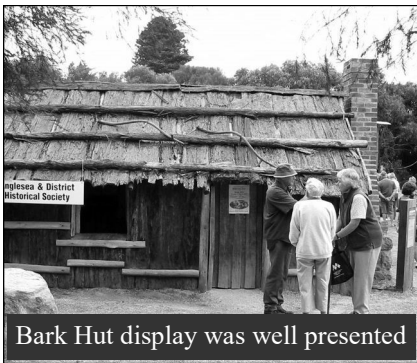
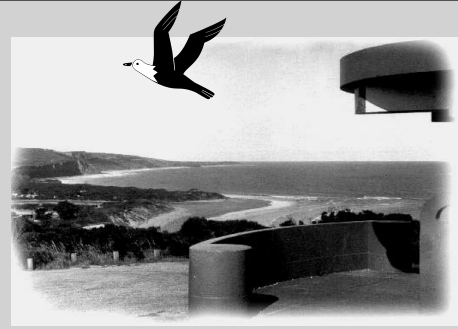


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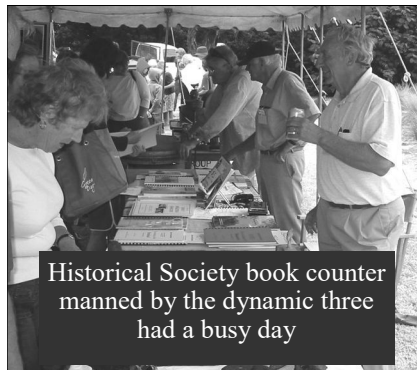
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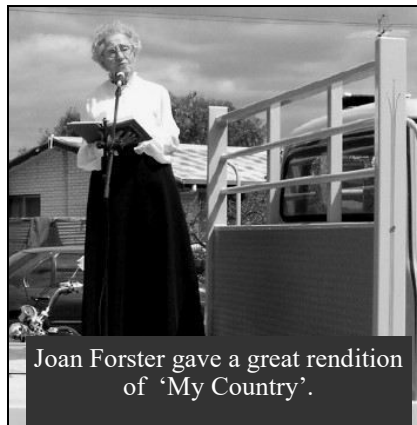
Bark Hut display was well presented



Mayor Rose Hodge and  
 Norma Morrison at  
 Official Opening



Historical Society book counter  
 manned by the dynamic three  
 had a busy day



Joan Forster gave a great rendition  
 of 'My Country'.

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

**T**his has been a very busy and exciting quarter of 2007.

In March, Betty Butterworth spoke to us regarding her early life in Anglesea, starting with her marriage to Brian. What a small place Anglesea was in those days. Betty told us when her first child was born he was the only baby in Anglesea, and so he was the centre of attention everywhere. Thank you Betty for sharing your story with us.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> March we held our Aireys Inlet Heritage Day, which was a great success. This was to celebrate the pioneers of Aireys, among them the Pearse/McConachy clan who built the Bark Hut, the Nobles, and many others. In particular, we must thank the Aireys Inlet Primary School for sending along their choir to sing for us. There are quite a few photos in this newsletter, showing the different activities on the day.

In April we visited a fairly newly-formed Historical Society – Portarlinton – who meet in The Old Mill at Portarlinton. We were amazed to find how much they already have in their Museum, as well as their wonderful historic Old Mill. Thanks to Portarlinton for opening this for us.

Also in April we attended the Unveiling of the new statue on the Great Ocean Road, and what an event that was. Julie Squires was commissioned to sculpt a statue showing the workers who built this magnificent War Memorial – the largest in the world, and her statue shows the mateship of these ex-Diggers. The Great Ocean Road was closed for an hour to allow a march past of Army and Air Force

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**Meetings**  
**The Historical Society meets on  
 the first Sunday of each month  
 unless otherwise notified**

**Museum**  
**Our Museum at 5a McMillan  
 Street Anglesea, will be open  
 during the Xmas and Easter  
 holidays on Sundays 2-4pm or  
 by appointment.**

