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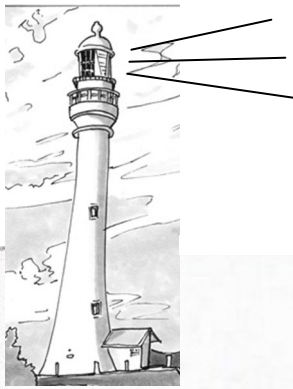
Anglesea & District Historical Society

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The Anglesea & District Historical

*Society is a not for profit organisation
staffed by volunteer members of the
community, whose aim is to research
and preserve history of the local area.*



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PLEASE NOTE - The Newsletter will be sent only to financial members.

Membership fees apply from 1 September to 31 August

\$15 per person - Historical Society , \$15 per family - Family History

Meetings & Activities

Meetings are held at the Museum

5a McMillan Street, Anglesea

Entrance 4 of the McMillan Street

Community Precinct

The Historical Society meetings are on the first Sunday of the even months (February, April, June, August, October & December).

Meetings start at 2.00pm followed by a speaker and afternoon tea.

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Coming up:

JUNE- Meeting Sunday 1 June 2.00pm at *History House* Speaker: Ian McMillan -100 years of Anglesea McMillans

JULY - Combined Meeting with Family History Group

11.00am Thursday 10 July at *History House*

Speaker: *Stewart McConachy*

TOPIC:

Finding Your Family Worldwide

Includes winter feast

lunch - \$5

Visitors welcome

AUGUST - Meeting Sunday 1 August 2.00pm

at *History House*

Speakers: David & Jan Morris

TOPIC— *Preserving a Ghost Town—Farina*

MUSEUM Our Museum at 5a McMillan Street is open by appointment - Ph. 5263 1249 or 5263 3085.

Photographs

Anglesea & District Historical Society has an extensive collection of photographs that may be ordered through Jan Morris ph. (03) 5263 3085

Email - davejanmorris@bigpond.com

Prices	On high quality	
	photo paper	fine finish paper

A4	8.26X11.69	\$15	\$8
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A discount of 10% applies to financial members.

ROSE Postcards

The Rose

Stereograph Company of Glen Waverley was originally started by a Mr Rose. He produced the first postcards in stereographic format very early last century and some examples are preserved in the Latrobe Library in Melbourne. He produced his first conventional postcards of this coastline before 1915. We are fortunate to have many Rose postcards on file that record our district over the years.

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President's Pen

It has happened at last.

After years of anticipation our building has been renovated. The walls are newly painted, we have new carpet, some new windows, Family History has new benches and we have given our place a new name HISTORY HOUSE. We are gradually getting things back and on display, taking the opportunity of revamping the whole building.

Our new look has come at a cost. We used our own funds to recarpet History House. Some generous benefactors made it possible for us to purchase new blinds throughout, some new display cases, book cases, filing cabinets and other equipment. We are most grateful to the Lions Club for their grant of \$3,000, Alcoa for their grant of \$1,000 and Seaside seconds for their grant of \$500. While it will take us some time to set up everything permanently we are planning a relaunching of History House next March. We are of course open for business while continuing to develop our displays. Thank you to all the people who assisted with moving our collection into storage and retrieving it.

Our new workroom has greatly assisted us in clearing History House for display purposes. Many things previously stored upstairs are now down in what was the garage. We thank Jim Tutt for his mammoth effort in restoring the old garage so it has become a workroom. Jim had the foresight to do this huge task while we still had the shipping container for storage. Jim replaced the old back door with a window to let more light in.

Susan Clark attended the conference in Warrnambool of Museums, Victoria, Australia. Susan is heading up the cataloguing of our collection. It will be done according to the Museums system. Susan will require a lot of assistance as each item is recorded with its story.

We have had our new Broadband for Seniors touch screen computer installed. It is available for use at any time. Assistance can be given and individual lessons are available. Let us know what you would like and we will organise it.

Our system of meetings and outings being alternated is working well. We hope to eventually go to having a meeting and an outing each month. We are always looking for interesting speakers and places to visit. Dale McIntyre gave a most informative talk on early shearing. By the questions afterwards, people had learnt a lot. Our visit to the historic churches of the area was enjoyed by 26 people who were able to enter churches they had only previously driven past. We had excellent speakers at each of the churches.

Prue Weber has done an outstanding job in sorting the things gifted to us by Lindsay Braden. We will create a Braden collection corner, displaying his books and his research.

We are still looking for a treasurer. Thelma Western has graciously stepped into the role in a temporary capacity, but would like to be relieved of the position as soon as possible.

We are always looking for new members. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and on our outings. They may even enjoy it so much they decide to join.

Remember pre 1966 when our currency was pounds, shillings and pence. Our latest acquisition is a collection of coins and notes from pre decimal currency. Check them out in the display cabinet.

