

# Nathalia & District Historical Society



Traction Engine Display

## Annual Report

July 2022 – June 2023

## Members of the Executive

President	Jeanette Holland
Vice President	Steve Manley
Secretary (and Public Officer)	Leigh Giffard
Treasurer	Eve Attwood
Assistant Secretary	Averil Kennedy Crane
Research Coordinator	Lynette Franklin
Accessions Manager	Jeanette Holland
Assistant Accessions	Helen Ryan
Bookshop Coordinator	Averil Kennedy Crane
Precinct Committee Reps	Steve Manley Leigh Giffard



The Blacksmith Shop



The new window



Work on the Kitchen



Sorting maps

## President's Report

Another 12 months has gone by and our wonderful volunteers continue to work on projects around the museum.

A big thank you to everyone who gives tirelessly of their time.

Thanks to office bearers Leigh and Eve who keep the books running so well. Thanks to Steve and Colin for their work around the grounds and buildings. Thanks to Averil and the bookshop volunteers who continue to bring in welcome funds.

Thanks to Lyn for your ongoing research.

Thanks to the accessions committee and everyone who helps with the regular cleaning and sorting.

Several ongoing projects have been completed or almost finished, with the lining of the Lubke kitchen, replacement of the museum window and concreting around the Traction Engine shed.

We were saddened by the passing of another long-term past member in Maureen Mannion. The service to the Historical Society given by both Tim and Maureen Mannion will be greatly missed.

We now look forward to a new year of projects and further developments at the museum.

Jeanette Holland



## Highlights 2022-2023

- 1 New shelving in both the bookshop and the Muntz Room.
- 2 Replacement of windows in the Mechanics Institute
- 3 Pouring of the concrete for the base of the traction engine
- 4 Closing in of the Lubke Kitchen from the weather and dust
- 5 Extending power to the back sheds of the Historical Precinct

## Vale Maureen Mannion



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for Maureen's selfless dedication and many hours of volunteer work at Nathalia & District Historical History Society. Her contribution has been invaluable and has helped us preserve our community's heritage for future generations.

You will be sorely missed. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family. Thank you, Maureen.

## Managing the Collection

### Accessions (being items donated to N&DHS)

July 2022	Lyn Franklin donated a book called <i>Naringaningalook "meeting of many waters"</i> by Isabel Dobson and Fred Thomas
August 2022	Nil
September 2022	Mr P W Sutton donated 6 photos of his Sutton ancestors from Bearii Lyn Franklin has donated a copy of her book <i>Nathalia Township – Street Names 2022</i> Lyn Franklin also donated a copy of <i>Australian Settler Colonialism and the Cummeragunja Aboriginal Station</i> by Fiona Davis 2024
October 2022	Nil
November 2022	Nil

- December 2022**      Yarroweyah and Koonoomoo: Soldiers who fought in WW1 and WW2; an initiative of Peter W. Sutton, compiled and donated by Margaret E Fleming, November 2022  
 Bearii and Ulupna: Soldiers who fought in WW1 and WW2; an initiative of Peter W. Sutton, compiled and donated by Margaret E Fleming, November 2022  
 Edna Chandler has sent in photos of Barmah Racing Club plaques  
 Joy Merchant has donated photos on Hartshorne.
- January 2023**      No Meeting
- February 2023**      Lyn Mather donated photos from Yalca Football Club 1959.  
 Peter Sutton donated a photo of the HMT Themistocles and a framed photo story of Annie Sutton and her work at Mooroopna Hospital.  
 Neil and Marilyn McPherson donated paperwork from BHB Motors.  
 Kerry Betts donated a copy of her book: *Betts Family, Kaarimba* written by Graeme and Kerry Betts 2022.
- March 2023**      Chris Mollison from Garfield sent an invitation to a “*Back to Nathalia 1938*” which belonged to his mother, Mildred McNeill.
- April 2023**      Lyn Franklin donated a painting “Aboriginal Fishing Camp on River Murray – near Lake Moira” c 1880
- May 2023**      Lyn Franklin as donated a copy of “*Dharmalan Dama, An Australian Aboriginal man’s 73-year search for the story of his Aboriginal and Indian ancestry.*”
- June 2023**      The Mannion family donated a 120-year-old dining table and an old wooden potty chair found when clearing out Tim and Maureen’s home.

## Open Days

The museum opens on the second Sunday of the month 1.30 – 4pm.

Visitors included July 2, August 2, September 0, October 0, November 0, December 0, January 0, February 2, March 2, April 0, May 2, June 2 plus 31 people on 14<sup>th</sup> June from the Goulburn Valley Car Club including 3 locals who saw the museum open.

Thanks to those who so willingly have donated their time to ensure the Open Days happen.

## Member's Meetings

10 member meetings were held during the year.

July –8	Aug – 8	Sept – 7
Oct – 11	Nov – No meeting	Dec - 5
Jan – No meeting	Feb - 10	Mar - 7
Apr - 11	May - 9	June – 8

Average: 8.4 at each meeting

## Superb Reads – Bookshop Report

During the last 12 months donations have continued unabated, the largest single donation being some 50 boxes from the estate of Ian Selliseth. I was happy to have been assisted by Rose & Steve Campbell who offered temporary storage before sorting, recycling & finally delivering the selection to the bookshop. Most of this collection remains to be priced.

