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### **Extant Pre-Suburban Buildings** and reminders of Waverley's rural days



**"Hazelwood" Lawrence Rd Mt Waverley**

Lawrence Rd is one of the oldest non-mile-grid roads in Waverley, and boasts several homes with historic value.

Hazelwood was built for Bill and Catherine Hore and their ten children, and the family lived there from 1909 till 1968.

It was then bought and lovingly refurbished by the current owners, and retains all its charm and many of its original features, but lots more comfort. It is hard to imagine a more charming and elegant home - and this one is a hundred years old! Happy birthday, Hazelwood!

# Coming Events

## **February 25 WHS Meeting**

Come and hear Warwick Woods from the Australian Vintage Radio Society, which happens to be "stationed" in our own city in Syndal! The Society is focused on collecting and preserving old radios and electronic equipment. This will bring back memories!

## **AEHS Meeting**

The Eastern Region of historical societies is meeting on Saturday 27 February 2010 at Balwyn HS, Evergreen Centre, 45 Talbot Avenue, Balwyn (Melway 46 E9) at 1.30 pm, including a report on Balwyn's project on Memorials and Honour Rolls in their area, and afternoon tea. RSVP Margaret 9588 0867 by 20 February 2010.

## **Oakleigh Memorial Park 150th**

Oakleigh cemetery is 150! Waverley and Oakleigh & District HSs, and the Pioneer Park Committee combine to celebrate the many lives represented. We will have a display and cemetery tours to highlight the contributions of people buried there, combining with Oakleigh Festival on 21 March. All welcome!

## **March 25 WHS Meeting**

Of all the "native Australian plants" that inhabit our nurseries, have you ever wondered which will grow best in OUR gardens? And what animals, birds and insects are native, and which introduced? We have asked Gary Presland to speak on the indigenous flora and fauna of Waverley. Please invite neighbours to hear this one!

## **Stocks Plaque Unveiling**

The Stocks family have contributed no fewer than FOUR councillors to the Shire of Mulgrave, have helped established churches, schools, dairies, football teams, and much more. They had market gardens, orchards, and dairies, and employed many locals. A plaque in their honour is to be unveiled on 27th March. If you would like to come, talk to MarJo Angelico.

## **Annual WHS Bus Trip**

You and your friends are invited to our annual bus trip on the **11th April**. This year we plan to visit **Noojee**. We are not sure of exact costs yet, but imagine it will be about \$20 each, and please bring your own lunch and snacks. There will not be another newsletter before then, so if you are interested please find out more from our meetings or a committee member.

## **April 27 WHS ANZAC Meeting**

Ray Price will tell us the remarkable story: "My Father's Legacy." Please bring a plate of supper.

## **May & June WHS Meetings**

In May, the first of our Sunday meetings, we will hear about our railway line's history, and in June we will ride it! Very appropriate, since our line turns 80 this May!

# WHS Events - Reports

## **Hazelwood's Centenary**

Despite gentle steady rain - just what the garden doctor ordered, we had the most delightful (indoor) garden party last November. The event was the 100th birthday of the house pictured on the front page of this newsletter, and our hosts were very gracious and the house full of charm and light. Many thanks, Edith and Ray, for opening your beautiful house to us, and may its history continue for a long time to come!



