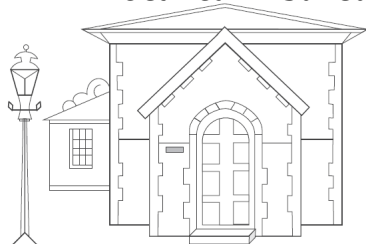


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Message from the President

The 2017/18 Annual Financial Statement to be presented at the AGM later in the year is reproduced on page 5 in this edition of the ADHS Inc newsletter. It includes mention of the donations our members have been making to the **"Digitisation Fund"** and the purpose to which a major portion of donations made to date will be put in the near future.

The Canon Microfilm Reader/Printer which the Society purchased some twelve years ago has outlived its usefulness. Printing capability died a long time ago, and reading capability is also now unsatisfactory except for use by somebody with extreme patience. This means that the \$6,000 worth of microfilm we possess of newspapers, rate books, etc., is not able to be properly used. The Committee was exploring the available options to replace it in 2015, when our Founder suggested an alternative, which we adopted, as explained in Edition 280:

"Digitisation of the first five years (1863-68) of the Avoca Mail Newspaper has been completed. This project was initiated by our Founder, Helen Harris OAM who donated \$1,000 towards the cost; numerous other members between them donated a further \$1,000 and the Society paid \$500 from its own resources. The newspapers were scanned and OCR'd by the National Library of Australia and uploaded to Trove last June. We have been delighted to discover that reading the papers on Trove is much easier than reading them on our old Canon Microfilm Reader/Printer! We have learned lots about the early history of the district from doing this. Donations towards doing the next five years (1869 to 1874) are slowly trickling in. Please consider assisting us to commence it soon by making a donation of whatever amount you can afford. For \$50,000 we could put the whole 113 years on Trove; how good would that be!"

Several years ago NLA digitized and uploaded to Trove the Avoca Mail from 1870 to 1900, and 1914 to 1918, also the Avoca Free Press 1914-18, from their own resources without asking us for a contribution. 1869 was not done at that time, as they could not locate that year's paper as hard copy or microfilm. When it was subsequently located, in unbound hard copy, they had no funding to do anything with it, until ADHS Inc asked for it to be done at our expense. They no longer produce microfilm, but scan direct from hard copy onto disk, after carrying out some repairs and conservation work, which is being done at present.

Some ten years ago the newspaper room at SLV invested in a quantity of a device named "Scanpro" which enables users to view a full page of a broadsheet newspaper on a computer screen, copy or print the full page or a part thereof, and/or save it as a .pdf document. Soon afterwards the Carisbrook Historical Society purchased one of these, with a member donating the \$20,000 cost. They purchased a PC and large portrait-mode monitor to suit the Scanpro for another \$3,000.

Four members of the ADHS Inc Committee recently inspected that equipment at Carisbrook, learned that there are six volunteers competent to use it, and they are very happy with it. The Newstead Historical Society has purchased three Scanpro units second-hand at a greatly reduced price. These machines are made in USA, and have a local distributor in Victoria, who from time to time has available small quantities of Scanpro 2000 machines which have been traded in on Scanpro 3000. They are fully re-conditioned and guaranteed, for around half the price of a new model, and are the same as the Carisbrook and Newstead machines.

Target for 2nd round of the Digitisation Project



\$2000

\$1600

\$1500

\$1400

\$1300

\$1200

\$1100

\$1000

\$900

\$800

\$700

\$600

\$500

\$400

\$300

\$200

\$100

**Help us
reach our
target**

We have good prospects of raising a substantial part of the cost from Community Grant programmes at Pyrenees Shire and the Avoca Community Bank branch of Bendigo Bank, but we would need to fund the remainder from our own resources. We already have pledges of \$100 donations for that purpose from a small number of members, **and hereby invite you to emulate their generosity, or maybe even exceed it!** If some generous person could see their way clear to fund the major part of the cost, that would be great, and would enable us to get the equipment sooner. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible, and receipts will be issued promptly.

