

ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY Inc

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OFFICE BEARERS

OUR POPULAR PRESIDENT WAS RE-ELECTED WITH ACCLAMATION TO LEAD THE SOCIETY FOR 1992 AT THE OCTOBER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. I KNOW YOU WILL ALL JOIN WITH ME IN WISHING HER GOOD HEALTH, ESPECIALLY AS SHE RECOVERS FROM A RECENT EYE OPERATION, AND A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AHEAD. HER VICE-PRESIDENTS ARE JOAN MURCH AND ARTHUR STANLEY. WHEN A NEW TREASURER WAS NOT FORTHCOMING ARTHUR AGREED TO CARRY ON UNTIL SOMEONE OFFERED TO TAKE THIS POSITION ON.

NEWCOMER ON THE COMMITTEE IS ELSIE SAMUEL AND SHE WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLICITY. VAL AMERY WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE SUPPER ROSTER (SEE BELOW) AND CATERING ARRANGEMENTS. RITA WHITELAW IS HAPPY TO HELP ON THE LITERARY SIDE, EITHER SCANNING THE RHSV NEWS LETTERS FOR ITEMS OF INTEREST TO REPORT TO MEETINGS OR LIBRARY WORK. ALAN POIGNDESTER, MADE A LIFE MEMBER AT THE AGM IS IN CHARGE OF MAINTENANCE - DO GIVE HIM YOUR SUPPORT WHEN IT IS NEEDED AND SOUGHT. BETH MARSH AND JEAN WENDT HAVE BEEN RE-ELECTED - BOTH HAVE UNFORTUNATELY HAD HEALTH PROBLEMS AND UNABLE TO ATTEND RECENT FIXTURES - WE WISH THEM WELL AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THEM BACK WITH US IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. MR JACK BLOMELEY ONCE AGAIN HAS AGREED TO AUDIT OUR BOOKS AND I KNOW HE WILL BE VERY HELPFUL TO A NEW TREASURER. THE SECRETARY REMAINS AS IS AND MR PHIL LEWTAS IS THE PUBLIC OFFICER; AS AN INCORPORATED BODY WE ARE BOUND TO APPOINT SOMEBODY IN THAT CAPACITY.

STOP PRESS - LORIS PAVIA HAS OFFERED TO UNDERTAKE THE POSITION AS TREASURER. YOUR EXECUTIVE IS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO WELCOME HER TO THE COMMITTEE.

ALTHOUGH THE SOCIETY DOES NOT MEET IN JANUARY, THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE CHRISTMAS AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS IS ALWAYS BUSY.

OPEN DAYS - EACH SUNDAY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON THE MUSEUM WAS OPEN ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM. THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR TIME TO "HOST" THESE OCCASIONS. YOU MAY FEEL THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN WORTH WHILE IF THE ONLY "VISITOR" WAS ANOTHER MEMBER - BUT IT DOES ESTABLISH A PATTERN AND GRADUALLY THE WORD IS PASSED ON. OUR PRESIDENT HAD A REALLY BUSY SUNDAY IN JANUARY WITH FIVE DIFFERENT VISITOR GROUPS - IN FACT SO ENGROSSED DID ONE BECOME THAT SHE HAD TROUBLE CLOSING UP. ON ANOTHER OCCASION A BUYER OF SOME OF OUR PHOTOS FROM A RIVERSIDE STALL CAME TO THE MUSEUM HOPING HE COULD COLLECT SAME - HE WAS DELIGHTED WITH WHAT HE FOUND - COULDN'T BELIEVE HE'S BYPASSED THE PLACE FOR SO LONG. HE ASSURED US HE WOULD BE BACK WITH AN ADDITIONAL PHOTO ORDER IN THE FUTURE. FROM NOW ON THE MUSEUM WILL OPEN ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH - A KEY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM EITHER EDITH OR SHIRLEY WHO WILL ALSO HELP WITH ANY QUERIES YOU MIGHT HAVE.