## **Australia Day 2009**

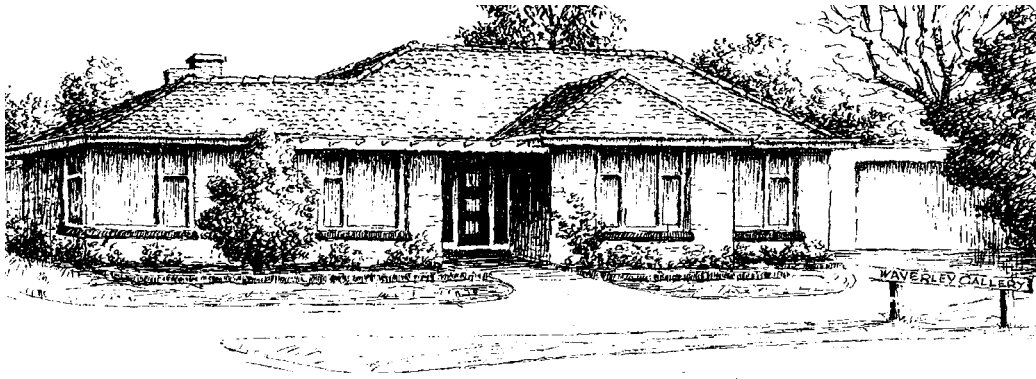
After a false alarm about our rooms being closed for the lift installation (which is still supposed to happen this financial year!), we once again held a very successful Open Day this year. We were able to welcome over 50 visitors, two new members, lots of interest and questions, and an extra pleasant surprise - our patron. It was good to see Morna well enough to brave the stairs and see the us at work once again.

# Anniversaries

## **The Highway Gallery - 20 years**

In 1965, Waverley was something of a cultural desert in terms of the visual arts. The formation of the Waverley Arts Society in 1969 heralded the beginning of change, but it was not until the early 1980s that the situation changed with the establishment by the Waverley council of two bodies relevant to the arts: the **Art Acquisition Committee**, which was allocated funds to acquire art for the City, and **Arts Waverley**, an advisory body to foster all the arts, including the visual and performing.

The Art Acquisition Committee persuaded Council that a property it had acquired due to road widening at 14



## Can You Help?

### **Memorial Windows**

We have been contacted by an art historian specialising in stained glass windows. She is currently documenting Victoria's commemorative windows of the First and

Second World Wars. The windows could be in churches, schools, RSL buildings, clubs, civic centres, halls or any other buildings. These are important art works and also significant memorials, but in some cases are being lost with the closure of churches and schools.

We know of such windows at St Stephens in High St Rd, and St Matthews in Lum Rd. Does anyone know of any others? If you can help, please contact the editor.

### **Waverley Hotels**

Over the years the City of Monash, City of Waverley and Mulgrave Shire has had some 16 hotels opened in the district. Only 11 remain and it would appear that the Foresters Arms on Dandenong Rd is the oldest and still operating on the original site. A summary of the history of these hotels has been compiled and published on the WHS web pages. Many gaps still remain in their development and comments and additions are sought.

The Hotel Licensing Act of 1885 required that hotel licences be issued in proportion to the needs of the population. It should be understood that there were two kinds of hotels - licensed hotels that sold alcohol, and temperance hotels that did not - they provided accommodation and meals, stabling, groceries, etc. Even though the words "Temperance Hotel" were clearly emblazoned on several such buildings, this was not really their name. Patrons would have referred to them either by the name of the licensee (eg Cotter's Temperance Hotel) or by their location, if not a specific name like Cheshire Cheese.

If you have the internet, please check out our list and send your comments to the webmaster. If not, you could brainstorm a list and bring it to a meeting - hand to Philip Johnstone or another committee member. Thanks!

### **Pitchers Hill**

In an essay on the history of St Matthews old church, I noticed that the building committee requested permission from the Mulgrave Shire council to excavate sand from the top of Pitcher's Hill. The author, Roger Allan, who had been amazingly thorough with research, wondered where this was.

Do YOU know?

Searching my various indexes, I was able to see that

The Highway, Mount Waverley, could be used to accommodate a community gallery, the **Waverley City Gallery**. A committee of management included representatives from the Art Acquisition Committee and Arts Waverley.

Artists exhibiting in the gallery were provided with professional guidance in presentation and promotion, and appropriate community activities were undertaken by the "**Friends of the Gallery.**"

In the latter part of the 1980s, Council undertook a major new exhibitions gallery for the City in Jells Road, and the future of The Highway premises was in doubt.

