of Dongara
- **Gaylea McGlue** of Dongara
- **Sandie Craig** of Dongara
- **Alan and Joy Heitman** of Port Denison
- **John and Beth Fitzhardinge** of Port Denison
- **Andrew Ackroyd** of Bookara
- **Greg and Linda Cole** of Bonniefield



New Members Meeting format in 2020

Bruce Baskerville

A new approach in 2020 to the monthly meeting will be trialled from February. The usual committee meeting will take place, followed by morning tea, and then a members' meeting at which we will endeavour to have a guest speaker or presenter on some aspect of our local history and heritage.



1st to 5th Committee Meetings

Bruce Baskerville

AGM Sundowner, Website Launch & Heritage Skills Tour 2019



Old Police Station * Russ Cottage * Denison House (Old Monastery) *
Yardarino School * The Grange * Obelisk * Denison Hall * Convict Paved Road



Renewal of subscriptions for 2019-2020

Membership subscriptions were due by the end of September 2019.

The constitution sets a final closing date of 30 September (3 months from 30 June) for the payment of renewals, but the committee has discretion to continue accepting renewals.

This discretion was exercised up till the December meeting. Members who had not renewed by that date were removed from the membership register, but are welcome to reapply as a new member. It is pleasing to note that most Ordinary members have renewed, and new membership applications continue to be received. Our annual subs are very low, but are an important source of income and in demonstrating a commitment to the Society and its objectives.

IDHS ESTATE & COLLECTIONS



Midland Railway trolleys shelter application submitted

One of the goals set out in our strategic plan for 2019-2024 is “Being Good Stewards”, with one of the high priority projects being the restoration and care of the Midland Railway Co trolleys in our collections.

The three trolleys were cleaned and repainted by Bob Cail, Don Barrett and Lindsay Baskerville, and the railway station signal was removed from the back of Russ Cottage for restoration work. Trish Parker has identified the artefacts and images in our collections relating to the Midland Railway Company.

The trolleys currently housed on the west verandah of Russ Cottage are to be relocated, along with another trolley in the Old Police Station yard and several other items relating to the railway, to a specially-built shelter on the south side of the OPS yard between the existing Illyarrie and Peppercorn trees. Bruce Sherwood of Eastman Poletti Sherwood architects has prepared a design for a simple

steel framed and roofed shelter to be built for the collection, which will enable us to tell the stories of the railway, its workings and its fettlers and passengers, and the huge impacts it had in shaping today’s Irwin shire. The development application has been submitted to the Shire, and we look forward to proceeding with the work in 2020.

FEATURE ARTICLES



The Late Denison Hall *Bruce Baskerville*

See the next issue of *The Sea Lion* for a summary of events since the demolition.

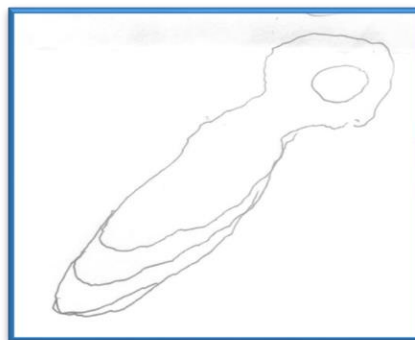


Grey’s Cairn at Yadarino: its origins *Bruce Baskerville*

Following the article on Grey’s Cairn in the Autumn 2019 issue of *The Sea Lion*, member Dick Vincent wrote with his memories of the origin of the stone.

Dick and his wife Claire found the stone in 1967 on the eastern side of what was then called the Cliff Head Road (now Brand Highway) in the vicinity of Major’s Shed (between Pye and Mt Adams roads). Dick recalls the stone being over three metres in length, which means a considerable amount of the cairn is now below ground level.

The Shire, at the Society’s request, agreed to move the stone, under the supervision of Vick Ferris, to its current location, which was selected at a meeting of all concerned on the site. Many thanks to Dick for his memories, and the sketch below of the cairn has he remembers it at the time of its finding.



FAMOUS IRWINISH WOMEN - THE FIRST OF A SERIES -



KATE MURIEL CLARKSON 1889-1984

Graham Grundy

Extracted from the book 'A History of Cypress Holme' by Graham Grundy, which is available from the IDHS bookshop.

