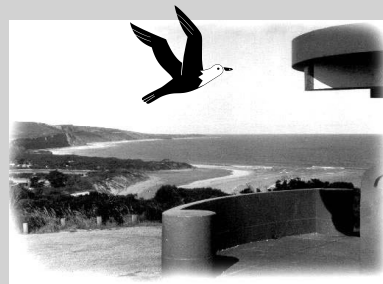


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seaside tidings from ...
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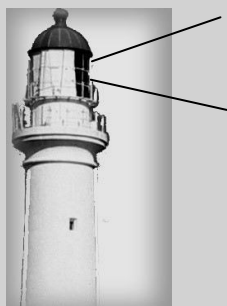
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Meetings
The Historical Society meets on
the first Sunday of each month
unless otherwise
notified

Museum
Our Museum at 5a McMillan Street
Anglesea, will be open during the
Xmas and Easter holidays on Sun-
days 2-4pm or by
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Now that the bleak and cold winter is finally giving way to Spring, we can all look forward to some warmer days for gardening and all those other things we enjoy.

Loveridge Lookout – the major repairs to the structure have been completed and an anti-graffiti coating has been applied to the paintwork to minimise any unsightly artwork that occasionally occurs. *Arthur Simmons who worked on the original lookout construction phoned Lindsay Braden to say how pleased he was with the restoration job..*

Plans are underway for redesigning the precinct surrounds, such as landscaping, interpretive plaques that outline the lookout’s history, identify nearby landmarks and describe the flora and geology. **It is anticipated that an official ceremony marking the restoration will be held later in the year.**

Anglesea Art Walk – this project has rapidly progressed in the last few weeks. The Society’s mosa-

ic of the Inverloch needs only the finishing touches to the life-buoy surround to be completed. Dept. of Sustainability & Environment have given approval for our Mosaic to be located in the Loveridge Lookout precinct. Steering committee members are now in the throes of producing a brochure outlining the story behind each mosaic together with a map of the various locations. The official opening of the walk is scheduled for Sunday 17th October on the Riverbank.

AGM – Notice of the Annual General Meeting and nomination forms are enclosed. All financial members of the Society are eligible to be nominated for the committee. We need new committee members as at least two members are not re-nominating.

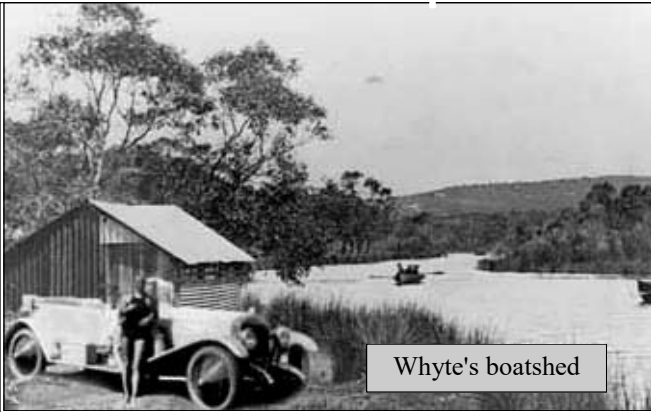
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As most of you would know, our members Prue and Graeme Weber are well advanced on their book:

**'The Grand Challenge'
The history of the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club
1911 to 2011.**

They also wish to advise; to commence the centenary celebrations off to a flyer, an Old Time Ball & Book launch will be held at the Anglesea Community Hall on Saturday 20th November (a week before the State elections). Further details will be provided later. Enquiries ...5263 2431