However in the face of strong support from the community and the various arts groups, Council gave conditional approval for the Gallery's continued operation. A committee comprising individuals who had fought for the Gallery's retention was formed, and the gallery opened its doors as **The Highway Gallery** in 1989.

Over the 20 years since then, the Highway Gallery has been the venue for a wide range of exhibitions by individual artists and groups. Many exhibitions have been sponsored by the City of Monash and by the Friends of the Highway Gallery.

The committee of management has comprised many volunteers who have contributed years of valuable service, which have been greatly appreciated by the exhibitors.

Well attended exhibitions have been opened by prominent citizens, including Weary Dunlop, Kathy Freeman, Mirka Mora, Dacre Smyth, Tim Bowden, and Lady Sotherby, the Lieutenant Governor.

The 20th anniversary of The Highway Gallery will be celebrated by a series of exhibitions and activities from 27th February to 28th March. The opening ceremony will be performed by well-known local artist and one of the first exhibitors, Janet Flinn, on 27th February at 3pm. Works by major exhibitors over the 20 years will be featured, and special evening functions will take place.

For more details of the 20th anniversary celebrations, phone The Gallery on 9807 7261 between 11am and 3pm Tuesdays to Fridays.

- with thanks to Laurie Ryan & Carol Boothman

three members of a Pitcher family were buried in Oakleigh Cemetery. All were Church of England. Thus, like Foster's Hill, Morrisons Hill, Wheelers Hill and so many others, I could imagine that Pitcher's Hill was near a Pitcher family property. Where?

Susan Priestley (page 44 *Cattlemen to Commuters*) says that it was on Police Rd. However the only Pitcher on the 1853 and 1891 maps had 49 acres between Princes Hwy, Evelyn St, Winterton Rd, and Buckland Rd /Dooga St in Clayton North. Not exactly Police Rd! On fairly high ground, though - that part was promising.

The 1864 Voters' Roll looks more promising, with Voter 142 being James Pitcher who had 77 acres in Dandenong section H of lot 1, voting in Mulgrave. Lot H of area 1 in Dandenong (now Monash Region 29 is on Police Rd, where Wanda St meets it, and is a 78 acre lot that was owned by C Smith on the 1885 map of Dandenong. It also is on high ground. I must go and check what type of soil each plot has.

Hoping one of you knows where the Pitcher family really lived...

### **Don't Discard Your Old Melway**

If you updated your street directory recently, don't forget we are collecting back issues, which help us dates comings and goings of schools, streets, churches etc. We need Numbers 3, 6, 7, 9, 26, 28 and newer. We are also interested in other brands of directory prior to 1966, if anyone wishes to donate such a treasure.

## **WHS Projects**

### **Waverley Street Names**

Normally our Council would not accept a new street name that might be confused with an existing name nearby - as in the case of Kennedy St, Glen Waverley (Melway 71D1). However it would seem that as these streets are on private property and are non residential then there would not be confusion.

### **Lost Streets of Waverley - Did You Know?**

While new streets continue to be created in the Monash area some streets have been erased from the records and maps of the area. For example, Edward St., Melway 71C1, which ran west from Springvale Rd was originally surveyed as Edwards St in the Sunny Heights Estate, Glen Waverley. House lots were offered for sale by John McGee Estate Agent, about 1930. It was absorbed into the Glen Shopping Centre in the 1990s.

## **New History Resources**

### **Irish Ancestry**

If you have Irish ancestry and are collecting information on Irish immigration in the 19th century,

you may be interested in a new series of e-books recently launched and available to family historians.

