

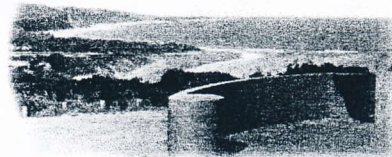
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# Coastal Current



*seaside tidings from ...*

*The Anglesea & District  
Historical Society Inc.*



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**Meetings  
The Historical Society meets on  
the first Sunday of each month  
unless otherwise notified**

**Museum  
Our Museum at 5a McMillan  
Street Anglesea, is open on the  
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## *Spring snippets*

OUR 2001 A.G.M. held on  
October 7th was very well  
attended. Ray Bush in his

inimitable style conducted the election for the ensuing year and was particularly happy to welcome a new face, Anne Salvado to the committee. Loris Pavia past treasurer and committee member for a number of years did not seek re-election for family reasons but still intends keeping an active interest in the life of the Society. The three office bearers appearing on the newsletter will again take on these positions. A pleasant duty was to confer on our Town Criers honorary membership in recognition of past services and more to come !!

Harry Mann as guest speaker gave a graphic account of the low-loader he'd had such a big part in designing. This juggernaut was used to transport the German made machinery from Cunningham Pier in Geelong to it's new home, ALCOA, in Anglesea. All sorts of problems arose along the way including the Bellbrae hill and then approaching the gate of the mine, the whole apparatus sank into the soft road. The slides shown gave members an idea of the enormity of the project.

A long time member who will be sadly missed is Ron Scott - Shirley and Ron have been part of our Society in an active capacity for years and it is with much regret we record Ron's passing.

ANGAIR DISPLAY Those who visited the Hall over the weekend of Sept, 22nd and 23rd will have admired the wildflower exhibits as well as the Society display "Deeming," the storey of an evil immigrant to our shores back in the late 1800's. We are indebted to the Public Records Office for providing this interesting storey - this tied in well too with the Family History Group with their microfiche available for anyone to check out on their ancestors - strangely enough, we could not find Alfred Deeming in the records available - perhaps he arrived illegally !!



Our Museum was staffed by members over the weekend and interest was quite keen with numbers of photos ordered and brisk business done with the re-introduced calendars - a re-run has been organised so you don't have to miss out ! They will be available at the dinner for \$5.

### ANNUAL DINNER - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2nd 2001.

We are looking forward to seeing many members and friends at our dinner to be held in the Bistro Room of the Anglesea Hotel at 6.30pm. for 7 pm. An interesting menu has been chosen.

***Don't miss our 2002 photo calendar !***



## Spring snippets continued

A separate slip is enclosed for membership payment which is now due and dinner attendance - please return a.s.a.p. to Beryl Parsons, Box 129 Anglesea 3230.

**ACQUISITIONS** We have been very fortunate over the years with numbers of items given by friends and well wishers for our collection. We are now the proud owners of the original desk from "Anglecrest" donated by the Butterworths. Once it has been restored to former glory it will be proudly displayed in our foyer area. Other items to come our way include excellent books for the library and an old set of scales to name but a few.

**WEB PAGE** Our web site has been re-designed, and now that Winchelsea Society has a site also, it means that the three adjoining Surfcoast Shire Societies viz., Lorne, Winch and Anglesea are linked on the net.

The digitalising of our photographic collection has been completed, this made possible with a Local History Grant from the Public Records Office. *The inventory is proving invaluable for prospective buyers of copies of our photos.*

**GRANTS** We are still anxiously awaiting the outcome of three submissions for grants - one for the restoration of the Inverloch Log Book (our second attempt!), provision of gas heating at the Museum and an innovative project to be carried out with children from the local school.

**COMING EVENTS**  
We will again provide a display at the Art House in Cameron Road on November 3rd - we are happy to accept this invitation

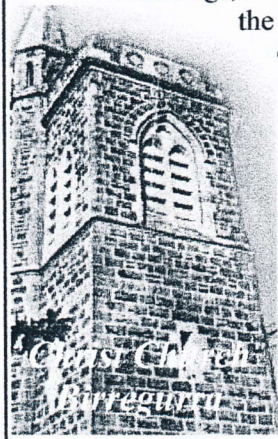
### A TRIP TO BIRREGURRA

In August we journeyed to Birregurra as guests of the recently formed History Group.



