

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc. President's Report 2018

As the Society's 56th birthday passes, we reflect on our past year.

Sadly, it included the passing of Doreen Widdison, Arch McLeish, Geoff Hamilton and John Craig, but we recall their contributions.

Members have enjoyed a smorgasbord of topics, including Frank Zaknich on Albury's Waste Programme, Paul Grover with History in Schools, John Vogel on Albury Cemeteries, a memorable night with Joan Fairbridge's World War II Code Breaking memories, Chris de Vreeze and Bruce Pennay on our Deep Past, Tony Brandt on the Albury Club, Dirk Spennemann on the Indian Hawkers and Roy Thompson's presentation on the Reis Family.

A number of members have also contributed. These included Greg Ryan, Richard Lee, Eric Cossor, Doug Hunter, Howard Jones, Jan Hunter, Ray Gear, Chris McQuellin, Ralph Simpfendorfer and Ron Boadle. Our October meeting was a visit to the Jindera Museum, preceded by lunch at the hotel.

In March, Noel Jackling was invested with the Order of the Oranje-Nassau by the Government of the Netherlands for his work on the Uiver collection.

The support given by our Corporate sponsors is greatly appreciated. The Commercial Club provide our monthly meeting facilities. Albury City and the Library Museum staff from Carina Clement down, give us marvellous assistance, including the venue for Committee meetings. Sweethearts Pizza, Coxtech and Lester & Sons round out our Corporate sponsors.

Your Committee have been exemplary and a pleasure to work with. Greg Ryan's roles as Vice President, Web Master and History Column Co-ordinator has been invaluable. As Secretary, Research and Public Officer, Helen Livsey wears each hat admirably. Few would realise Helen was elected as a Life Member after 25 years of service in 1992 and has not stopped since. Her greatest accolade is just "Ask Helen." Ron Haberfield, as Treasurer, has been concise and accurate, and a pleasure to work with. Jill has filled the roles of Minute Secretary, Publicity and Meeting Greeter without a hitch. As Bulletin Editor, Marion Taylor very competently provides us with a stream of information, sometimes running into 10 pages. As a past President, Doug Hunter has provided a wealth of knowledge. Richard Lee with his research, the Time Line and bulletin distribution has been a great asset. Eric Cossor's input at meetings and his 50 Years Ago segment has been most welcome. Ralph Simpfendorfer's role as Speaker Co-ordinator and his Journeying through the Journals snippets proved popular.

The year's only downside has been the slow pace of our application for Trove funding. Despite the extraordinary efforts of Bruce Pennay, Helen Livsey and her son David in compiling this document, we patiently wait.

As my term as President comes to a close, sincere thanks is offered to all for making the past year very pleasant.

Joe Wooding