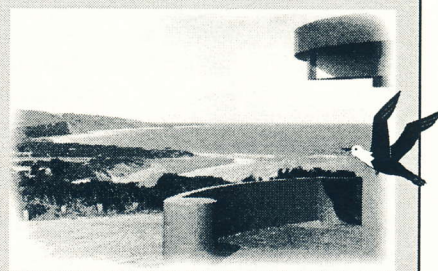


Coastal Current

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



Autumn snippets

We have recently received news of the passing of Richard "Dick" Minifie. Dick was a very early member of the Society and some years ago moved to the Milawa area. Minifie Avenue, was named after Dick's great grandfather James Minifie, a founder of the firm of Melbourne Flour Millers.



School visit

We also wish to record the passing of Ken Forsyth, husband of our past secretary Shirley Forsyth, and offer our condolences.

School Visit – One of the aims of our Society is to foster interest in "local history" with our younger population. In March our Society hosted a visit of 52 children from Prep and Grades 1 & 2 to the Museum, following up on their term project theme of "People helping in the Community."



Jan Preston

We were able to demonstrate to the children that we are able to assist in the research of local history through photographs, maps, books and other memorabilia we have in our care.

Guest Speakers – In the world of folk art, the quilt stands out as a prime example of the traditional craftsmanship of the past. Therefore, we were most fortunate to have Jan Preston as our guest speaker in April. Jan spoke on the history of folk quilts emphasising traditional patterns such as log cabin, nine patch, Amish and our very own Waggas. The Wagga's origins were in the depression era and were made up of bits and pieces of blankets and other available fabrics. There were pieced together and re-used as blankets. Jan's long held interest and expertise in quilt making and the display of historic and modern pieces proved to be a fascinating insight into the art of patchwork and quilting. The photograph shows Jan displaying an English technique known as "Suffolk Puff".

At our May meeting Rod Charles's address was on the History of Cycling. The Velocipedes that were invented in Europe in 1868 were being manufactured in Geelong, Ballarat and Melbourne by 1869. Then came the "high wheeler" and by 1888 Dunlop had invented the pneumatic tyre and when coupled with the diamond frame,

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Meetings
The Historical Society meets on
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Museum
Our Museum at 5a McMillan
Street Anglesea, is open during
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The deadline for our next Newsletter is Friday 27th August...
Members are encouraged to provide items of local interest - they all help !

Racing, long distance and transcontinental cycling fostered an interest in touring. Cycling magazines wrote stories for those cyclists who wished to tour. The outcome of these advertised tours gave birth to road maps and finger posts to point the way along the formed and often unmade tracks. Rod's informative address and artefacts from his extensive collection was an added interest.

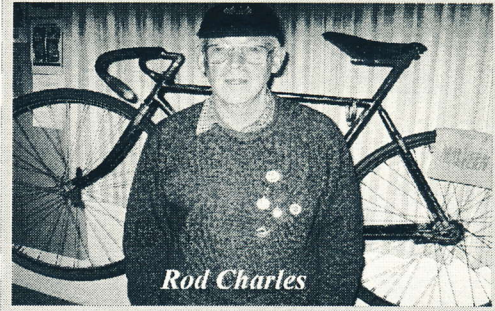
Alcoa Riverbank Expo

During 2004 Alcoa are celebrating their 35th year in Anglesea and all community groups were invited to participate in the Expo. The Society mounted an Alcoa display from our files, with "then and now" montage photos and publications. The event was a resounding success with 2500 visitors passing through the exhibition marquee, resulting in a number of enquiries, follows up and publication sales.

The Society is endeavouring to expand our photographic and memorabilia regarding Alcoa's time in Anglesea.

We are also interested in any personal experiences with Alcoa, i.e - work or social activities. If you can assist please contact the Secretary on 5263 1249.

The photo on the RHS is of a school group at the old Alcoa open cut inspection point during 1973. Just think... these 12 year old pupils would be now be aged around 43 - time marches on ! ■ Bruce Bodman



1973 school inspection group at Alcoa



*A busy day at the Alcoa
35 year anniversary expo.*



Our stand at the successful Alcoa expo

Have you any early Alcoa photos that we can copy ?

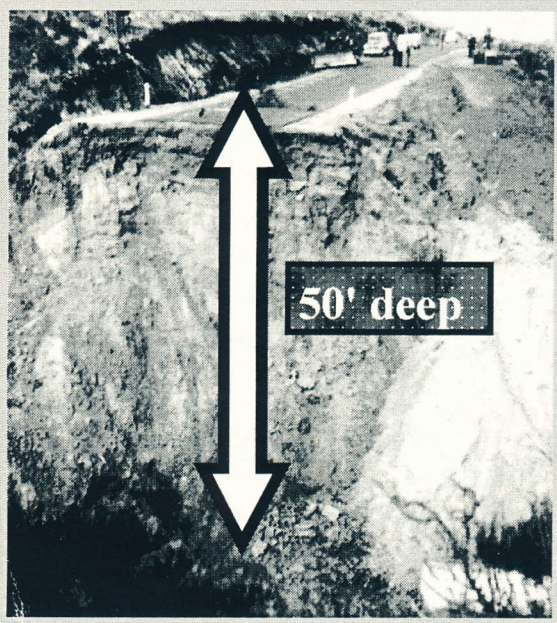
PHOTOpast series

Bailey bridge over Hutt Gully

Almost twelve inches of torrential rain fell during the evening of Monday 15/2/1954. The impact of the deluge swamped a small culvert under the GOR at Hutt Gully. Water spilled across the road, gouging an impassable gap some 50' deep and 130' wide, effectively cutting the traffic between Anglesea and Lorne. Within 48 hours the Country Roads Board mobilised the 22nd Reserve Construction Regiment to come from Melbourne and erect a single