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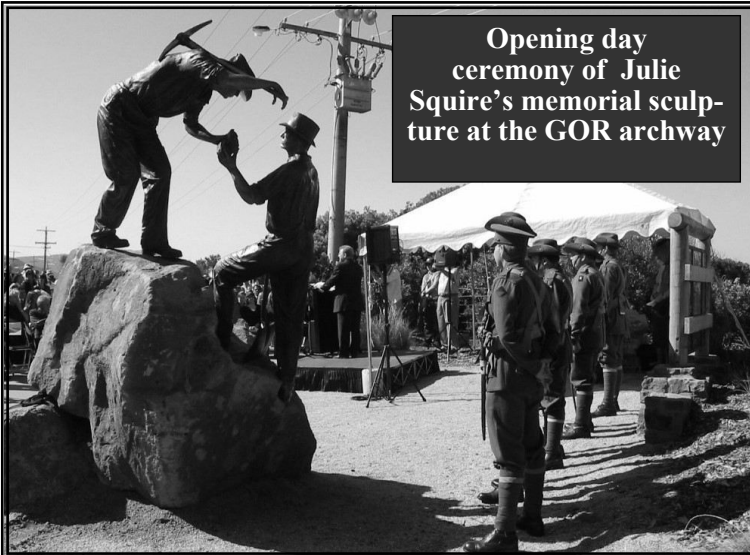
*A great day at Aireys*

## President's column continued

Part of the large crowd at opening of the GOR memorial sculpture.



Opening day ceremony of Julie Squire's memorial sculpture at the GOR archway

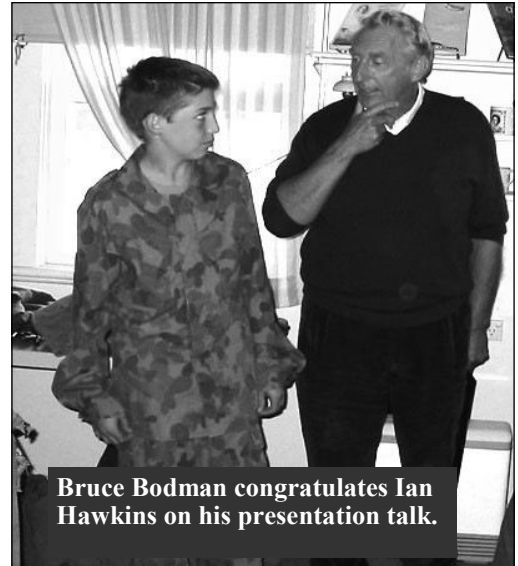


Ghosts of original workers inspect the life size monument.



personnel, including representatives of the Army in WW1; Vietnam Veterans; representatives of the Guide and Scout movements; a Flypast of Tiger Moth plane; Federal and State representatives; including the Great Ocean Road Committee and the Geelong Community Chest.

Our guest speaker for the May meeting was Ian Hawkins, a 13 year old Anglesea student, who showed us his collection of Army uniforms and explained what each item was used for. He is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic regarding his interest in Army life.



Bruce Bodman congratulates Ian Hawkins on his presentation talk.

We have had another meeting with the Surf Coast Shire regarding the Loveridge Lookout, and they have appointed Dr David Rowe and Suzie Zada to do an historical survey of this, hoping to lead into Heritage Listing for the Lookout.

Guest speaker for June will be Richard Everest, of the Lonely Planet Guide.

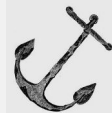
As the drought has caused so much hardship to the people on the land, on the 30<sup>th</sup> June we are holding a Magic Lantern Show in the Anglesea Senior Citizens Hall to raise funds to bring several families to Anglesea for a holiday. We hope as many people as possible will attend this fund raising event.

Tickets are available from the Anglesea Community House, the Op Shop and Jan Morris. Limited numbers can attend, so book early. ■

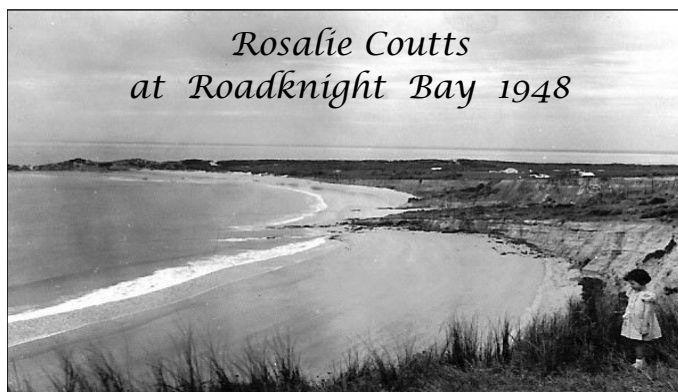
*Norma Morrison*

**MAGIC LANTERN DINNER** A night of old fashioned fun as you trip through the humour of history. Senior Citizens Hall. 7.00 PM Sat 30th June. Tickets \$30. Concession \$25. Enquiries 5263 3085

