

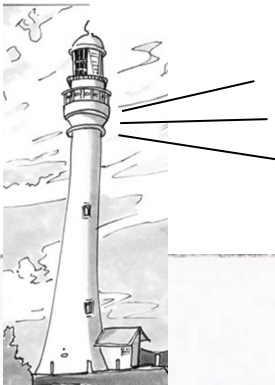
# Coastal Current

Quarterly Newsletter Of The

## Anglesea & District Historical Society

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*The Anglesea & District Historical Society is a not for profit organisation staffed by volunteer members of the community, whose aim is to research and preserve history of the local area.*



Active Researchers

Preservers of Local History

Keepers of the Museum



Marilyn Robinson

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**Membership** fees apply from 1 September to 31 August. A red dot on the front indicates you are not currently financial.

**Meetings & Activities**

Meetings are held at History House  
 5a McMillan Street, Anglesea  
 Entrance 4 of the McMillan Street  
 Community Precinct

The Historical Society meetings are usually on the first Sunday of the even months (February, April, June, August, October & December).

Meetings start at 2.00pm followed by a speaker and afternoon tea.

**Coming up:**

**JUNE MEETING**- Sunday 14 June, 2.00pm  
 Geof Lewtas Estate Agent - Anglesea *Property since WW2*

**SPECIAL EVENT** Sunday JUNE 21, 2.00pm

*Hymns & their History*

at the Uniting Church, Murch Cres.

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**WINTER FEAST MEETING**

**Combined meeting with Family History Group**

**Speaker - Mick Robinson**

*Geelong Historical Records*

**10.00am Thursday 16 July**

Cost \$7 includes lunch

**AUGUST** - Sunday 2. August 2.00pm

*History of Tea Drinking*

accompanied by **High Tea** in traditional style.

**SEPTEMBER 16 - OUTING**

Anglesea CFA

**Photographs**

Anglesea & District Historical Society has an extensive collection of photographs that may be ordered through Jan Morris ph. (03) 5263 3085

Email - davejanmorris@bigpond.com

<b>Prices</b>		<b>On high quality</b>	<b>On 100 gsm</b>
		<b>photo paper</b>	<b>fine finish paper</b>

A4	8.26X11.69	\$15	\$8
A5	5.82X8.26	\$8	\$4
A6	4.13X5.82	\$4	\$2

A3 may be available by special arrangement  
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A discount of 10% applies to financial members.

**MUSEUM OPEN TIMES**

Second Sunday of the month 2.00 - 4.00 pm or by appointment - Ph. 5263 1249 or 5263 3085.  
 Open for browsing when groups in attendance.

Mondays 1.30-3.30pm

Tuesdays & Saturdays 10.30 - 12.30pm

**Anglesea & District Historical Society Inc.**

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## President's Pen

Our open day was a great success which really put us on the local map. We had more visitors than we even hoped for. We received many compliments on the refurbished History House. Thank you to the many people who assisted in preparing History House and assisting on the day. We now have a shrub, planted by the Mayor, Cr. Margo Smith, to mark the occasion. A plaque explains the event. We have also added a plaque acknowledging the work done by ANGAIR in establishing and maintaining our indigenous cottage garden, which is growing well.

The restored laundry mangle, should be on the front verandah shortly. Once again we are grateful to Les Barnes, who carried out the restoration work, and did it immaculately, as Les always does. The wooden sections were crafted by Malcolm McDougall.

Welcome to new members Barry Davidson, Bev. Norton, Harry and Marilyn Wendt and Lachlan Richardson. Although they have the same surname, Harry and Marilyn are no relation to our much-loved Jean Wendt who passed away last December aged 104. Jean was for many years, an enthusiastic member of the Historical Society and was responsible for much research and several museum items.

We were pleased to have several members of the Cecil family at the Open Day. Keith's wife Marg., officially declared the Keith Cecil corner of the museum, "Open." In Lindsay Braden's absence, Shirley Forsythe opened the Lindsay Braden corner. The two men we have honored were responsible for so much of the research we hold at History House. They both wrote many books about the district and its people. Their corners are not just for viewing but also for research. We are continually adding to these corners as we sort and index material from their work.

