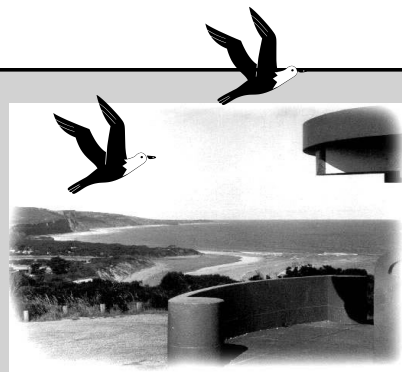


Coastal Current

seaside tidings from ...
The Anglesea & District
Historical Society Inc.



President's message

We were recently visited by the Portarlington Historical Society, when their newly formed group of only 18 months came to view our Museum. A first-class time was had by all!

It was found one member had previously worked at the Four Kings, another called during



A visit from Portarlington

the Xmas period for the National Bank Agency, and another grew up in nearby Deans Marsh. *Some very good stories and information came to light.* We have been invited to visit them in November, at a date to be arranged. They are resident at the Old Mill, Portarlington.

**OUR WELL ATTENDED
SEPTEMBER MEETING**



Kit Boyd

was combined with members of Moggs Creek, who provided the guest speaker – Kit Boyd, a descendant of an early founder of Moggs, who entertained us with stories of holidays at The Neuk many years ago. **Calendars are being printed** to celebrate 75 years of the Great Ocean Road. These will be released for sale in early October. We hope everyone will help in their sale.

■ *Norma Morrison*

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Meetings
The Historical Society meets on
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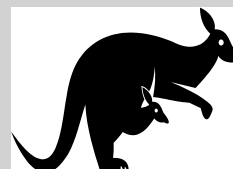
Museum
Our Museum at 5a McMillan
Street Anglesea, will be open
during the Xmas and Easter
holidays on Sundays 2-4pm or
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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ANGLESEA
& DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
will be held at our Museum 5a McMillan street
Anglesea, on **Sunday 1st October 2006 at 2pm**



Cliff top walk re-opened 2006



Seat
in
1939

Back in the days when citizens readily accepted responsibility for their own actions, there was a *bench seat* to the side of the old cliff-top walk up to the Loveridge lookout. This resting place was put to good use until it was destroyed by the Ash Wednesday fire. After this blaze, high tree regrowth covered the popular track plus remains of the seat. Fortunately the Great Ocean Road Coastal Committee saw fit to re-open the forgotten path this 2006, but with a *point of time difference*. Since those good old days new words such as *litigation* and *public liability* have come into being, causing the route to be moved inland and *fenced on both sides*. Remains of the old bench seat can still be seen on the 'no-go' side of the wire fence. Sadly re-growth obliterates the notable view of the sea. Many thanks to those concerned for re-opening this delightful hillside stroll ■ LB

1939
photo



Seat in 1965

Remains
of this
seat in
2006

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photo

Mr. JOHN (Jake) ANDERSON.

Jake was a colourful character, of many facets.

He lived in Melba Parade opposite the entrance to the Yacht Club and boat ramp.

He led the first modern diving expeditions to the wreck of the "Inverlochy" in the days when scuba diving was relatively new

"Jake's Shack" on this site, is reputed to be the site of the original fisherman's shack belonging to Albert Monk, the first professional fisherman in Anglesea.

This property has recently changed hands, and at this moment (March 2006), is mostly a vacant block with only a small brick unit left standing. The rest is bare ground.

John Anderson was Commodore of the Anglesea Motor Yacht Club from 1966 - 73. He led the first modern diving expeditions to the wreck of the "Inverlochy" in the days when scuba diving was relatively new.

They recovered an anchor from the wreck, and it is now mounted beside the boat ramp at Point Roadknight.

He owned a series of motor-boats, generally red in colour, which he used to drive as fast as pos-

sible around "Princess Mary Bay" - (Point Roadknight bay).

