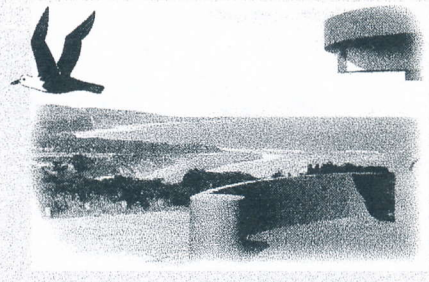


Call and see our up dated Photo-Past display at Angair

# Coastal Current

seaside tidings from ...  
The Anglesea & District  
Historical Society Inc.



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Meetings  
The Historical Society meets on  
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Our Museum at 5a McMillan  
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## Winter snippets

There was a tinge of sadness at the Society during the last quarter with the passing of Joan Cameron Murch.



"Our Joan"

Joan was a foundation member and former president of the society, an ardent and generous supporter since its inception. Our collection contains numerous memorabilia donated by Joan. For many years, it was her great pleasure to propose the loyal toast at the annual dinner. She holds a special place in our hearts

Primary School visit - in Term II, grades, 3, 4,5 and 6 studied the program entitled "Inventions". Included in the program was a tour of the Museum to see and operate appliances in everyday use in bygone times. Items covered a broad range of activities - time, radio, communications; domestic and so on, up to 10 categories were displayed. Members, who manned the various "stations", were able to demonstrate the different functions. All were rewarded by the interest and enthusiasm shown by the students.



School visit

Guest Speakers - the speakers for the past quarter have been varied. In June, Susie Keys spoke of her involvement in the William Buckley bi-centenary. The Friends of William Buckley have many events planned during the latter part of 2003 and early 2004 in commemoration of the bi-centenary of Buckley's

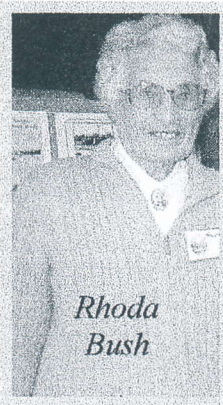


Susie Keys

Where is Lane's cutting ? See our Photo-Past display at Angair !

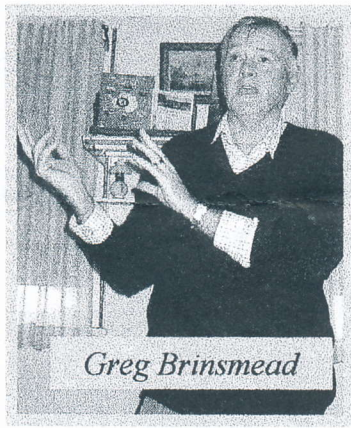
Winter snippets continued

escape from custody in December 1803 from the Sullivan's Cove Settlement. We are planning a display on Buckley at the upcoming Angair Wildlife Show.



Rhoda Bush

As our July meeting is usually a member's meeting, Rhoda Bush spoke about her ancestors. Rhoda's talk was amply illustrated with memorabilia such as photographs, letters, early original painting of the homestead and documents.



Greg Brinsmead

In August, Greg Brinsmead spoke on the History of the Dairying Industry to 1915 in Victoria. Greg's illustrated address ranged from the beginnings of dairying in

Victoria through to the rise and decline of butter factories and butter production. Greg's expert knowledge made for an interesting and informative afternoon.

**Acquisitions** - the society has been fortunate that a number of items have been donated. Items include a child's spinning wheel, Coronation Mugs, early Edison cylindrical record, seeder and an early regional map showing the coastline and hinterland around Anglesea and beyond. We thank all these kind donors for their generosity.

**Looking at Geelong Heritage Centre today**, its impossible to imagine its humble beginnings 25 years ago, when Norm Houghton arrived to an empty building, with no facilities. During Norm's 25 years at the Centre, it has grown to be recognised as one of Australia's a most impressive and comprehensive Heritage centres.

We believe that without Norm's input and dedication, Geelong Heritage Centre may not have achieved the high standard we have come to expect. We have received endless advice and information from Norm and his team of volunteers, and we wish to acknowledge our gratitude. We wish Norm well in his deserved retirement

■ V.A. & B. B.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC is scheduled for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2003 at 2pm at the Society's premises, 5 McMillan Street Anglesea.