We are most fortunate to obtain through Seaside Seconds, an original copy of the two volume *Victoria and Its Metropolis*. The books are in fair order. We have had them assessed by a conservator and are planning to have them restored when funds permit. They were published in 1888. An excellent CD index is available to accompany them. We hope to also purchase this when funds permit.

The Families File is progressing well. We now have suspension files in the A3 cabinet and are adding information as we copy it and have it donated. Please add to our files by giving us any information or photos you have relating to past and present families of Anglesea & District.

Indexing is a huge task at History House. Karl Jacklin is currently indexing all copies of *NewsAngle*. We are grateful to Karl who has been co-opted to the committee. Indexing of the Barrabool Shire rate books is a project we hope to begin in the next few months. We will just be covering Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and districts. Much of this information is in boxes from Lindsay Braden. We need to make it into a resource that can be easily researched. We are also continuing work on the newspaper cuttings from Keith Cecil. The next step is for a team to visit the Geelong Heritage Centre to collect cuttings to replace the two missing folders from the series given to us by the Cecil family. We are always looking for volunteers willing to help with these tasks. Cataloguing still runs every Monday during term at 1.30pm. A small group is working through our collection, discovering the stories behind the artifacts and all relevant information. Again we are always looking for more volunteers to help.

We have two great events coming up. Hymns & their History will be a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the Uniting Church on Sunday 21 June at 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea. Come along and bring your friends for a trip down nostalgia lane.

Thursday 16th July is our traditional combined meeting with the Family History Group. Our speaker is Mick Robinson from Geelong Heritage Centre. \$7 gives you an appropriate winter warming lunch.

*Jan Morris*

## Restoring the Anglesea Historical Society Laundry Mangle *by Les Barnes*

The Anglesea Historical Society mangle was donated by Terry Bingle of Shelford in 1994. It had been used on their farm at Shelford for many years before they brought it to the family holiday house in Harvey Street. Prior to restoration, it was found that the top spring for loading the rollers was missing, and the lower cast iron drive gear had two teeth sheared off.

At some stage the original green and red paintwork had been covered by repainting with a basic green enamel paint. The wooden rollers had been infested with borers (this had been previously dealt with) and the wood was in a poor, dry, and cracked state. The original wooden feed plates, water catcher and lower water bowl stand were all missing. It was reported that the original water catcher was badly borer infested and was in a sad state. It had to be removed from the building to prevent borer infestation of other historical items.



*Damaged Cast Iron Gear Teeth*



*Repaired Cast Iron Gear Teeth*



*Pre-restored Mangle – Compression Spring missing*



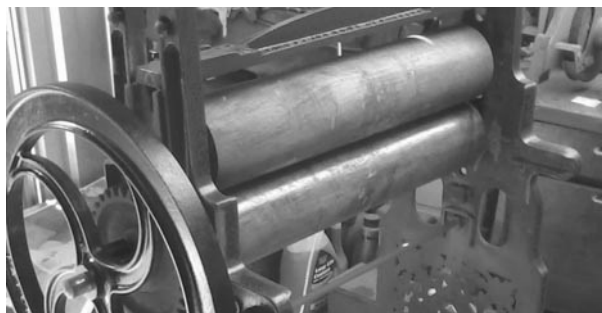
*Original red edging was exposed on the cast iron frame and gear*

To strip the paintwork, soda blasting, machine sanding and scraping were used. Stripping back the enamel paint on the cast iron framework exposed the original underlying paint colour scheme, which showed that the original mangle colour scheme was a deep green, with red highlighted edges.

This was reinforced by online research viewing of other restored mangles that also had bright green and red colour schemes.

It was decided to repaint the mangle with auto acrylic lacquer and apply final clear coats to protect the metal parts from the Anglesea seaside environment.

The damaged rollers were filled, sanded and protected with a turps/oil mix before coating with Tung oil. Final coats of clear auto acrylic were applied to the wooden rollers and they were smoothed off with steel wool to give a low sheen finish.