A step back in time



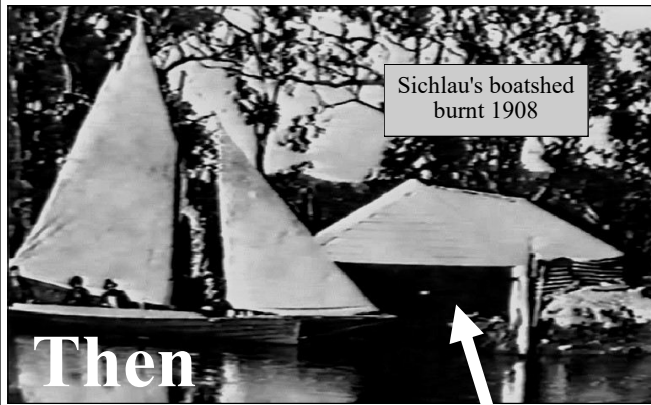
Whyte's boatshed



Whyte's boatshed site 1990

WHYTE'S RIVER BOATSHED
BINGLEY PDE. 1899-1946

The boatshed of Louis Australia Whyte from 'The Heights' Newtown, was once a well known river landmark. This was built in approximately 1899 of timber frame, and clad with corrugated iron. It was cut into the riverbank near the corner of today's Bingley Parade and Wilkin Street. After Louis Australia Whyte died his son Louis Melville Whyte mainly used the shed to store his surfboards. He would travel to the boatshed in his Rolls Royce Silver Ghost, and spend time surfing along the coast between Anglesea and Lorne. *This structure was moved across the road in 1946 by Les Hedley and helpers, and became part of Leo McMahons house.* The cut into the riverbank can still be seen. ■ L.B.



Sichlau's boatshed burnt 1908

Then



Sichlau's boatshed hole 1990

Now

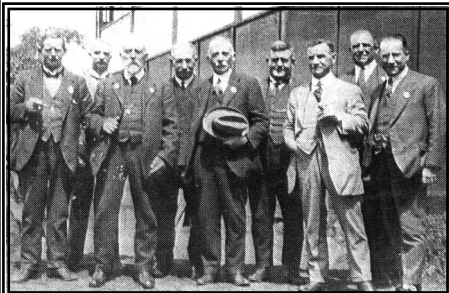
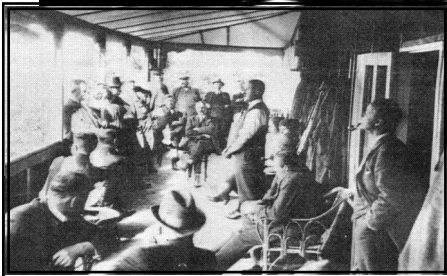
SICHLAU'S "NORSEWOOD" BOATSHED

1886 -1908

The Sichlaus built this boatshed on their leasehold land at the river fork in 1886. It was cut into the riverbank to enable the boats to float into the structure, and was built from hand sawn timber and galvanised iron. This well known shed was destroyed by the 1908 fire. **Only the gap remained.**

The riverbank breach can still be identified to the north of today's Bingley Parade and Wilkin Street. ■ L.B.

A little bit of research !



"Iluka"

THE
BIG
HILL.

SEPT. 21st 1924.

GREAT
OCEAN
ROAD

MENU.

Big Hill Chicken. Ocean Road Fowl.
Toll Gate Beef.
Dilly's Ham and Stewart's Tongue.
.....
Potatoes a la Clarke. Inlet Peas.
Stradbroke Point Tomatoes.
.....
Devils Pudding and Elbow Sauce.
Ritchcock Pie and Anderson's Cream.
Cinema Trifle. McKay's Jelly.
.....
Dowie's Beer. Shirria's Wines.
Robbie's Horseneck.
.....
Sutherland's Tea. McPhillimys Coffee.
.....
Cigars (your own)

A hand printed caption on the above photo at our Museum didn't seem to ring true. I felt uneasy about it. The print shows a group of touring cars outside the "Iluka" mail box at Big Hill.. The description stated **"Land sale Big Hill 1920"**

Our Great Ocean Road timeline shows that "Iluka" was not built until 1923, and that the Big Hill land sale was held during April 1921 in two venues at Melbourne and Geelong – **so this rules that caption out.**

Big Hill rises back from Cinema Point and "Iluka" was the first structure to be built on the Estate in 1923 for Captain E. Morley.

Why were the cars parked outside Iluka? On checking through our photo collection, these rare photos of a gathering at "Iluka." came fourth. One shows Captain Ted Morley, addressing a group on the front veranda of "Iluka" in connection with the Road funding, the other portrays of the gathering outside the guesthouse. This was after a banquet held on September 21st 1924 in an endeavour to obtain more finance and publicise the new road.

Mrs Clarke and her daughters from down the road at Eastern View catered for the great event. They named the menu courses after local identities and locations.