Angair have offered to landscape our garden with indigenous plants. They are approaching the Shire on our behalf and asking them to mulch around the building. We are indeed fortunate to have Angair and their willing workforce.

President

Jan Morris

ST DAVID'S LUTHERAN CHURCH FRESHWATER CREEK

On our March outing we visited St David's Lutheran Church and heard of its fascinating history. Descendants of early Lutheran settlers spoke and showed us around.



One of the founders of Geelong, Dr Alexander Thompson, was instrumental in bringing out the first German families to Geelong in 1849. In the early 1850s other German families, mainly from Prussia and Silesia followed. The area where they settled near Geelong was known as *Germantown*. The name was changed to *Grovedale* in 1915 during World War One. In 1858 the government sold bushlands around Freshwater Creek. Some of the German families selected land and began clearing the land for farming.

By 1859 a community at Freshwater Creek was becoming established. Most of these German families were Lutherans who formed a congregation and erected a simple wattle and daub structure on land donated by a local settler. They called it *Waldkrick*, meaning *Church in the Woods*. This church was dedicated on 9 October 1859 by Pastor Schurmann of *Hochkirch*, now Tarrington.

Seven years later the present bluestone church was begun. The architect was R S Tufts, also the first engineer of the local shire. Local stone was quarried and they sent to Germany for a stone mason to cut the stone. The German influence in the masonry is evident in the Romanesque Revival style. The church was completed in 1868. Church services were held in the German language until well into the twentieth century. A German Bible used at the church, was brought out from Germany by Johann F Seiffert.

The foundation stone was laid on 15 April 1866. It was removed in 1969 in the hope of finding a capsule. It was replaced by a new marble slab. The old sandstone one is now on display in the foyer. The German inscription translates *Be thou faithful unto death and I will give you a 'Crown of Life.'*

Architecturally, St David's Lutheran is significant as a simple church of provincial German character with a mixture of Medieval detailing in the stepped buttresses and Renaissance treatment of the arched windows. A storm in 1959 completely blew down the original steep tower. It was replaced by a shorter version but the sphere that sits atop it is original.

In September 2000, following a persistent battle by church adherents, Heritage Victoria registered St David's Lutheran Church and Cemetery at Freshwater Creek, as *historically significant at a State level*. Historically it is significant as a rare surviving example of a churchyard cemetery in Victoria having been in use for over 150 years. It represents a key aspect of their religious and social life, being the centre of their community, and is the last substantial physical remnant of the German settlers in this area.

The adjacent cemetery is an integral part of the churchyard and contains the graves of many of the original German settlers of the area. The earliest grave pre-dates the existing church by six years. It has been in continual use for over 150 years. The first burial was of 18 year old Louisa Seiffert, who died of pneumonia in 1860. In 1890, Dorothea Darsow the 27 year old wife of the pastor was buried there. The marble headstone has an inscription in German.

The graves are laid out in rows where families are grouped together. The headstones, some of which are in the German language, are representative of the significance of their ethnic origins. The monumental masonry and the iron railing show the continuous use as a burial place for over 150 years.

SOME EARLY FAMILY GRAVES

Schmidt/Smith family One of the original families in the Freshwater Creek area. In response to WW1 many families anglicised their name.

Leibhardt family – has early connections with the area, J G Liebhart was one of the early trustees of the church. His son Johan Leibhardt who died at 31 is buried here.

Seiffert family – was one of the original families to settle at Freshwater Creek. Descendants still worship in this church.

Grossman family – were original church members in 1859. Albert and Louisa and three of their young children are buried there. Grossman's still reside in the district.

Imer family – were noted for their contribution to the early wine industry.

AIREYS INLET SURVEYOR — Adiel Anderson

Adiel John Lupton Anderson was born at Toolamba, Victoria in 1893 to John and Jane Anderson. He carried both sides of his family names as John was his father's first name and Lupton was his mother's family name. When he was 14 years old the family moved to Melbourne and lived at number 26 White Street, Coburg, which is still standing today. At the end of White Street, just one house block from number 26, is a park that was called, the 'JJ Anderson Reserve' because Adiel's father had served as Mayor of Coburg for three terms. Now it is just the 'Anderson Reserve'.



Adiel was 21 when WW1 broke out. He joined the Survey Corps of the *Australian Imperial Forces* and was sent to do mapping of the northern coastline of Australia. He was eager to get overseas and finally got his wish and as a sergeant, he embarked aboard the *HMAT Ulysses A38* on 22 December 1917. He was sent to the Western Front in France and Belgium. Part of his service was to pin-point the positions of German artillery and give the information to Allied forces. This sometimes involved very low flights in small two-winged aircraft over enemy lines in order to get accurate information to the gunners. He was severely gassed in a mustard gas attack and spent time in hospital.

