

DEVELOPING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - DISCUSSION SESSION

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Several Museum members described social activities conducted at their respective places.

Ballarat: Has no regular activities because of travelling time constraints on working days. Regular Melbourne - based meetings have been abandoned, but there is a regular A.G.M. picnic day.

Wellington: Has film evenings and member barbeques as well as two dinners a year - Christmas and the Tramway Closing anniversary.

SPER: Used to have monthly information/social meetings but these lapsed because the people attending were also working regularly at the Museum site. Drink - driving laws have had a dampening effect and marital bliss had replaced midnight to dawn slide shows. An annual dinner is held and social events shared with kindred bodies.

PETS (Perth): Makes an effort to involve spouses and families (eg Hotham Valley dinner trips). Sleepover weekends are held monthly at the Museum site for work parties.

Haddon: The Museum Rep suggested combined social events.

Hobart: Museum conducts monthly meetings and visits as well as an annual dinner. A Christmas fun day is held with features such as trolley rides and jazz bands. Some camaraderie exists among the wives.

Adelaide: Reported that there has been no strong social program. Barbeques are held after the AGM and special events. Social events are occasional rather than regular.

Bendigo: Most members live in town and the most successful events are day trips in the Museum bus involving families. There is a Social Committee.

TMSV: Believes it may have had too many social events in the 70's. Perhaps 'fringe' members might be used to run the social program.

Other questions and comments:

Annual dinner seen as appropriate in involving wives in social activity.
Does the current small business atmosphere kill off social activity?

Does the membership make-up affect the social atmosphere?

eg. all male memberships, married membership

The bunkhouse at PETS and the Bungaree house (Ballarat) are focal points for social activity

Suggestion to offer our facilities to kindred bodies for social activities