



## BASS VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We wish to congratulate our  
President Mrs. Anwyn Martin.

Her paper entitled  
‘Captain Matthew Flinders RN,  
Scientist’

has been published in the  
prestigious journal of the  
Historical Society of  
South Australia

in the number 43, 2015 edition  
The paper as written to mark the  
200th anniversary of Flinders  
death and has been read at the  
Royal Societies of London and  
Melbourne.

Anwyn has read and researched  
widely and has highlighted for us  
the amazing scientific contribution  
made by Matthew Flinders.

Congratulations Anwyn!



## BERWICK PAKENHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## BERWICK PAKENHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SEHA report November 2015

Thanks to the two Grahams (Treloar and Rose) the large portrait of Major General Pakenham now hangs in our entrance hall. It is quite impressive.

Speakers for the last three months have been Neil Lucas former CEO and Mayor of Casey who spoke about his time working for the original Shire of Berwick. Mr. Lucas was also a member of Parliament and administrator of Christmas and Cocos Islands.

In September Bronwyn Flemming – Resilience Officer for the Shire of Cardinia, told of her work, and in October Don Jackson illustrated the various area changes which have taken place from the time of the formation of the Shire of Berwick to the present day Shire of Cardinia. I believe we are to get a copy of the various maps.

In September members of the Society paid a visit to Bernie Dingle's Light Horse Museum at Nar Nar Goon. He may be shifting his museum to a new location.

Our Annual meeting is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of this month, but I don't expect any changes.

Audrey Dodson



## SEHA report for 1/11/2015

### 6/8/2015 - Local History Reference Group meeting

We reviewed the Heritage Festival, which was held on May 17. In 2016 we plan to make a number of changes in the way we organise the Festival - mainly improving the publicity and promoting the event to a wider audience by advertising in school newsletters, Council event lists and mailing lists and have more external signage amongst other things.

7/8/2015 - I talked to the Pakenham Probus Club on the POW Camp at Koo-Wee-Rup. I had done a blog post on this 2011, which is how they found me. We don't have a lot of information on this topic so I added some information about the other POW/Internee Camps around Tatura, the camp at Rowville and because the POWs at Koo-Wee-Rup were Italian I also talked about the Italian migrants on the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp. 56 people in attendance.

8/8/2015 - I was the guest speaker at the Narre Warren & District Family History Group AGM and I talked about Preserving Digital Records. The talk was based on my Digital Preservation Outreach and Education Train the Trainer workshop that I attended in May. 37 people in attendance. The new President of the Group is Lynne Bradley.

19/8/2015 - Talked to 120 Grade 3s in two sessions at Strathaird Primary School about the history of Narre Warren.

3/9/2015 - Talked to the Cranbourne Ladies Probus Club on the history of Cranbourne. There were 22 ladies present and they were a very enthusiastic audience.

14/10/2015 - I presented a seminar on Internet resources for tracing your family history at Cranbourne Library. They were a great group, 17 people attended. This was part of the City of Casey Aging Positively Festival.

**Family History Success story:** I also do one-on-one sessions at the Library on Family History and I had a couple in their 70s who I will call Betty and Bill who wanted to know what had happened to Betty's mother as she left the family when Betty was about two. Her parents then divorced and Betty moved to Australia from England with her father. They had done some research and found that the mum had remarried and had travelled to Australia - so we knew her new married name. We found Betty's mother had died 10 years ago in her 90s - she had been cremated at Springvale. Bill rang Springvale and they 'hinted' that the ashes were picked up by someone who lived in a certain south eastern suburb, so Bill rings the only person with that surname and that suburb listed in the phone book and amazingly it turned out to be Betty's half brother! Not only that, there was a half sister as well. They have had a reunion and Betty was shown an envelope with some photos that had been found after the mum died and they were photos of Betty as a little girl. At least now Betty knows what happened to her mum, even though she still has very mixed emotions about her.