Kate came to Dongara as a teaching assistant from Wagin. She was the daughter of Alexander Moir Doig and Maria Elizabeth



Foster and Kate Clarkson, 1915

nee Brans and was born on 12 May 1889, in Beltana, South Australia. She married Edward Foster Clarkson on 15 September 1915, in Wagin, Western Australia¹. They had two children during their marriage.

Within a few months after moving into Cypress Holme, Kate had established herself in the Dongara community as secretary of the Red Cross, her mother-in-law Sarah was President. During World War I, Kate conducted Red Cross sewing meetings at Cypress Holme.

RED CROSS NEWS

At the invitation of the secretary (Mrs Foster Clarkson) some fifteen members of the Dongarra branch of the Red Cross Society assembled at "Cypress Holme" for their monthly meeting, which has been transformed from an evening business meeting to a sociable, sewing and cutting afternoon. Dainty afternoon tea was partaken of on the lawn. This over, the cutters, Mrs Sojan Singh, and Miss Craigie, busied themselves with their scissors, whilst other members plied needle and thread, to the best advantage. A letter was read from the General Secretary, urging that if our sick and wounded soldiers' wants are to be adequately met we must maintain the present high standard of work. A query was raised as to whether the Geraldton branch had received the parcel of made up garments sent from here over two months ago, as no acknowledgement has yet been received from them. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent and all present thought the change a great opportunity

Kate and Foster had two children, Florence Margaret born 1 November 1919 and Douglas Edward Clarkson, born 1923.



Florence and Douglas Clarkson c1925

¹ 'Marriages', *Western Mail*, 15 October 1915, p35

Both Foster and Kate were very active in the Dongara Community. Foster was Secretary of the Beach and Sports Committee² and Official Scorer at polo matches³, as well as being an IOOF Lodge member since his induction in 1907⁴. Foster also served on the Irwin Roads Board from 1930 to 1932⁵. Both Foster and Kate were also active members in the Dongara Methodist Church.

Kate Clarkson's community interest started with the Red Cross⁶, but with the formation of the CWA in 1924 in Perth, she joined the Dongara Branch on 30 July 1930 when Mrs. R. W. Clarkson was elected as president⁷. Kate was very active in the CWA, and as President of the Northern Division in 1936⁸ she attended the Perth conference and was widely reported in the press.



1936 CWA State Conference Mrs. Foster Clarkson (president of the northern division) on left.



Kate and Foster Clarkson about 1940

In 1937 Kate visited the Murchison region where she helped form four branches, with this newspaper report detailing her trip.⁹

C.W.A. ACTIVITIES ORGANISING WORK ON THE MURCHISON NORTHERN DIVISION PRESIDENT ON TOUR

Mrs. Foster Clarkson, of Dongarra who is the president of the Northern Division of the Country Women's Association, has been making a tour of the towns on the Murchison recently. At a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting held at Wiluna on Saturday June 12th a branch of the Association was formed, and Cue, Reedy and Big Bell have also joined the movement.

At Cue on Monday, June 14th about twenty ladies gathered at the Methodist Church and heard Mrs. Clarkson outline the aims and history of the movement from its inception in an outback township in Canada, and from which it has grown to a large and flourishing organisation under the name of the Women's Institute. From Canada the idea spread to England, where now every town and village has its Women's Institute. South Africa, New Zealand and finally Australia came under the influence of the movement and in Western Australia, where it has been in existence for sixteen years, there are three thousand members. Many other countries in all parts of the world have linked organisations, which send representatives to a central congress known as the Associated Country Women of the World, and which is held in varying countries once in three years. The last congress was held in Washington and was attended by seven thousand delegates. The two previous gatherings were held in Stockholm and London.

² *Geraldton Guardian*, 2 February 1929

³ *Geraldton Guardian*, 25 January 1930

⁴ *Geraldton Guardian*, 20 August 1907

⁵ IDHS Irwin Roads Board File

⁶ 'DONGARRA NEWS', *Geraldton Guardian*, 23 May 1916

⁷ State Library Archive, PR8984/104

⁸ *West Australian*, 21 August 1936, p 11

⁹ *Geraldton Guardian and Express*, 22 June 1937, p 4



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Referring to the aims of the movement, Mrs. Clarkson said that the organisation was for the purpose of banding together women in far away parts of the country for their mutual benefit, to better conditions for the country women, to bring them opportunities of social intercourse and, most important of all, to promote a wise and kindly spirit in the community.

