

Wm James Roe.

Dear Wm Roe,

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August 28th = 1926

No doubt the dying of many of the pioneers of Western Australia and the consequent loss of valuable records of the State's early history has impressed you with the need of preserving these tales of our State's young days. Some efforts have been made to record historic incidents. On the whole, however, such attempts have been isolated. No concerted move has been made by any large body of men and women to organise the rescue of happenings in this State forty, fifty and more years ago from oblivion. It is felt, therefore, that there is abundant room and an urgent mission for a society of men and women who will take up this task.

The backbone of such an organisation, of course, would be people connected by act of their own with pioneering the State or related to those who performed such work. At the same time there are many Western Australians by birth or by adoption who meet neither of the above classifications but who are animated by a sincere love of the State and a desire to honour its past. They can play a real part in the proposed body.

It is suggested that the society should be known as the Western Australian Society and that its objects should be:-

- (1) Collection, classification and preservation of historical records of the State;
- (2) Publication of selected records from time to time either in special bulletins or incorporated in an official journal of the Society;
- (3) The promotion of social gatherings of members at quarterly or annual intervals;
- (4) The securing of premises which could be used as a social centre for members and a repository for the documents of the Society.

Your co-operation in the formation of this Society will be appreciated and your attendance is cordially invited at a preliminary meeting in Karrakatta Club lecture room on September 10 at 8 p.m.

If you cannot come an indication of your interest, addressed to Mr. I. T. Birtwistle, "Winhaven", Clarendon-street, Cottesloe, will be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Wm James Roe
Edith D. Cowan
Mary Farrelly,
I. T. Birtwistle

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"Windhaven";
Clarendon-street,
Cottesloe.

Sept. 27, 1926.

MRS. J. B. ROE,
ADELAIDE TERRACE,
PERTH.

Dear Mrs. Roe,

I desire to express the Western Australian Historical Society's appreciation of the honour you have conferred upon it by accepting a vice-presidency and to thank you.

The next meeting of the Society is at the Karrakatta Club at 8 p.m. on October 15. It is hoped then to hear short five or ten minute papers from members upon interesting episodes in Western Australian history. The value of these papers will be heightened by such extracts from family records as the writers care to make public. The Society would deem itself privileged if you would write one of those papers. The choice of subject, of course, would be entirely at your discretion.

We do hope you will be able to accede to this request. Should you agree, I will be obliged if the paper reaches me not later than October 13, in order that I may make arrangements for reading it.

With the Society's best wishes,

Yours faithfully,

John V. Birtwistle

HONORARY SECRETARY,
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