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EDITORIAL

This will be a very brief newsletter, In fact, the shortest of all our 90 editions. The main focus of this newsletter will be the forthcoming Conference (our 23rd) at Traralgon at the end of September, and also the business to be transacted at the Annual General Meeting. Among the items to be discussed at the latter are changes to the Constitution. This is necessary to bring it into line with items based on the Model Rules, as decreed by the Department of Consumer Affairs, W.A., where we are registered. The changes have to be submitted before 1 July 2019, so there is no great urgency, and the matter will first be brought for consideration to our Advisory Committee who will need to consider how to incorporate them into our 'Own Rules'. Failure to submit will automatically see us under the Model Rules, which will mean we will lose any 'Own' special rules. It should be pointed out that this exercise is Australia wide, and Victoria for instance, introduced the ruling with the rider that submissions had to be made by mid 2016.

The idea, of course, is to bring about greater transparency, and to ease the burden on voluntary administrators!! (for starters, see the 156 pages of instructions). Those interested in bureaucratic exercises and what is involved can find the information at:

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/model-rules-associations-2016>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AMHA 23rd Annual Conference, Traralgon, Victoria, 25-29 September.

If you haven't already done so, there is still time to register for the Traralgon conference. There's a full and interesting programme, both in terms of the outings, social activities and the business sessions. Of particular interest to members will be the keynote talk by our Patron, Prof. Geoffrey Blainey, from whom we can expect some interesting insights from his encyclopaedic knowledge of mining history.

The President and committee members look forward to catching up with everyone at the end of this month.

For the full programme of speakers and topics see the details provided at the end of the newsletter. Further information can be found on our webpage.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to member and Northern Territory Committee member Emeritus Professor David Carment, AM, who was recently awarded the 2017 Annual History Citation by the Australian History Association "in recognition of his outstanding contributions to scholarship, and his generosity and unwavering commitment to supporting the history