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Foster & District Historical Society

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What's On

- 5 July: Members Meeting – Ian McKellar, speaking on the activity in the district during WW2, including the German raiders in Bass Strait, the mine sweepers in Corner Inlet and the radio stations on Wilsons Prom.
- 2 August: Annual General Meeting

Society governance

At the Special Members' meeting held on Tuesday 6 June to resolve the governance issue a majority of members voted to retain the Shire as the Committee of Management of the site and enter into an Agreement with the Shire under an 'Incorporation Model'. We look forward to completing the process so we can all move on and gain security of tenure over the site.

Society Secretary, Liz Rushen, will be giving a presentation to the Council on Wednesday 15 June at 2 pm – all welcome.

Donations to Museum

The Museum has recently received two significant donations.

The first is a 1930s dairy, including bails and milking plant which was donated by Mr A.G. Need of Woorarra. The dairy is currently being stored, awaiting the purpose-built shed which will be erected in the new section at the rear of the Museum.

The second major item donated to the museum recently is this wonderful photograph donated by Robbie Allen, shown here with President Graeme Rogers, receiving the photograph.



Network News

On 5 May, the historical society hosted a meeting of the South Gippsland Historical Network. At this meeting, Shire Tourism Officer Christian Stefani outlined his plans to promote historical societies, museums and family history services throughout our region via website and in conjunction with Prom Coast Regional Tourism website.

Literature, Art & Music exhibition

Our Curator, Jennifer Jones was delighted with the launch of the *Literature, Art & Music* exhibition which was held in conjunction with the Prom Coast Sea Change Festival. The day was very successful and we thank Cheryl Glowrey for launching the exhibition.

Some pieces from the exhibition, including the Shire's art collection, will remain on display in the Shire room at the Museum.



Launch of the exhibition: from left, Cheryl Glowrey; Graeme Rogers, President; Jennifer Jones, Curator.



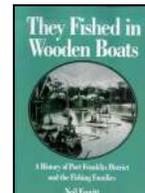
Some of the people at the launch included Cr Mohya Davies, Rosalie McCuaig, Flo Martin, Barbara Fuller, Deidre Green and Joan Liley, Chair of the Prom Coast Sea Change Festival Committee.

Victorian Museums Awards

Nominations for the Victorian Museum Awards 2011 are now open. The Victorian Museum Awards recognise and celebrate excellence in museum practice. They seek to reward the museums and individuals who strengthen Victoria's museum industry through outstanding work and a commitment to best practice. The Awards recognise high achievement in the three key areas of museum operations: Managing the Museum; Involving People and Communities; and Developing a Significant Collection. Nominations close on Friday 17 June and Awards will be presented at a ceremony on Thursday 4 August at NGV International. Last year, the Gippsland Regional Maritime Museum at Port Albert won the award for best volunteer-run Museum.

Sales of book

The Society has been thrilled with the response to Neil Everitt's book *They Fished in Wooden Boats: A History of Port Franklin District and the Fishing Families*. The book has been re-printed and is available for \$28 plus \$15 p&p. If you would like to order a copy, please contact Noela Cripps on 5686 2459



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