

BUNINYONG AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Newsletter

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View of The Gong, looking down to Cornish St, taken by Bon Strange (nee Lorensine) in 1940.

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday 18 August at 7.30 pm, at the Court House History Centre. Anne Beggs- Sunter will speak about the hidden convict history of Victoria.

150th Anniversary of the Buninyong Botanical Gardens

The stone entry gates to the upper botanical gardens are in the process of erection, and will be officially opened on 13 November.

Stephanie Patterson has taken a series of photographs of gardens of Buninyong, which will be included in the Foto Biennale being held from 20 August to mid September. A CD is being made from Stephanie's photographs as a fundraiser for the Botanical Gardens, and will be on sale at the Buninyong Good Life Festival on 18 October, when the 150th Anniversary of the Gardens will be celebrated both at the Gardens, and in our Court House where we will have a special display.

Dillon Family Reunion

The Dillon Family, Irish pioneers of the Garibaldi-Durham Lead area, will hold a Reunion at the Garibaldi Hall on the weekend of 22-23 October 2011.

Brick makers of Buninyong?

Our visit to Eyre Cottage, built for Robert Allan in 1856, prompted the interesting question of where did the bricks for the house come from? They must have been made locally. From a search of our Rate records and Directories, there were a number of brickmakers listed in Buninyong in the 1860s, and they lived near Warrenheip St. Our member Graham Gooding suggested that the land along the Buninyong Creek, running beside Winter St. between Barkly St. and Eyre St. shows a clay constitution and would have been a likely site for a brickworks. Later in the nineteenth century Lal Lal became a centre for brickmaking. We would appreciate any suggestions readers may have on early brickmaking in the Ballarat area..

GARDENERS OF BUNINYONG

A notice from the *Buninyong Telegraph*, 18 January 1887:

A meeting of the Buninyong Gardeners' Employee Association was held on Saturday night, and was largely attended. Arrangements were made for holding the fourth annual picnic at the Ballarat Botanical Gardens on 17 February. The following officers were appointed:
President Mr W. Moss
Vice-President Mr G. Eason Junior
Treasurer Mr T. Attwood.

This notice gives an insight into the importance of market gardening to the local economy in the late nineteenth century. By 1900, the Voters' Roll of the Borough of Buninyong lists the following gardeners in the township:

ATTWOOD, Charles, Simpson St.

ATTWOOD, Henry, suburban

ATTWOOD, Thomas sen. Simpson St.

ATTWOOD, Thomas jnr, Simpson St.

BENNETTS, William, Nolan St.

BERRY, Thomas, Somerville St.

BERRY, William, Suburban

COXALL, Arthur, Winter St.

COXALL, Thomas, Somerville St

COXALL, Sam sen Nolan St

COXALL, Sam jun. Warrenheip St.

DARRAGH, Patrick, Herriott St.

ENGLAND, Thomas, Simpson St.

FEIGBEITL, Conrad, Palmerston St.

FRAZER, Samuel, Barkley St.

LITTLE, Robert, Somerville St.

MOSS, William E., Learmonth St.

PASK, Lambert, Somerville St.

PATTEN, Henry, Nolan St.

SING COW, Charles, Inglis St

TURNER, Henry, Learmonth St.

From the early 1890s Buninyong also had a very active Horticultural Society, which organized regular exhibitions and flower shows in the Town Hall.

The best fruit and market gardens were located on the south-west side of Buninyong, between Simpson and Somerville Streets. The soil was a beautiful volcanic loam, fed by springs, featuring such famous gardens of Kerr's *Strawberry Glen* where soft fruits and wine were grown, the renowned nursery of Francis Moss, and the cauliflower and cabbage patches of the Coxall and Little families. Now all of that prime agricultural land has been subdivided and covered with houses in recent decades!

Biographical Queries

July- August 2011

CARTY (Hines) Agnes from Bunningyong. Aggie married Peter Carty, (McCarty) had descendants are curious to know of a relationship to one Dick Lyons.

PATTON family. Three children passed away in 1875 and are all buried in Buninyong.

TREZISE and HARTIGAN family.

Looking for the death of Margaret Trezise, born about 1812 at St Buryan, Cornwall. Arrived 1866 on the *Great Britain*, travelling with her sons, Hugh and Thomas, daughter Grace and grandson John Veal. John Trezise, son of James and Margaret Trezise of St. Just, Penwith, Cornwall, married Catherine Hartigan and was a mine manager at the Imperial Mine at Hiscocks in 1885.

Any clues about these families, please contact the Secretary, a.beggs-sunter@ballarat.edu.au

COMING EVENTS

18 August – General Meeting Court House History Centre 7.30 pm

21 August – Buninyong Farmers' Market, and Historical Society open.

16 October – Buninyong Good Life Festival (successor to Buninyong Gold King Festival.) Special celebration of the Botanical Gardens, with an exhibition in the Court House History Centre 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

20 October – AGM, 7.30 pm, Court House History Centre

22 October – CHHA History Fair, at the Ballarat Mechanics Institute.

Early November - Spring Excursion to Durham Lead.

13 November – Opening of the stone entrances to the Botanical Gardens.