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BRRRR!!! our Winter bulletin brings members up-to-date with events to come and reflections on what we have enjoyed in recent times. Those attending our WELCOME TO WINTER after our meeting early June were treated to a great video supplied by Myrle Smithwick showing the disastrous fire and subsequent restoration of Windsor Castle. Much chatter and good humour pervaded our crowded room as hot toddies were handed round accompanied by tasty savouries our President making sure everyone enjoyed the occasion.

What could have been a minor disaster when the scheduled speaker failed to appear in July turned into a very pleasant informal afternoon's entertainment. Recently returned from a trip to the Town Crying Competitions in Belgium and a tour of the U.K., Melva Stott accepted Val's invitation to share some of the experiences she and Stan had during their travels. This impromptu talk was interspersed with lots of questions which Melva handled with plenty of humour. Not hard to understand why she received the award for "CONVIVIALITY" at the "meet"!

***** AUGUST MEETING *****

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 6th August when Maree Clancy, the Co-ordinator at Community House will tell us something of the range of activities carried on there. If you have not visited us recently you're in for a surprise. A vast area seems to have opened up between Community House and our Museum 'Family History rooms - landscaping will be done to enhance this area of the Hall Precinct. The IN and OUT roads off McMillan Street seem to be working quite well and will certainly give us more public exposure. And if you have unpleasant memories of having to sit on the long stool during meetings when chairs have been fully occupied take heart - our ^CPR Harry has been busy restoring that stool to provide a comfortable seat. Thanks due here also to Harry's happy band of helpers who have been clearing up the garage to provide a more attractive setting for some of our artefacts and with the roof finally sealed, a weatherproof environment.

"SUBMISSION for HERITAGE GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL LIBRARY"

Your President and Secretary spent some hectic hours putting together the facts and figures for this submission - our goal to receive a grant for the restoration of the "Inverlochy" Log Book. A recent visit by a marine archaeologist spurred us on as he was most impressed with one of our "prized" exhibits despite the fact that it is incomplete and in a very parlous condition. A supporting letter from him, as well as one from Norm Houghton at Geelong Historical Records should, we hope, assist our submission. The assistance given by one of the conservators (who would carry out the work if we are successful) at the State Records Office at Laverton was extremely helpful. We hope that her estimation of the cost of the work involved (in excess of two and half thousand dollars) won't scare the judging panel (as it did us!!!)

Proposed storage for community groups.

With the removal of the fence, shed and hedges between the Museum and the Community House, the old Filkin residence has been exposed in all its dilapidation. It is at present serving as a temporary storage area for Angair, the Entertainers and the A.D.H.S. It is marked for demolition by the Shire. This prompted the above groups to plan for a purpose built storage facility to serve the joint needs of community. To this end a programme has been arranged to create awareness of the project in the district. At 2 pm on Sunday 13th August in the Civic Hall there will be diverse displays and a short play with a cast of School Children directed by Bronwyn Sdraulig well known for her drama talents. Afternoon tea will be available. Entrance by a small donation. *Your attendance and support is earnestly requested.*

Your Society was represented at :-

1. **The opening of the Community House alterations** by the State and Regional Development Minister John Brumby on 19th July. A valuable extension available to all residents.
2. **The Anglesea Forum** - a meeting of Surf Coast Shire Councillors and local clubs and Societies to discuss informally matters of mutual interest. It is planned to have such meetings on a regular basis.
3. **The launch of a book "Turn of the tide"** at Spring Creek House, Torquay. This is a compilation of reminiscences of 14 Torquay residents. A copy is now in our library, and available for borrowing by members. *Our congratulations on this publication.*

Looking ahead -

Come to our September Spring meeting at the Museum and, in your imagination, travel through the Olde Worlde under the direction of Kath Longman. A fascinating hour is guaranteed.

Birthday Greetings -



At our June meeting we honoured the birthdays of two long time members Mollie Keates (90 years old) and Elsie Samuel (80 years old). Our very best wishes to them both.