Mrs. Clarkson described some of the numerous activities of the Association, all of which proved very interesting. At the conclusion of her address a branch was inaugurated and office bearers were appointed. It was also decided to hold meetings on the second Friday in each month. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Clarkson was carried by acclamation and the meeting adjourned for afternoon tea. At Reedy the following day Mrs. Clarkson addressed about thirty ladies at a meeting held at the Mine Boarding House, and a branch was also formed at that centre. After the meeting the office-bearers and visitors were entertained at afternoon tea by Mrs. McLeod. At Big Bell about twenty ladies assembled to listen to Mrs. Clarkson. The organiser of the meeting (Mrs. Pollard) occupied the chair and introduced Mrs. Clarkson, who spoke for about an hour. The meeting then decided to form a branch and officers were elected. The office bearers of the new branches were as follows: — Wiluna.— President, Mrs. Stirton; vice-presidents, Mrs. Maund and Mrs. Paterson; secretary, Mrs. Finch; treasurer, Mrs. Jordan. — Cue. — President, Mrs. N. Millar ; vice presidents, Mrs. A. Herman and Mrs. G. Matheson ; secretary, Mrs. I. K. Haynes; treasurer, Mrs. L. H. Biesiot. — Reedy. — President, Mrs. Graham; vice-presidents, Mrs. C. Beaton, sen. and Mrs. G. Thompson ; secretary.

In 1939 Kate was an Australian representative to the London conference of the Associated Country Women of the World¹⁰. She departed from Fremantle on the steamship *Moreton Bay* in mid-April 1939, the conference opened on 30 May and the British Government gave an official reception on 31 May. A report of the opening day of the conference¹¹ has an interesting aside, possibly the only occasion on which CWA delegates have been given the Nazi salute!

“...a welcome to delegates extended by Lady Denman national chairman of the Women's Institutes of England since their inauguration and a prominent worker in many phases of rural development as it affects women and girls. She is familiar with Australian life as her husband was a former Governor-General of the Commonwealth. A response to Lady Denman's welcome was made in German by Grafyn Margarete Keyserllnek, honorary vice-president of the A.C.W.W., and leader of the country women's movement in Germany for many years. Yesterday's programme concluded with greetings from representatives of each individual country and organisation. many of the speakers wearing national costume. The German 'and Italian representatives, it was noticed, concluded their remarks with the Nazi and Fascist salutes respectively. The A.C.W.W., incidentally, is one of the few, if not the only, international organisation to which German women, under the present regime, are permitted to belong.

Kate's return journey began after the outbreak of World War II in September 1939 during the period of the “phoney war” she was possibly in mortal danger from enemy attack by aircraft or submarine.

¹⁰ ‘Chit Chat’, *Western Mail*, 20 April 1939, p27

¹¹ *West Australian*, 3 July 1939, p 4



In December 1939 the CWA holiday accommodation in Port Denison was opened, at a cost of £557, the land was donated by Mrs. F. B. Mitchell. The social services provided by the Association were extensive. The CWA had a welfare fund, which helped pay for women and children's holidays and medicines as well as a scheme to provide emergency housekeepers when the necessity for such arose in needy home which was provided free of cost, the Auxiliary paying both fares and wages.¹²

DONGARRA HOLIDAY SCHEME.

Inland Families at the Seaside.

FROM Dongarra comes news of another Country Women's Association holiday camp and a further indication of the fine work this organisation under takes on behalf of outback families. Among the holiday-makers entertained were two families from the Wongan line who had not been off their farms for 15 years! This party, with others, numbered 21 in all and they had no sooner returned home than a party from Cue, numbering 23, arrived at the holiday house. A large part of the cooking for both parties was done by the president of the Northern division of the C.W.A. (Mrs. Foster Clarkson), who is organiser of the Dongarra happy holiday scheme, and her daughter, Miss Florence Clarkson. A letter recently received in Perth from Mrs. Clarkson gives one or two side lights on the camp. "One day," she writes, "a man brought in a lamb with the shade temperature 109 all day, and the lamb the same with the kidneys green. I cut it up in bits, sorted it out and put it in the refrigerator, holding post mortems and burials from time to time! Think I'll turn vegetarian! Next we had a boy break his arm-the eldest of 10 children whose father had no money to spare. The beach people rose to the occasion and had community singing at the cottage and a dance, so we raised nearly £7 to cover his expenses. The party left this morning and last night I cut up five loaves of bread for sandwiches for the trip. My daughter rose at 5.0 a.m. and went down on her bike and helped them get away.