A short General Meeting, guest speaker and afternoon tea, will follow the AGM. Nomination form for ADHS Committee of Management positions is available from the Museum.

Bruce Bodman Secretary

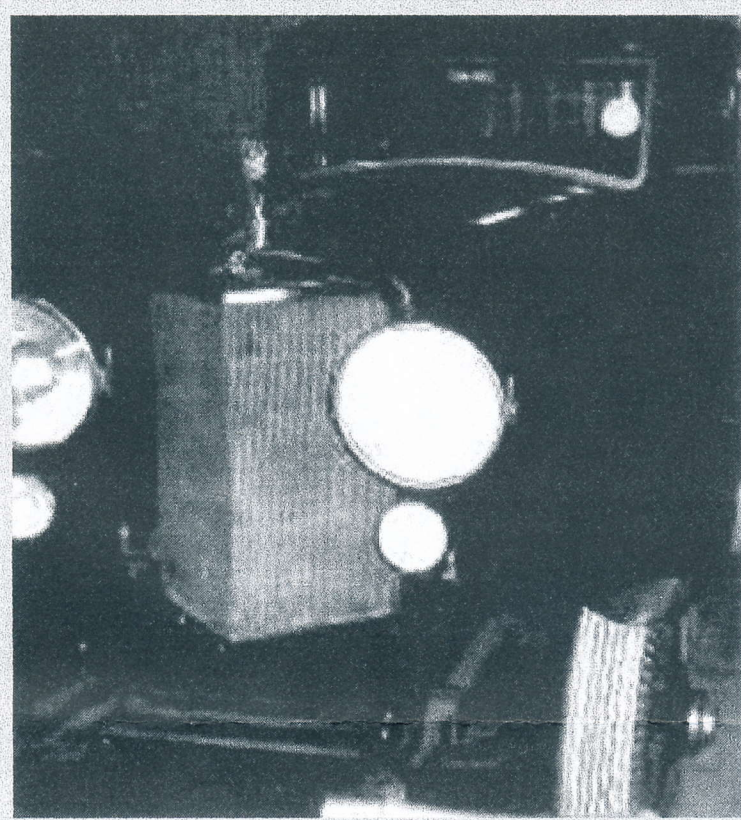
The recommended rise in the Membership Fees has been brought about by ever increasing charges, such as insurance. The subscriptions for 2003 / 04 are:



Historical Society Membership .....	\$15.00 per person
Family History Membership .....	\$15.00 per person plus an extra \$12 per family

Or new category:  
Newsletter subscriber only ..... \$7.50 per annum

## James Loveridge's muscle car of 7.8 litres



**J**ames and Bertha Loveridge occupied their new Anglesea residence set high above the Ocean during 1927. They named this two storey mansion. "Anglecrest."

James' occupation was noted as an importer of linoleum and floor coverings. However during 1923, being familiar with overseas trade, he shipped across from Vienna one unusual item for himself. This was a unique sedan built by Graf and Stift, said to be the Austrian equivalent of a Rolls Royce.

*It's enormous capacity 7745cc.six cylinder engine pushed the vehicle along at a top speed of 90mph. Atop the radiator was a distinctive emblem of a silver lion.*

The vehicle which cost £1500 (\$3000) was chauffeur driven by Mr. W. J. Allen, who delivered the car to the Scienceworks Museum after the Loveridges died.

Vintage car enthusiasts when recently viewing the above photo at our Museum. remarked that the vehicle is of similar appearance to a 1923 Armstrong Siddeley ■ LB

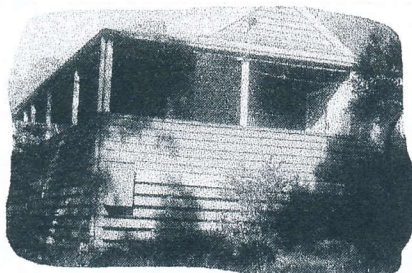
Graf & Stift (Austria) 1907 - 1938

# Peggy Bunton's "The Hut"



(Part 4 final) Edited highlights from the late Peggy Bunton's (nee Paton) excellent book "The Hut" featuring the Paton family in early Anglesea....

