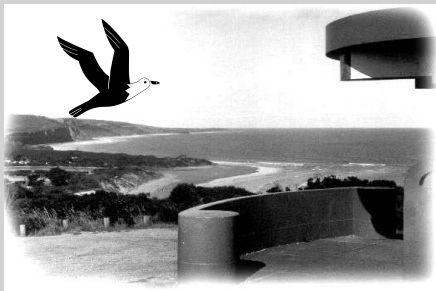


# Coastal Current

seaside tidings from ...  
The Anglesea & District  
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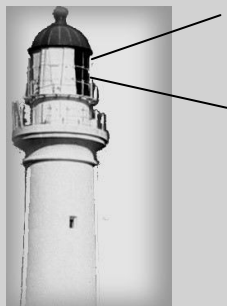
### Meetings

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 dur-  
ing the Xmas and Easter holidays  
on Sundays 2-4pm or by appoint-  
ment.....

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The Bush Fires have certainly captured our attention in recent weeks. From the Society's viewpoint we were touched by the letter in The Age from the Marysville Historical Society, indicating that they had lost their entire collection.

This situation should remind us that our photographic archives and memorabilia is precious, and maybe its time for us to consider their safety. It will not be possible for us to pick up and move everything, but perhaps technology could aid us at least in documenting the treasures we have.

Larger items could be photographed or filmed, and its history documented. Spare copies of books could be housed with other organisations. Documents could be scanned and held offsite.

This may be an opportunity to look at our own personal collection. Perhaps your own family has not indicated an interest in your collection, but if destroyed - they would feel the loss profoundly.

At our February meeting, Liam Cochrane spoke to the members about his time as a journalist and editor of the Phnom Penh Post, (an English language newspaper) in Cambodia and later experiences in Nepal. Liam is currently working for Radio Australia and on a documentary about the building of the Great Ocean Road.



Liam Cochrane

On her recent holiday, our President Norma Morrison, suffered an incident that caused her to go to hospital. During her time there, her health suffered a setback, and her family advise that it

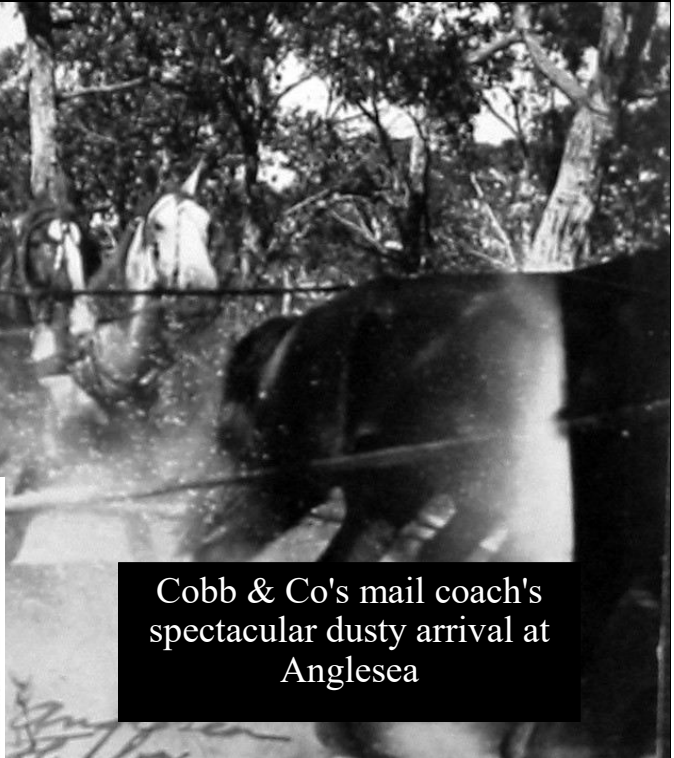
may be some time before she is restored to good health.

The Society wishes Norma well, and hopefully she will be back in harness before too long. ALSO on our sick list are Pat Hughes and Loris Pavia.

We wish them both a speedy recovery ■ Bruce Bodman

"active researchers"

# Going postal

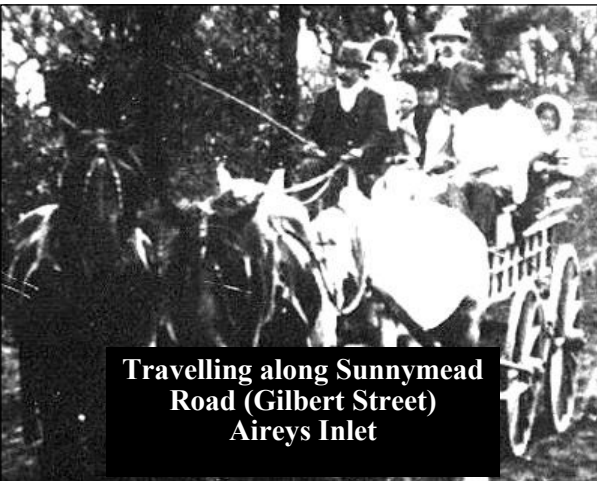


Cobb & Co's mail coach's spectacular dusty arrival at Anglesea

**COBB & CO'S COACHES.**  
 ON AND AFTER MONDAY, NOV. 12  
 SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS.  
 COACHES LEAVE BOOKING OFFICE,  
 MALOP-STREET EAST, GEELONG.  
 TELEPHONE NO. 1.