Bailey bridge being pushed across the gap



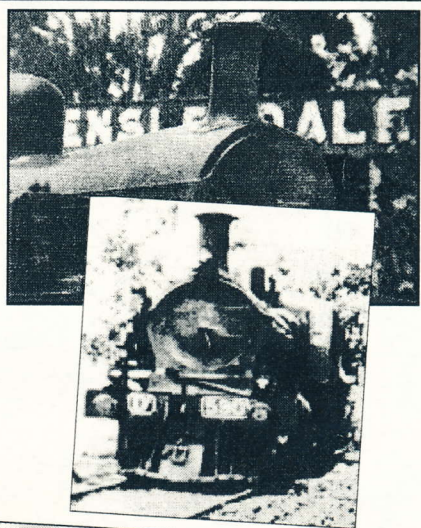
lane Bailey bridge across the dampened site. This system incorporated portable sections, light enough to be manhandled and joined. These were assembled onto heavy metal rollers, and pushed bit by bit across the gap, until they ran along rollers on the other side. The double height main construction with counterweight on it's tail was merged, and followed to it's allocated position across the gap. Great Ocean Road traffic proceeded across the temporary carriageway only 24 hours after the job commenced. A new culvert of larger diameter was installed - a small plaque on this is inscribed CRB1954.

Today the GOR Hutt Gully Bailey crossing is almost a forgotten history. Spare a thought next time you pass the location ■ Lindsay Braden.

Steam train to Wensleydale

For many years steam trains ran between Moriac and Wensleydale (now Sea Mist Stud).

Operational costs were high. Road transport proved easier and cheaper. The remote line closed in 1948.



The track opened in 1890. During it's lifetime income derived from the remote route was meagre, and working costs high. Passenger interest was almost nil. Mail was carried for a short time to the Aireys Post Office ►

Gravel was carted from Gherang, timber and coal were loaded at Wensleydale. *The non achieving way was closed in 1948 - and dismantled in 1953.* ■ LB

GETTING THERE 1895 - 1920



Cobb's Malop Street booking office - now Officeworks

Horse coach Geelong Anglesea / Aireys

For many years Cobb's coaches conveyed passengers between Geelong, Torquay and Anglesea.

The late Ray Clarke of Eastern View recalled

After leaving the terminus at the present day site of Coles New World Supermarket (*now Officeworks*) in Malop Street, we travelled up Yarra Street to the top of the hill. Thence down Moorabool Street.

Over the Barwon, up past the Belmont Hotel, and, on reaching the top, we veered to the left and went via Germantown to Mt. Duneed where we had our first rest stop.

Then along the long straight to Torquay where we changed horses at Follett's Palace Hotel.

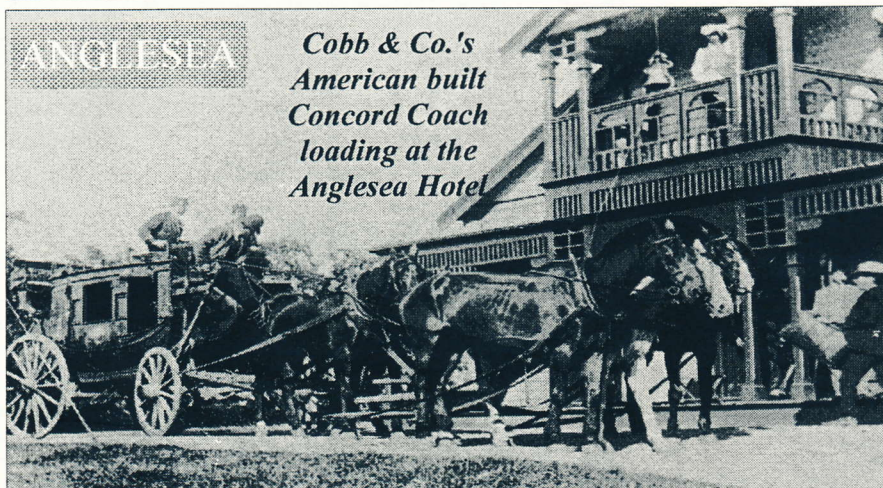
The next stop was at Jan Juc (Bellbrae) where the mail was carried down to the post office to save the horses having to drag the coach uphill again.

The way from here was through the forest until we reached Anglesea via the road which passed Evans' farm at the head of the river (now Alcoa).

At Jackson's Hotel, where the horses were stabled, we were met by Hasty's coach for the remainder of the trip to Aireys via the "high" road.

The coming of the motor bus and service car was the final blow to the horse coach industry

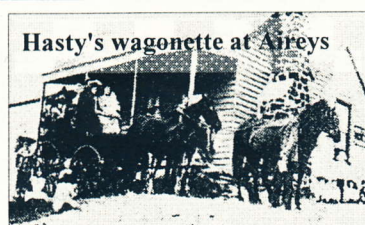
■ L.B.



Cobb & Co.'s American built Concord Coach loading at the Anglesea Hotel

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Drayton's bus



Service car at Anglesea