A clue to Henry's missing 10 acres.

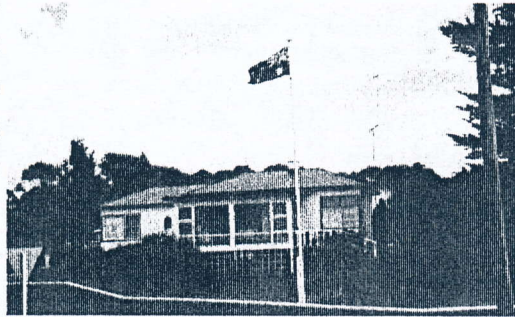
A recently acquired map has given a further clue to the whereabouts of Henry Buckhurst's 10 acre orchard site at Urquharts Bluff. Will follow this up and keep you posted. L.B.

HEDLEY STORY CONTINUED FROM OUR PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

Our house, 105 Ocean Road was built in 1948, a prefab Triton house built by brother Les and Brian Butterworth. My mother died in 1956 but my father carried on his boat hiring business till he died in 1961. One of his boat houses I think belonged to Sichlau and the other we bought from Mrs Bingley. My father enjoyed 20 years of retirement in Anglesea.

Les and Nancy Hedley sold Debonair in 1967 and bought Inverlochy in Pickworth Drive but were completely burnt out on Ash Wednesday 1983. They then bought a house in Murray St.

My young brother Bill had a house in 11th Avenue, Pt Roadknight and was a greatly involved with Regatta Day,



New Years Day. For many years a swimming and diving regatta was held at the bridge on Boxing Day where there was a diving tower and dressing sheds, but had to be discontinued because of official body of swimming authority, so I was later informed.

My husband Jim King and myself retired to 105 Ocean Road in 1973 and enjoyed 16 years of golf, bowls and fishing in the relaxed life style of Anglesea. We reluctantly sold our lovely property to move to Perth, near our sons, as we could no longer manage the gardens and lawns, but oh how we miss the lovely view.

At least we lived to see Anglesea become the lovely resort my parents had always visualised.

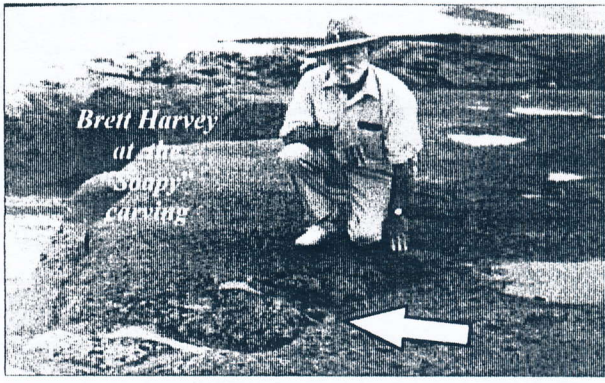
*** LUCY R.. KING (nee HEDLEY) PERTH 1999 ***

A SECOND CARVING LOCATED

You will remember that we celebrated Troward Harvey's 100 year old rock etching below the Life Saving Club, with a glass of champers during March of this year. Also most are familiar with hearing me say : "one thing leads to another!"

When Troward's nephew Brett Harvey recently came from Melbourne to explore his family's history, it was soon realised that we were at cross purposes as to the whereabouts of the famous Harvey rock cut.

Gazing across from the Loveridge lookout we ascertained that the carving that Brett was familiar with was further around at Soapy. After parking in Melba, and scrambling down to the slippery outcrop, sure enough there's a second rock indentation there. The 100 year old initials of two of



the brothers, Troward and Philip are inscribed for all to see!
Let's contact our Secretary and see if we can arrange a second champers gathering to celebrate this great find - what a splendid idea! L.B.