By 1941, the Holiday Home was well provided for by Kate and her daughter Florence as the newspaper report below shows:¹³

Kate's birthday cake making skills were second to none and she used the skills frequently. Newspaper reports show Kate was Northern Division President until at least 1946, with a new divisional president listed in 1948.

Foster passed away in 1956, and in 1957 Kate donated a pulpit in memory of him to the Dongara Methodist (now Uniting) Church.

Kate died on 13 January 1984, in Northam, at the age of 94.



The Case of the Vanishing Beach

Bruce Baskerville

Freshwater Point, about 30 kilometres south of Port Denison, was one of the smaller fisher hamlets strung along the coast in the long narrow cleft between the Beekeeper's Reserve and the Ocean. In the lee of its rocky headland and cliff sheltered a community of shacks, a fuel depot for cray boats, a sandy landing place around which revolved the daily comings and goings of the fishing world, a tall navigation beacon on the bluff over the cove, and a long northerly beach with shallow swimming among the seagrass. I knew it as a boy, as it once was.

I recently visited the cove and was saddened to see a very different place. The shoreline has retreated inland, its edge marked by a steep sandy cliff dropping to the beach. The foredune has gone, as have the shacks. Their footpads lie on the edge of the erosion line, gradually falling into the sea to join the ghostly remnants of the tamarisk trees that once shaded them but now lie bleaching in the water. Incongruously, little clumps of purple stocks are scattered among the ruins, remnants of a hamlet once loved now tumbling into the sea. Soon, their sweet scent will also be gone, never to return.

Above the old landing place is now a narrow ledge on which perch caravanners and campers seemingly unaware of the devastation on which they gaze. Abandoned pipes and septic tanks

¹² *Geraldton Guardian and Express*, 16 December 1939, p 3

¹³ *West Australian*, 5 February 1941, p 6



and a whole cool room are obscured in seagrass banks and wattle bushes.

The limestone striations of the headland lie, silent like snakes, beneath the charred skeletons of wattle corses. Crazy paths straggle up the ridge, waiting to become eroded gullies. The view, oh the view, from the beacon is a 'must do' for the relaxing visitors. More sable skeletons behind the cove speak of bushfires, past but recent.



Freshwater Point Cove, in 1985 (above) and 2019 (below), taken from roughly the same spot of a shack long-gone



To remember Freshwater Point as it once was is to also see the violence that has been visited on it by angry grey seas and vivid orange fires.

The day I was there the holidaymakers relaxed in the sunshine and marvelled at the solitude, but all around them the land bore scars fresh and livid, never healing just waiting for the next stormy assault. The exposed roots of the last tamarisk, clinging to the sandy cliff, make a convenient clothes line for the towels of the recumbent visitors. It is a landscape that exposes a recent history of its own sad destruction, to those who choose to see.



The 'white cliffs' of Freshwater, restless, moving, coming and going



Once were shacks (left), now ever-crumbling floor ruins, and sighing tamarisks (above), now fallen into the sea, temporary perches for terns.

NEW IN THE ARCHIVES



Summer in the City 1966
*(with apologies to
The Lovin' Spoonful!)*



Moreton Terrace (then called Irwin Road or Geraldton Highway), Dongara, on a drowsy Sunday morning in the late 1960s. The verandah on the right is the CWA Rooms, originally Singh's Store, now the site of Sugar Shack Café; on the left is Brennan's garage (now Dongara Pop-up Shop), next to the Dongara Hotel with Schulze's roof in the distance, before the motel was built. This image is one of several recently donated by Mr Ian Hingeley, now of Mallacoota in Victoria, taken when he was a jackeroo working at The Grange for the late Mr Paddy Dempster.