OTHER ACTIVITIES - SALES AT ANGAFFEST, THE REGATTA, NEW YEAR'S DAY AT THE AIREY'S INLET CRAFT SHOW AND THE WOODCHOP MAY HAVE NOT BEEN UP TO THE LEVELS OF PREVIOUS YEARS - BUT ONE HAD TO MAKE ALLOWANCE IN THESE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TIMES FOR MANY FOLK, AND OUR PRESENCE WAS APPRECIATED AS WAS EVIDENCED BY THE NUMBERS OF INTERESTED "PASSERS BY" WHO STOPPED TO PERUSE OUR PHOTOS OF THE PAST. THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL MEMBERS WHO ASSISTED ON THESE DAYS. JIM AND DOROTHY HARRISON FROM AIREY'S INLET HAVE OFFERED TO "MAN" THE STALL AT AN ENVIRONMENT DAY SET DOWN FOR MARCH 15TH ON THE BELLBRAE OVAL - SPEAKERS WE ARE LED TO BELIEVE WILL INCLUDE PETER KENDALL, ROB JELL, GEOFF CARR AND POSSIBLY JACK LONEY. THERE'S BOUND TO BE MORE PUBLICITY IN THE LOCAL PRESS ABOUT THIS FIXTURE SO KEEP A WATCH OUT.

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TO HAVE - OR HAVE NOT - A GARAGE SALE AS HAS BEEN THE CUSTOM FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS WILL BE HELD ON EASTER SATURDAY. A FEW ITEMS LEFT OVER FROM 1991 STILL RECLINE IN THE CUPBOARDS AT 5 McMILLAN STREET - IT WOULD BE GOOD TO TURN THEM INTO CASH - SOME MEMBERS HAVE ALSO INTIMATED OTHER GOODS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AND SHOULD THE RESULT BE JUST \$100 IT WOULD BE WORTH WHILE, AND THERE'S NO OUTLAY FOR THIS PARTICULAR VENTURE. SO, ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE ASKING YOU TO LOOK INTO THE BACK OF THE CUPBOARDS FOR ANY ITEMS YOU HAVEN'T USED FOR 7+ YEARS OR SO - YOU WOULDN'T REALLY MISS THEM WOULD YOU!

ITEMS COULD EITHER BE LEFT AT THE SOCIETY ON THE SUNDAY PRIOR TO EASTER BETWEEN 10.30 AND NOON. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DELIVER AN ITEM (E.G. TOO LARGE) CONTACT EITHER EDITH OR SHIRLEY; TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED.

CARAVAN - DUE TO AN OVERSIGHT BY SHIRE STAFF WE DID NOT GET OUR USUAL TUESDAY TIME SLOT. THIS WAS MOST UNFORTUNATE AS IT LEFT MANY BLANKS ON THE ROSTER - AT SHORT NOTICE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTACT OTHER SOCIETY MEMBERS WHO COULD PERHAPS HAVE TAKEN A WEDNESDAY SESSION (OR OTHER). TUESDAY HAS BEEN "OUR DAY" ALMOST SINCE INCEPTION FOR THE VOLUNTEER "INFORMATIONERS". I DO HOPE WE WILL GET OUR USUAL BAND OF HELPERS AGAIN FOR TUESDAY IN 1993 - IT IS A WORTHWHILE SERVICE AND MOST VISITORS ARE LOUD IN THEIR PRAISE OF THE FACILITY.

TABLESETTING COMPETITION - THE SOCIETY WILL SPONSOR AN ENTRY IN THIS MONEY RAISING EFFORT BY THE LIONESSE' CLUB OF ANGLESEA WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO THE DAY CARE CENTRE. DO SUPPORT THE DAY BY GOING ALONG TO THE MEMORIAL HALL ON SATURDAY MARCH 7TH FROM 11 AM.

SPEAKERS - OUR AGM SPEAKER, MRS MARY MCPHEE OF AIREY'S INLET BROUGHT ALONG COPIES OF SEVERAL BOOKS SHE HAS WRITTEN - THESE WERE AVIDLY PERUSED FOLLOWING HER DELIGHTFUL TALK OF HOW SHE STARTED WRITING AND FROM WHERE SHE GAINED INSPIRATION FOR NEW WORK. THANK YOU AGAIN MARY FOR SHARING YOUR VERY WORTHWHILE PROFESSION/HOBBY WITH US.