**ANGLESEA and AIREY'S INLET.**  
 Leaves Geelong daily 2 p.m., returning leaves  
 Inlet 6.30 a.m., Anglesea 8 a.m. Fares:  
 Airey's Inlet, single 7s 6d; return, 14s.  
 Anglesea, single 6s; return, 9s.  
 Hasty's coach conveys passengers from  
 Anglesea to Airey's Inlet

Hasty's mail coach departing from  
 AIREYS post Office store 6.30am



Travelling along Sunnymead  
 Road (Gilbert Street)  
 Aireys Inlet

**Y**es it's over 125 years since Cobb & Co at first delivered mail to dear old Agnes Murray's Anglesea River Post Office in what we now know as Camp Road. This P.O.

was consumed by the 1908 fire and soon rebuilt. When Mrs Murray retired the postal licence changed to Mrs. A. V. Jackson, who operated the business period 1915/17 from the side bar of her local Hotel.

During 1918 the postal licence changed to Reuben Mousley, who managed the business in conjunction with his main road general store. Today's P.O. still occupies part of that site.

William Hasty and his wife conducted a boarding house and Post Office business at Sea View House (later named Robin Hill) Aireys Inlet.

*Their son James, married Annie Murray, daughter of Anglesea Postmistress Agnes Murray during 1891 ■ L.B.*



Mrs Murray pumps water for the Mail Coach horses

*Coastal mail*

## ***THE ORIGINAL ANGLESEA BRIDGE*** **1892 - 1968**

**D**uring 1884 the first release of Nobles land on the western side of the river was put up for Auction under the name of 'The Gladstone Estate.' These thirty five 1 acre lots fronted to what we now know as Harvey and Parker Streets and The River Esplanade. Prices asked were between £5 & £10 per block. They were positioned at the coastline (the greatest distance from the town centre) simply because there was no bridge at this time, and were the ones nearest to the river mouth access, *the closest way back to town. A link nearer to the main settlement was needed urgently !*

It would appear that agreement on the erection of Anglesea's first river bridge was not an easy matter. At that time the inland Winchelsea Shire administered the western side of the river, and Barrabool Council the eastern side. It was at first estimated that the cost would be £400. Of this the Government would contribute half, the public one fourth, and £50 each from the two councils. The final expenditure was expected to be £500.

This tender of Mr. F.W. Bladen of Malvern was accepted, and construction went ahead. During the 1919 fire local residents Mr. George Noble and Mr. Walter Harrison saved the crossing from destruction with water drawn up in buckets.

***A new concrete bridge was opened to the south of the old narrow structure in 1968.***

■ L.B.



***THE WAY WE WERE***

# The Story of Sunnymead ESTATE

Charles J. Lane purchased 'Sunnymead' east of Aireys Inlet from E. J. Alston in 1909 and occupied after Marshall in 1913

The Lane family gradually acquired a large tract of land between Anglesea and their Sunnymead homestead

The Sunnymead Land Company was formed. Lot 12 approx. 217 acres was subdivided into home sites, and offered for sale in 1922 as "The Sunnymead Estate" through Agent W. Towler of Melbourne.

To enhance the Sunnymead Estate, C. J. Lane at a cost of £4,000. constructed a new coastal road which traversed the middle of his holdings. This became known as Lane's Road, and later the Great Ocean Road. It was opened to the public 1/12/1924. Only a few sites were at first sold. The Sunnymead Estate was again offered for sale after W.W.2. through Melbourne Agents Gardener & Lang *whose coloured sales brochure now spelt the Estate's name as "Sunnymead."*

Charles Lane Jnr. was a director of this firm. All sites were eventually sold

■ L.B.



Beautiful Anglesea beckons those who would enjoy the combined pleasures of both seaside and country, and the pick of Anglesea is the magnificent SUNNYMEADE ESTATE. This glorious natural playground, a closed preserve for long held by interstate interests, is now a GOVERNMENT APPROVED ESTATE. All allotments will be sold at GOVERNMENT FIXED PRICES.

Now, after being tied up for more than a quarter of a century, beautiful Sunnymead Estate has become available for those who would plan the perfect holiday home . . . a home closely adjoining



Looking North past the end of Princess Mary Bay beautiful views of coastline and ocean add to the beauties of lovely SUNNYMEADE ESTATE.

Magnificent views of coastline, ocean and country are obtained from every part of the Estate, through which runs the Great Ocean Road, offering relaxed and unmatched scenic drives.

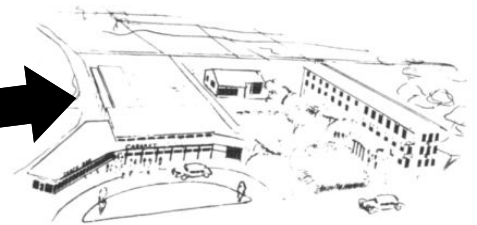


This view of the Southerly arc of Princess Mary Bay, with Point Roadknight in the distance, the sheltered calm of the naturally shelving and safe beaches facing SUNNYMEADE ESTATE.

a SAFE CHILDREN'S BEACH and equally close to ROLLING SURF with ideal shelving beach free from rocks and undertow.

Sunnymead is an estate surrounded with almost limitless facilities for ROCK, SURF, OCEAN and RIVER FISHING, SHOOTING, HORSE RIDING into wide and beautiful areas of both open country and forest, SAFE SWIMMING and SURFING. And, in addition to this amazing variety of attractions is a superb beach, ideal for the thrilling and invigorating sport of SURF SKI-ING, now becoming so popular in Victoria.

4Kings complex mentioned



Reproduced from the architects' original perspective drawing, this illustration shows the latest luxurious addition to Anglesea's attractions. Closely adjacent to SUNNYMEADE ESTATE, the palatial Four Kings Roadhouse is being built to the designs of Buchan, Laird, and Buchan. Architects, Geelong and Melbourne.