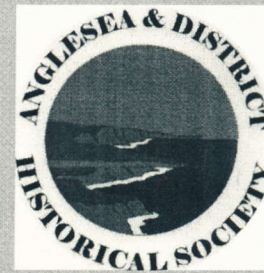


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### Museum

Our Museum at 5a McMillan Street Anglesea, is open during the Xmas and Easter holidays on Sundays 2-4pm or by appointment -  
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Meeting July - Member *Show and Tell*

Meeting August - Lynrette Willey, author of  
*The Waterholes*

Meeting September = Michael Menzies,  
Speaking on *Local Railways*

### Meetings

Meetings are held at the Museum  
5a McMillan Street, Anglesea,  
Entrance 4 of the McMillan Street  
Community Precinct

The Historical Society meets on the first Sunday of each month except January. Meetings start at 2.00pm followed by a speaker or the topic for the month.

Visitors are welcome to attend.

PLEASE NOTE - a red dot on the cover of this Newsletter indicates you are no longer a financial member. Membership fees apply from 1 October to 30 September.



## Winter Snippets

### Vale Myrle Smithwick

Sadly, Myrle Smithwick passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2011. Myrle was a long time member and served on the committee for several years. In the early days when the Museum was open at prescribed hours, Myrle, together with a friend or two, would happily man the Museum, and so introduce members and visitors alike to our local history. During the later years when she was confined to a motorised chair, one could see her motoring down the street for morning coffee with her "coffee club" friends at *Furios*. She overcame adversity, but was always upbeat and positive about life. She will be sadly missed.

Lindsay Braden Retirement – after so many years of interviewing, photographing, writing books and correcting errors in many other – our esteemed editor since the early 1990's has retired. Lindsay has always strongly supported the Society and, at times, vigorously defended the historical facts about Anglesea and district. His knowledge is renowned, and he has often been interviewed about local matters. Lindsay's contribution to the Society was recognised with Life Membership in December 2006.

With Lindsay's retirement, "Coastal Current" has not been issued for some time. On a trial basis, we will combine the Inverloch Log with Coastal Current under the editorship of Jan Morris and Pat Hughes. In this issue, we have featured articles about some of our artefacts - their history – and how we came to acquire them. The editors would welcome any member contributions to either newsletter.

Loveridge Lookout – Members are no doubt aware restoration of the Loveridge Lookout was completed several months ago. Unfortunately, earlier this year, a fault occurred at one of the wing walls. Shire officers, after investigating, have initiated remedial work to be undertaken. Hopefully, this will be done soon.

Torquay Historical Society – in conclusion, after many years of lobbying, the Torquay Historical Society have finally found a permanent home. Their society will shortly be moving into a portion of the old police station in Price Street. This will enable them to display their holdings to advantage and ultimately add to the wider knowledge of Surf Coast history. Well done Torquay.

*Bruce Bodman*  
Secretary / Treasurer

### UPDATE RE PRIVATE ALFRED JOHN EVANS

Evans, Pte. Alfred John, 3139, 58th Bn. A.I.F.,  
K.I.A. Ville-sur-Ancre, France 4<sup>th</sup> July 1918

In the last issue of the Inverloch Log, an article by Robert Armstrong was published. The article told the story of the only Anglesea River born WW1 soldier who gave his life. This article was reproduced in NewsAngle and has created a lot of interest in Anglesea. A committee has been set up between the Anglesea and District Historical Society, The Anglesea RSL, and the Surf Coast Family History Group. They will plan a suitable memorial to Private Evans.



### GROWING UP IN AIREYS INLET by Barbara Palm-Fatchett nee Anderson)

Born just before the second world war, Barbara was a twin with an older brother and sister. She was surrounded by cousins, aunts and uncles and has wonderful memories of the fun they had in the bush, beach and creek.

Although Barbara wrote this book for her family, it is great reading for all who are interested in the history of Aireys Inlet. It draws a picture of Aireys Inlet in the 1950's, before the school reopened and before many buildings were burned in 1983.

Barbara is descended from Wesley Anderson, an African-American who came to Australia in 1839. He was well respected in the community and was the first to discover coal at Wormbete. We all appreciated Barbara's story as she spoke at our May meeting.





# HERITAGE DAY

## AIREYS INLET BARK HUT HERITGE DAY SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011



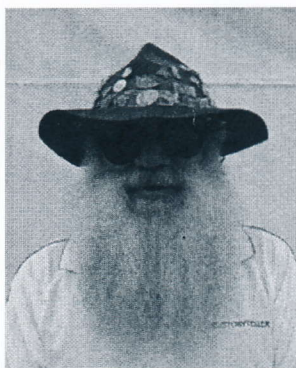
Student work from Aireys Inlet School was display outside the hut

Heritage Day 2011 was an outstanding family and community day. The Surf Coast Shire Council had provided a grant of \$1,000 that enabled the Historical Society to hire three marquees, ensuring that the day would proceed regardless of weather conditions.

The Shire outdoor staff had beautifully prepared the Bark Hut precinct. Donations from family members were also gratefully received.



Axeman Troy and Peter McConachy



David Tournier

People were welcomed with a traditional smoking ceremony performed by David Tournier of the Wathaurong Community, the traditional owners of the land. There was a display on the life of William Buckley, the first white man to live in the area. The Pearse and McConachy families, the first permanent settlers, had a marquee displaying their family history. The Bark Hut held displays of settlers through late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

Activities represented the way of life of past years. They included hand shearing, spinning, knitting, butter making, post and rail fence construction, log splitting and a variety of old fashioned games. Lighthouse tours and a wreath laying ceremony at the Pearse cairn were also included during the day.