A small, dedicated band are doing tremendous work in collecting records of the town's rich history.

A short tour of significant buildings, including the Anglican Church and Vicarage,



a visit to the Society's 'room' in the main street, followed by fine country style hospitality in the modern Community Health Centre, rounded off a most enjoyable afternoon.

*We trust that the liaison formed will lead to a mutual exchange of information and ideas.*

Valarie A ■

from this group.

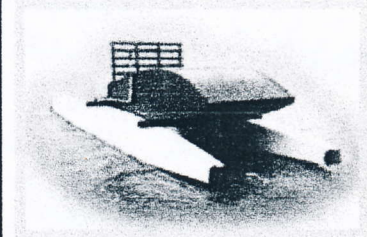
Our next meeting at the Museum will be in December with the usual Christmas theme.

We look forward to a merry time together- so diarise Dec. 2nd now !!

■ Shirley F

### ANGLESEA PADDLE BOATS INSPECTED BY NATIONAL TRUST

Randell Bell, Chairman of State National Trust met paddle boat owner Adrian Booth at the Anglesea river on Tuesday 8th August, regarding classification of his unique 50 year old river fleet -*an icon of our river.*



This led to articles appearing in both the Geelong Advertiser and Melbourne Age. Also an appearance on the Channel 7 News.

Maintenance on the paddle boats is high, due to their wooden pontoons, with special attention needed to glue and paint.

During the past two summers the river level has been too low for the wooden hulls, resulting in a different range of water craft being operated.

*Hopefully some of the original wooden paddle boats will be back in use this summer.* ■

### PHOTOS & MEMORABILIA

We urgently need more local photos or slides (formal or informal) for our Museum display.

*These can be copied straight from your album.*



## Don't forget our Annual Dinner !

Friday 2nd November at 7pm.

Bistro Room - Anglesea Hotel

Guest Speaker - Winston Wade

Topic - *There is life after redundancy!*

You will enjoy a three course meal (with choices) following a pre-dinner drink with nibbles Cost incl GST is \$25 P.H. Please RSVP by October 28th to Beryl 5263 1164 or Shirley 52631430.

To assist our Treasurer money beforehand would be appreciated, but if on the night, have the exact amount in a named envelope.

Postal Address ADHS. Box 98 Anglesea. 3230.

# EARLY ANGLESEA FAMILIES THEIR LAND AND HOUSES

(part three) continued from our previous Newsletter

## What caused George Noble to suddenly subdivide some of his Anglesea grazing land west of the river?


Unfortunately for George, there was a chap by the name of Tom Austin who lived across in Winchelsea, on a property originally named 'The Mansion' and later called 'Barwon Park.'

Tom Austin's younger brother William lived back home .... in Somerset.

In 1859 young William *obligingly* dispatched out to the colony -

*24 Rabbits and 14 hares !*

I don't know what happened to the hares, but I do know by 1880 thousands of rabbits had

 swarmed across to Anglesea, and laid Noble's land bare - making it no longer suitable for grazing purposes...*but ideal for subdivision !*

Please keep in mind that when George Noble originally cut up his broad acres *there was no bridge.*

To reach this new subdivision on the western side of the stream, *you crossed the sand at the*



*narrow river mouth.*

In 1884 the first release of Noble's land was put up for sale under the name of 'The Gladstone Estate' by his Agent W. P. Carr of Ryrie Street Geelong.

These thirty five one acre lots fronted what we now know as Harvey and Parker Streets and The River Esplanade.