Please act NOW, by sending a cheque or money order to ADHS Inc., PO Box 24 Avoca VIC 3467, or depositing electronically to ADHS Inc Bendigo Bank **BSB 633 000 Account 116634510** using your name plus the word Scanpro as the reference.

Tony O'Shea 12/7/2018



Dear Avoca Historians

We are writing to you to inform your organisation about the *University of Tasmania's* short genealogical course, the HYPERLINK "<https://universityoftasmania.cmail19.com/t/d-l-birhde-ykhddduduh-j/>" *Diploma of Family History*.

The course is offered entirely online and comprises of eight units which all focus on different aspects of researching and accurately recording family history.

The first unit that will be offered is *Introduction to Family History*, which will commence Monday, 6th August and concludes on the 28th September.

This unit will teach students about researching family history generally, but will particularly focus on how to interpret historical convict records and intends to provide students with an insight into the lives of the first colonial settlers.

For new students commencing the *Diploma of Family History*, the first foundation level unit will be offered with a 100% HECS Scholarship*, which means that there will be no unit cost as it will be covered by the *University of Tasmania*. The subsequent combination of the foundation and introductory level units completed by the student, will be offered with a 75% or 50% HECS Scholarship*, respectively.

Students must complete four foundation and four introductory level units although we offer five units for each as options. Students are able to complete the units in any order, however must complete *Convict Ancestors* prior to applying for *Convicts in Context*.

If students are interested in *Introduction to Family History*, they can apply online through the application page. Please note that applications for this unit will close on 3rd August.

If you or any members of your organisation would like to read more about the *Diploma of Family History*, please refer to our website. If you have any further questions or would seek any clarification, please feel free to contact us on (03) 6226 6365 or at ASC.Contact@utas.edu.au.

Kind regards, Arts Student Central Contact Team *Conditions apply. See Fees & Scholarships for details.

This year we will commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1.

The **Hundred Days Offensive** was the final period of the First World War, during which the Allies launched a series of offensives against the Central Powers on the Western Front from 8 August to 11 November 1918, beginning with the Battle of Amiens. The offensive essentially pushed the Germans out of France, forcing them to retreat beyond the Hindenburg Line, and was followed by an armistice. The term "Hundred Days Offensive" does not refer to a specific battle or unified strategy, but rather the rapid series of Allied victories starting with the Battle of Amiens.



As part of the commemorations
The Avoca & District Historical Society
will Remember the
***One Hundred Days :
Road to Armistice***

By visiting Marg & Hayden Pilgrim's museum at Homebush on

Sunday 5th August 2018 from 2pm

462 Sims Lane Homebush

There will be a display of local WW1 history and short talks by ADHS members... and an opportunity to view Marg & Hayden's extensive collection of personal & local historical items, kitchenalia, farming items and garagenalia.

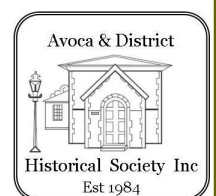
Cost: \$5 Afternoon tea provided

- in support of the Historical Society's digitisation program

ADHS Members and general public welcome.



Revisit History



Searching for treasured World War I memorabilia

Do you have treasured World War I memorabilia hidden away? Is it related to the Avoca area and Avoca people and does it have an interesting story to tell? If so, we would like to consider it for inclusion in our upcoming exhibition marking the centenary of Armistice Day and the end of the First World War, **Service and sacrifice at home and at war**. The exhibition aims to honour the local contribution to the war effort at home and overseas, remember those who died, and celebrate the peaceful outcome after conflict. The exhibition is to be held in the Avoca Information Centre in October and November.

Please contact Tony with descriptions, stories and photographs by early October.

Mount Gambier and the districts surrounding Mount Gambier became the home of many individuals and families of German descent particularly in the mid to late 1800's. A great opportunity to network with researchers and members of the German-Australian community

The German-Australian Genealogy and History Alliance is proud to bring you GAGHACon 2018, themed "Australisches Deutschtum: Reconnections - Recollections - Resilience". This conference will be the first time researchers from across Australia will gather to network and discuss German-Australian history, heritage and culture.

