

# Pratique



## President's Welcome

*Hello Friends,  
Our AGM was held on the 16th November 2017 and I am delighted to continue as President. "Friends" has such an exciting year ahead with new projects in the planning stages already.  
I would like to welcome Michael Poore, to our committee. Michael was elected both Vice President and Treasurer.  
Melissa Jones was elected Secretary and is excited to be part of this amazing volunteer group.  
I would like to sincerely thank our outgoing Treasurer and Secretary, Howard and Betty Shepherd, for their long association with "Friends" and the valuable contributions they have made.  
Thank you also to Matt Hayes for all his assistance this past year, it has been appreciated.  
On behalf of the committee and myself, I would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy, Happy New Year.*

*Kind regards,  
Jenni Carder*



## Night Tours

November, saw our first Night Tour which we ran in conjunction with the Paranormal Hunters. The tour takes in the Isolation Hospital, crematorium and the old bathing block. It was very successful and "Friends" received great feedback. The people on the tour loved hearing about the history of the Quarantine Station as well as being involved with an investigation. The next Night Tour will be in January 2018. It sold out within 2 hours of being advertised. There is already a waitlist for February.



Welcome to our new members of Friends of Woodman Point, Bev Sinclair and Christopher Poore.

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## Department of Veteran Affairs Grant

These are some of the restored photos taken by Sister Edith Summerville-Thistlewaite. She took these photos whilst she was stationed at the Woodman Point Quarantine Station in 1919. Our thanks go to Norvek Photography who did such an amazing job of restoring and framing these photos. They also gave us a huge discount to keep us within budget!

Without the grant, we would never have these remarkable photos that show us a unique snapshot into the everyday lives of the nurses and soldiers who were at the Quarantine Station so many years ago. The photos are displayed in the nurse's day room and in the room we use for morning teas and lunches when we have Heritage Tours.



Our next bi-monthly meeting, will be on the 18th January at 6pm in the Isolation Hospital. We hope you can join us, as everyone is very welcome to attend. We will be joined by Cassandra Cooper from the City of Cockburn, who will advise us on what the Council can assist us with for the Boonah Commemoration. Fortunately, we have a whole year to plan this relatively unknown part of West Australian history which should be remembered and

## Watch this space

We are in the initial stages of discussion with the U.W.A. Archeology Department, looking at the possibility of a "dig" where the Isolation Cottage was located. The cottage housed patients with leprosy. The last death from leprosy at Woodman Point was John Higgins in 1906. He lived in the Isolation Cottage for at least 3 years. Gary, Matt and I are meeting Associate Professor Sven Ouzman later this month to show him around the Quarantine Station.

## Save the Date

The 100 year anniversary of the Boonah tragedy will be commemorated at Woodman Point on the 16th Dec 2018. A total of 27 soldiers and 4 nurses lost their lives at Woodman Point when they contracted Spanish Influenza. We will be setting up a working committee to help with organising this very special event. "Friends" look forward to working with Matt and his team at Sport and Recreation to make this a very memorable day.