*Restored rollers with low sheen finish*



*Restored Ewbank Mangle*

The online research also showed that the original mangle came with wooden feed/take-off plates, a water catching tray and a lower bowl stand. These wooden parts are being made to enhance the final finish. The resulting *Ewbank Jewel Mangle* restoration has a pleasing look and should resist environmental damage. Above are two photos of the near finished project, awaiting wooden parts.



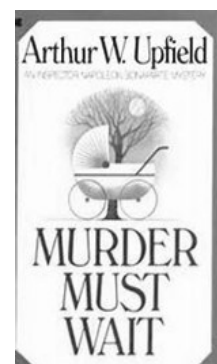


## AUTHOR: Arthur Upfield



By Bruce Bodman

Arthur Upfield immigrated to Australia in 1911 from the United Kingdom. He went on to write 29 novels featuring Detective Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte. Upfield based his stories on his own experiences during the years he wandered the outback, working at mainly itinerant jobs. A large number of his books have been translated into several languages, and currently 1st editions are enjoying popularity with collectors, some being listed up to \$300 depending on rarity and condition.



Upfield was by nature a wanderer, and by the late 1940's, had arrived at

### THE CLUE OF THE NEW SHOW

The nude body of a man is discovered entombed in the walls of Split Point Lighthouse on the South-East Coast of Australia. Investigating the crime Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte, the part-aboriginal detective, wonders why a coffin is moved at night, who was the girl struggling with Dick Lake on the cliff top, and what caused the Bully Buccaneers to deal in death. An ordinary policeman could afford to fail, but Bony never did. Read it as an E book.

Aireys Inlet. He purchased Ivan Roadknight's cottage. It was during this period that he wrote the *Clue of the New Shoe*, the setting featured was Split Point Lighthouse, and by mid 1952, he had almost completed *Murder Must Wait*, his 20th novel.

By 1953, he had moved again and settled in Bowral NSW. After a short illness, he died in February 1964, aged 76.

Upfield's legacy lives on in his stories being featured on television, radio serials, E books, and copied onto *talking books*.

## OUR VISIT TO GERMANTOWN

A visit to Grovedale was our May outing. June Winter, our guide, gave us a whole new perspective on the area as she told us about the development of Germantown, which was renamed Grovedale during WW1.

In December 1849, Dr. Thomson (one of Geelong's first settlers) arranged for 20 German immigrants, and their children, to come to Victoria aboard the *Emmy* and established a village near Geelong. Those aboard include the Bieske, Baensch, Kerger, Winter and Boehm families. Some descendants still live in the Geelong area. Most of the settlers were Lutherans, from a small area of Prussia, east of Berlin. They established vineyards and market gardens and the produce was carted to Geelong in wheelbarrows. Men, women and children worked often into the early hours of the next day.



*Melva Stott thanks June Winter for being an outstanding guide to Germantown.*

Church services were held in homes until land was purchased in Church Street in 1854, A school was built with the cemetery beside it. Services were then held in the school until 1859 when a Lutheran Church was built. St Paul's Lutheran Church, where we started our tour, is the third church building.

Stopping at the old cemetery in Church Street we found many people had died quite young. The Church Register shows non professional names of illnesses as causes of death. One assumes they could not afford to consult a physician. Women often died during childbirth, children died from whooping-cough, diphtheria etc. A large area of the cemetery contains the graves of children.



*One of the few remaining old homes at Germantown*

Very few of the old Germantown houses remain. One house classified by the National Trust, is currently a medical centre.

We visited Cobin farm, on the Waurin Chain of Ponds. It is now owned by the Geelong Council and used mainly by U3A. The original grain store still stands there, as well as the homestead.

Not everyone in Germantown were German. A bluestone Wesleyan church was built in 1869. It still stands today and is used by the Uniting Church as an Opportunity Shop.

A fitting conclusion to our tour was lunch at the *Narana Aboriginal Cultural Centre* where we recognized the first inhabitants of the Grovedale area.