***The Feisty Colleens*** series is a factual journey following the footsteps of the Irish Famine female orphans from the Ireland to Australia. Thoroughly researched by a retired RAAF Senior Intelligence Officer, Ray Debnam, the books are also beautifully presented, fascinating and easy to read. They sell for \$30 each, or \$70 the set, plus postage, from <http://thefeistycolleens.com/index.html>

### **The Argus Online**

It is exciting to see some new resources becoming available on the internet. One in particular that WHS members are enjoying browsing is The Argus, viewable as a picture of each page, and next to each, an computer's attempt to make sense of the print. Some of our members are involved in correcting these attempts, to make it easier for researchers to read the article. However, even before they are corrected, they can be searched by topic, and many interesting articles about our area are there!

Here are some excerpts from an article that appeared in The Argus on 28 June 1927. With the building of the Glen Waverley railway having begun, plans were made for surrounding streets. Take a look...

#### **“METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT**

#### **GLEN WAVERLEY RAILWAY**

#### **PROVISION OF OPEN SPACES**

Town-planning Act Sought

Advantage has been taken by the Town Planning Commission of its report to the Ministry on the development of the area to be reserved by the proposed new railway line from Darling to Glen Waverley to express many general views on metropolitan development. The report was made available yesterday...

It is pointed out in the report that an area of approximately 11,700 acres would be served directly or indirectly by the railway. For this area the commission has prepared a detailed plan of subdivision.

The commission recommends a deviation from the route which has already been adopted for the line, and urges the construction of a comprehensive arterial road system, including a new route to Mount Dandenong through the area. The residential subdivisions have been arranged largely with respect to railway stations. To ensure that the railway will continue to be the basic means of transport in the area the streets have been laid out in such way that the distance from any point within the area to a railway station will be minimum. This has been achieved by the planning of a series of systems of radial streets, each system centred on a railway station.

The commission also proposes the construction of a new arterial road, which would connect the new

suburbs directly with Melbourne. This road, it is proposed, should follow the north bank of the Yarra as far as the mouth of Gardiner's Creek. There it would cross the Yarra and follow Gardiner's Creek as far as Burke road, from where the artery would leave Gardiner's Creek and follow a small tributary of that stream known as Back Creek.

<http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/3863350>

## **History around us**

### **Treasury Museum**

Did you know that the Treasury Museum is due to close its doors forever in March? Have you seen its amazing treasures, and walked through the story of the building and its occupants? If not, hurry along while you still can. It is just south of Parliament House in Melbourne.

### **Archeological dig report**

Did you know that an archeological dig is happening as we speak in Melbourne? The Royal Exhibition had beautiful gardens on its north and west sides when first built, and there is a move to fully document it and maybe restore it. Since few records or photographs remain, the information is being sought by gentle excavation of the three different layers of paving that cover the original beds. You can see archeology at work for yourselves right here in our own city.

### **New Heritage listed house on the Hill**

We have recently received word from the National Trust that an unusual house in Glen Waverley has been classified. Architect-designed and owner built, it uses semicircles and arcs, and all natural materials and blends in with its green leafy surrounds, unlike its ore pretentious neighbours. The National Trust have identified this property as having special historic and aesthetic qualities, and consider it an important part of our cultural heritage that should be preserved for the education and appreciation of future generations.

### **Australian Synchrotron**

A synchrotron is a machine that accelerates electrons with strong magnetic fields. When the resulting beam is forced to bend, it emits strong light which is then used for imaging (like X-rays), chemical analysis, and a variety of otherwise impossible investigations.

The Australian Synchrotron, part of Monash's SciTech Precinct, is the largest piece of scientific equipment in this hemisphere, and well worth visiting. The huge variety of applications now possible through this relatively new technology is extremely fascinating. Check out the website or the local papers for open days.