ONCE AGAIN THE ANNUAL DINNER HELD AT THE ANGLESEA HOTEL WAS AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS, DUE IN NO SMALL MEASURE TO OUR GUEST SPEAKER, MR BILL HUGGINS, FORMER LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER AT POINT LONSDALE. SO MANY INTERESTING TID-BITS ABOUT PORT PHILLIP HEADS AND THE BAY AND STORIES OF THE RIP KEPT HIS AUDIENCE OCCUPIED AND WHEN HE'D FINISHED, WANTING MORE. MR HUGGINS MUST HAVE LIKED US TOO FOR HE EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO REVISIT ANGLESEA AND GIVE US "MORE OF THE SAME".

THIS OFFER WAS TAKEN UP - ON JANUARY 10TH IN THE LIONS VILLAGE HALL. HE WAS ABLE TO INTEREST A MOST APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE WITH HIS VAST KNOWLEDGE OF THE BAY AND ITS 'VAGARIES' - A SMALL DONATION FROM EACH OF THOSE PRESENT ENABLED US TO MAKE A "CONTRIBUTION" OF \$110 TOWARDS THE PROPOSED DAY CARE CENTRE IN ANGLESEA. OUR THANKS ARE ALSO DUE TO THE LIONS FOR THE USE OF THE HALL - GRATIS!

THE CHRISTMAS MEETING SAW THE SHOWING OF VIDEOS - FIRSTLY SOME COMMERCIAL FOOTAGE OF THE SPLIT POINT LIGHTHOUSE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS FOLLOWED BY OUR 'OWN' VIDEO OF EARLY ANGLESEA WHICH IS BEING PUT TOGETHER BY LINDSAY BRADEN - A TASK INTO WHICH HE IS PUTTING MUCH RESEARCH. THE OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO TAKEN TO PRESENT ARTHUR STANLEY WITH A BOOK ACKNOWLEDGING HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY.

A NEW YEAR - AND OUR FEBRUARY SPEAKER WAS RHONDA BUNBURY, A FORMER SECRETARY OF THE SOCIETY. RHONDA GAVE US SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT WHEN RELATING HER EXPERIENCES WITH FOUR QUITE SEPARATE GROUPS OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN THE N.T. SHE WAS WORKING MAINLY WITH THE 12 - 16 Y.O. GIRLS AND THROUGH A LOT OF EFFORT ON HER PART, WAS ABLE TO FOSTER THEIR CONFIDENCE IN A WAY THAT THEY WERE WILLING TO TALK WITH HER ABOUT THEIR LIFESTYLES ETC. HER "TRUCK" WAS HER HOME FOR A GOOD DEAL OF THE TIME SHE SPENT IN THE NORTH ALTHOUGH SHE DID LIVE WITH THE ABORIGINES WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY AROSE. THERE WAS SO MUCH WE COULD LEARN FROM RHONDA'S OBSERVATIONS ETC - SHE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN THE IDEAL PERSON FOR THE JOB AND IS HOPEFUL THAT AT LEAST SOME OF HER RECOMMENDATIONS PUT TOGETHER IN A SIZEABLE REPORT WILL BE ACTED UPON BY THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT.

FUTURE SPEAKERS - MARCH 7TH - HOLIDAY WEEKEND - SPEAKER: MR HARRY MCGANN

I HOPE WE WILL BE ABLE TO EVEN INCREASE ON OUR NUMBERS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING (OVER 40). MR MCGANN IS MAKING A SPECIAL TRIP FROM MENTONE TO SHARE HIS LOVE AND KNOWLEDGE OF WALKING STICKS WITH US. HE HAS A FABULOUS COLLECTION WHICH I KNOW WILL FASCINATE EVERYONE WHO HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND "FEEL" THEM. IF YOU OWN A SPECIAL MODEL PLEASE BRING IT TO THE MEETING - MR MCGANN IS ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE UNUSUAL. TIME FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE 7.30 PM.

