

PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 13.9.2017 PIDHS AGM

This year has been one of successes and disappointments; successes more than outweighing disappointments.

We were nominated and finalists for three awards - cataloguing; small museums award, and Christine as volunteer of the year - with Museums Australia Victoria and although we did not win an award the achievements of our group were impressive.

SPEAKERS:

In October Libby Skidmore read an article about driving through Gippsland 1923.

In November we watched the new History of Phillip Island DVD, which is very popular.

In February Christine Grayden read an article on Picturesque Phillip Island from 1869.

In March John Eddy gave us the history of Scenic Estate Reserve.

In April Miranda Sage spoke about Beachside Cottage in San Remo.

In May David Severino spoke about beekeeping.

In June Julie Box spoke about local artist Ina Davies.

In July we watched the DVD 'Island Voices' put together for the National Trust festival

In August we had our annual Show and Tell session.

GROUPS:

We have had a number of groups through such as primary and tertiary and elderly citizens group.

DISPLAYS:

Whales; shearwater; Hec Goodall cartoons; 50th anniversary; Sport & Leisure; Open Day for NAIDOC week which was very successful.

MURALS:

Hec Goodall donated a mural

Conservation works completed by John Adam, artist.

Working with Shire to find a place to display them.

DONATIONS:

Numerous donations during the year

GRANTS:

Phillip Island Community Benefit Fund for touchscreen for the museum.

MUSEUM TRAINING:

John, Anne and Christine attended training funded by BCSC on Conservation of Museum Objects and Exhibition development.

A group of our members did a four museums tour in Melbourne in March, which was very useful and enlightening.

GOVERNOR AND GOVERNOR GENERAL

Several of our members were invited to Govt House to meet the Governor to mark the occasion of PINP's 20th birthday.

The Governor also visited recently and Graeme represented our society at that event at Cape Kitchen.

BUILDINGS REDEVELOPMENT:

BCSC has committed the funds to have plans and specifications drawn up for the redevelopment

The Transit Hub on the east side of the building is to commence soon so we are in negotiations with the council on relocation of Rudy Coels's historic shed. Bill Overton has offered to store Bill Barrett's duck punt which is currently stored in the shed.

CATALOGUING:

I wish to thank the cataloguing team for their continued work on uploading all of our photos and other objects, including our historic book collection, onto the online cataloguing program Victorian Collections.

CONCLUSION:

I would like to thank the committee and all the members for all their support this year. Thank you to the committee for all of their hard work allowing us to make so much progress this year.