[www.synchrotron.org.au](http://www.synchrotron.org.au)

### **AN EXTRAORDINARY VIEW POINT IN MT. WAVERLEY**

About two years ago, I travelled to the city to view an exhibition of paintings by the renowned Box Hill group

of early 20th century artists. One small one, in particular, caught my eye and I studied it for several minutes. It was of a high hill, with an escarpment behind. It was two or three days later that I realized the painting was of the high hill that now has Federal Reserve atop, while the escarpment was Warrigal Rd. [then Boundary Rd.] approaching the end of High Street. Much was my delight when, in the Damper Creek archive, I came across an account of the walk from Box Hill to the top of that same hill. It was a photocopy of the second instalment of "Along the Track" by Robert Henderson Croll, published by Robertson and Mullens Ltd. circa 1929. [The photocopy was of a reprint by Marilyn Gray.]

The journey begins "Station Street crosses the railway line at Box Hill Station - Southward it runs for many a mile, with a little sidestepping and an occasional kink, until it merges into the old Dandenong Road. It is undulating country, with greater hills on the skyline in several directions and its variety is endless. Half a day would serve to sample its charms, but a full day is more than twice as good. On the horizon ahead may be seen an elevation with a clearing on its side, and what appears to be a dense forest on top. It looks to be slightly east of your general direction [Yes! Federal Reserve - no doubt!] Make that your immediate objective if you would enjoy a charming series of views".

Now a section titled THE HILL, with much detail of paddocks and timbered slopes on the way until [another] Boundary Road is reached [now called Highbury]. He states, "It is well up the slope of the hill you mean to climb". Now some details - "Go two hundred yards east and enter the paddock to the right just after crossing a fenced culvert". Presumably this would be near where Finch St. is now. Our author states, "The first portion is cleared; the grove of trees is on the summit. The owners, who live close by, have had possession for forty years, and take so much pleasure from it that it seems safe for at least another decade. There is no scrub to break the vistas between the trunks, but the trees are close enough together to have littered the soil with the bark and leaves of generations and the dryness of the natural carpet, even in winter, is astonishing". He describes the view: the Bay and far You Yangs, the city buildings "dominated by those on Eastern Hill", Macedon and "the whole system of ranges from Whittlesea to Warburton, until your gaze rests at last upon the nearer Dandenongs". He also pictures that we may only remember viz. "orderly fields of vegetables; orchards showing in the mass a warm tone, despite their want of foliage, or the distinctive yellow-green of lemon-groves; paddocks of native timber or scrub; banks of pines with houses peeping through; roads laid down like ribbons; the clustering houses of little hamlets; all these form part of the foreground and middle distance".

Excitingly, our author returns to Highbury Rd. by a

different route eastward: "Make east through a hedge, and skirt a vegetable garden until it ends in bush. Drop down through the trees and scrub, and you will find an infant creek, with a bed of much charm. The hillside forms one bank: the other is also well defined, and clothed with a wealth of green shrubs. Its seclusion is that of the far back country. Follow it up to a road [a rude Stephenson's], cross it and a paddock, and you emerge on the Boundary Road again. Looking back you may view the sea; forward the outlook ends with a sight of blue hills standing right across the way" - and so they do today from Leeds Rd, near the source of Damper Creek.

- Judy Borg

[Thank you Judy! To learn more of the Carmody family who had the Cratloe Hills farm in the Damper Creek area, see WHS news November 2000, or the information board on Federal Reserve, Mt Waverley. It seems that it was soon after Croll's visit that one Carmody son built a house and dairy on what is now Federal Reserve. Ed.]

### THE TRAGEDY AT BLACK FLAT

One of the least known and most tragic stories of the pioneer era in the City of Monash was played out at the Mountain View Hotel at the junction of High Street Road and Springvale Road, Black Flat on the evening of Thursday 16 January, 1896. Catherine Moylan, wife of Thomas Moylan, licensee of the sleepy hotel was to savagely attack two of her children resulting in the hospitalisation of both and the death of the younger, a boy named Burnett. Only months later the hotel which was located at the dusty crossroads and surrounded by bushland on all sides, was to be transformed into a curiosity when "Sydney Jim" Bridges, an old digger announced that he had found gold in the paddocks near the hotel. A short-lived gold rush then ensued making the Mountain View Hotel the temporary hub of the newly created "goldfield" at Black Flat.