APRIL MEETING - SATURDAY 4TH - 7.30 PM - MRS PAULINE REILLY OF AIREY'S INLET WILL SPEAK ABOUT HER INTERESTS IN BIRDS. A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL ORNITHOLOGISTS UNION, MRS REILLY BELONGS TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE KNOWN AS "TWITCHERS", MOBILE BIRDWATCHERS WHO ARE PREPARED TO TRAVEL GREAT DISTANCES TO SPOT A RARE BIRD. RECENTLY A WHITE-CAPPED NODDY, A SMALL DUCK USUALLY FOUND IN THE TROPICAL FAR NORTH OF QUEENSLAND AND NORFOLK ISLAND WAS SIGHTED AT AIREYS CAUSING MUCH INTEREST AMONG BIRD LOVERS. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT AND STORIES OF LOCAL "INHABITANTS" AS WELL AS PENGUIN TALES I KNOW WILL APPEAL TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ALIKE. MRS REILLY WILL BE ONLY TOO WILLING TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AS SHE TALKS. SO - A NOTE IN YOUR DIARIES - AN EVENING NOT TO BE MISSED.

ACQUISITIONS - IT IS ALWAYS NICE TO BE ABLE TO THANK SUPPORTERS FOR THEIR ONGOING INTEREST IN EITHER GIVING US ITEMS OR LOANING THEM FOR DISPLAY. MARGARET INGHAM'S TEA WAGON HAS BEEN USED TO ADVANTAGE FOR SUPPER ON MEETING NIGHTS - A MOST WELCOME ASSET; MRS DOROTHY GERLACH, A FREQUENT DONOR OF ITEMS, HAS RECENTLY SENT US COPIES OF NEWSPAPER ITEMS OF INTEREST, A PRETTY COLOURED FLOWER SCRAP (THE TYPE GIRLS USED TO COLLECT FOR THEIR SCRAP BOOKS); THE ARMSTRONGS GAVE US A BEAUTIFUL BLACK DAINTY EVENING BAG WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE HENTY FAMILY.

KEITH CECIL GAVE ANOTHER CAMERA FOR OUR COLLECTION; JOAN MURCH A LORNETTE AND PEG COCKERILL A QUAIN KNITTING BOOK OF BABIES' PATTERNS OF YESTERYEAR - ALL THESE ITEMS CAN BE SEEN ON SHOW IN THE MUSEUM.

A RECENT ADDITION TO THE LIBRARY IS A COPY OF "POUNDS AND PEDIGREES" BY PAUL DE SERVILLE - NAMES OF SEVERAL DISTRICT FAMILIES APPEAR IN SOME OF THE LISTS. THE LATEST VOLUME IN THE CONTINUING SERIES "ALONG THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD" PUBLISHED BY THE SOCIETY HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY "OLD SCOUTS" VISITING THE AREA, ESPECIALLY THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH STAN MERVIN. COPIES OF THIS BOOK "SCOUTING IN ANGLESEA" ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$12, FIRST COPY FOR MEMBERS, THEN \$12.50 FOR FURTHER COPIES. THE "CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF EVENTS IN ANGLESEA AND AIREY'S INLET" HAS ALSO BEEN UPDATED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY. IN THE PIPELINE - "COASTAL BUSHFIRES" - A COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME LISTING ALL KNOWN FIRES IN THE OTWAYS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE LATER THIS YEAR.

A SNIPPET OF LOCAL HISTORY - POINT ADDIS - WE ALL KNOW THIS PROMINENT POINT ON THE ANGLESEA COASTLINE - BUT AFTER WHOM WAS IT NAMED?

