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ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOC. INC.

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PRESIDENT: Edith Lawn (631681) HON. SECRETARY: Shirley Forsyth (631430)

We are most grateful to Val and Norm D'Angri for printing this issue. Keith Cecil is still enjoying life in a warmer climate where he has spent some of his time teaching at a school in F.N.Q. - perhaps he will be willing to share an experience or two with us on his return.

President Edith has also succumbed to the call of the North! After a stay with her daughter near Pt. Douglas she will fly on to P.N.G., then to enjoy 'life on the ocean wave' in and around the Solomon Sea including Milne Bay.

We know you will appreciate the individual contributions to this newsletter, an innovation to hopefully be continued. It is the wish of the committee to involve more members with the life of the Society apart from just the regular meetings. Once recruited you may find yourself 'hooked on the past' and even willing to make a contribution, whether it be to the Newsletter or with the cataloguing or re-arranging of items on display. On Friday July 3rd. the Grade 6 children from the local school would be seen 'crocodile style' making their way to the Museum along McMillan St. Two lassies dressed as Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Jackson added authenticity to the scene, as their quest was to learn more about the early history of their town. After viewing the video they enjoyed a "free range" look at all exhibits. Outright favourite with the group was the 'slate and pencil' - still being lovingly clutched by one lass up until the moment she departed thru' the door. If you would really like to be 'on hand' during one of these sessions do let us know - it is really quite rewarding and one always learns something too!

THE PRESIDENT WRITES ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS AND AQUISITIONS:

Since the last Newsletter our speakers have provided those attending our monthly meetings with both interesting and absorbing subjects.

MARCH Mr. Harry McGann of Mentone brought along his collection of historic, and in some cases unusual, walking sticks made of rare woods. This has proved to be a fascinating hobby for him over many years.

APRIL Closer to Anglesea, Mrs. Pauline Reilly of Airey's Inlet, the author of children's books and a keen bird watcher, held the interest of all present with her observations of Nature at work, and the transforming of her experiences into stories for the young.

MAY The guest speaker was Mrs. Phemie Hatton, our local travel expert who as travel leader for Australian groups travelling overseas, had many interesting accounts to relate. One wonders how she could possibly deal with all of the things that 'go wrong' with a group of people, as well as guide them around Europe and the U.K. sightseeing.

JUNE Member Miss Nancy McDonald gave an interesting account of a female choir formed in a P.O.W. camp on Sumatra during WW2. They had to work from memory and rewrite music and words as well as imitate instrumental accompaniment with their voices. A re-enactment tape was played to illustrate how accomplished and resourceful they had been.

JULY Members welcomed a Sunday afternoon mid-winter meeting and a big attendance viewed with interest the recently completed videos on the 'History of Anglesea' Part 1. and other points of interest in the district. The Government grant for this exercise, suggested by our enthusiastic Secretary proved to be a winner. We think Lindsay enjoyed the research that went into the hours of preparation in making the Videos.

AUGUST Mr. Don Walker of the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. will tell of his recent overseas trips visiting well known military sites and cemeteries in France.

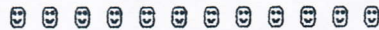


- SEPTEMBER Member Ivy Luke has recently visited her daughter in Zimbabwe and will relate her impressions and experiences of the former Rhodesia.
- OCTOBER THE A. G. M. This means election of Office Bearers and Committee for 1933. Perhaps you'll consider joining the ranks? Fresh ideas and enthusiasm are the main requirements!  
Following the business section, members Ron and Shirley Scott will, as a duo, tell us about life on a lighthouse, both from the technical point of view (Ron) and the human side (Shirley). Not to be missed!
- NOVEMBER Shirley has elsewhere in the Newsletter reminded you of the Annual Dinner and the speaker for that night.
- DECEMBER A get-together to wind up the year, when you may be asked to relate "Why I live where I live".

AQUISITIONS:

Much appreciated items recently given to the Society include a plasticised map of early Geelong from the Harrisons, an article on G. E. Morrison's walk along the coast from Queenscliff to Adelaide (also related in one of our publications) from Molly Keates, a 1942 magazine from Mary White (will be displayed on November Open Day), an addition to the Library 'Packaging the Past' purchased with a donation from the Laurel Club, and another book from Nancy McDonald, photos and paper clippings from the Scotts, opalised wood from Bowen Queensland from Jean Wendt with an additional article on G. E. Morrison in China, Jubilee Medal from Ivy Luke and a gold cigarette case from Ann Cattlin.

EDITH - President.



We know of her 'Prowess with the Pen' from NEWSANGLE, and we now welcome Melva McKinnon's contribution to this edition of A & D H S July Newsletter.