Don't forget our Local History blogs - Casey-Cardinia: Commemorating the Great War: 1914 -1918 blog <http://caseycardinia1914-1918.blogspot.com.au>

Casey Cardinia: Links to our Past - <http://caseycardinalinkstoourpast.blogspot.com.au/>

Our Facebook page - Casey Cardinia Heritage - **over 1800** likes, so far!

**Heather Arnold Local History Librarian**

# Cranbourne Shire Historical Society

Established 1968

ABN: 86659602533



Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month (Feb to Nov) at 8.00pm.  
All correspondence to 13 Mickle Street, Tooradin, 3980. Telephone: 03 5998 3643.  
New members welcome.

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## **SEHA report 1/11/2015**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Our AGM was held in August and the following Office Bearers were elected –

President: Colin Butler

Vice-President: John Denholm

Secretary: Polly Freeman

Treasurer: Carol Edwards

Overall, it was a very successful year with a pleasing number of visitors to the Museum. The Cottage presentation has been improved due to the hard work of Polly Freeman and Helen Lowery and the Machinery shed is undergoing a transformation by Andrew Pinxt and Barry Freeman. The Annual Dinner and Christmas in July functions were both a social and financial success.

### **Life Memberships**

Val Bourke and Margaret Sanger were both presented with Life Memberships at the Christmas in July Function. These lovely ladies are long term members of the Society and help out in any capacity that they can to help make our Society the success that it is. Congratulations.

### **Museum**

The Museum has re-opened after the winter break and on the first Sunday there were 14 visitors. We have noticed that a lot of visitors arrive fairly late in the afternoon so we agreed that we will keep the cottage open until 4.30pm during daylight saving times. The Museum opens every Sunday at 12 noon or by appointment at other times.

### **Minor Works**

We have been successful in obtaining a minor works grant from the City of Casey for polycarbonate for the shed doors and the lining and shelving for the Cottage bathroom, so we can use this room for display.

### **Bendigo Bank Grant**

The Society has received a donation of \$500.00 from the Pearcedale Branch of the Bendigo Bank.

### **Annual Dinner**

The guest speaker will be Dave Wright who is the manager of the Jacinth-Ambrosia Mining Company silica sand mine north of Coober Pedy. When: Thursday, December 3 at 6.30pm. Venue: Sports Club, Tooradin. Cost: \$35.00. RSVP: Helen Lowey 5998 3485.

### **Polly Freeman and Heather Arnold**

# Dandenong & District Historical Society Inc

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## Report to the South Eastern Historical Association meeting held on Sunday 1 November 2015, hosted by Mordialloc & District Historical Society

### **The Civic & Historical Societies Future Directions Committee**

This committee is now into the final phase of the Archive Storage at Hammond Road. Work has begun to enable the handover of the building late in 2015. The first collection to be shifted into the premises will be the Civic Collection.

### **Dandenong Bowls Club and Dandenong Croquet Club**

During the last six months the volunteers have been heavily involved in cataloguing the material received from the Dandenong Bowls Club and Dandenong Croquet Club, since they have been disbanded.

### **Saturday 29 August**

Our president Chris Keys was honoured to be present when representatives of the Ewart, Garnar, Boyd and Crump families gathered in Harmony Square on Saturday 29 August. The Mayor Cr Sean O'Reilly took the group on a short walk to view the newest award winning interpretive signs on Ewart Lane, Garnar Lane, Boyd Lane and Crump Lane. At each sign the group heard of the origins of their names and their significance to Dandenong.

### **Thursday 3 September**

New public art designed for the Dandenong Civic Centre was launched on 3 September. Artists Kris Coad and Julie Squires created three large canoe-shaped bone china sculptures representing the evolution of Dandenong and surrounding areas. The artists visited the DDHS Rooms looking for ideas on the journey Dandenong had undergone. The Society volunteers were pleased to see that their own suggestions had been incorporated into such a beautiful work of art.

