



State History Conference of Affiliated Societies

Information on Conference Events

Welcome Event

The Welcome Event for the State History Conference will be held at the Marine Rescue Centre in Port Denison. Refreshments, nibbles, spit roast and rolls will be provided. Delegates will be able to complete their registrations and collect their conference bags, and Shire of Irwin President Mark Leonard will make a welcoming address. This is a free event but please book for catering purposes. **Free**

Two Day Conference Ticket

This ticket provides access to all Conference proceedings on Saturday and Sunday and includes morning teas and lunches. It does not include the afternoon tours, please book these separately (afternoon tea, where provided, is part of the tour cost). **\$100**

One Day Conference Ticket

This ticket provides access to the Saturday OR Sunday sessions of the Conference proceedings and includes morning tea and lunch. It does not include the afternoon tours, please book these separately. **\$50**

Sikhs of Dongara (Bus Tour)

This guided bus tour will visit sites of significance related to the early Sikh population in Dongara including Old East End store, formerly the store of Ruhr Singh; Dongara cemetery and the grave of Sojan Singh; and the Whale Point cremation site. Buses require two steps to enter, please contact Trish 0427224120 if you require mobility assistance. **\$20**

Along the Port Road (Walking Tour)

This walking tour will follow the old port road along the river from Russ Cottage to Denison House and will include short tours of both places. The length of the walk is about 0.7km along flat paths and a walkway. Afternoon tea will be provided at Denison House. **\$10**



Conference Dinner

The Conference Dinner is a great opportunity to network and socialise with fellow history buffs. Guests are welcome to have a drink at the bar before the dinner commences. The two-course dinner will be served with red and white wine table wine, and will be followed by a talk by local legend John Fitzhardinge on *Early Crayfishing on the Abrolhos Islands*. **\$70**

Historic Middle Irwin and Wildflowers (Bus Tour)

Guided tour through historic Middle Irwin to the James Drummond Wildflower Walk 15km east of Dongara which features a wide array of plant diversity. The walk is about 500m in length on gently sloping ground. Buses require two steps to enter, please contact Trish 0427224120 if you require mobility assistance. **\$30**

Museum of Fishing and the Sea (Guided Tour)

The Packout Room/Museum of Fishing and the Sea is a new and innovative space run by Irwin Districts Historical Society. It celebrates maritime and natural history and particularly tells stories about the local crayfishing industry. This ticket allows access to a guided tour of the Museum and a talk by a local crayfisherman about the industry. It includes afternoon tea. **\$10**

Priory Hotel (Walking Tour)

The Priory Hotel has a fascinating history. It was built as an inn in the late 1800s and was later bought by the Dominican Order for use as a convent then school for young ladies. This walking tour will be conducted by two former students of the Dominican Ladies College and includes afternoon tea. The walk will involve climbing some steep stairs. **\$10**