

ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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HON. SECRETARY: Shirley Forsyth 631430

Dear Members

This news sheet is not in the usual professional format - our production man, Keith is one of the lucky ones enjoying some Queensland sunshine at present - so his word processor and pictures are unavailable. However, there are a couple of items we feel need your attention.

FUTURE MEETINGS

September 1st 7.30 p.m. at 5 McMillan Street

We are fortunate indeed to have Mr. Jim Boyle, an ex POW to speak to us. Mr. Boyle is publishing a book on his experiences and it is to be launched at a forthcoming POW reunion in Tasmania in November. We would be pleased to welcome any folk interested in the subject to join us on September 1st.

October 13th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30: 5 McMillan Street

At the July meeting members agreed to the alteration of date from the first Saturday in October at the request of the executive. President Edith will be overseas until the second week in October and Secretary Shirley has a family commitment on October 6th. Following the election of Exec. and committee for 1991, Mrs. Claire Roberts of Aireys Inlet will be our guest speaker - her subject her family and its association with the early days of Aireys. This will have a wide appeal and we encourage all members to come and hear Claire on this occasion.

November 2nd ANNUAL DINNER - Friday - at the Anglesea Hotel  
Mr. Ken Spencer Mall as Guest Speaker

Please note this date in your diary if you have not already done so - further details will be issued in the next newsletter.

SOME RECENT HAPPENINGS

July Meeting

Our 'surprise' advertised for the July meeting had the desired effect - on a cold, miserable Sunday afternoon car kept rolling in to the parking lot at 5 McMillan Street. With speculation still running rife as to what was about to happen,

our room was filled when the meeting opened. The answer was soon revealed by the President - an old fashioned Sunday afternoon tea hosted by Edith and the Secretary at 'Riverwood', Ken and Shirley's home would follow the short business session. And judging from the animated chatter emanating along Camp Road later in the afternoon, the occasion was deemed a success.

August meeting

Accommodation in our Museum room and entrances was taxed to the utmost when Mr. Neil Kerley attended our 'Show and Tell' morning with antiques - What a collection of items was presented to him for his expert comment and valuation. Everyone was fascinated with his introductory remarks when he gave a delightful account of the early 'characters' in Geelong associated with the auction rooms etc. Most generous with his time, Mr. Kerley entertained his audience for over two hours being honest when he could not offer an estimation of value (2 items he'd never ever seen previously) and perhaps on the conservative side when giving 'auction' values for others - as he prefaced his talk, with the present economic climate, especially in Geelong just now, he did not want to 'go' too high and find folk disappointed if his estimations proved unattainable. But as a contradiction to this theory, he mentioned a cedar table that had 'gone' through Kerleys rooms recently - had been in a West Geelong home for many years, and in its original condition he felt \$1200+ would be a good price. However, with the renewed interest in early Australian furniture, when the auctioneer's hammer fell, it was to a Melbourne dealer whose successful bid was \$2300 (and he still had to make money on that!). Folk are already asking when we intend staging another such fixture - so if you missed out, be patient - we may try this type of exercise again some time in 1991.

GRANT

Our submission to The Ministry for the Arts for a cataloguing kit has been acknowledged although it will be some months before we know whether it has been successful. In the meantime we have written to the Woodend Historical Society and received a brochure on a more simplified system evolved by one of their members. It could be worth following up if the Ministry for the Arts turns us down.

ACQUISITIONS

We are again grateful to people who have given us items - Mrs. P. Cockerill, Mrs. E. Stevens, Mrs. I. Luke and Alan Poigndester. We also have a copy of Henry Lawson's poems but unfortunately the note with the donor's name has gone missing can anyone help please?

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Additional

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A nomination form appears at the bottom of this page - please give nomination some thought, and if you are asked to stand, consider what you can offer your Society. A vital committee with new ideas is essential for any organisation to function and expand. Extra nomination forms will be available at the September meeting. Completed forms must be returned to the Secretary (Box 98) 7 days before the AGM. Please also note that all positions are declared vacant and nominations for executive and committee are required.

HAPPY TRAVELLING

I know you will all join with me in wishing Edith a wonderful trip back to Cornwall - I believe she's also visiting the Emerald Isle - we look forward to having her back with us again in October when you can quiz her about kissing the Blarney Stone!! You can also show her your support by attending our forthcoming meetings.

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We, the undersigned entitled to vote do hereby nominate

..... name in full

of ..... address

for the position of ..... of the above Society.

Signature of Nominators

1 .....

2 .....

I ..... (name in full) being a member of the above Society consent to the above nomination.

Signature of Nominee .....

date .....