### **Christmas lunch : (to be held at the Dandenong Club)**

Sunday 6 December 12.30pm Two-course traditional Christmas lunch

Informal end-of-year function for members and friends.

\$29 members \$30 non-members (Bookings and payment by 25 November)



1 Nov 2015

## Re: The Friends of Cheltenham Regional Cemeteries

Hello to All at the SEHA meeting,

### What have we been doing?

#### Newsletter

The Friends of Cheltenham Regional Cemeteries Inc have recently produced a new style Newsletter, as the previous Newsletter was in abeyance following the departure of the previous President. The Newsletter is now titled *Raves from the Graves*. It has been received well by our members and others Friends Group.

#### Tours

We have re-established tours/walks around the Cheltenham Cemeteries. Recently we conducted tours for grades 3 and 4 from Cheltenham Primary School. There were over 100 students who attended and they were enthralled with the stories about people who are buried in the cemetery, right next to their school – including the first Headmaster at their school Walter Meeres. Our aim is to remove the sense that cemeteries are 'scary' places, so as to instil some sense of pride in this public places, as children are the future custodians.

Another tour will be held today – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, and it is booked out, so we are pleased with the response. The tour 'Hidden Gems' includes Sizar Elliot – John Elliot's grandfather, and many other interesting people.

And if you are interested the St.Kilda Friends are conducting a tour **SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2015 at 2pm**. Contact Elizabeth. **Bookings required. Ring 95316832, email [info@foskc.org](mailto:info@foskc.org) or go to [www.foskc.org](http://www.foskc.org)**

Many thanks

Rosemary Reddick

President, The Friends of Cheltenham Regional Cemeteries

Thank you for your support!

**JUST RELEASED:** *Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery: Where History Rests*, the fifth book published by the Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries Inc. featuring over 800 locals mentioned and are buried in the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery. Limited print run of just 100 copies, each individually numbered. For more information, visit <http://www.focrc.org/shop.htm>.

**\* STOP PRESS: Our second book, *The Murder Victims: Fate's Wicked Child* received a Commendation at the 2011 Victorian Community History Awards for "Best Community Research, Register, Records" \***

For more information about the Friends of Cheltenham and Regional Cemeteries and the work we do, visit <http://focrc.org/aboutus.htm>.

*HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.*

ABN 35 495 397 462

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**REPORT TO SEHA MEETING HOSTED BY MORDIALLOC AND  
DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON SUN 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

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**GALLIPOLI DISPLAY:** Due to popular demand, the Gallipoli display is still on show at the Hastings Museum with many who see it, being most interested. We hosted a visit by the Keep Australia Beautiful (Tidy Towns) judges who saw this exhibition. The judges awarded our Society a Certificate of Merit for the exhibition. The Society also received a Certificate for the previous display in our Museum of the Postcards exhibition. This was a cooperative venture with the other societies on the Mornington Peninsula Shire and was shown in the Mornington, Frankston and Rosebud libraries as well as our Museum, Nepean Historical Society Museum and Coolart.

**MORNING COFFEE:** There will be a Morning Coffee on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 10.15 am when **Lindy Cameron** will be the guest speaker. Lindy will be speaking on *Book Writing and Publishing*. Lindy has written and published books in the past. Entry is \$5 per person. There will be the usual lucky-dip raffle (a number of smaller or 'fun' items as prizes). In addition there will be a small selection of cottage plants for sale. There is always a lavish morning tea. All moneys will go towards the Society's projects. Ring Shirley on 039781 1141 or Dave Taylor (secretary) on 0490 132 011.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August the Annual General Meeting was held. Andy Tredwell was once again returned as president. Dave Taylor is the new secretary. In addition he continues in his role as treasurer. Committee members are: Diane Maloney (vice-president), Dorothy Field and David Mason.

**SENIORS FESTIVAL:** The president, Andy Tredwell arranged for excellent publicity for this event. There have been many bookings made that required extra volunteers and longer hours of opening of our Museum. The visitors (from comments in the Visitors book) appear to have very much enjoyed their visit to our Museum complex – some had never been before.

