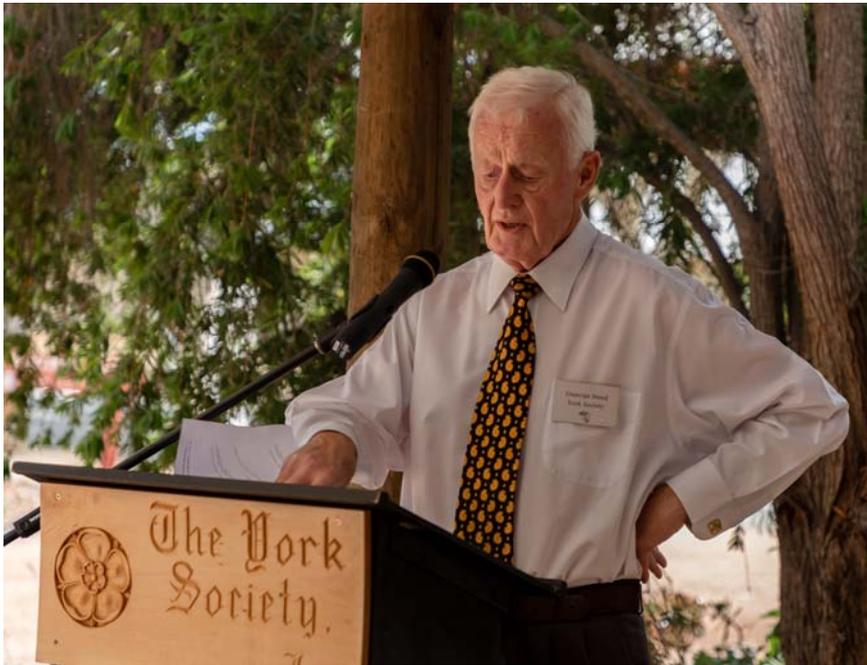




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REFLECTIONS PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The York Society was invented as a necessary organisation to maintain the quality and class of the life of the people in York by all means possible, particularly the buildings and history of York. More recently the Historical Work has been

matched by Art and Photographic Awards, all necessary, well known and popular.

In the real world the numbers of Members of The Society is falling but their age is not. The numbers still there are to be valued for all they contribute unpaid to all events.

I have been a Member for 18 years and President for 3 and I have enjoyed both. Why have I enjoyed it?

As George Washington says "Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company."

I have learned about the architecture of the place

I have learned much of the history

I have seen many art and photographic works and bought some too

I have talked much and long with other Members as we worked on the doors

I have had many good meals with further discussions

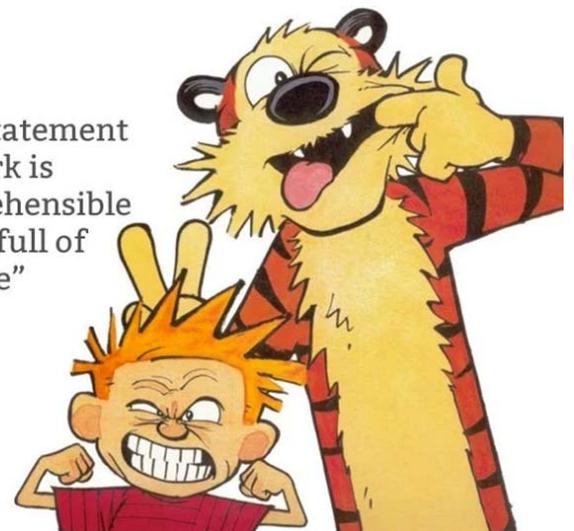
I have avoided profanity, a further quote by George Washington to end this section:

"The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so mean and low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it."

A last quote by Calvin

"As my artist's statement explains, my work is utterly incomprehensible and is therefore full of deep significance"

- Calvin



All the best for 2019.

Duncan Steed

President

History is the study of past, present and future.

We know what happened in the past by looking at items from a variety of sources, this can include, but is not restricted to, books, newspapers, bills, photos, buildings, objects and artefacts.

The Archive & Research centre is a mine of information when it comes to telling the history of York from the mid-19th – early 20th century. The problem lies in continuing to tell the story of York from there onwards.

This is where we need your help to continue the story, are you able to donate or allow us to make digitized copies of documents, photos, postcards, items relating to past and present businesses, York's many clubs and associations or family histories. The list is endless, nothing is insignificant, even the bill from having the car serviced way back in 1985 that you found tucked away in the back of a drawer helps to tell the continuing history of York.

If you think you can help, please contact us at:

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Edward Wager

Following the talk at the 50th Anniversary of the York Society, more research was undertaken to complete the story.

A quick recap on Edward.

He was transported to Australia after committing wilful murder in Derbyshire in 1867. He was transported on the Hougoumont, the last Convict Ship to transport prisoners from the UK.

He got his ticket of leave in 1876. Worked as a general servant, labourer, fence maker and finally a Farmer.

He left behind an ex wife and 3 Children.

Edward made quite a few appearances in the local newspapers mainly for drunk and disorderly. Another mention of particular interest, cites him as witness to a theft of sandalwood from the Sandalwood Yards when in the employ of the Mongers. Eventually we came across a report detailing the inquest into his death, which took place at the York Courthouse, December 26, 1885. Edward lived on a property on the Helena River; he had been visiting his neighbour but went home after feeling unwell. The next morning the neighbour went to check on him as Edward had been complaining of being unwell for about 3 weeks, only to find him dead. A Dr

Thomson found the possible cause of death as congestion of the lungs. After hearing the evidence, the jury returned the verdict of “death from natural causes and by the visitation of God”. Almost sixteen months later, we find a Notice in the West Australian for creditors to make claim against his estate.