The restored 1859 washing machine used by Sarah McConachy (nee Pearse) was demonstrated. An 1871 Lennon reaper was displayed beside the 1860 Lennon single furrow plough. Hugh Lennon was the first manufacturer of farm machinery in Victoria.



The hire of marquees ensured Heritage Day went ahead regardless of weather



# HERITAGE DAY

Displays included work done by students from Aireys Inlet School Campus. They included diaries written by year four students who had researched the 1860's period, artwork of the Bark Hut and *My Special Place* articles. Entertainment included school students singing. Artifacts showing the way people had lived were on display.



The Pearse twins were recreated by Melva Stott and Jan Morris

This old restored washing machine belonged to Sarah McConachy (nee Pearse).



There was a display of radios showing the development of them through the ages. Many things were available to be touched, tasted and tried.



Val Amery, Heather Boyd and her daughter were in the colonial mood.



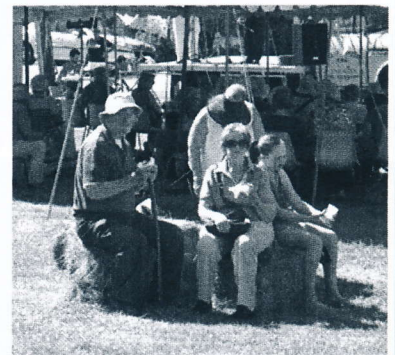
Sack races were popular with the children.

The Lions Club of Anglesea provided a barbecue lunch.

Homemade biscuits and fruitcake were available with tea and coffee. Homemade sweets were distributed throughout the day. Many people were in colonial dress.

Local artists, using the tray of a vintage truck as a stage, provided entertainment. The many people who

traveled some distance to participate in the day were not disappointed.



Our researcher Lindsay enjoys lunch with his wife Ruth



Aireys Inlet children sang beautifully, led by music teacher, Karren Stoneham

The success of the day was due to the cooperation of many family members, local people and organizations that were generous with their time and talents.



# ARTEFACTS



## ANTIQUATE TEAPOT CARRIER

*Donated to Anglesea & District Historical Society by Seaside Seconds, Anglesea Baptist Opportunity Shop*

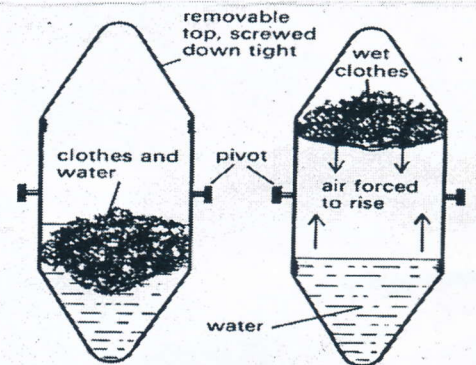
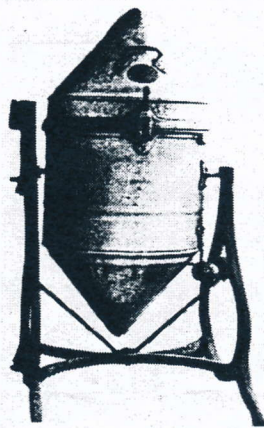
This antique teapot holder was used to keep water hot when traveling. It is insulated making it possible to make tea with the hot water or to carry brewed tea in the pot. Devices such as this were used before the advent of the thermos in the early 1900's.

An insulated teapot bag, such as this one was taken on long coach trips, to provide the passengers with a cup of tea while the horses were rested or changed over.

## SARAH'S WASHING MACHINE

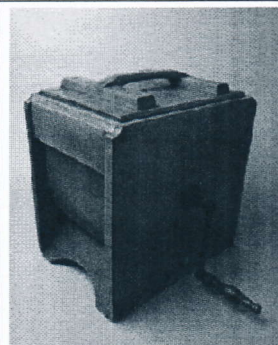
In the 1850's there appeared on the market a new device called a washing machine. This replaced the need to pound the clothes on a rock or rub them on a wash-board. The manufacturers claimed that it was especially suitable for farmers because of the small amount of water needed.

Sarah McConachy (nee Pearse) obtained one of the new fangled washing machines. Family folklore has it that she kept it by the creek where she washed. Of course in those days clothes were not washed as often and were mostly made of black or other dark materials. Lyle McConachy had the washing machine restored recently and put it on display at Heritage Day at Aireys Inlet. He demonstrated it working and it did a most efficient job, however someone had to manually rock it back and forth. Currently small washing machines for caravans are made on exactly the same principle.



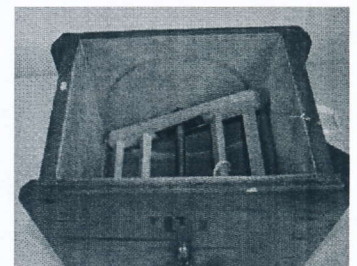
This early machine, made in Russell Street, Melbourne, in 1854, worked on the vacuum principle. When the "torpedo" was turned upside down, the clothes were pressed down on trapped air, the air forced its way through and so put pressure on the dirt

*A page from the original instruction manual*



## BUTTER CHURN 1900-1930

This butter churn held at the ADHS is still in working order. It was used to make butter on Heritage Day. It is a rectangular footed wooden box containing an 'X' shaped wooden interior rack, which is joined to an exterior metal hand crank, through a hole the box. The lid has a carry handle affixed to the lid on two cross pieces attached by brass screws.



Cream is separated from the milk and placed in the box. It is churned by turning the handle. The liquid buttermilk separates from the butter fat. The butter milk is poured off and the butter is worked until it is a solid mass. Pats are used to shape the butter.