**YOUNGEST MEMBER'S EXHIBITION:** Our youngest member, Xavier, recently had publicity in the newspapers about his hobby – he is a taxidermist. He had a display in our museum of small animals that he has treated and preserved.

**VALE:** Museum members were saddened to hear of the death of our Life Member, Edwin Mawson recently. Edwin has been actively involved in the museum since its inception on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1973. His knowledge of local history was vast and he loved working in the pioneer cottage garden. He was present, as usual, at the museum right up to two weeks before his decease. He will be sadly missed by all.

**UNWELCOME VISITORS:** We have been plagued with a couple of visits from possums who has wrought havoc in our pioneer cottage. Apparently they came down the chimney. Damage has included shredded curtains, broken lamps and other artefacts. This has necessitated a lot of work for our volunteers.

This report by Shirley Davies 039781 1141 shirleydavies101@gmail.com

# KOO-WEE-RUP SWAMP HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Established 1974

No. A0027576R

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"Mallow" 1916

Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (Feb to Dec) at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

## SEHA report 1/11/2015

- We received a cheque for \$2,200 from the Lions Club for our share of the Koo-Wee-Rup Lions Club Opportunity shop profits. We are grateful to all our volunteers, especially Philip and Dawn Harris, for manning the Opp shop on our behalf.
- The Koo-Wee-Rup Lions Club held their meeting at *Mallow* on August 5 and presented us with a cheque for \$500.00 towards the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* project. We have now allowed the Lions Club to store some of their items in our shed, as we had the space, they needed some space and all in all it will be a beneficial partnership.
- The *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* has been digitised from 1918 to 1933 and Stage Two to 1954 is nearing completion. We are very excited about this project and will soon be able to distribute a disc with the completed work to our sponsors.
- It's been fairly quiet over winter; we meet monthly with around ten people at each meeting.

## Koo-Wee-Rup township news

- Koo-Wee-Rup now has a 'public art' piece, a sculpture, by Viktor Kalinowski was officially unveiled on August 19 in Cochrane Park and is called 'Embankment'. It is pictured, right. Remember the old days when Local Council concentrated on roads, rates and rubbish and didn't spent ratepayers money on 'public art'?



- The Koo-Wee-Rup Country Women's Association has reformed. The original branch closed in the 1960s.
- The Anglican Church, which was sold last year, is now The Collective - a group of different stall holders who 'work together to make their own retail shop.' They sell collectables, clothing, home wares etc. It's good to see the Church being used and that it hasn't been demolished. It was built in 1917.
- The Royal Hotel in Koo-Wee-Rup is 100 years old - it opened on September 9, 1915. It is pictured left, taken in the 1934 flood.

Heather Arnold





NEPEAN HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY



**Report to SEHA November 2015.**

It has been a very busy few months.

**The 50th Anniversary of the founding of NHS** was celebrated at the Museum on September 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a terrific afternoon. Over 100 people heard Don Ewart, the NHS secretary for many years, give an over view of the history of the Society and each of the four past Presidents describing events and campaigns on their watch and how they saw the future of the Society. Visitors included descendants of founding members Major James Welch and the first archivist Mrs. Eileen McCraw. The formal part of the afternoon ended with Professor Weston Bate proposing a toast and reciting one of his beautiful poems on the area. This was a most fitting finale as Prof. Bate had addressed the new Society in 1965, the founding year. A marvellous DVD was created by the Shire's Digitisation Officer Murray Adams with images of people, events and campaigns over the 50 years.

**At the AGM** in October I had the great pleasure of presenting **Frank Hindley** with his richly deserved Life Membership. Frank has had a long term commitment to the Society as a member since 1996 and as President in 1999-2002. His extensive knowledge and passion for preserving the heritage of this area is outstanding. He currently is convenor of our Heritage and Planning Group.