The neighbour who found him dead was Thomas Fisher, a gardener, who then proceeded to the 19 Mile Inn and asked the owner George Giles, a Farmer to fetch P C O’Hara from the lakes.

Relatives who made the initial inquiry came to visit York and we met for morning tea, onsite with the current owners of the 19 Mile Inn.

We then took a short car ride to show the Family where his land was. This was Two 10 acre blocks just off Talbot West Road. A dirt track called Ridley Road runs through the land now.



So after 134 years we have a relative of Edward Wager back on his land.

Visiting the land once owned by Edward Wagner



Prior to Christmas, 2018, a Home-made Decorations workshop was conducted, held at the York Archives.

Much enjoyed by all who participated.

PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARDS, 2019

Held in the Sandalwood Gallery, April 13-22, the Act-Belong-Commit York Society Photographic Awards was once again a great success. The number of entries was down on last year's, thus the Exhibition was well spaced out and much appreciated by the 500 people who viewed it. Ken Emberson, once again, worked his magic with the presentation. The judge, Domenic Papalia from Camera Electronic, was complimentary about both the presentation and the standard of works exhibited.

The exhibition was opened by York CEO, Paul Martin and attended by 60 people. Afternoon tea was catered for by the CWA who provided a delicious array of food.

Award winners were:

The Act-Belong-Commit York Society Photographic Awards 2019

WINNERS & HIGHLY COMMENDED

JUDGED BY DOMENIC PAPALIA

Winner Open Colour sponsored by Fitzgerald Photoimaging

Geoff Hall, "Basil".

Judge's Comment: Classic portrait, well done, sharp and well exposed.



Highly Commended, Open Colour

Julie Barnes, "Cactus"

Judge's comment: Lovely, sharp photo with lots of detail. Would be better printed larger.

Melody Chipper, "Nearly Done"

Judge's comment: Interesting and intriguing photo with good technique.

Geoff Hall, "Gazing"

Judge's comment: Great photo. Eyelashes have compression artefact spoiling photo.

David Mizen, "Comet Wirtanen over Greenhills"; Meteor Storm, Greenhills

Judge's comment: Comet, Meteor. Great astro photos.

Michael Phillips, "I'm Outta Here!"

Judge's comment: Great photo showing how movement can work.

Winner, Creative Photography, sponsored by Camera Electronic

Andrea Carter, "Man in Waiting"

Judge's Comment: Very subtle print. The sense of isolation is enhanced by the creative use of filter.



Highly Commended, Creative Photography

Robert Pampling, "Sky Rats"

Judge's comment: Strong colours and composition

Ray Brown: "Carnarvon Sunset"

Judge's comment: Nice warm tones and strong sharp image.

Winner, Monochromatic Photography, sponsored by Midland Camera House

Rob Pampling, "Rat in York"

Judge's comment: Strong photo, good low angle. Foreground and background complement each other. The use of creative filter gives dramatic effect.



Highly Commended, Monochromatic Photography

Geoff Hall, "Heisenberg"

Judge's comment: Great effort. Good use of depth of field – background out of focus. Photo needs a bit more contrast and the gun to be pointed more towards the viewer.

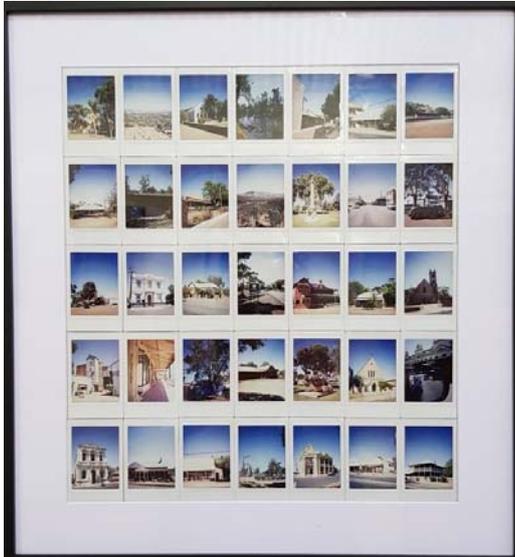
Duncan McDonald, "Jumbo Wash"

Judge's comment: Good use of backlight. Gives for an abstract look.

Winner, York Subject, sponsored by York Pharmacy

Michael Phillips, “Snapshots”

Judge’s comment: A nice montage of prints giving a sense of York. This is a mix of old school and modern technology.



Highly Commended, York Subject

Jamee Roads, “Field of Happiness”

Judge’s comment: Lovely shot of field and well composed. Lacks overall sharpness, perhaps the print needs to be smaller.

Robyn Davies, “The Unpredictable – Man versus Fire”

Judge’s comment: Strong content, well composed showing challenges of rural life.

Winner, Viewers’ Choice Award, sponsored by Elizabeth Christmas

No. 53, Paul No, “Artist Unnoticed”



Dates to remember:

- **AGM May 2nd, York Archives, 7.30pm.**
- **Membership fees were due 1 January. Please remember!**
- Book Launch, “Sunset over Mount Douraking” by William Duperouzel, Holy Trinity Church, York, 15th June 2019 at 2pm
- “Railway Hotels of Australia” by Scott Whitaker, 8th August, 2019

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“YORK WA – A Documentary History”,
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These books are available by contacting:

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