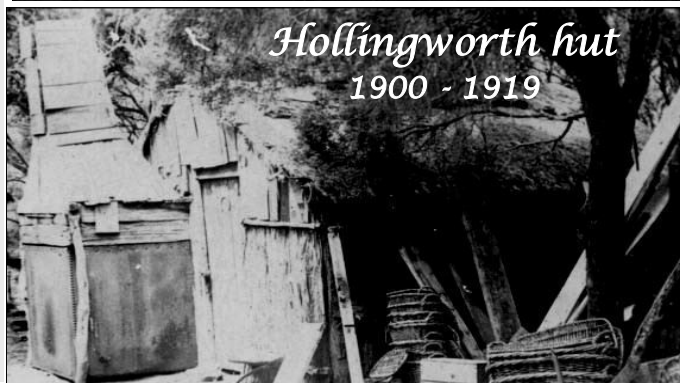
# ROADKNIGHT BAY



**M**any memories of Roadknight bay come to mind. The area was named after William Roadknight and his son Thomas, soon after they had pioneered the 1.2 metre wide Cape Otway bridle track during 1846. Neither William nor Thomas were squatters or landowners in this local area. The region has been generally designated as Roadknight bay, although in a fit of patriotic fervour area land owner Charles Lane attempted to rename the cove as "Princess Mary Bay" - the idea did not catch on ! For many years Jonas Hollingworth's fishing hut stood alone opposite the site of today's ramp. This simple shelter succumbed to the 1919 fire. Holiday groups often netted the bay, with plenty of fish available. Bingley's boatshed survived until the late 1990's. The Fisherman's Association hut amongst the trees was demolished after bureaucratic pressure. The Anglesea Motor Yacht Club was founded in 1961. A boat ramp was built in 1964. By 1976 £3200 was needed to modify and improve wave and sand flow. Also during 1976 the car park was enlarged ■ *L.B.*



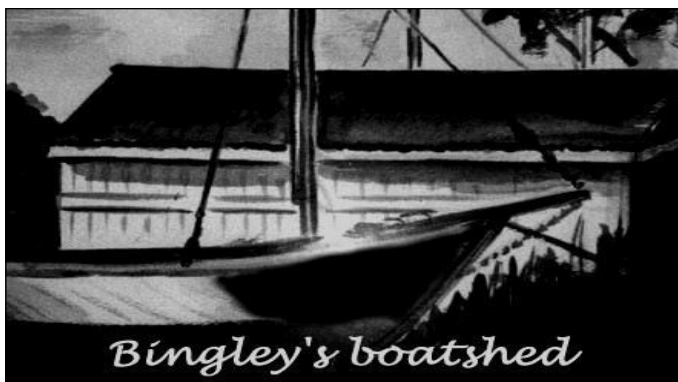
*Rosalie Coutts  
at Roadknight Bay 1948*