**Doreen Parker** who has been Archivist, President and Secretary over her years volunteering at the Museum has had to resign her position due to her and her husband's health. She still plans to do cataloguing for NHS.

**This H & P group**, with the support of the Shire, considers all applications for building permits which may have heritage implications in our area. As you would imagine there are many issues. The main street of Sorrento sees proposals for much change and bigger commercial developments in recent years. NHS appeared supporting the Shire at the recently successful VCAT appeal against a developer's plans at the important Collins Settlement site. With other local community groups' we were very concerned about the conditions of the lease of Point Nepean Quarantine Station to one private company. The lapsing of the lease has led to further considerations of how this precious place should be managed with a mix of private and public groups.

**Monthly Friday Speakers** planned include on **November 6<sup>th</sup>** Melbourne Museum's David Pickering talking about the enormous **Diprotodontid Fossil** discovered on the Sorrento ocean coast 2 years ago. This skeleton of a huge wombat like marsupial is as big as a VW beetle car.

In February the delightful **Lambis Englezos** will talk about his successful research on the WW1 mass grave at Fromelles. July is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this battle.

We wish all Societies the best for Christmas and the New Year

Joy Kitch NHS President

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## **PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

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Report to  
South Eastern Historical Association Inc.

Quarterly Meeting  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015

hosted by

Mordialloc & District Historical Society, Laura and Charles Ferguson Museum, Old Bakery Lane,  
Mentone

**Have you tried our new website! <http://www.pidhs.org.au/>**

The Society's meeting schedule has changed. Moving to the second Wednesday and in line with daylight saving, winter meetings are now held in the afternoon; summer meetings in the evening.

**August meeting – Show & Tell** - a McFee research certificate; a letter from Charlie Chaplin to James Joseph Black; extracts from Georgiana McHaffie's diaries for the same date, 12th August, over several different years; two Life magazines from 1968 and 1970; souvenirs including ashtrays and a dish with penguin motif, a penguin charm and a paper bag that were once sold at the Nobbies kiosk; a silver watch from 1925; a bell-shaped brass paperweight; a modern compact wire strainer, designed to be left on the fence and tightened as necessary, and an 1887 version of the same design.

**September meeting & AGM** saw the return of the committee with a change of President from John Jansson to Graeme Clauscen, the election of Accessions Officer (formerly Registrar) Pam Rothfield to replace Cherry McFee, the appointment of Friends of Churchill Island Society representative Graeme Clauscen to replace Gaye Cleeland. Membership subscriptions remain the same. A DVD of Cowes Historic Walks by the Cowes Community Group, researched by John Jansson, was shown.

**October meeting** – The Secretary gave an illustrated reading of Keith Grayden's memoirs of his Ventnor school days in the 1920s and 30s.

**The Society hosted the SEHA meeting on 2nd August.** A presentation was made to Alison and Peter Brooks for their many years of service as delegates for Wonthaggi Historical Society, and to Peter for his service on the committee.

**The MAV State Conference** has been confirmed for Phillip Island for 5-7 October 2016.

**The 3MFM radio history project** was entered in the Museums Australia (Victoria) awards, winning the Archival Survival Award for Volunteer-Run Museums, \$1000 worth of archival materials.

Data from the in-house catalogue has been uploaded to <http://victoriancollections.net.au/> Five members attended Victorian Collections online cataloguing training.

Members are contributing to the **Cowes Cultural and Civic Precinct Working Group**. Meetings have been held with the appointed architect and plans are expected by the end of the year.

Society members are represented on the **WW1 Bass Coast Memorials Committee** which is working on projects to commemorate the local servicemen.

**150th Anniversary Celebration Committee** is meeting regularly to plan for the sesquicentenary in 2018 of the beginning of closer settlement with the first land sale taking place on Phillip Island in 1868. The winning logo has been chosen and competition entries from Newhaven Primary School students are on display in the museum. The Society is to stage a re-enactment of that first land sale during Melbourne Cup long weekend in November 2018.

