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THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD AT THE DEVIL'S ELBOW, 1922

MEETINGS Past, Coming up and Annual Meeting

APRIL - In April members were fortunate to hear Mrs Bunton, whose family, the Patons, has had a long association with Anglesea. Lots of interesting facts, not previously known to many of those present, were woven into Mrs Bunton's story of life in "early" Anglesea. After lots of questions which she was only too willing to answer Mr Neil Macdonald thanked her on behalf of all present, saying she had left us with much to ponder.

MAY - With a late apology from the scheduled speaker, a change of plans gave members the opportunity to relive some of the highlights of the Bi-Centennial Year when a video was shown. It was interesting to hear the various remarks - "I'd forgotten that" etc. Almost everyone agreed that more of the "Tall Ships" was seen on film than had been the case at the picnic day we enjoyed peering out to sea some two years previously.

JUNE - What a treat! All who heard John Taylor talk about his beloved clocks would have to agree. John gave us an historical background to the first measuring of TIME - what a fascinating subject - and then proceeded to acquaint us with the best in British inventions over a timely span of more than a millennium. To illustrate his talk he also showed some of the superb models he has made of various time pieces. As you can imagine there was plenty of cross talk in question time - from Big Ben to water clocks. Mr Ralph Smith, when presenting John with a *minute* gift, voiced the appreciation of all present.

JULY - TO BE HELD ON JULY 1ST - NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

Instead of a Saturday evening meeting in the coldest month we have decided to again have an afternoon one following its success last winter. It will be on SUNDAY, 1st July coinciding with the usual monthly opening of the Museum so if we do have mid-winter visitors we will be *on hand* to greet them. Following the business section of the meeting, to commence at 2pm, a little variation from the usual format will take place. To find out what that surprise will be, do come along and join us on Sunday July 1st at 5 McMillan Street. (This will also give some of you the opportunity to see the Museum in daylight.)

AUGUST - WEDNESDAY 1ST - A MUST FOR ANTIQUE LOVERS  
AND THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE

If you've ever wondered about the age of that silver sugar bowl left to you by great Aunt Adelaide, or the porcelain fruit set that had been in the family *for ever*, now is your opportunity to come and find out and hear a little more about this fascinating subject of antiques. Mr Neil Kerley of the well known Geelong firm has agreed to visit us on this day. Apart from entertaining us with his wealth of knowledge gained over many years dealing with antiques, he will appraise articles brought to the museum and give us an estimation of their value. *{As this will not be an official valuation, it should not be used for insurance purposes etc as the compere, Clive Hale, of the ABC programme FOR LOVE OR MONEY used to preface each night's showing.}* A modest one dollar will be charged for each article valued, but please don't feel you are limited to bringing a single item - five of your *treasures* will cost five dollars - we might make a concession for more!! Mr Kerley has also indicated that if you have an item, such as a sideboard that of course cannot be brought along, he will be happy to look at a good snap shot. Proceedings will commence at 10am - even if you have no antique to present you'll be welcome to listen and observe - the \$1 admission charge will also entitle you to coffee. Mrs K Morgan, one of our benefactors, has again donated a picture - this time of pressed flowers - the associated raffle will be drawn of August 1st. We are hoping to make this day a good money spinner for Society Funds, so do come along and support it.

**STILL MORE ABOUT MEETINGS** - - - - - It has been our practice to recess for at least one meeting during winter; however, after discussion and show of hands in June, it was decided to proceed with both the July and August meetings as set out above. An abbreviated business meeting will be held at the conclusion of the antique discussion.

**OUR NOMADIC PRESIDENT** - - - - - Edith will be absent in September when she is to attend a family gathering in Cornwall. I know you will all join with us in wishing her a very happy trip to the land of her forefathers and as just as happy a welcome home to Anglesea again.

Following the September meeting all positions for office will be declared vacant and nominations for 1991 received - the Annual General Meeting taking place in October, which brings us almost to the.....

**ANNUAL DINNER.....ANGLESEA HOTEL.....Friday November 2nd.**

Mr Ken Spencer Nall whose family was associated with the well-known Geelong store Bright & Hitchcock will be the guest speaker. There will be further information about this fixture in the next Newsletter but we are sure you will be happy about the choice of venue following last year's experience with Mr & Mrs Jack Klein back in charge at the Anglesea Hotel.

**ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA** - Our last newsletter was headed with the anticipated visit by RSHV members who had included Anglesea in their itinerary following a visit to Apollo Bay. Well - they came - they saw - and *WE* conquered. Our modest collection of memorabilia and photos was much admired - and the afternoon tea was greatly appreciated. In a subsequent acknowledgement of our efforts to entertain the group a generous donation was included for which we are most grateful.

**INSURANCE** - The sum of \$250 covering 100 members at \$2.50 per head has been forwarded to Sedgwicks, Insurance Brokers who put together the package for associated Historical Societies, at the request of the RHSV. The scheme covers members attending functions and meetings etc. In assessing our cover it was interesting to note how many octogenarians we have - who are exempt from the scheme for what reason remaining a mystery - some of ours are as keen when it comes to a job as the next! Members will appreciate too, the difficulty for the society paying this \$2.50 per head if in fact any member is still unfinancial for this current year - please check and make sure or ask either the Secretary or Treasurer.

**ACQUISITIONS** - We have been pleased to accept some early memorabilia concerning ANGAIR. A map cabinet has been an important and useful addition to our Museum and we are most grateful to Mr Barry Davidson who cleaned in down and then applied a coat of paint. We are indebted again to other interested folk and members for further donations of items, viz Mrs P Cockrell, Mr K Cecil, the Gerlachs and Cunninghams was well as those generous donors of items for our Garage Sale on Easter Saturday. Thankyou to the helpers who willingly gave their time during a busy holiday period to *man* the stalls. A sum well in excess of \$300 was taken. Past President and keen supporter Mrs J Cameron Murch has offered to provide an Honor Board to record Past Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. This is a very generous gesture - thank you Joan.

**1991 COMMEMORATION** - Next year will mark the centenary of the worst year for shipwrecks along the southern coastline. At Jack Loney's instigation - you'll remember him as the entertaining and knowledgeable Annual Dinner speaker last year - a committee is to be formed to arrange some appropriate recognition. Two of our members were deputised to represent our Society at the inaugural meeting at Lorne on June 16th and we look forward to announcing in the next newsletter preliminary details of the planned celebrations. It should also be noted that next year marks the centenary of the illumination of the Split Point Light at Aireys Inlet.

**AN APOLOGY** - Mention was made in the March Newsletter about an excursion to Werribee Park and Point Cook RAAF Museum. Preliminary enquiries were made re bus and admission charges, but unfortunately unforeseen circumstances prevented this from coming to fruition at that time. If sufficient interest is shown such a trip could be made in early Spring when the State Rose Garden at Werribee will be in all its glory.

**INTERESTING ENQUIRY** - from Gottingen University in Germany for a copy of one of our publications - *ANGLESEA - A HISTORY TO 1900*. Who has been spreading the word?



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