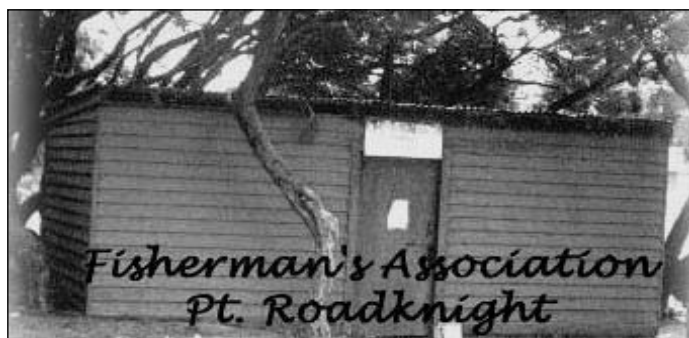
*Hollingworth hut  
1900 - 1919*



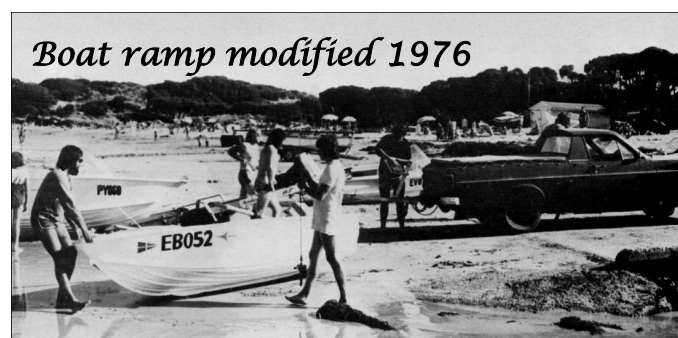
*Netting the bay 1917*



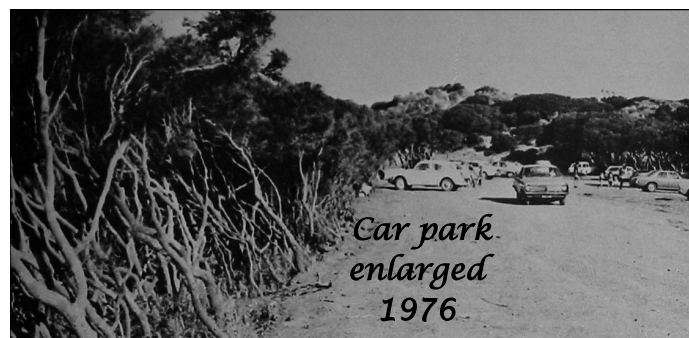
*Bingley's boatshed*



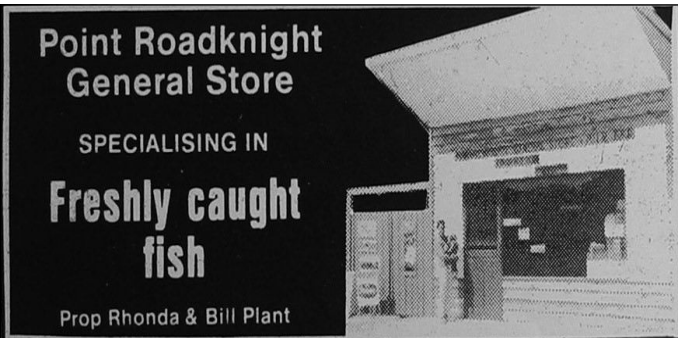
*Fisherman's Association  
Pt. Roadknight*



*Boat ramp modified 1976*



*Car park  
enlarged  
1976*



**Point Roadknight  
General Store**

SPECIALISING IN

**Freshly caught  
fish**

Prop Rhonda & Bill Plant

# GREAT OCEAN ROAD GOLF LINKS

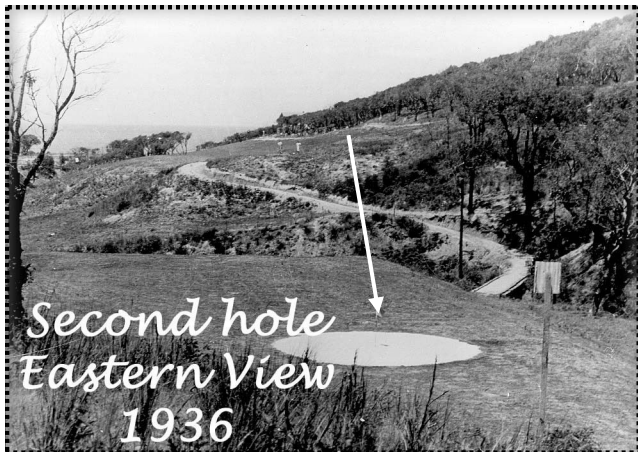
## *Inland from Eastern View Archway*



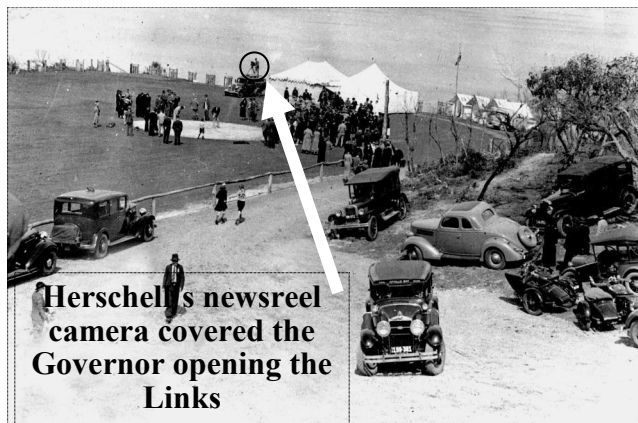
Tree guards were needed to protect newly planted cypress seedlings



Golf Clubhouse (later privately owned) burnt Ash Wednesday fire



Second hole Eastern View 1936



Herschell's newsreel camera covered the Governor opening the Links

**D**uring 1936 the Great Ocean Road Trust decided to construct a picturesque nine hole links adjacent to their new carriageway. It was immediately opposite a glorious surf beach. Unfortunately this sporting venture only survived for four short years!

