

## 2015 Annual Report for Chapman Valley Historical Society Museum Inc

The following members were elected for the year 2015.

**President:** Mrs Barbara Sheilds

**Vice President:** Mr Warren Kennedy

**Secretary:** Mrs Pam Batten

**Treasurer:** Mr John Stokes

**Management Committee:** Mr Lyall Gray, Mrs Shirley Mincherton, Mr Peter Batten, Mrs Jenny MacKay. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer form the Executive Committee and at least one will be a member of the Management Committee. In 2015 it was decided all should be.

**Membership:** There were 41 financial members of the Chapman Valley Historical Society Inc (CVHS) for the year 2015 and the membership fee was \$5.00. The CVHS became a member of Museum's Australia, after letting this membership lapse for a couple of years. The CVHS also renewed membership to the Midwest Chapter.

**Honorary Life Membership:** Was awarded to Mrs Barbara Sheilds for her dedication and service to the CVHS since the Society was formed in the early 1980's.

**Collection Policy:** A Collection Policy was developed for the Museum and accepted at the July meeting. Numbering and accessioning of objects into the Ilyarie Database Programme continued.

**Acquisitions:** Many objects were considered for acquisition at the Museum and accepted

**New Machinery Shed:** In April Lotterywest announced that the CVHS had been successful with their grant application for \$12,300. The grants of \$20,000 from the Midwest Development Commission and \$20,000 from the Chapman Valley Shire, were subject to the Lotterywest Grant being approved. The cost of the shed had risen by \$6,500 to \$75,140. The Shire will do the site works for the shed, which has been costed at \$15,000. Eighty people or families have donated the \$30,000, which was held by the CVHS for the construction of the new machinery shed. Construction commenced in May with the site works and the shed was finished by the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The Shire also provided \$10,000 for insulation to the shed. This was included when the shed was being constructed. The shed was officially opened on the 10<sup>th</sup> October by CVHS Life Member Mrs Barbara Sheilds OAM.

**Building Maintenance:** Maintenance to Shed No 1 roof was carried out during the year and the Chapman Valley Shire arranged and paid for the work to be done. A doorway was constructed between Sheds No 1 and No 4 and extra powerpoints installed in Sheds No 1 and 2. The CVHS members carried out any small maintenance.

**Grant Applications:** Two grant applications were applied for through the Chapman Valley Shire Community Growth Fund. One for power to the new machinery shed and the other

for a Significance workshop with Heritage Consultant Cathy Day. Both were approved. A 'Working Group' was formed to initiate a project to commemorate WWI – 'Celebrating 100 years of Anzacs'. CVHS members approved that funding be sought for pathways at the Museum.

**Equipment:** Two new vacuum cleaners, a blower vac, two folding tables & hand held vac were purchased. Four display cabinets with lockable glass doors were purchased through a receivership sale.

**Donations:** Approximately six display boards were donated by the Church of Latter Day Saints to the CVHS. Shelving was donated by Bunnings.

**Busy Bees:** Many voluntary hours were given by members to move the machinery to the new shed and re-organise displays in other areas of the Museum. Floors were painted and the whole Museum was given a complete overall. Members of the community also assisted with the donation of their time and machinery

**Fundraising:** A Sausage Sizzle was held in Geraldton at Bunnings which proved to very successful, both financially promotionally.

**Group Visits to the Museum:** Villa Carlotta Touring Company visited the Museum in August, October and November. Other groups to visit were the Classic Car Touring Club, Dongara Autumn Club, Midwest Horse Trekkers, Low Vision Group & Writers of the Coral Coast. Saint Francis Xavier Year 3 students also visited and Kevin Sheedy visited the Geraldton area and the Museum was opened so he and his wife could visit with their hosts.

**Other:** A Gmail email address was sourced for the Museum. Now all CVHS emails will be on the Gmail site. A Facebook page for the CVHS was set up. 2000 of the CVHS Tourist Brochures were purchased from Kick Solutions and a CVHS Canvas Banner was donated by Peter & Pam Batten. Investigation was undertaken re the possibility of volunteers living on Reserve Land at CVHS Museum for up to 3 months. They would open the Museum more often during winter months and the wildflower season.

Secretary Pam Batten



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