Come along and bridge the gap between academic, public and popular history and historians.

Share your story: Network with other researchers around Australia and let them know about your research, a project, an exhibition or your society. Let others know what is happening around Australia.

Listen to others: Hear from some of the finest researchers in Australia and overseas discuss their projects and help you undertake and present your own research, whether it be family history, cultural heritage, or social history.

Australian Genealogy and History Alliance formed in September 2016 to help researchers of German-Australian history, heritage and culture to network more effectively.

The full program is now available, and registrations are open, with earlybird pricing finishing at the end of June.

Visit the website <http://germanheritage.org.au/> for full details of the program and speakers, and to register.

Can't attend in August? All sessions from the Saturday and Sunday will be live streamed and then available for 12 months as video on demand. Book the streaming option at the conference [website](#).

Conference of German-Australian History and Heritage 2018



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Avoca Uniting Church 150th

The Avoca Uniting Church is 150 years old this year and we will be celebrating this on **SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2018 @ 2pm**.

This will take the form of a musical afternoon with afternoon tea.. plus cake.

We will have the Avoca Ukulele Group, The STEED Brothers, Sanne, Veronica & Les & more performing during the afternoon.

The Avoca Uniting Church was formerly built as a Wesleyan Church and actually is the OLDEST CHURCH in Avoca.

This church is the THIRD Wesleyan Church. The 2 earlier buildings grew too small although built to hold 150 people. Contact Jill Hunter for details. 54672211



Avoca & District Historical Society Inc.

Financial Statement and abridged Inventory for year ended 30 June 2018

General Account Income

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Balance brought forward.	\$5,268.61	\$6,346.85	\$4,387.05
Membership Subscriptions	\$2,480.00	\$2,515.00	\$2,350.00
Research charges	\$ 780.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 637.00
Garage sale	\$1,270.85	\$1,204.05	\$1,144.75
Donations - various	\$1,044.00	\$ 763.00	\$ 774.00
Copying fees charged	\$ 504.00	\$ 385.70	\$ 339.60
Sale of books, etc.	\$1,745.00	\$ 610.00	\$ 802.95
Visitors	\$ 478.00	\$ 448.00	\$ 465.00
Postage cost recovered.	\$ 91.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 179.00
Grants	\$1,000.00	NIL	NIL
Digitisation project	\$ 568.50	\$ 488.00	\$ 610.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 183.65	\$ 570.00	\$ 135.00

Total Income \$15,494.66 \$13,870.60 \$11,824.35

Court House Account Income

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Balance brought forward.	\$1,654.09	\$1,294.59	\$1,125.59
Donations	\$ 445.50	\$ 358.00	\$ 180.00

Daly's Cottage Account Income

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Balance brought forward.	\$4,042.62	\$5,156.62	\$6,426.62
Donations	\$1,584.00	\$1,270.00	\$ 355.00

Cemetery Restoration Account Income

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Balance brought forward.	\$ 641.46	\$883.26	\$1,028.26
Donations	\$ 579.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 190.00

Abridged Inventory as at 30 June 2018

IT Equipment	\$ 5,200.00
Furniture	\$ 12,625.00
Historical records & artefacts	\$ 84,000.00
Consumables	\$ 500.00
Goods for sale	\$ 12,117.00
Total non-cash assets as at 30/6/2018	\$114,442.00
Balance of cheque a/c (general)	\$ 3,262.81
Balance of cheque a/c (Court House)	\$ 1,305.59
Balance of cheque a/c (Daly's Cottage)	\$ 4,826.62
Balance of cheque a/c (Cemetery)	\$ 451.56
Cash on hand	\$ 200.00
Total cash assets as at 30 June 2018	\$ 10,046.58
Total assets as at 30 June 2018	\$124,324.58
Liabilities	\$ nil
Net assets	\$124,324.58

