

2021 Annual Report for Chapman Valley Historical Society Inc

The following members were elected for the year 2021.

President: Mr Warren Kennedy

Vice President: Mr Peter Batten

Secretary: Mrs Dorothy Stokes

Treasurer: Mr John Stokes

Curator: Mrs Pam Batten

Management Committee: Mrs Jennifer MacKay, Mr Robert MacKay and Mrs Anne Kennedy were elected to this Committee. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Curator are also members of the Management Committee as per the CVHS Constitution.

Membership: In 2021 one of our life members passed away, leaving us with only one life member and there were 43 other members of the Chapman Valley Historical Society Inc (CVHS). The membership fee was \$5.00. Five general meetings were held during the year with an approximate average attendance of 12 members. In 2021 the CVHS paid a membership to Australian Museums & Galleries Association (AMAGA).

Financial: Income for the year was 18,596.56 which included \$10,803 in grants. Expenses paid out were \$9306.16 but does not include \$4636.36 of the \$10,000 grant for the carport shed still to be paid. After this payment there would be a surplus change in the closing balance of the Society account of \$4,654.04.

Fundraising: We competed at the CV Show in a competition run by Synergy and won ourselves \$500 and we did a small amount of catering.

Insurance & Utility Charges: The premiums for the buildings, the contents, public liability and voluntary workers of the Chapman Valley Historical Society Inc was paid once again by the Shire of Chapman Valley. The cost of the insurance policies was \$6,020.72. The Shire also pays for the power each year and in 2021 the amount paid for electricity totalled \$1,931.45.

Grant Applications:

Shire of Chapman Valley Community Growth Fund: The CVHS was successful in a grant application for \$3,000 to cement the floor of the end bay in the open machinery shed and secure this off for a work area. The work has recently commenced in 2022.

Labor Party Grant: The CVHS was successful in a grant application for \$10,000 to build an open carport style shed to house some of our older machinery. This has been constructed in 2022 between the open machinery shed and the new machinery shed.

Cultural Heritage & Arts Tourism (CHART) Grant: This was a Federal Government Grant for country areas due to the impact of Covid-19. \$3000 was the maximum grant and we were

advised in February that we were successful with our application for \$3000 to upgrade Shed 2 with visual displays, photos, some seating and a new laptop. This will be actioned in 2022.

Improvements to the Heritage Centre:

- Shed 3 has had a facelift with the removal of the train set, allowing for an education corner to be set up and the bedroom/living space to be enhanced with some donations received this year.

Visitors to the Heritage Centre: During 2021 there were 942 visitors to the CVHS Heritage Centre. 280 of these from organised events: Memorial Service, School visit, Villa Carlotta, FabCV, a Quilting group, Meet the Author, the Morawa Hospital group, Arcadia Waters and a Family History group. The Heritage Centre was opened by CVHS volunteers on Wednesdays between 9.00am and 12 noon and on Sundays from 1.00pm until 4.00pm from the beginning of April through until the end of November.

Volunteer Caretakers: We were fortunate to have Lyn & Doug Beard as volunteer caretakers for a period during July and this enabled the Heritage Centre to be open daily.

Collection Policy: The Management Committee continues to work within the guidelines of the Society's Collection Policy.

Acquisitions: Many objects were considered for acquisition at the CVHS Heritage Centre in 2021 as we were offered many things pertaining to the Valley from a deceased estate and a family that was downsizing. There were 129 objects acquisitioned during the year. In total 1,417 objects have been entered into the CVHS Database since 2014. The CVHS has many more donations still to be recorded. These have all enhanced our displays.

Midwest Chapter of Museums WA: A Chapter meeting was held in October 2021 in Denison. Four members attended and a report from given from our Society. Eleven Museums reported. From now on it was decided to only have one meeting per year and in 2022 this will be in Cervantes, the home base of the new Convenor, Marilyn Gazeley.

Building Maintenance: Cyclone Seroja blew our entry statement of 2 CBH elevators down damaging the front fence, damaged the roller door to the big machinery shed and broke a perspex skylight. The Chapman Valley Shire organised all repairs and these were cover by Insurance. The Shire continues to undertake any necessary maintenance to the Heritage Centre buildings. The installation of LED lighting to Shed 3 to replace old skylights has been a great Improvement. This was undertaken through Shire maintenance. Members continued to provide valuable voluntary service towards cleaning and opening the Heritage Centre and accolades continue to be received for the cleanliness of the 'Heritage Precinct'.

Busy Bees: Once again members have given generously of their time. It was decided at the last AGM to trial having a specific *cleaning busy bee day* every few months. Even though we didn't have many the concept is working.

Projects

Model Train Set: This was sold and relocated to a new home allowing us to make an education corner and rearrange our bedroom/living room displays.

Yuna Hall 60th Anniversary: A collection of memorabilia and our models dressed in attire worn to weddings and balls that were held in the hall was transported to Yuna and made for a fitting display.

History Database: There were several updates and improvements to the software during 2021 by Graham Grundy.

Christmas Luncheon: A successful Christmas Lunch function was held in November for members and invited guests. This also served as our farewell to Maurice Battilana, retiring CEO of the Shire of Chapman Valley who has given the Museum/Heritage Centre his unwavering support and also his approachable nature has been appreciated.

Covid-19 Requirements & Safety Rulings: in 2021 these still had to be adhered to and we continued to comply with State Government Covid-19 requirements.

Secretary Dorothy Stokes

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