IMRE number to be assigned

A CORRECTION



Mr Jack Pickering,
1930 - 2019
Bruce Baskerville

In the last issue of the *Sea Lion*, we published an obituary for the late Mr Jack Pickering, erstwhile Shire Clerk of Irwin, with an image extracted from a photograph of the Dongara Football Club c1960. Unfortunately, the picture showed Don Barrett, who was seated next to Mr Pickering. Apologies to all.

The correct picture is now shown here with Jack Pickering kneeling between Merv Anderson and Don Barrett. In response to some questions, the team colours were black and white, the traditional livery for Dongara sporting teams and school uniforms.



Jack Pickering, Dongara Football Club, c1960
IRME 1427



LATE NEWS



Blessing of the Fleet 2020: IDHS stall

This year's Blessing of the Fleet will be held in Port Denison on Saturday 11 January. The Society will be operating an information stall, and members who would like to assist on the day can contact the Museum.

TEST YOUR LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

WHERE IS THIS?



Do you know where this is? Spring 2019 Question



Spring 2019 Question:

Two pictures of a place that should be familiar to everyone today. The top picture was taken moments before this place was utterly transformed 43 years ago, and the bottom picture was taken 99 years ago.

See the next issue of *The Sea Lion* to find out.

Autumn 2019 Question: Where was the green-lit passage?

Answer: the timber breezeway linking the Priory and the College at the old Dominican Ladies College in Dongara, built 1926. Municipal Inventory Place No 55, Category 1B; Shire Heritage List; National Trust Register.

ADVERTISING AND NOTICES



The Sea Lion: rate card

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- Rates: a quarter page \$25, a half page \$50, a whole page \$100, or multiples thereof.
- Content: Advertisers need to supply the final advertisement in either a jpg or pdf format.
- The Society will not endorse, or accept any responsibility for, claims advanced in any advertisement.

All inquiries should be directed to the editor.

[Notice]



Museum Opening Times for January 2020

Russ Cottage

cnr St Dominic's Road & Point Leander Drive
Monday/Wednesday/Friday
10am - 12 noon, 2pm - 4pm
Entrance by donation

Irwin Districts Museum & Research Centre

Old Police Station, 5 Waldeck Street
Monday to Saturday
10am - 12 noon, 2pm - 4pm
Entrance by donation

"Maintaining the identity of the Irwin District"



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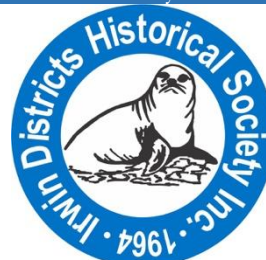
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Honours

Irwin District Museum: Winner, Irwin Shire Heritage Award 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012 | Runner-up, Museums Australia (WA) Museums Award 2003 | Museums Australia WA Public Program Award 2008

Objectives of the Society



- I. To Encourage the study and writing of the history of the Irwin Districts.
- II. To maintain the identity of the Irwin Districts by preservation and restoration of buildings and settings of historical significance.
- III. To encourage the use of sympathetic architectural patterns when new buildings are constructed.
- IV. To discourage the disfigurement of premises, streets and open places by unsightly and inappropriate advertisements, poles, wires and unseemly structures.
- V. To encourage the conservation of aspects of the natural environment as it affects the character of the Shire of Irwin.
- VI. To collect, classify and preserve records and objects relating to the history of the Irwin Districts. Records may include physical and digital records.
- VII. To publish articles and selected records in special bulletins, or in an official journal of the Society or by any other method approved by the Society.
- VIII. To exchange information among members of the Society, by lectures, readings, discussions and public exhibitions of historical materials.
- IX. To promote public interest in and support for the preservation of historical relics, including buildings and sites, the recognition of notable anniversaries in Irwin Districts' and Western Australian history, and the erection of memorials to outstanding persons and events.
- X. The founding, subsidising or contributing to scholarships or prizes to promote this object
- XI. To establish and maintain a library, reading room, historical museum and Web presence.
- XII. To join with other associations having similar objectives to pursue common aims.
- XIII. To recognise and honour achievement in advancing these objectives or for outstanding contribution to the study and writing of Irwin Districts and other histories.

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At Freshwater Point



*sweetly scented stocks
ruins slide over sandy cliffs
Neptune's garden rises*