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A TOURING PARTY OUTSIDE THE ANGLESEA HOTEL 1920

VISIT BY THE R.H.S.V.

On Wednesday March 21st our Society's Museum will be visited by a party of approximately 50 members from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria - a first for us! This tour organised by Dr Mary Chennells, a member of the RHSV Council, will cover an overnight stay at Apollo Bay where the Old cable station Museum will be one of the venues visited. On the return trip a member of the Lorne Historical Society will board the coach at Wye River to give a commentary on the coastline from there to Anglesea when our historian, Keith Cecil, will take over at O'Donohues Road - from there the party will proceed to the McMillan Bark Hut where the host will be Gavin Cook. This will be followed by afternoon tea served at the Museum where the visitors will also have the opportunity to see our display. To have our premises in tip top order for this special occasion there will be a working bee on Tuesday afternoon, March 20th - if you can assist with either broom, duster or shovel, please join us about 2.30pm.

ANOTHER GROUP, associated with the University of the 3rd Age visited the Museum recently, their host Mr Salvado a member of our Society. He arranged details thru' our President Mrs Lawn who was able to join them prior to their visit for a BBQ lunch. They were all enthusiastic about what they saw, dubbing the Museum the best kept secret along the west coast.

During a Lions' executive get-together in February, the visitors' wives were given the opportunity to see our great collection of photos. It is worth mentioning too, that a group of these photos is on display at Debonair and once the extensions have been completed at the Community Health Centre, another set will be exhibited there.

**SPEAKERS**

Mrs L Lane, from Geelong spoke to a large audience (almost 50) at our February meeting about the Aborigines who lived in the area and their lifestyles. She was most interested in the midden at Point Addis and evidence of their activities at Roadknight - lots of questions were forthcoming which pleased Mrs Lane. She is an extremely dedicated exponent of what is obviously her "pet" subject - she was also happy to comment on a number of artifacts owned by members and hopes to visit us again some time in the future. All her notes are available for perusal by members.

Mr Ken Merry spoke to us in March for a second time, on this occasion his subject being the Institute of Sport in Canberra. Ken handed out little brochures containing information about the Institute and thus enabled members to visualise the set-up of buildings and tracks etc from the pictures. Once again there was an eager response to his call for questions", and even from members we've come to know as "non-sportspersons"!!!Ken was thanked by new member Phil Lewtas for giving such an insight into life at the Institute. We'd all heard the organisation mentioned frequently during the Commonwealth Games.

**APRIL 7th MEETING - NOTE: MEETING TIME REVERTS TO 7.30pm**

Mrs Bunton will be our guest speaker on this occasion, giving some of her memories of Anglesea in earlier times. Her parents were here in the 1800's.

**PROJECTS**

At a recent working bee a start was made on cataloguing our photo collection. Placed into groups, each to have a numbered color code will facilitate the location of a selection on a special theme, e.g., The Regatta, Old Hotel etc. Shelves will be constructed to house the plastic crates, already purchased, which will also be color coded to match the particular group. We are hoping this innovation will be ready for our RHSV visitors.

More photos are to be reproduced - an an economy measure, they will be placed on the backs of existing boards - an alternative exhibition will be achieveable simply by reversing the picture boards on our racks.

Plans are being drawn up for a show case to house Alcoa fossils - we had hoped to do this with a grant from the Ministry for the Arts - however, it does not seem to be forthcoming, so we are going ahead using funds in hand. The possibility of a lighting system to "show off" our collection is also being investigated.

ACQUISITIONS

We gratefully acknowledge items from Mesdames P Cockrell and M Cecil. The amplifying system has proved a boon for some of our members "Hard of hearing" - other organisations to benefit from this machine to date have been the Lions and Red Cross - we appreciate very much this gift.

THE NEW YEARS STALLS etc

Members again assisted with displays and sales at the Regatta, Aireys Craft Show and the Woodchop. This effort, apart from the good publicity gained, helps to swell funds, vital for our organisation.

The Museum has also opened its doors on these occasions for visitors as well as on the first Sunday of the month - again members have been willing hosts.

We undertook to "man" the Barrabool Information Caravan on Tuesdays during the holiday season - our thanks due to all helpers.

SUPPER ROSTER

Jean Wendt and Isobel Forsyth hostessed the February meeting, and Elsie Samuel and Edna Stevens, the March meeting.

- APRIL.....June Jones and Anne Barsby
- MAY.....Mollie Keates and Joan Murch
- JUNE.....Nancy Dodd and Beth Marsh
- JULY.....Jenny McDonald and Alan Poigndester
- AUGUST.....no meeting
- SEPTEMBER.....Dorothy Harrison and Merle Smithwick
- OCTOBER.....Heather Peerman and Betty Butterworth
- NOVEMBER.....Ivy Luke and Dawn Merry
- DECEMBER.....Loris Pavia and Val Emery

All supplies will be on hand in the kitchen - it is only a matter of serving supper - if the date does not suit, please try and arrange a change with another member. We also need volunteers to open the Museum on the first Sunday of each month.

We will try and recruit at each meeting for the following day (apart from April & July when the first Sunday precedes the meeting).

**NEW MEMBERS - NEW BOOK - NEW CARDS & LOGO**

We have been delighted to welcome some new members - our total has now reached 114. If, as an "old" member you have overlooked your 1990 subscription of \$5 a single or \$10 a double, a discreet (I hope) mark here will let you know.

The latest book in the continuing series "ALONG THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD" is "THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD" itself! Available to members at \$14.50, it contains a wealth of information and pictures for those wanting to learn more about one of Australia's most scenic highways (or "Arguably, as is so often now used, "the best"!)

The new sets of correspondence cards which were to have been ready for Christmas should now be available before Easter.

A logo has been designed by President Edith - an attractive scene of Anglesea cliffs and coastline has been used, size approx that of a 50c piece. This will be used initially on our Surf Coast Walk markers, but will also be available for purchase - very moderately priced - ideal to identify your interest in the Society by displaying one on your car.

**HERITAGE WEEK - April 22 to April 29**

This year the theme is to be "Industrial Heritage - Making our Past Work". It is hoped to have a tour organised to celebrate the event. "Front Runner" right now is visit to Werribee Park and the Point Cook RAAF Museum (more details needed yet before finalisation).

**GARAGE SALE - EASTER SATURDAY APRIL 14th - at 5 McMillan St**

Don't forget - your unwanted articles will delight someone else! This effort has been quite a good money spinner in the past - please start looking into the back of your cupboards NOW. Items can be left at the Museum on the afternoon of Sunday April 1st (or at a time to suit you - contact Edith 631681 or Shirley 631430).

BY THE WAY - Our old member Lucy King was in town recently and asked to be remembered to all her friends.



ANOTHER TOURING PARTY - BY PIONEER COACH - AT LORNE