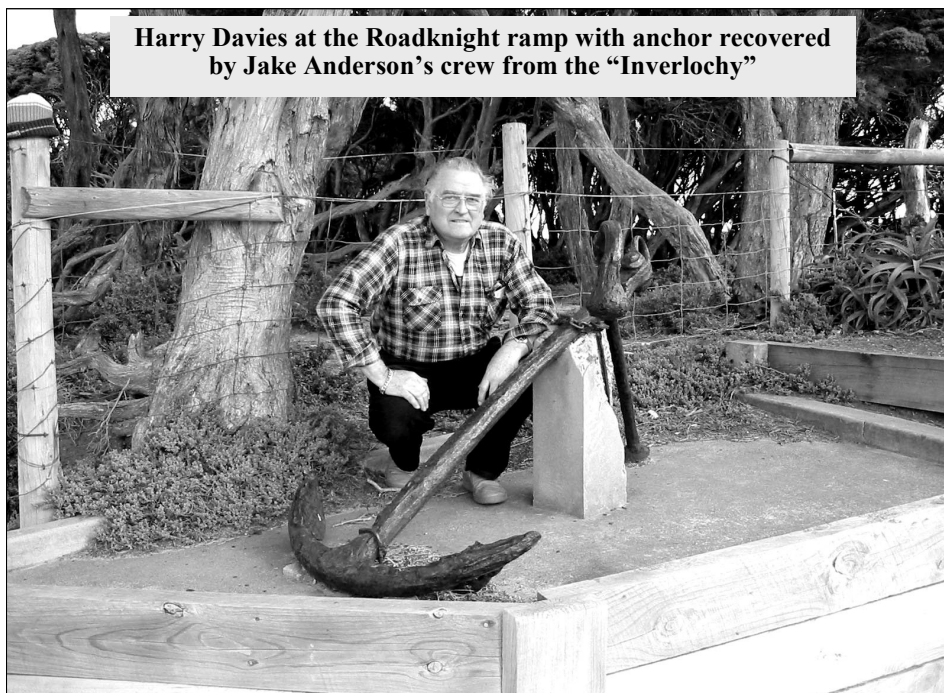
In his younger days, Jake had worked as a butcher supplying the Collingwood football club where he met one, a Mr. John Wren no less, the President of the club at that time.

Jake had tales to tell of Mr. Wren visiting the rooms after a Collingwood victory, and peeling pound notes off a thick roll, to reward the day's most effective players.

Before he died, Jake Anderson left the remnants of his original diving gear with another local, **Frank Flynn**, in the belief that the story of the first scuba divers in Anglesea might become a matter of historical interest. Inside the 'helmet' is written "JAKE".

Frank has soaked and dried these items and presented them to the Anglesea & District Historical Society in the best

possible condition, despite their age, for display



Harry Davies at the Roadknight ramp with anchor recovered by Jake Anderson's crew from the "Inverlochy"

and posterity.

(Thank you Frank Flynn. Feb '06.)

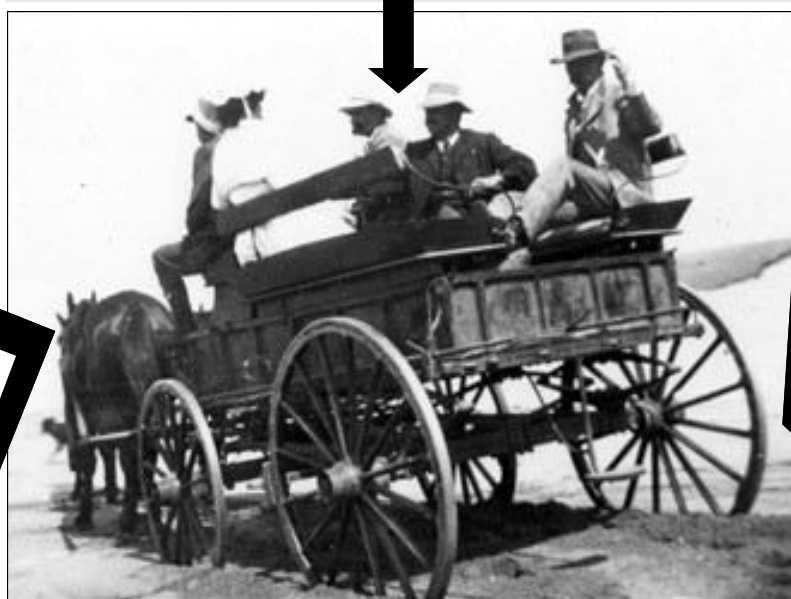
■ Harry Davies

ANGLESEA RIVER BRIDGE 1897



Agreement on the erection of Anglesea's first river bridge was not an easy matter. At that time Winchelsea administered the western side of the river, and Barrabool the eastern area. It was at first estimated that the bridge would cost £400. Of this the Government would contribute half, the public one fourth, and £50 each from the two councils. The final cost was expected to be £500 - the tender of Mr. F.W. Bladen of Malvern was accepted. Local residents Mr. George Noble and Mr. Walter Harrison saved the bridge from destruction during the 1919 fire with water drawn up in buckets. A new bridge was opened to the south of the old wooden link structure in 1968 ■ *L.B.*

RIVER MOUTH CROSSING BEFORE BRIDGE WAS BUILT 1897



TO AIREYS
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FROM ANGLESEA
TOWNSHIP