

2022 Annual Report for Chapman Valley Historical Society Inc

The following members were elected for the year 2022.

President: Mr Warren Kennedy

Vice President: Mr Peter Batten

Secretary: Mrs Dorothy Stokes

Treasurer: Mr John Stokes

Curator: Mrs Pam Batten

Management Committee: Coral Pridmore, Sandy Harrison and 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: Our Life Member, Phil Snell still manages to come on most Wednesdays and there were 41 other paid-up members of the Chapman Valley Historical Society Inc (CVHS) in 2022. The membership fee was \$5.00. Five general meetings were held during the year with an approximate average attendance of 12 members. In 2022 the CVHS paid a membership to Australian Museums & Galleries Association (AMAGA).

Grant Applications: *Shire of Chapman Valley Community Growth Fund:* The CVHS was successful with a grant application for \$2,500 to put a cover over the stainless-steel barbeque with the Heritage Society to contribute \$500. This was completed by our men; \$700 under budget enabling these funds, with the Shire's permission, to be put towards proposed sturdy gates on the workshop bay of Shed six.

Financial: Income for the year was \$13,189.86 which included \$5,829.09 in grants. Expenses paid out were \$18,960.61 which includes \$4,636.36 of last year's \$10,000 grant for the carport shed. The Shire's Community Growth Fund Grant for the cover over the barbecue is still to be acquitted as it came in under budget and we have permission to spend the remaining funds on sturdy doors for the new workshop area. Until this is finalised, the acquittal can't be done, after which the grant funds will be paid to us. Balance at the 31st December \$14,449.98.

Fundraising: Catering income \$1,135.00.

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 \$6,741.22. The Shire also pays for the power each year and in 2022 the amount paid for electricity totalled \$1,184.53. Other costs for materials, services and contracts brought the total covered by the Shire to \$15,187. We are very grateful for this assistance.

Acquisitions: During 2022, 61 items were accessioned, including items for our children's corner, a collection of silverware (sporting trophies from the Cooper family), 2 seated mannequins, a wedding dress and a debutante dress, plus many other small items. These

have all enhanced our displays. The Naraling Hall piano, piano stool and small table are on loan from the Chapman Valley Shire for safe keeping.

Volunteer Caretakers: We were fortunate to have Evan & Carol Armstrong as volunteer caretakers for a period during July/August and this enabled the Heritage Centre to be open daily during a three-week period. They have shown an interest in coming back in 2023.

Visitors to the Heritage Centre: During 2022 there were 878 visitors to the CVHS Heritage Centre. 166 of these from organised groups; Geraldton Grammar School students, 2 x Villa Carlotta bus tours, Kings Bus Tour, Mingenew Seniors, the Gravel Roads Bike Ride and a men's group from Juniper. 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. In addition to these times we opened on Show Day and once per month on a Saturday to coincide with the Tavern Markets.

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

Midwest Chapter of Museums WA: A Chapter meeting was held in May 2022 in Cervantes. Two members attended and a report was presented from our Society. Ten Museums reported. A motion has been carried that only one Chapter meeting will be held per year and this to be held in May – in 2023 Greenough Museum & Gardens will be the hosts.

Building Maintenance: The Shire continues to undertake any necessary maintenance to the Heritage Centre buildings. Members continued to provide valuable voluntary service towards enhancing displays, keeping the area clean and opening the Heritage Centre. Accolades continue to be received for the cleanliness of the 'Heritage Precinct'.

History Database: There were several updates and improvements to the software during 2022 by Graham Grundy. John & Dorothy Stokes attended a workshop at the Irwin District Historical Society in October.

Internet Coverage: The Yagi that we purchased some years ago had ceased to work effectively and after much lobbying of MP's and Boyd Brown of Telstra Country, an aerial was erected near the bridge in Nanson giving the Heritage Centre good coverage and a small radius around.

Storytowns Podcast: This is a tourist promotion for the Chapman Valley area which honed in on Nanson and should be available very shortly. The podcasts are short, 7-8 minute snapshot talks promoting different areas of Australia. The idea is to download the Storytowns App, look up the town you are visiting and be able to hear about its focal points.

Christmas Luncheon: A successful Christmas Lunch function was held in November for members and invited guests. This also served as a welcome to Jaimie Criddle, the new CEO of the Shire of Chapman Valley. We were honoured to have the five 'Freemen of the Shire'

present: Danny Williamson, Ken Farrell, Peter Batten, John Collingwood and Pauline Forrester. The roof over the barbeque was appreciated on a warm day.

Secretary.....Dorothy Stokes

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