



Become a Member



The Port Fairy Historical Society on the River Moyne

Becoming a member of The Port Fairy Historical Society [PFHS] is an opportunity to be part of a community of members that are committed to preserving and sharing the history and heritage of Port Fairy and the District.

Membership Benefits

- Free admission to General Meetings and presentations by Guest Speakers.
- Free admission to the Accredited PFHS Museum and Exhibitions.
- Access to the extensive archives and comprehensive research library.
- Advice with personal research from our Library and Research staff.
- Subscription to the PFHS Society Newsletter providing news of monthly meetings, upcoming exhibitions and offering well researched articles on the local history of Port Fairy and District.
- Opportunity to participate in excursions to historic locations.

Membership Subscriptions Options

- Single Member
\$20 per annum or \$50 per 3 years

- Family Membership
\$25 per annum or \$60 per 3 years

- Newsletter Subscription only
\$10 (6 copies per annum)

Our Archives.

Records include...

Records of Port Fairy, Hawkesdale, Macarthur, Tower Hill, Warrnambool and Yambuk cemeteries. Early district maps. Early histories of pioneers, local businesses and buildings. Early rate books for the former Borough of Port Fairy and Shire of Belfast. Local church records of baptisms. Individual genealogical and social histories of pioneer families of Port Fairy and District. Federation, Edwardian and Great War records. Pioneer Index to Victoria 1839-1888

Newspapers include...

Port Fairy newspapers dating from 1842 until present time. Koroit Sentinel newspapers 1888 - 1938. Immigration Records. Shipping Records, Immigration to Victoria 1839-1871.

Photograph Collection includes...

40 categories which include pioneering families, early civic fathers, homesteads and cottages.

Research Library includes...

Our extensive library of published material includes histories of Port Fairy, The Western District, Shipping and biographies.

Research

The Port Fairy Historical Society has a very active archival service and genealogical information can be researched on your behalf by application. The research service is available for tracing family, business or for general information. Our Society holds extensive archives for this purpose and our volunteer archivists are experienced in the field. There is a small cost for a simple research and for more detailed and involved researches cost will

increase. Copies of photographs of pioneers, where available are at a cost. Requests for copies of any other photographs must be submitted, in writing or via email, for consideration by the committee.

Researcher: Lyn Brown

Ph: (03) 5568 1266

Email your request

to: pfhsmuseumandarchives@gmail.com

Postal Address: The Archivist

P.O. Box 152 Port Fairy, Victoria 3284

Due to the nature of our archives self research is not possible.

General Meetings

General meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm and held at the Port Fairy Museum and Archives. The venue is the Courthouse building, 30 Gipps Street, Port Fairy.

Committee Meetings: At least four meetings per year, January, March, August and December.

The Annual General Meeting: Second Tuesday in February. Extraordinary meetings, date and times, to be decided by members of the committee.

Historic Walks or Bus Tours:

Tours are conducted by members of the society. For tour bookings please contact the Port Fairy and District Visitor Information Centre - Phone 03 5568 2682.

Weddings

Wedding ceremonies can be held at the Courthouse. The courtroom will hold approximately 75 guests and the room can be arranged to suit the wedding party. The Courthouse is also an ideal back-up venue for an outdoor wedding should the weather be inclement.

Full details and costs can be obtained by contacting the society by email on pfhsmuseumandarchives@gmail.com



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Welcome to the Port Fairy Museum and Archives
Piecing Our Past Together
Assoc Inc. No A10016131A

PFHS Membership Application

First Name

Last Name

Phone number

Email

Street Address

Town/City/Country

Post Code

Enter Membership Subscription Option

Contact US:

30 Gipps Street Port Fairy
Port Fairy 3284
Ph. 03 5568 2263
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Payment Options :

Direct Debit
Please pay to Account :
Port Fairy Historical Society
BSB 013 760
A/C 283606079
REF: PFHS Membership Name of
Membership
OR cheque OR
EFTPOS /Cash at Museum

Museum Opening Hours:

Saturdays & Wednesdays
2.00 pm. until 5.00 pm.
Last entry at 4.30pm.
Sundays
10.30am - 12.30pm.
Last entry at 12 noon.

Winter School Holidays

Saturdays & Wednesdays
2.00 pm until 4.00 pm.
Last entry at 3.30 pm.
Sundays
10.30 am. - 12.30 pm.
Last entry at 12 noon.

Mid Winter : July to September

Saturday
2.00 pm to 4.00 pm
Last entry at 3.30 pm.



The Port Fairy Historical Society aims to preserve the history and heritage of Port Fairy and the District including the history of pioneering families, early industry, businesses and buildings. Our collection includes artefacts, objects, publications, photographs and other documentary materials related to our local history. We also share and disseminate the history of the community through exhibits, educational programs and publications based on the Society's collections. We maintain a research library of past and current literature on the history of the community. The society is run by an active group of volunteers and welcome members to our working parties. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to contribute to the team.

History of the Society

The Port Fairy Historical Society was formed in 1963 as a centre for local research into the early history of the town and its pioneer families. From modest beginnings, the organisation has grown

to a membership of more than 120, with a much wider range of interests.

In 1992 the society was able to negotiate the lease of the historic Courthouse building in Gipps Street, Port Fairy, which was renamed The History Centre and subsequently renamed again as Port Fairy Museum and Archives.

The Courthouse is one of over fifty buildings in Port Fairy classified by the National Trust as essential to the heritage of Australia and which must be preserved. It was built in 1859, with the portico added in 1869, and a further three rooms were added at the rear in 1874, to make the building as it is today.

Much of the work of the society involves the development of the Courthouse as a museum and archives centre, and includes participation in the Museum Accreditation Program since 1998. The main courtroom houses a display of the original court furniture, with figures in costume. Five other rooms contain both permanent and temporary exhibitions on themes such as the early pioneers of the district, the whaling era in Port Fairy, local shipping and wrecks along the coast.