*It was a busy weekend, but at 1.40 p.m. on Sunday July 5th. I mentioned to Stan that at 2.00 p.m. the Historical Society was to view the Anglesea Videos. Ten minutes later we decided to leave everything and go ..... and what a rewarding experience we had!*

*The videos, expertly filmed and beautifully narrated by Lindsay Braden, with original tunes from his family musicians, provided a delightful journey into our heritage.*

*Augmented by interviews with some of our "living treasures" - Joan Murch, Edith Lawn, Peggy Bunton, Doc Bingley, Arthur Simmonds and Ray Clarke - Lindsay managed to perfectly unite film of present day scenery with Keith Cecils's black and white reproductions to form a series of documentaries which held the audience spell-bound throughout.*

*Separate short films highlighted the life and achievements of Mrs Murray and our early Post Office, the Split Point lighthouse, the Jarosite Mine, the Wendsleydale railway and the Pratt brothers - pioneer aviators. A composite film based on our township brought to life the names of our streets, the usefulness of the Blink Bonnie tower, the excitement of local shipwrecks and the popularity of the annual river regatta.*

*Other factual glimpses of the past revealed the lack of trees in the area before settlement; two hamlets divided by the creek, existed until one town was formed in 1927; that before the bridge was built in 1892 horse-drawn coaches crossed on the sand at low tide (if they were lucky); that it took three hours to travel from Geelong via Torquay; that there was a blacksmith in what is now Camp Road; that a bushfire destroyed the hotel and the Church of England ... the pub was rebuilt the same year and the church 59 years later!*

*What a wonderful wild west (coast) town it was!*

*How fortunate we are to have Lindsay Braden in our midst, willing to share his time and expertise, to produce these significant records for us. Long Live LINBRADEN PICTURES! Now we are eagerly looking forward to the next enthralling episodes ... there is a vast rich legacy out there waiting to be immortalised on film. We certainly appreciate Lindsay's talents, and thank him sincerely for this contribution towards preserving our past.*

Melva Mackinnon



ANNUAL DINNER    FRIDAY 6th. November 1992

This will be our 11th. Annual Dinner, an early reminder to ensure an entry in the diary. Mr. Max Lee will be the guest speaker. Some members have, I know, seen the Chapel from the Changi P.O.W. Camp now within the grounds of the Duntroon Military College. Max was in no small way responsible for its relocation. His subject for our dinner meeting will be the story behind the Nurses War Memorial recently set in place near the Chapel. Jim Boyle of Anglesea was also much involved with this venture. More details later.

On the following Sunday, November 8th. we plan to have an open day at the Museum when highlights (or perhaps 'lowlights' would be more appropriate) of the war as it affected Australia during 1942 in particular (now 50 years on we are just learning more details of events not made public at the time), and other incidents. We are looking forward to some assistance from the local sub-branch of the R.S.L. for this project. Since it has been brought to our attention that Captain Albert Jacka V.C., MC & Bar, the first Australian V.C. winner, was born at Layard (near Winchelsea) 100 years ago next March, we will also feature these details in our display.

Whilst on the subject of history I'm sure that some of these dates will spark memories:

- JULY    6th. 1942    Tea rationing began.  
          7th.    ..    Australian 9th. Division arrived at Tel El Eisa at El Alamein and began action against an Italian force on July 10th. Heavy fighting against Rommel followed to 27th. July when there were 2552 casualties in the Division.  
          20th. ..    General Macarthur moved his H.Q. to Brisbane.  
          21st. ..    Japanese troops landed at Gona and Buna in Papua and began to move down the Kakoda Trail.  
          25th. ..    Townsville was bombed by four Japanese flying boats - there were no casualties.  
          27th. ..    The Australian Women's Land Army was established.  
          31st. ..    Port Hedland (W. A.) and Mosman (Qld.) were bombed by Japanese planes.
- AUG.    6th. 1892    Sir Arthur William Coles of the famous Coles merchant family was born at Geelong.  
          25th. 1942    Japanese forces landed at Milne Bay in Papua and met up against a strong defence by Australian forces.  
          26th. ..    Japanese forces landed on and occupied Nauru island.  
          29th. ..    Sugar rationing began in Australia.  
          30th. 1892    The Cremation Society of Victoria was founded at a Melbourne meeting to promote a special new form of disposal of the dead.

(Taken from June and July RHSV NEWS)

LOOK TO THE PRESENT

Our 'weighty' application seeking a grant to assist with security measures at the Museum has been submitted to the Ministry for the Arts. How kindly the powers that be view our supplications will not be known for some time, but we are forever hopeful.

The baffled wallwasher light has been installed in the front Museum room. It has an 'eyelid' to conceal the lamp and a side reflector to throw a wall washing beam from the wall to the ceiling. Our next task will be to arrange the cabinet under the spotlight.

Would you like to know about the previous owners of your house block ? Lindsay Braden tells you how this can be done. We are indeed grateful to him for his continuing interest in the Society.

HISTORIC SEARCH:

*The Society can now offer an historic search on most of the older homesites in the Anglesea area. From pioneering days through to your existing block ... Early neighbours in your vicinity are mentioned. Maps are included.*  
TO ENABLE US TO DO THIS FOR YOU, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, LOT NO. AND L.P. NO. (as shown on your Shire rate notice) ARE REQUIRED.

TOTAL COST IS ONLY \$10.00 (Please note that this is NOT a title search.)