After the war he spent a year in England studying plane table land surveying. He returned to Australia in 1920 and commenced work as a surveyor. Adiel was engaged to Olive Skinner before enlisting in the army and they were married on the 20th September 1920. They were both active Christians in the membership of the newly established Moreland Church of Christ. Adiel joined Meudel Gillespie, a survey company in 370 Little Collins Street, Melbourne and later became a Partner. He did a lot of work on the Manifold Estates in Camperdown. The work spread to Colac and the surrounding area.

In 1924 Adiel Anderson was contracted to survey the Sunnymead Estate at Aireys Inlet. He boarded in Aireys Inlet while doing the survey work. He became very friendly with the Cowan family at Fairhaven and brought his wife Olive, and two daughters Loris and Heather, there for holidays. His son Douglas was born in 1926. As the Andersons had originated from the town of *Douglas* on the *Isle of Man*, he named his son Douglas.

The family continued to have wonderful holidays staying at "the Pub" as it was called, with Percy and Jeanette Anderson, with handyman "Joe" making their times truly enjoyable. Adiel selected and purchased a one acre block on the corner of Eagle Rock Parade and Beach Road in 1927. He built a garage there and his family continued to come to Aireys Inlet for holidays.

Adiel did survey work in many parts of western Victoria. He returned to Aireys Inlet in 1929 and surveyed the Fairhaven area. Adiel's last survey job was for the new Holden Automobile Plant at Fishermans Bend. As Christmas 1936 approached he was saddened by the unexpected death of his father, John James Anderson. Six weeks later, Adiel had surgery for appendicitis and the effects of the poison gas took their toll and he died at the early age of 42. Following Adiel's death, his son Douglas came to stay with the Cowan family for several months and attended the Aireys Inlet school, when it was near the hotel.

The joys of holidaying at Aireys Inlet remained with the family and they continued to visit Aireys regularly. They stayed at either *Mountain House* or the *Inlet Hotel*. Olive had the garage extended into a holiday house. In



The one acre block purchased by Adiel Anderson, as it is today. The family now has four houses on it.

Volunteers needed for cataloguing project

Volunteers are needed to assist with cataloguing the contents of the museum of ADHS. The first stage of the project involves the completion of a worksheet for each item and the tagging/labelling of the item. The worksheets will form a hardcopy record of our holdings. The information will also be uploaded to the Victorian Collections cataloguing system.

What is Victorian Collections? - The Victorian Collections website is a central portal to the cultural treasures held by museums and galleries across Victoria. There are over 24,000 items currently in the system. See what you can discover at: <http://victoriacollections.net.au>

Will training be provided? - Yes, training will be provided on the guidelines that we will be following, as set down by Museums Australia (Victoria).

If you are interested in volunteering for this project or want to know more, please contact:

Susan Clarke (email: susanclarke3230@hotmail.com; ph. 0438 070 560).

FROM OUR COLLECTION - General Store Invoice Book

One of the many interesting items in our collection is the invoice book from 1940 of the Anglesea's General Store. The store had been opened by Mousley in whatever year. In 1940 The Post Office Store owned by CW Drayton. His invoice states Grocer and Newsagent. He advertises as having *Petrol pumps the kerb*, his invoices also advertise *Fruit, Soft DSrinks, Confectionery, Bread, Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc.* Every item purchas was hand written on the invoice. The names in the invoice book include Allan, Adair, Beckingham, Berryman, Brien, Basher, Cass, Dickson, Follett, Evans, Friday, Foster, Graham, Harvey, Hale, Hume, Loveridge, Littlejohn, McDougall, Minifie, Russell, Paton, Sydall, Symons, Walker, Wood.

The invoice book lists what they purchased from the store. The prices, which of course were in pounds, shillings and pence, somewhat amaze us when compared with today. Items included velvet soap, treacle, zebra stove polish, camp pie, starch, loose leaf tea, rolled oats, sugar by the bag, kerosene for lamps. It is interesting to see what different people purchased. One item that amazed me was the large amount of butter purchased by the Loveridges. I assume that Bertha Loveridge who was known as a generous woman, had many cakes and biscuits baked for meetings and the many visitors she entertained.

Price were eggs, 1/- (1 shilling) a dozen, butter 1/8 (one shilling and 8 pence) a pound, cigarettes 5/- (5 shillings) a packet, the Age newspaper 2 pence, onions (1/- shilling) a pound, bacon 10 pence(10 cents) for ½ a pound, bread was 6 pence (5 cents) a loaf. Beckinghams purchased their groceries but received credit for eggs and carrots, which they supplied to the store.



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1.30 – 3.30 pm

Thursdays: 12 June – 21 August

- Share your story
- Afternoon tea supplied
- Publish your own book
- \$45 or \$35 ADHS members
- Gold coin donation for continuation
- Course, includes use of equipment
- Learn simple computing skills
- We will copy your photos

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