Cobb & Co horse drawn coaches disappeared, replaced by Drayton's Torquay & Anglesea Motor Service small buses. They were followed by Fletcher's who at first brought passengers, mail and papers in service cars. This business expanded into Trans Otway.



We were at "The Hut" in January 1939 when Anglesea had one of its bad bush fires. It was another north wind scorcher.

There had been smoke in the far hills all morning. By lunch time Ken said he would go and investigate while we washed up. Just a few minutes later the car came screaming up the drive.

Rubbish and ash tins scattered as he pulled in at the back door. Ken flew in - "Get your things in the car quick and take the kids too - the fire is just over the next hill travelling fast!"

The beach looked just like a refugee camp, with families and their belongings strewn all over.

One excitement was when Marion Francis came down. She was a priceless soul very good natured and happy go lucky. Marion had been warned to shut the shop and flee. So she opened the till and

emptied it into a suitcase. When she arrived at the beach the case flew open allowing bank notes and cheques to fly all over the place. Everyone joined in a real treasure hunt! We hope she retrieved most of it.

We camped at the mouth of the river, and could see nothing but smoke.

The fire burned around Anglesea all afternoon and night. Amazingly not a great many houses were lost in this fire. Once again all around was black and bare.

**W**e were down at Anglesea when the Second World war broke out.

On a later holiday after Pearl Harbor the milk boy told us he had joined the Home Guard and they were all drilling and preparing for the Japanese invasion.

He said their plan was to land at Cape Schanck and Pt. Roadknight and make a pincer movement on

'The heads.'

*So Anglesea was ready for them !!!*

During the war, the Look Out was used as a observation post. It does give a wonderful view from The heads to Cape Patten.

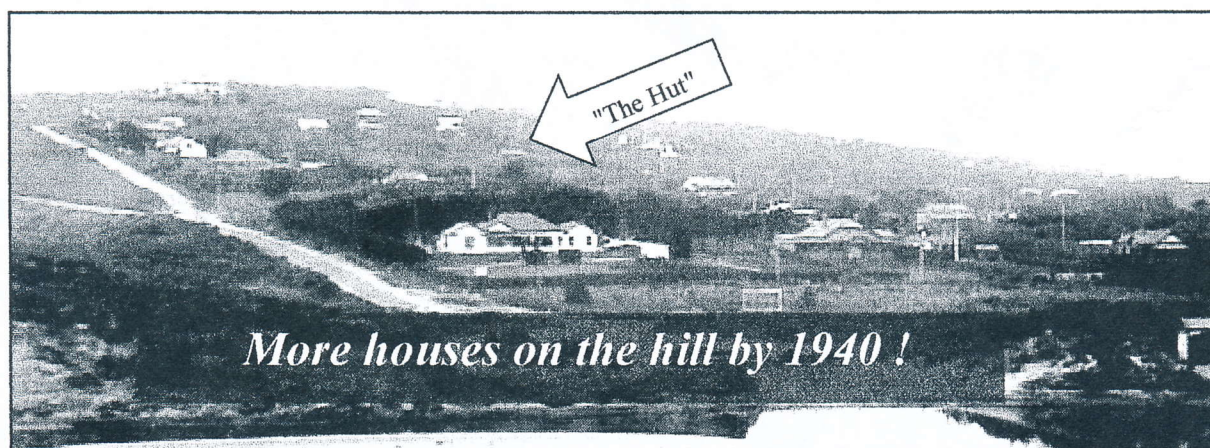
There was a roster of people who took turns to keep watch. and they also had to make a list of the registration numbers of all the cars that passed by. The Army built a small fort at Pt. Addis so we were well guarded.

The locals made the most of their bits of excitement. One night one of the Minifies got up during the night to attend to a crying baby. Looking out from upstairs she saw signalling from Red Rocks near Addis. The Police were phoned but not sure if anyone was caught.

*When we came home from China in 1938 we noticed many changes. More roads shops and houses.....*

There was electricity. We missed the soft glow of the good old oil lamps, but did appreciate the light to help cook and wash up on dark evenings during winter holidays.

There were dozens of houses turning so much of Anglesea from bush into suburbia. (c1938!!) *Alas and alack for so called progress and civilisation* ■  
END OF SERIES ..... "The Hut."



*More houses on the hill by 1940 !*