There have been some interesting sales such as that of a large bonsai reference collection occupying a whole shelf which I delivered to a housebound collector some 70 kms away who bought the lot for a tidy sum, sight unseen. On New Years' Eve a Melbourne visitor was excited to find 1950's titles by Angela Thirkell & D E Stevenson missing from her collection - these were books which a cursory glance at their unattractive faded appearance may well have relegated them to the recycle bin, so the time-consuming task of checking titles does pay dividends. Recently quite large gaps in the Craft section were explained by purchases made one Saturday morning by teachers from another town.

New Year's takings were down on previous years but a lot of visitors 'discovered' the shop which, except for the quiet hours between midday and 3pm, was kept open from 9 am until 11pm by 6 volunteers - Eve Attwood, Doug Brimble, John Giffard, Judy Ormond, Marion Murray & Averil Kennedy.

A welcome improvement has been the installation of LED lighting arranged by the owner Philippa Schapper. As well, more double-sided steel Library Shelves have been installed by Colin Crane - yes ...to house more books.

Since April this year, because of the absence of customers between 9 & 10am, the Saturday starting time was changed to 10am. Closing time was changed from 12 to 12.30pm. So far there has not been any feedback.

During this last financial year, we sadly lost 2 of our long serving Bookshop volunteers Maureen & Tim Mannion. Both were involved in the establishment of the Bookshop in the late 1980's and made sure the shop continued through many changes of landlords and locations. Our town is indebted to them for their foresight and persistence.

We continue to receive quite a number of books for which customers are prepared to pay quite high prices, even \$100 or more. This has meant that proceeds for this year have reached the amount of \$10,883.25 - \$1294.60 more than the 2021-22 year.

Expenses: Rent	\$2,120.00
Power	\$ 824.20
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$3,044.20</u>
PROFIT -	<u>\$7,839.05</u>

As always, appreciation is due to our volunteers without whom the shop would struggle...or close - Eve Attwood, Doug Brimble, Leigh & John Giffard, Carmen Gilson, Alex Johns-Kula, Averil Kennedy, Marion Murray, Judy Ormond, Nina Pell, Maureen Power, Philippa Schapper, along with Colin Crane who assists with shelving issues. Rose Campbell retired during the year. They all give up their time so that the Historical Society and the town are still reaping the benefits.

Averil Kennedy, Bookshop Co-ordinator. July 2023

## **N&DHS Inc Annual Financial Report July 2023**

### **Operating Account**

Bank Balance @ July 1st, 2022:	<b><u>\$15,169.08</u></b>
<u>Income during financial year:</u>	
	\$10,883.25 (Bookshop)
	\$260.00 (Subs)
	\$463.50 (Donations)
	\$785.00 (Books)
	\$645.00 (Research)
	\$291.25 (W. Jeffrey)
	\$171.29 (PayPal)
	\$105.94 (A Kennedy, archive)
	\$235.00 (Open Day)
	\$105.69 (IGA Community Benefit)
	\$20 (Cards)
	\$220.00 (Framed picture)
	\$110.00 (Port Fairy Genealogy)
<b><u>Total income July 1st, 2022 - June 30th, 2023:</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,295.92</u></b>

Expenses during financial year:

\$2,120.00 (Rent)  
\$61.20 (Consumer Affairs)  
\$148.00 (P.O. Box)  
\$270.00 (Genealogy M/ship)  
\$988.62 (RHSV Insurance)  
\$2,382.47 (Mawsons concrete)  
\$91.25 (Scan & Digitize)  
\$877.80 (Willprint)  
\$200.00 (Kitchen repairs)  
\$200.00 (Petty cash)  
\$115.50 (Nathalia Fertilizers)  
\$906.04 (Butler Electrics)  
\$103.95 (Nathalia Printers)  
\$824.19 (Electricity)  
\$300.00 (McIver paint)  
\$660.00 (McKellars)  
\$405.96 (Archival bind)  
\$171.30 (PayPal)  
\$103.50 (E Attwood)  
\$245.47 (A Kennedy)  
\$1,340.18 (Limo's Hardware)  
\$295.00 (C Crane)

**Total Expenses July 1st, 20221 - June 30th, 2023:**

**\$12,810.43**

Bank Balance @ 30th June 2023:

**\$16,654.57**

*This report has been made by going through bank statements, cheque book and deposit book.  
To my eyes, it is a straightforward explanation of deposits and expenditure and the figures tally.  
Should there be any questions, please ask me to explain. Thank you.*

*Eve Attwood, 2022/2023 Treasurer, N&DHS Inc.*

**Term Deposit Account (Steam Traction Engine)**

Opening Balance @ 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022:	\$20,090.33
Deposits and Credits:	\$47.12
Closing Balance on 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022:	\$20,137.45
Opening Balance on January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023	\$20,137.45
Deposits and Credits:	\$87.72
Closing Balance on 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023:	\$20,225.17

On May 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 the term deposit was reinvested for 12 months at 4.50% interest.  
*Eve Attwood, 2022/2023 Treasurer, N&DHS Inc.*