IN RETROSPECT IT WOULD SEEM that the above large number of cars belonged to those at this important meeting. If a photographer attended the conference surely he would also have taken a shot of the many cars present. —**WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Addenda– Unfortunately the "Iluka" guesthouse was burnt 8th Dec 1926 when managed by Mrs M. Campbell. Later rebuilt as private house. Burnt again on Ash Wednesday. Rebuilt once more ■
L.B.

Loveridge look-out gathering 2/7/1943

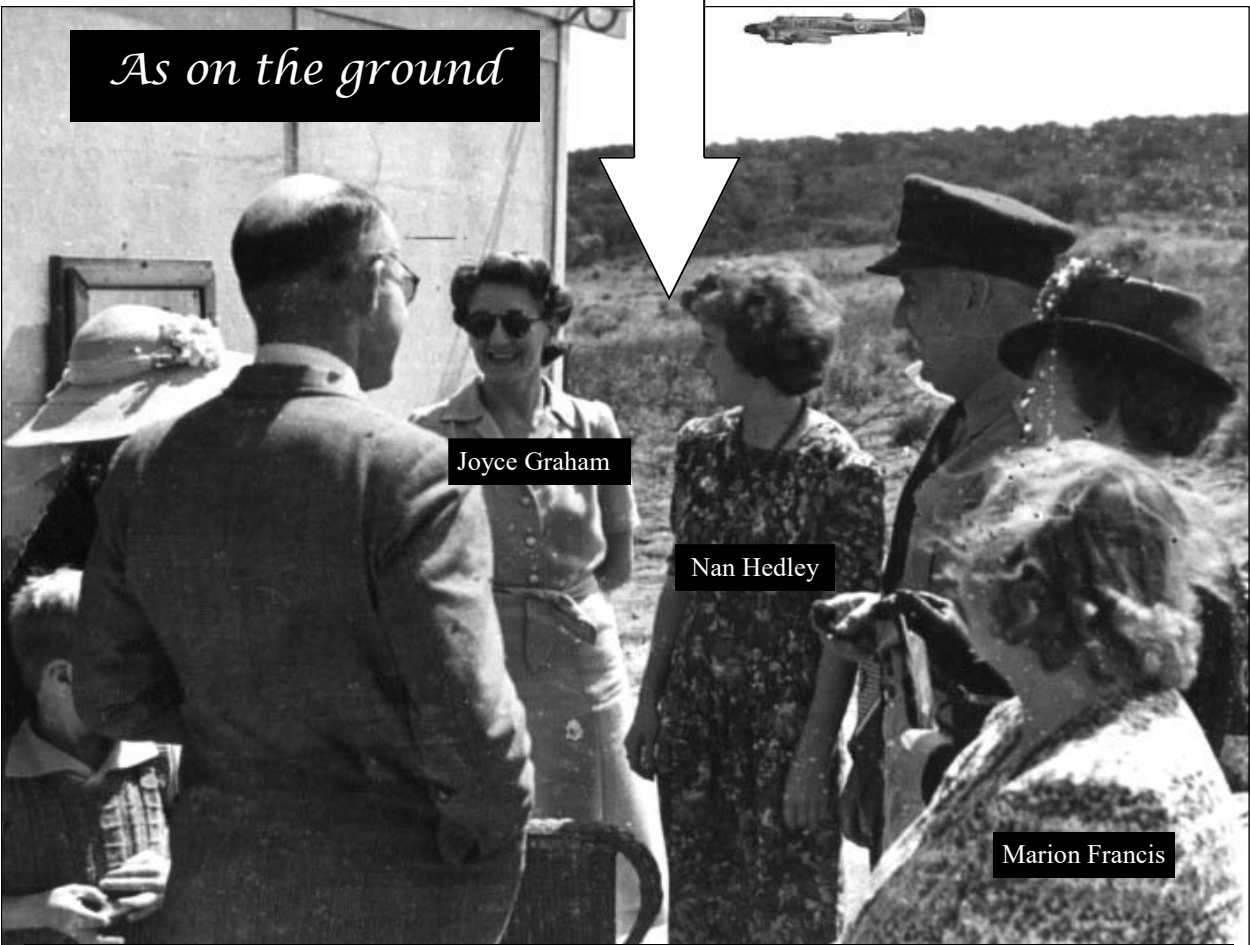
*As seen from
RAAF Avro-Anson*



**Air raid
shelter**

**Spotters
hut**

As on the ground



Joyce Graham

Nan Hedley

Marion Francis