*Prices asked were between £5 & £10 per site*

■ *Lindsay B.*



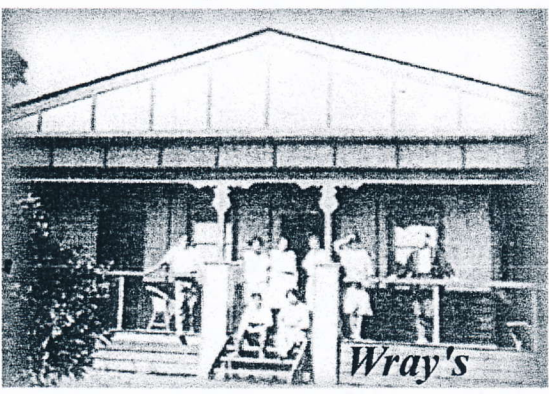
# Nancy McDonald's ANGLESEA



*Edited highlights from an address by our former member, the late Miss Nancy McDonald, on June 2nd, 1984 . Part 1 of 4.*

**My association with Anglesea started in 1932, which I realise is 52 years ago. (in 1984) We came down in February, and stayed with the Searle's in Wray's corner house in McMillan Street. This has since been pulled down, and we were very sad to see it go.**

**W**e hired a Dodge car for three weeks which had a flat out speed of about 25 to 30 mph. The journey from Melbourne on the Old Geelong Road took the whole day. This was via the Williamstown ferry to Werribee for lunch, then pull up at Lara for a cup of afternoon tea.



Benson the Fisheries Officer was forever measuring every cray we caught with his 14 inch ruler.

Every time we caught a cray he seemed to appear out of the sand with ruler in hand. Most of our catch had to go back because they weren't of size.

Amongst the items we brought were linen, an ice chest, a cage with 12 chooks (two of which were killed each week) a bag of potatoes, cases of fruit and vegetables. The butcher came across from Torquay, also our bread was obtained from there.

dairy is today. We caught our own fish and crays. There were so many available then, it now makes you weep. At Urquhart Bluff sweep, schnapper, and leather jackets were in good supply.

Later big MacDougall took over from Charlie. He was kinder and used to take us wooding when they trimmed the pine trees.

**AT ANGLESEA THERE WERE THE POST OFFICE AND PUB.**

The Bridge Café was just over the river, further along was Marion's store with a little bit of everything you could imagine. Debonair and Anglecrest were around the corner.

Allison had a 1924 Chev single seater coupe. There would often be about twelve of us in the car.

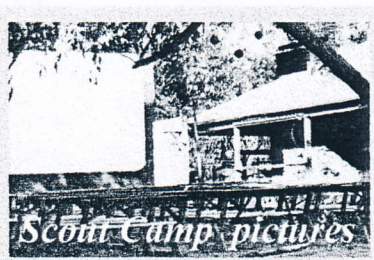
**OUR FAVOURITE DAY WAS TO WALK TO PT. ADDIS VIA THE BEACH.**

It was very dicey, you could just do the return trip with the tides. I can remember once we were caught and had to wait 12 hours. Everyone at home knew we were alright, but the others were saying the poor girls were lost.

One day we caught a shark at Point Addis on a schnapper line. The way it was pulling we thought we had hooked a huge schnapper.

The line was attached to the rear of the car and we drove off.... *and up came a four foot grey nurse shark !!*

Addis was then covered with beautiful short, white everlastings and forget-me-nots in bunches. These used to bloom at Xmas.



We used to go to the outdoor pictures on a Saturday night at the Scout Camp. When the mosquitoes were particularly bad they transferred the films to the hall behind the Hotel where the

This was placed across the back of the dicky seat and taken back to Marion Francis. We asked her to bury it in her back yard. "Oh no, it's food" she said, and fed it to over 100 people for lunch at her Angahook Café.

It just shows you how things can disappear. One day at Addis we saw a florist arrive from Geelong, mow the everlastings down and depart with them in little bunches.

We had a cray-pot which was put down at either Roadknight or Urquharts. The crays had to be 14 inches from tip to tail. Charlie

*I haven't seen any there for years, where it once used to be absolutely covered ■*

*- from N. McD. address 1984.....*

*To be continued in our next newsletter*