The rising and falling nine hole layout had room for future expansion to 18 holes. Sand scrapes were used instead of greens. The complex was described as a sporting course with interesting natural hazards. An ideal picnic resort!

The undulating links was closed at the beginning of World War 2 and never reopened. Golf Links Road near the Eastern View Archway, and old cypress trees are a reminder of this old sporting venture. L.B. Photos via Dennis Kishere

### GREAT OCEAN ROAD GOLF LINKS

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Miller, M.B.

### Great Ocean Road Golf Links

Eastern View

1 miles from Apex's Inlet

8 miles from Lorne

35 miles from Geelong



Built at the foot of the Little Otway Forest and on the edge of the expansive surfing beach at Eastern View . . . An ideal picnic resort.

A sporting course of 9 holes with interesting natural hazards.

DAILY GREEN FEE 3/6

9 HOLES 1/

'active researchers'



## "Cliff Cottage" by Judith Venables

**W**e'd been down to see the house at the end of 1953.

Through the Geelong Addy, we'd got in touch with Frank Roadknight - then the Agent for the area. He and his wife, with Ivan Roadknight had a little house in Boundary Rd.

An appointment was made to view, and we were welcomed by Arthur Upfield - whom I had never heard of then. He showed us over the house and grounds, and in spite of the drawbacks, we decided to buy.

There was a lady with Arthur whom I presumed was his wife, but later learned she wasn't.

The one thing I remember about Arthur Upfield's décor was all the beautiful shells from his time in

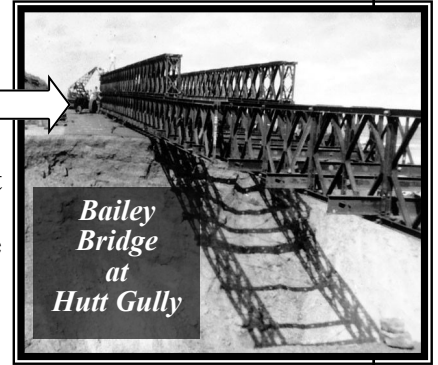
Broome.

I don't know whether you want 'hearsay,' but we were told the original house was moved from the Buckhurst property at Urquhart Bluff. There used to be a big magnolia grandiflora at Urquharts, which we were told marked the the original Buckhurst garden.

1954 - the year 4½" of rain fell in a few hours,

and isolated Aireys Inlet.

The Ocean Road was cut at Hutt Gully and Grassy Creek. We couldn't move in until they had a Bailey Bridge built up across Hutt Gully.



*Bailey Bridge at Hutt Gully*

I assume our original structure was a 4 room bungalow. Certainly it was owned by Sarah and Ivan Roadknight, who let it to holidaymakers, until Arthur Upfield purchased it.

I think it was he who enlarged it, adding a gallery 'scullery' and bathroom. He also enclosed half the verandah, and this was his workroom. The walls, when we saw them were covered with the dust - jackets of all his books.

There was of course, no HWS. or toilet in the house. The wash house and toilet were partitioned off the back of the garage, and we walked up a concrete path with the initials A.W.U. set in it, and NANDA in the branch off to the garage where he kept his Daimler. There was also a sign and I don't know the meaning. Maybe it was Masonic.

The toilet at the back of the garage was a wooden bench with a hole in it and a bucket underneath. We kept a pail of sand and lime there to sprinkle in. No night soil removal, so in winter one dug holes, so as to have "spares" when the ground became rock hard in summer ▶

