

# **Maffra & District Historical Society Inc**

## **Business Plan**

(Adopted 7/08/08)

### **Aims:**

1. To foster historical interests and knowledge, particularly but not exclusively, within the former Shire of Maffra, Victoria.
2. To collect and preserve items of historical interest.
3. To compile and keep an historical record of the district.
4. To assist in the establishment and maintenance of museum facilities in Maffra, Victoria.

### **Objectives:**

- maintain and administer the Maffra District Historical Society as an incorporated organisation, such that it remains a viable entity
- develop and maintain relationships with other bodies which may usefully promote the aims (eg. RHSV, Wellington Shire Council, Maffra Community Library, Maffra Chamber of Commerce)
- provide activities for members and the general public which promote the aims of the Society such as
  - the distribution of regular newsletters
  - the occasional publication of books or pamphlets
  - the running of excursions
  - the organisation of an Annual Luncheon
  - provision of research facilities and services
- maintain a web site which promotes MDHS aims and activities

- develop, maintain and increase a collection of locally relevant items
  - devise a collection policy which will determine the manner in which items may be accepted into this collection
  - develop, in partnership with Maffra Municipal Library, a means of storing and preserving designated paper items from the collection
  - provide storage facilities to an attainable archival standard for other items in the collection
  - develop and maintain a catalogue of all items in the collection according to appropriate museum standards and make appropriate sections of this catalogue available to the general public
  - provide circumstances under which the general public has access to the materials stored
  
- maintain, promote, develop and administer the Maffra Sugar Beet Museum
  - accept the role of Committee of Management on behalf of the Wellington Shire
  - create and occasionally review displays within the museum; refurbish where deemed desirable
  - seek ways to diversify the themes within the displays, either within the Maffra building or elsewhere, consistent with the collection policy
  - refurbish the Maffra building
  - provide adequate security for the Maffra building complex
  - provide means whereby the museum is made accessible to the general public
  
- devise means by which funds may be raised to undertake any nominated objective