

Anglesea & District Historical Society

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ANGLESEA REGATTA

As mentioned elsewhere in this letter, the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club is holding its Annual Regatta on the river on New Year's Day.

The first Regatta was held on the same river on New Year's Day 1913.. After that, a group of locals, led by S.R.J.Mawson (president) and H.Parrington (secretary) decided that the event should be held annually and as a result of their efforts a commodious clubhouse was erected and in it installed two fine racing boats which were to be used for the four-oared challenge race.

The shed was duly opened before an audience of about 100 people by Mrs.Mawson. Following that the boats were carried out and placed at the water's edge where Mrs Jackson (local licensee) christened the first boat "Anglesea" and Mrs.McMillan the second boat "Gladstone" The christenings took place amid cheers. The ceremony concluded with three cheers and a "tiger".

Apart from a period during the Second World War, the Regatta has been held annually ever since, using the same clubhouse (although recently reclad through the generosity of Alcoa) and the same boats. It is believed that it is worthy of inclusion in the "Book of Records" as perhaps, if not certainly, the longest running boat race using the original boats.

ANNUAL DINNER

Our Annual Dinner was a great success, both financially and socially. There were about 100 present and the occasion was notable for the fact that the Anglesea Hotel was 100 years old in November 1986, having been granted a conditional licence for the Anglesea "Anglers' and Tourists' Club" in premises owned by Mr. Jackson. To mark the occasion, the Society presented the hotel staff with a cake, suitably decorated.

The guest speaker was Dr. David Christophel, of Adelaide University, who has been leading an "Earthwatch" team investigating the fossils in the ALCOA coal mine. His address was greatly appreciated and he fascinated all present with his illustrated talk.

During the proceedings a book was presented to our past President, Gavin Cook, who has given the Society two years' excellent leadership, and, during his term of office, has seen the acquisition of our own building at 5 McMillan Street.

COMING EVENTS

We are entering a very busy period of our annual activities. During the holiday season we have undertaken to display our collection of photographs at the Anglesea Regatta on New Year's Day, the Aireys Inlet Art & Craft Show on December 31st. and January 1st, in addition to the Angafest Wood Chop Carnival on January 11th. As well as the foregoing, we have undertaken to man the Tourist Information Caravan each Tuesday from 12 noon until 4pm and we also plan to open our Centre to enable interested persons to inspect our collection of artifacts and photographs on Sundays during the holiday break.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The following have volunteered their services. To them we offer our thanks, however any further offers would be gratefully received and any persons able to be a "stand-by" helper would also be welcomed. Please contact the person who is nominated for duty on the day you are available to assist

CARAVAN

<u>TUESDAYS</u>	12 NOON - 2PM	2PM - 4PM
December 23	E. Stevens (631710) E Samuels	Neil McDonald (632755)
December 30	E & J Lawn (631681)	P Denham (631380)
January 6	M & W Fleay (631892)	J Murch (631546)
January 13	A Stanley (631729)	L King (631622)
January 20	S Forsyth (631430)	I Forsyth (631598)
January 27	G Cook (631280)	Neil McDonald (632755)

5 McMILLAN STREET

SUNDAYS

2PM - 4PM

December 28

L King(631622)

January 4

S Forsyth(631430)

January 11

M Keates(631379)
Nancy McDonald(631383)

January 18

E & J Lawn((631681)

January 25

P Denham(631380)

.....EMERGENCIES

A Stanley 631729
B Marsh 631502
E Barsby 632383

OTHER COMMITMENTS

AIREYS INLET - NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY - K Cecil & G.Cook

ANGLESEA REGATTA - NEW YEAR'S DAY - J Murch, S Forsyth, E & J Lawn

ANGLESEA WOODCHOP, Jan 11th -????????????????- any volunteers please

If you cannot attend your nominated day, please arrange your own substitute either from list shown or your own nomination.

WORKING BEES

There will be a working bee on 2nd.January at 5 McMillan Street. Would you please make a special effort to assist, even if only for an hour in the morning.

In addition, there will be a regular working bee on the Friday morning prior to each monthly meeting. Again, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

FUTURE MEETINGS

WE ARE ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GUEST SPEAKERS - If you have any ideas would you please let one of the committee members know. It is hoped to be able, in the near future, to produce a syllabus at least four months in advance. Our December meeting heard a very informative address by David Davies, of the Geelong Historical Society. his subject, well illustrated with slides, was the Shipping and Shipwrecks of our coastal area.

MUSEUM ACQUISITIONS

Our collection is growing. We welcome your interest. We would be pleased to show it to you. Perhaps you might be able to assist its growth by either a donation or a loan of any item of interest you might have. Your Society recently accepted items from the Gerlach family - it is hoped to feature them with an acknowledgement of the various local organisations with which the late Max Gerlach was associated, sometime in January.

PROPOSAL FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

This idea was put forward during the year. The relative merits and disadvantages of such a proposal have been discussed somewhat, however we would like you all to consider the subject during the coming months and we will reintroduce the proposal later next year.

1987 MEETING DATES

FEBRUARY 7	JUNE 6	OCTOBER 3
MARCH 7	JULY 4	NOVEMBER 7
APRIL 4	AUGUST 1	DECEMBER 5
MAY 2	SEPTEMBER 5	

MEMBERSHIP DUES

A reminder - the \$5.00 annual membership is now due. We would be pleased to issue you with a receipt for your subscription.

from the latest issue of the "Geelong Investigator".....
.....HISTORICAL SOCIETIES NEED MORE GIVERS AND FEWER RECEIVERS.....

100 YEARS OLD



WE OFFER OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE ANGLESEA HOTEL ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100th BIRTHDAY. FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE BISTRO HAS BEEN THE LOCATION FOR OUR ANNUAL DINNER, AND THE SUCCESS OF THESE OCCASIONS HAS BEEN DUE, TO A LARGE EXTENT, TO THEIR EXCELLENT SERVICE AND COOPERATION.