To order please contact our Society on 631430, or our Real Estate Historical Researcher, Lindsay Braden, on 631733.



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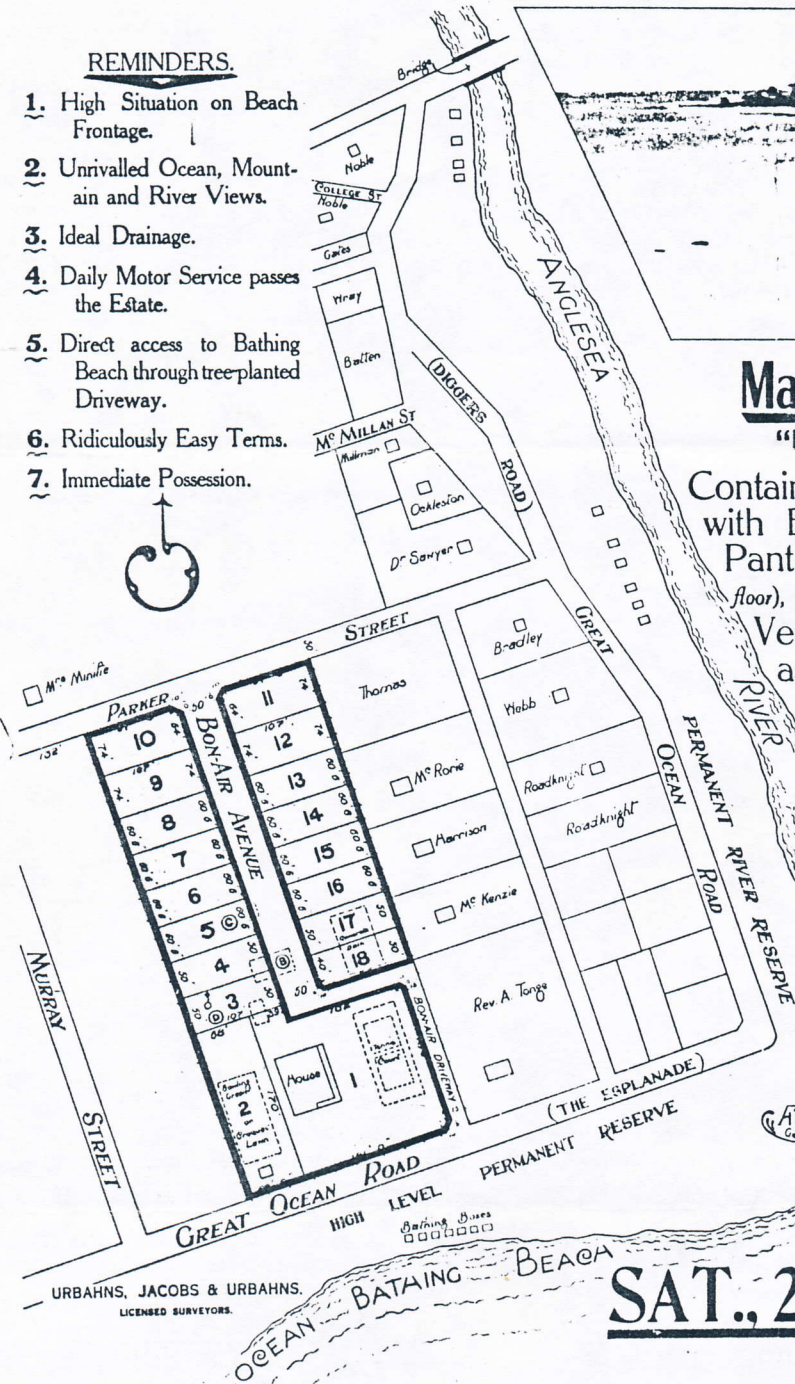
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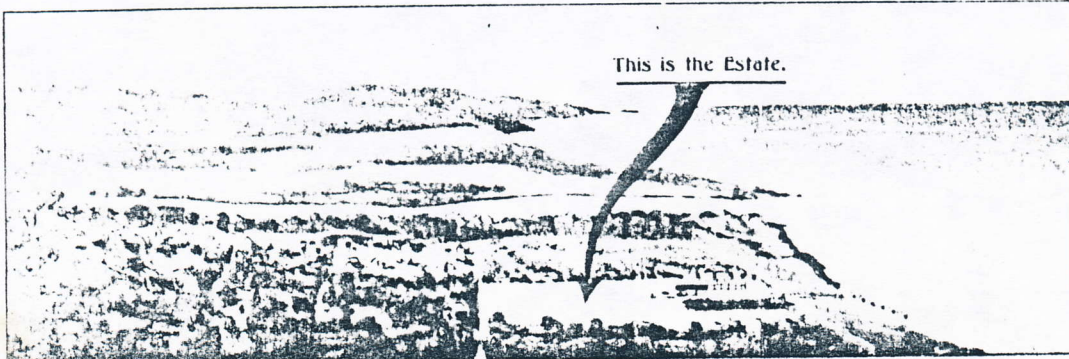
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