

# The Friendly Times



## Celebrate WA the SJ Way

The Mundijong Library, supported by the SJ Library Friends, celebrated this special day, previously known as Foundation Day, by showcasing some of the material donated by local residents to its Community History Collection. The event was held in the SJ Community Resource Centre.

The Byford Progress Association, Jarrahdale Heritage Society, Serpentine Historical Society and the Mundijong Heritage Group supported the Library at this event by exhibiting items from their own collections.

The displays included historic photographs of local families, images of the townships in days gone by and occupations from the early days of settlement. Framed paintings and photographs from the Library's collection were on display along with banners when amalgamation was an issue. Documents such as farm diaries, scrapbooks and collections of newspaper articles were also displayed. Other items included butter pats from 1920s, loaned for the display by Mac Lightbody, the inter-schools sports trophy dating back to the early days, and a pair of spectacles and a small bible from the Edgar Tonkin collection.

Also on display were the archival albums, boxes and folders used to safely house this historically valuable collections.

Although attendance was somewhat disappointing, those who visited were thrilled to view these examples of the Community History Collection, which stimulated memories of days gone by.

As well as showcasing the collection, the aim of the day was to raise awareness of the Collection and encourage others to consider donating their significant items to the Library where they will be housed safely in archival condition and be available for future generations to view.



## From the President's Pen



It is hard to believe this is the Winter Newsletter and we are half way through 2015.

Our calendar has been a busy one so far and it doesn't change for the rest of the year.

Our book sales on 1st Friday of each month are still doing well and the special book sale during Library and Information week was a huge success. That was held on Tuesday 26 May between 2.30 and 6pm and undoubtedly attracted many who could not attend the Friday sales.

The Friends also supported the Library in its participation of Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on 28 May which was also well attended.

Our membership currently sits at 72 and we look forward to seeing many of you at the talk on local rail history at the OGM in July. The Library and the Library Friends greatly appreciate the enthusiastic support you as members provide.

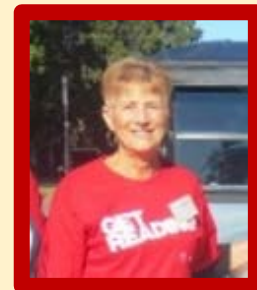
Kind regards

*Jan*

Janette Skillington

President

Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends Inc.



***SJ Library Friends Winter OGM***  
***Local Rail History***  
***David Whiteford & Charles De Bruin***  
***(Rail Historians)***



To be held at:

***Serpentine Jarrahdale Community  
Resource Centre  
2 Paterson Street, Mundijong  
Thursday 23rd of July  
from 6:00pm***

Cost: \$5 each for non-members  
Members free  
RSVP: Mundijong Public Library  
9526 1133 or  
library@sjshire.wa.gov.au

Refreshments provided



The Serpentine Jarrahdale Library Friends Inc. are thrilled to be hosting this exciting talk by David Whiteford and Charles De Bruin, both knowledgeable and experienced historians.

This presentation will be of interest to many people who value the significance of rail history in the district.

The talk will be followed by refreshments provided by the Library Friends Committee

**Save the Date!**

## Your Committee Members

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## Book Review

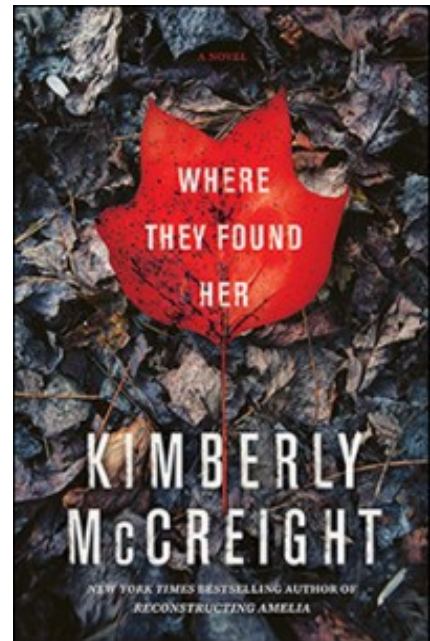
This is a gripping novel from the author of *Reconstructing Amelia*, combining psychological suspense with a powerful, emotional story.

It begins with the discovery of the body of a baby in the woods near the university campus. No one knows who the baby is or how she ended up there. The story centres on Molly Anderson who is suffering from depression following the loss of her own baby. Molly unearths some of the town's darkest secrets including several unreported sexual assaults going back 20 years.

Told from the perspective of Molly, Barbara and Sandy, the novel unwinds the truth about the baby's death, revealing that these women have more in common than they realized; that the very worst of crimes are committed against those we love and that sooner or later the past catches up.

One you won't be able to put down!

*Jan*



Hi all,

Congratulations to Jan Skillington and Rob Richings for the excellent Celebrate WA the SJ Way exhibition. They have worked tirelessly with a group of volunteers to progress our Community History and Oral History collection. The June 4 event was a chance to showcase the great work that has been achieved with support of other volunteers and on the day representatives from the historical societies of Jarrahdale, Serpentine, Byford and Mundijong. The support for these programs continues to grow and I thank everyone for their many hours of contribution.

I would like to extend my thanks also to the Friends for a great Library Week Book sale, for participation at the Shire's Community Roadshows, volunteering at the ANZAC Art Expo and in support of library and resource centre events over the last few months. Our memberships continue to grow and our overall statistics have improved. We had an extra special month in March:

- 75 new members – the highest number to ever join in one month as far back as the stats go (the next highest was 62 in May 2014)
- Total membership has reached 2540! – we just got to 2500 in October last year but then numbers started dropping off so good to see membership is on the rise again
- 146 eBook loans compared with 94 last month
- Roughly 50 new likes on Facebook and 50 new followers on Twitter
- Off the Shelf is getting sent to 516 people
- 22.3% of stock is on loan, compared to 19.5% last month
- 11,039 issues and returns which is an increase of about 900 compared to the same time last year and 2300 compared to 2013

In closing I would also like to remind people of the great Books On Wheels service that is provided with assistance of our Friends members and encourage you to consider people in the community who may be able to utilize this service. I look forward to seeing you at the library or at an event in the community.

Regards,

*Lisa*