Yet, few of the thousands of sightseers who jammed the roads from Melbourne on weekends and drank in the bar of the hotel that August, would know of the tragedy which took place there involving the Moylans earlier that same year. What happened that fateful night was the subject of a court case where Mrs. Moylan was subsequently found to be insane and was committed to a mental institution. Her eventual fate is not known, but her husband remained on in the district as publican for some time after the tragedy.

Catherine Moylan was a 30 year-old mother of four children and had been married to Thomas for fourteen years. The family lived in the private quarters at the rustic Mountain View Hotel. Evidence was subsequently put forward in court to suggest that all was not well in the household. Mrs. Moylan had been drinking heavily for some time and her mental health was in question. Relatives had remarked that her behaviour had recently become more eccentric and strange and that she argued constantly with them. On



the evening of 16 January, her behaviour was noted to be more disturbing than usual, possibly because Thomas had become unwell and she feared that he had contracted Typhoid Fever.

What happened next as darkness fell that evening is not exactly clear, although many details were uncovered to indicate that this was such a hideous crime that most who knew the family would find it difficult to understand. It would seem that Catherine, in a fit of drunken rage attacked her two youngest children, Burnett, aged five and an unnamed girl, aged about eight in the chaff house at the rear of the hotel, possibly with a hammer, inflicting horrific wounds to the heads of the children. Both were transferred to the Alfred Hospital but the boy was so seriously injured that nothing could be done to save his life. He died a short time after arrival. The girl was seriously injured but would recover in time.

There were no witnesses to the attack. Moylan stated that he was relaxing on a couch at the hotel when he heard screams emanating from the chaff house and believed that the children were playing there. He was concerned that the girl was teasing her brother but when he arrived there, he was met with a thoroughly distressing sight. He carried the boy's lifeless body back to the hotel and the girl, although suffering from her head wounds, was able to walk. When he confronted his wife he exclaimed, "You did it! You did it!", to which she is alleged to have replied, "I told you, you should have had me watched."

Catherine, in her demented and intoxicated state then tried to drown herself in a nearby waterhole and when this failed, walked dripping wet some two miles south towards the Black Flat township arriving at the house of bootmaker Thomas O'Dea. Mrs. O'Dea, possibly unaware of the tragedy which had just occurred, placed Catherine in a bed in a set of her nightclothes and laid the mother's wet clothes out in front of a fire to dry.

After being notified of something amiss at Black Flat, Senior Constable Ryan and Constable Martin from Oakleigh Police Station arrived and immediately tracked Catherine to the waterhole. Moylan then offered information which indicated that she might be with the O'Deas. When the police turned to leave,

Moylan requested that they leave her alone until morning when he would have a doctor declare her insane and commit her to Kew Asylum. Ryan would have none of this and proceeded to the Black Flat township. On arrival at the house, he arrested Catherine for the crime and she stated calmly, "Oh, I suppose you have come for me." She was driven to Oakleigh and at 1.30 am the following morning, appeared before Mr. Nelson, JP., to be remanded to the Melbourne Gaol hospital. This was about the same time that her son was taking his last breath in hospital.

At the subsequent trial held at the Criminal Court on Tuesday 18 February, medical testimony was presented to say that Catherine Moylan was insane. The empanelled jury found accordingly and Mr. Justice Hodges ordered her to be imprisoned in a mental institution. How long she lived in custody is not known.

So what had gone so horribly wrong at the quiet, bushland setting which was the Mountain View Hotel? It is nearly impossible to contemplate that a mother could commit such a horrible crime and perhaps today we might look at a condition which we now know as Postnatal Depression, exacerbated by alcohol, as a contributing factor. Catherine's drinking had been going on for some time and she had told her husband several times that she needed to be watched over or she feared that she would do someone harm. Thomas had asked a female friend to supervise his wife and for a time, this seemed to have a positive affect on Catherine's drinking habits. However, just before that fateful evening, this restraint was been removed and on the night of Thursday, 16 January, she was heavily intoxicated. Such was her declining mental state before the attack, that it was remarked that her hair seemed to have turned grey in less than a fortnight!