EDWARD BROWN ADDIS (1790-1866) WAS A NAVAL MAN, ENTERING THE ROYAL NAVY AS A FIRST CLASS VOLUNTEER AT JUST 13 YEARS OF AGE. IN 1806 HE WAS WRECKED NEAR SICILY WHEN HIS COMMANDER AND 396 OF THE CREW WERE LOST. AFTER ATTAINING THE RANK OF COMMANDER ON THE "HALF-PAY" LIST IN 1831, HE EMIGRATED TO AUSTRALIA LATER IN THE DECADE. IN FEBRUARY OF 1839 HE BOUGHT LAND IN MALOP STREET BETWEEN MOORABOOL AND YARRA STS. APPOINTED MAGISTRATE LATER THAT YEAR, HE CONTINUED TO SIT ON THE BENCH UNTIL THE 1850'S. HE WAS GAZETTED AS A COMMISSION FOR CROWN LANDS FOR THE COUNTY OF GRANT IN 1841 AND ALSO BECAME GEELONG'S FIRST CORONER. ON CLOSE TERMS WITH SUPERINTENDENT LA TROBE, HE TOOK HIM TO BOUCHER'S LIME KILN WHERE THE KEYS THAT BECAME KNOWN AS "LA TROBES" WERE FOUND. AMONG OTHER POSITIONS HELD WAS A DIRECTORSHIP OF THE GEELONG BRANCH OF THE BANK OF AUSTRALASIA. IN 1844 HE IS SAID TO HAVE SPOKEN IN PARLIAMENTARY SESSION IN BRITAIN ON THE SUBJECT OF THE BARRABOOL TRIBE AND WHEN THE PROTECTORATE WAS ABANDONED IN 1850 HE WAS MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCAL ABORIGINES. SO A MAN OF MANY PARTS! HE BUILT "LAIRA VILLA" ON 25 ACRES OF LAND PURCHASED IN 1839 ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ABERDEEN STREET BETWEEN ADDIS STREET AND SHANNON AVENUE. EVENTUALLY HE AND HIS WIFE RETURNED TO ENGLAND WHERE THEY LIVED AT "LAIRA VILLA", NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON, WHERE HE DIED IN 1866. NO FAMILY IS KNOWN OF.

MEMBERSHIP - MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN KEPT AT \$5 FOR 1992 AND MOST SUBS HAVE BEEN RENEWED. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE OVERLOOKED YOURS, PLEASE SEND THIS AMOUNT TO EITHER THE SECRETARY c/o BOX 98, OR YOUR NEW TREASURER, LORIS PAVIA, 185 OCEAN ROAD ANGLESEA, 3230. A MARK (X) AGAINST MEMBERSHIP WILL DENOTE UNFINANCIAL.

SUPPER ROSTER -

MARCH 7	SHIRLEY MCFADZEAN MOLLIE KEATES	APRIL 4	MAY PATON MYRLE SMITHWICK
MAY 2	BETTY BUTTERWORTH KATH BLOMELEY	JUNE 6	NAN HOOKE RITA WHITELAW
JULY 4	GWEN YATES MERRAN FLEAY	AUGUST 1	NANCY McDONALD JUNE JONES
SEPT 5	CLAIRE ROBERTS PEG DIAMOND	OCTOBER 3
NOVEMBER - ANNUAL DINNER		DECEMBER 5	EDNA STEVENS ELSIE SAMUEL

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE TRY AND ARRANGE WITH SOMEONE ELSE - OR IF IN DIFFICULTY - PHONE VAL AMERY ON 631852.

SUNDAY ROSTER -

MARCH 1	VAL AMERY & RITA WHITELAW
APRIL 5	NANCY McDONALD &
MAY 3	EDITH LAWN &
JUNE 7	ELSIE SAMUEL & EDNA STEVENS
JULY 5	AFTERNOON MEETING

PROPOSED EXCURSION - PLANS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED FOR A TRIP TO QUEENSLIFF - POSSIBLE DATE - TUESDAY MARCH 31ST. WATCH LOCAL PAPERS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

COMMITTEE MEETING - PLEASE NOTE - WILL BE HELD AT 5 McMILLAN STREET ON FRIDAY MARCH 6TH AT 10 AM.

