



Irwin Districts Historical Society Inc

Maintaining the identity of the Irwin District

The Society acknowledges the traditional owners of the Irwin districts, the Wattandee People of the Yamatji nation, their continuing connection to land, sea and community, and pays its respects to elders and their cultures, past and present.

Affiliations: Royal Western Australian Historical Society | Australian Museums and Galleries Association

FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, 2023-2028

VISION

The IDHS is a highly regarded community group, place and space for anything relating to history and heritage in the Irwin Districts

FOCUS AREAS

1. Sharing our stories	2. Being Good Stewards	3. Being Sustainable	4. Engaging near and far
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2024 • Creating a walking track between the Sandhills and Leander obelisks • Redevelopment of the existing Dongara heritage trail • Development of a Biodiversity Lane walking track • Reinstatement of the Shipwreck Walk at Port Denison • Development of more interactive and experiential museum visits • Continue to develop the bookshop and its bespoke local and regional offerings • Develop ways to recruit new associate members [under 18 yrs] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping the museums and research centre open and vibrant. • Developing the Big Project for the historic museum sites • Developing the MOFAS expansion • Accepting custodianship of Old Yardarino School • Accepting custodianship of a future Sandhills Obelisk reserve • Continuing the place names project • Creating spaces for Wattandee and Aboriginal histories across our museums and activities • Monitoring the development of the new Shire planning scheme • Monitoring proposed developments in Arrowsmith and other localities • Continue to advocate for Dongara Town Hall conservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure governance of the Society continues to accord with all our Associations, Charities and DGR obligations • Ensure management of the Society continues to accord with our constitution and policies • Continue to develop diverse revenue streams • Maintain and develop all of our online presences (website, facebook, etc) • Continue to accept work experience students from DDHS • Commission a collections significance assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting the 2024 State History Conference • Develop a history and heritage tourism strategy • Identify ways to appreciate and enjoy our volunteer experiences, continue recruiting new members, and identify ways to identify and engage with all our stakeholders • Making the museum sites more available for community uses • Develop a clear brand awareness strategy (including media) • Continue <i>OTMV</i> and revitalise <i>The Sea Lion</i> • Planning for WA 200 in 2029 • Planning for Zeewijk 300 in 2027 and Batavia 400 in 2029