**The  
New  
Shoe**

**Arthur W.  
Upfield**  
  
**featuring  
"Bony"**



*"Cliff Cottage"*



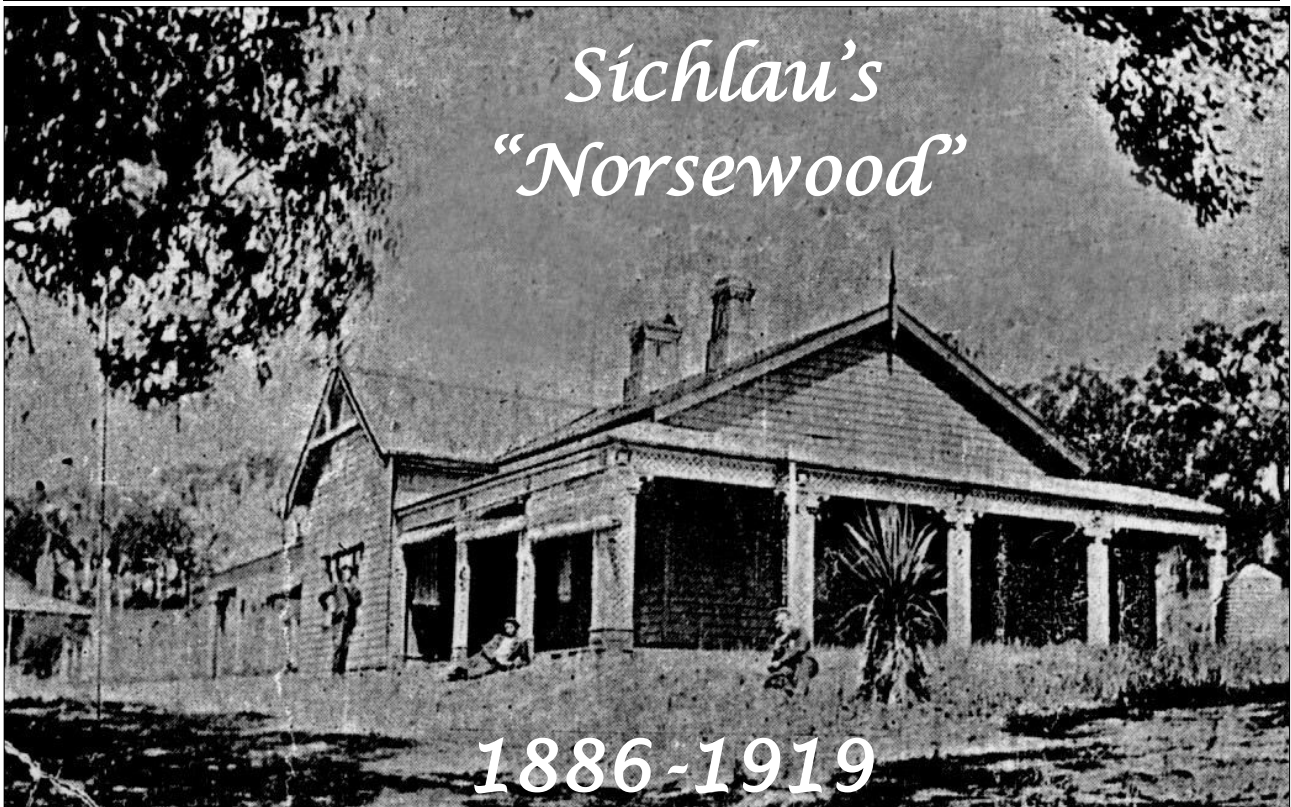
*Judith*

From the late Judith Venable's notes regarding "Cliff Cottage" once above Sandy Gully at Aireys Inlet.

**TO BE CONTINUED IN OUR  
NEXT NEWSLETTER**

\* Arthur Upfield (1890 - 1964) was one of the best mystery writers Australia has produced. He was born in England and came to South Australia in the early 1900's.

# Changes underway in Camp Road



**S**igns of change are rolling across Sichlau's old block in Camp Road. During 1886 Emil Sichlau purchased this 32 acre site fronting the Old Geelong track (now Camp Road) and established 'Norsewood'. His two sons Harvey and Louis, settled there after training at Dookie and Longrenong Agricultural Colleges. They increased this to 1700 acres with additional leasehold land, and bred turkeys and grazed sheep. Their large timber dwelling was set well back from the road. The main driveway wound its way to the homestead through an orchard and formal rose-garden. Stables and a shearing shed were also on the property. As with the Sichlau tradition, a row of pine trees bordered the house block. 'Norsewood' was sold in 1912 to Alex. and Mary McDonald. **The homestead was destroyed by the 1919 fire** and not rebuilt. The broad acre area was sold to the Forests Commission 1923. A nursery for their ill-fated pine plantations followed. Alcoa much later leased the section and sanctioned a BMX track to occupy the old orchard and road frontage in the 1990's. DSE (Sparks and Embers) plus a bicycle complex now reside at the Camp Road end of the old farm site ■ L.B.

