

## **President's Report 2017/18**

This year has been interesting with many proposals and plans for projects including extension to the museum and the Hawks Nest area walk trail.

The Historical Society is planning extension to our Museum building to give more space and cover the carriage and Buffalo Pitts steam traction engine. These two items need to be under cover for preservation; they are showing signs of deterioration. After many proposals and much discussion the proposed extensions are at the plan discussion stage now with Mr. Roger Veen's help.

Discussions with Galaxy Mining are to continue to bring the walk trail project into use as soon as possible.

The Historical Society applied for and received some funding from the Ravensthorpe Hopetoun Future Fund and the Community Development fund to assist in planned projects.

Electricity was installed into the Catlin shed store room and work are, with still some work to be done to make this area more secure.

Galaxy also assisted with shifting the old grader to another site for restoration as close as possible to original, some items having already been obtained for this project.

The Historical Society took part in the street parade once again using the old spring cart. We dressed this up a bit more this time and had three young children sitting with Derek.

The Shire has been approached to have the gutters replaced on the Dance cottage building as they are rusted out in some places. The front veranda east end had fallen in and been repaired recently.

All three local schools (Hopetoun, Ravensthorpe and Jerdacuttup) visited the museum throughout the year. Curator Enid put together articles for exhibition at the Hopetoun CRC and the constitution was reviewed to be compliant with the new regulations.

The old carriage platform and ramp are complete to a useable condition with only some extra railing to be installed. This will be seen to as time permits.

Thanks to all members for their support and assistance this past year.

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