General Account Expenditure

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Phone/Internet	\$1,065.15	\$1,288.64	\$1,200.76
Electricity	\$1,058.30	\$1,201.84	\$1,240.35
Australia Post	\$ 403.90	\$ 245.00	\$ 139.69
Water/Sewerage	\$ 445.58	\$ 688.51	\$ 939.04
Grass Cutting	\$ 470.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 520.50
Insurances & Rates	\$1,218.26	\$1,434.52	\$1,256.64
Stationery & Ink Cartridges.	\$1,003.69	\$1,299.89	\$ 437.56
Used iMac 27" Computer	NIL	NIL	\$1,745.00
Purchase of Books	\$1,022.30	NIL	\$ 320.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 929.13	\$1,600.15	\$ 37.00
Transfers to other accounts.	\$1,531.50	\$1,095.00	\$ 725.00
Bank Balance	\$6,346.85	\$4,387.05	\$3,262.81

Total Expenditure \$15,494.66 \$13,870.60 \$11,824.35

Court House Account Expenditure

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Building & Maintenance	\$ 805.00	\$ 527.00	NIL
Bank Balance	\$1,294.59	\$1,125.59	\$1,305.59

Daly's Cottage Account Expenditure

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Maintenance	\$ 470.00	\$ 130.00	\$1,975.00
Bank Balance	\$5,156.62	\$6,296.62	\$4,826.62

Cemetery Restoration Fund Expenditure

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Maintenance	\$ 337.20	NIL	\$ 766.70
Bank Balance	\$ 883.26	\$1,028.26	\$ 451.56

Comments on the Financial Statement

The majority of the donations received are included in remittances for renewal of memberships, and are banked in the General Account. Just prior to the end of the financial year, they are transferred from the General Account to the relevant other account, as can be seen in the penultimate line of "General Account Expenditure" above.

The General Account balance currently includes deposits of \$1,666.00 representing donations to the Digitisation Fund. A separate bank account for that Fund will be opened early in the new financial year, and that amount will then be transferred from the General Account. The 1869 Avoca Mail newspapers are being scanned by the SLV for uploading to Trove in the near future, and most of the funds that have been donated to date will be spent on that project.

The Committee has decided that we should replace the Canon Microfilm Reader/Printer, to enable researchers to utilise more effectively the \$6,000 worth of microfilm we have on hand. Please read an explanation of this matter on another page of the newsletter.



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President : Mr Tony O'Shea
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 Committee: All of the above, plus
 Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Mrs June Bruce,
 Mrs. Glenda Williams, Mrs Cheryl Mallinson,
 Mrs Margaret Pilgrim
 Research Officer: Mrs. Dorothy Robinson.
 Editor: Mrs. Margaret Pilgrim.

Meetings of the **Avoca and District Historical Society Inc.** are held occasionally and vary between excursions to places of interest and Guest Speaker occasions.

Members receive three Newsletters each year and have free access to the Court house when open for normal hours. Non-member visits to the Court House are \$5 per hour, whether to carry out research with our assistance, or to view the current exhibition.

Special Openings of the Court House can be arranged on other days by appointment, for a fee of \$30.00, plus cost of any copying required. If you are travelling some distance, this is possibly more satisfactory, as you get our undivided attention to assist with your research. On open days you may be sharing our attention with a number of others.

Enquiries re guided tours of places of Historic Interest in the District, including the Avoca Cemetery & Daly's Cottage, may be directed to the President, Tony O'Shea adhsinc@bigpond.net.au

The Society charges a moderate fee for these services. Ask us for a quote!

Next Meeting : Monday 6th August 2018

The July Newsletter was printed at the office of Louise Staley, Member for Ripon

Membership Fees:

~ **Joining Fee \$5.00**

~ **\$20 single**

~ **\$25 family at same address.**

These prices apply if you are willing to receive the newsletter via email; or plus additional \$5 if you want it sent via AustPost.

Membership remains current for 12 months from date of joining. Donations of \$2 and over to the Court House Restoration Fund, the Avoca Cemetery Fund, the Daly's Cottage Restoration Fund (pictured above) & digitization of Avoca Mail are tax deductible.

New membership or renewal of membership forms can be downloaded from our website, the address of which is at the top of page 1 of each edition .

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