A BIT OF TEAMWORK

Our Secretary Shirley, recently received a polite letter from Mrs. Betty Wallace of Wanganella N.S.W. pointing out that there was an error regarding the death of Lily Berthon in my book 'Early Aireys Inlet' - this stated that Lily Berthon died at Lorne aged 83 during 1946. It would seem that Betty's grandmother Mrs. Clare Sayer of 'Land's End' Aireys Inlet was informed that Miss Berthon hadn't collected her mail at the store for a few days. She went to the cottage and found that Lily had died. The district Policeman from Lorne was called, and a death certificate was later issued from the Lorne Police Station. Because of

this, today's Genealogy disks show that Miss Berthon died at Lorne, when in fact she actually died at Aireys Inlet.

My book has been amended, and apologies to Mrs. Betty Wallace for the error.

Thanks to Kathy Feather (who recently researched the Berthon family) for faxing me details of Miss Berthon's Death Certificate.

Just to give you an idea - it took five local calls, one STD to N.S.W., another STD to Melbourne, plus Kathy's fax to clear this up. **Thanks to all concerned** □ L.B.



A Hotel with tennis court, and a nearby Golf Course, once graced Eastern View

EASTERN VIEW HOTEL

I parked opposite a former hospitality site at Eastern View the other day - Alfred Farthing came to the spot some 73 years before me and established a Hotel there. At that time there were only four other houses in the area..

Maximilian Miller was proprietor at that time.

Alfred Farthing built the first part of the property in 1924. This was extended and a licence granted in 1927. The early photo (middle left) shows that the Ocean Road at that time was far from being Great, but merely a two wheeled unmade dirt track. Land was leased on the Ocean side of this for a tennis court. This area is now used as a beach car park.

Ray Clarke (who lived further along the track) mentioned that to reach this location in the old days, one travelled from Aireys behind Berthons Hill to Moggs Creek, then through the sand dunes to Eastern view. Of course Clarkes ran that area's telephone exchange from 1923 until 1968. The Hotel's number was Eastern View 5.

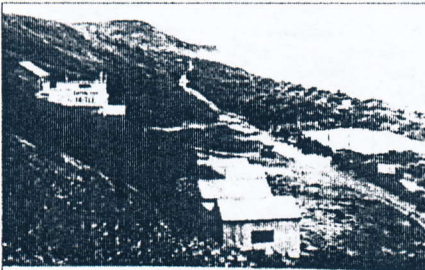
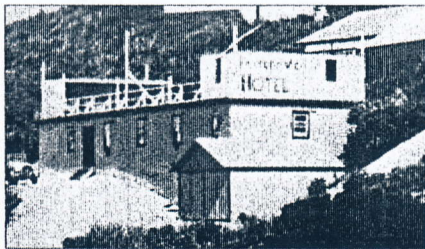
Further west recreation facilities were improved when in 1936 the Great Ocean Road Trust opened a nine hole Golf Course. This was closed at the beginning of World War two, and sadly never re-opened after hostilities ceased.

I still remember one perfect summer afternoon in the early 1950's calling to the establishment and sitting at an umbrella shaded table on what the management described as the upstairs promenade deck. This elevated position looked across the Great Ocean Road to the spectacular surf beach - from memory a chap by the name of

The Hotel Licence was surrendered in 1957. The structure was later occupied by Dr. Percy Jones from the Melbourne Conservatorium.

The ex-watering place was destroyed in 1983 by the Ash Wednesday bush fire □

Lindsay Braden



NUMBER TWO

The easily remembered district telephone number two was held in reserve for many years at Anglesea. During WW2 it was allocated to Chief Lookout Spotter Joyce Graham of Sunnymead Road (now Harvey St) - Anglesea 2. At Aireys Inlet the handy numeral went to B. Natham of "Sunnymead" homestead - Aireys Inlet 2. At Eastern View William Boyd of "The Neuk" Moggs Creek had this number - Eastern View 2. Further on at Lorne the early established Hotel Lorne used this number - Lorne 2. In Geelong the well known Wool Broker Geo Hague of Western Beach used this number for his Company - Geelong 2. ■ L.B.