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#### **Restoring History to the School Curriculum:**

History week lecture, "Restoring History to the School Curriculum" by Prof. Stuart Macintyre took place at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria rooms on 27 October. (This summary is by Marilyn Moore.)

Stuart Macintyre, a Professor of History at Melbourne University, and Australian Studies Professor at Harvard University in 2007-8 spoke about his role in restoring history to the Australian school curriculum. He described the steps in the process, including the extensive, tightly-time-framed but somewhat "over engineered" consultation and the likely result. Importantly, history

will be one of 7 compulsory subjects taught in Australian schools from prep to year 10 and it is one of the first four subjects of the national curriculum to be developed.

Presently less than half all Australian students learn history in the compulsory years of schooling and far fewer take history in years 11 and 12. In years prep to year 10, history, geography, and many other social sciences provide content in an integrated subject known as the Study of Society and the Environment (SOSE). However, SOSE occupies less than 5% of class time. Only in New South Wales is history a distinct and compulsory subject in the middle secondary school years and more of its education faculties offer history teaching method to history graduates than elsewhere in Australia. As most Australian education faculties do not offer history method, the quality of school history teaching is affected. There is some evidence that secondary students consider Australian history to be boring, repetitive and overly moralistic.

Professor Macintyre was employed by the National Curriculum Board to write a framing paper by Dec 2008 for a compulsory history curriculum from kinder to year 12. Feedback was sought from stakeholders including education departments, teachers, subject organizations and tertiary institutions. As a result, it was decided that Australian history will be taught in world history context and with a forward looking future perspective. The lowest grades will start at about 500 AD and the rest of the content will be chronologically sequenced forward to the present to be taught in year 12. The content from 1700 until the present will have an Australian history component with an emphasis on years 9 and 10. An agreed world history chronology, important historical understandings and a knowledge of history methods will be developed. Each year will combine overviews and four in-depth studies. All Australian children will be examined to ensure teachers are teaching the history curriculum to a specified standard.

To further ensure history is not insignificant in the school curriculum, the number of teaching hours has been allocated and agreed upon - 20 hours per year in the lower primary school (ie half an hour per week); 40 hours of school time in each upper primary school year and 80 hours per year from year 7 to year 10 (2 hours per week). The federal government is not presently committed to funding teacher professional development or resource development. Given this lack of federal funding commitment, Professor Macintyre realizes the new curriculum will need to be clear, comprehensive and intelligible to any teacher. The history content details for each year was due to be completed by the end of 2009.

**HUMOUR FOR LEXOPHILES** (word lovers):

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Police were called to a daycare centre where a three year-old was resisting a rest.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.

Thieves who steal corn from a garden could be charged with stalking.

A lot of money is tainted: 'Taint yours, and 'taint mine.

We'll never run out of maths teachers because they always multiply.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

If you take a laptop computer for a run you could jog your memory.

A dentist and a manicurist fought tooth and nail.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

He broke into song because he couldn't find the key.

A will is a dead giveaway.



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**CALENDAR Autumn 2010**

All these meetings are to be held at our rooms. Please bring guests and a plate of supper!

**Thursday 25th February at 8pm**

Warwick Woods from Australian Vintage Radio Society

**Thursday 25 March at 8 pm**

Gary Presland: Flora and Fauna of Waverley

**Thursday 22 April at 8pm**

Ray Price: My Father's Legacy

The next newsletter will be delivered at this meeting.

Our next few meetings will be Sundays 23/5, 25/7, 22/8 (AGM)

The May newsletter will be available for pick up at the April meeting. The deadline for contributions is 10th April