The **Shire's rate records from 1872-1900** have been digitised by The Phillip Island & District Genealogical Society.

An **Open Day for NAIDOC week** was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July with some 40 people attending, enjoying the displays and a selection of bush tucker chutneys.

An **Open Day for Seniors Week** was held on the 9th October with a special display marking the 150th anniversary of the survey of Western Port in October-November 1865 by Commander Cox.

The new **Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve brochure** includes a welcome in Boonwurrung and a map of Phillip Island showing reserve locations.

Jim Finger, **President of the Victorian Bookbinders Guild**, visited to advise on repairs to some of the material in the Cleeland Bequest.

The society's **SCOPE client** continues supervised work on archival storage of photos.

A request was received for permission to publish **John Jansson's essay on Western Port ferries** in the journal *Ferries Australia*.

#### **Selected research queries –**

Information or photo of Sister J E Turner, matron of Warley 20.6.1925

James Boag seeking information about a portrait he did some years ago of a Murdoch CFA volunteer

An enquiry re Lumsden who ran a fish and chip shop in Cowes in 1970s

Pamela J Berry re family history enquiry

**Receipt of the usual welcome newsletters, publications and donations continues;** recent donations include documents and photos relating to district people, places and activities.

**The Society's Annual Dinner** is to be held in St Philip's Parish Hall Cowes on Saturday 5 December, 6.30 for 7.00 p.m. \$30 per person includes entry into the lucky prizes and hamper draw. Speaker Russell Kenery of Flinders Yacht Club will have copies of his book, *Matthew Flinders open boat voyages*, available for \$15 with all proceeds going to the Club's junior program.

**Cataloguing volunteers continue to meet regularly**, making inroads into a backlog of images and books. Substantial progress has been made on moving the museum's holdings from an in-house database to <http://victoriancollections.net.au/> with the potential to upload from there to the national database <http://trove.nla.gov.au/> giving us a global presence.

Gaye Cleeland on behalf of John Jansson and Cherry McFee  
SEHA Delegates, Phillip Island & District Historical Society Inc.



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# Rye Historical Society Inc.

The Old School House, Rye Primary School

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## REPORT TO SEHA 1 NOVEMBER 2015

Our AGM was held on 24 August. After six years Prue Found retired as President, and Linda Berndt who was Vice President progressed to President.

Our activities for some time have centred on the repair of the Old Schoolhouse – the 93 year old building was affected by rusting of the iron lintels above the windows on the north and south ends. This caused expansion and pushing out of the concrete surrounds. After over two years of engineer's reports, Heritage Architect's reports, and applying for numerous grants we can happily say the repairs have been done. Over \$33,000 was raised from local organisations and Shire Grants to allow us to proceed. Now we have to have some guttering, woodwork and painting carried out to finish it off.

We hope to have it looking pristine by next year. We will carry on as usual inside now that the construction work has finished.

We have had a street stall in September and our annual Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle in October, both very successful, with another stall coming up in November.

A member has started a project on the origin of all the street names in post code 3941 – Rye, Tootgarook and St Andrew's Beach. This will be published progressively in the newsletter.

We have had guest speakers at our general meetings each month, a bus trip to Black Rock House in History Week and are planning the Christmas break-up, for 27 November.

Our stall on the foreshore on Australia Day is planned again, with two bus tours of the town during the afternoon, costing \$5 each. These always prove very popular.

Each month many members when available, gather for 'Happy Hour' at the RSL, then some stay for dinner afterwards. This gives time for talking about various projects.

In the MP Shire and National Trust Heritage Awards we gained certificates noting our contribution to the town of two Interpretive Signs – one of Rye's history outside the Post Office, and a bronze plaque on the Rye Civic Hall noting the 25 men of Rye and District who enlisted in WW1.

Pauline Powell  
Secretary

## **Springvale and District Historical Society Inc.**

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Reg No. A0015243F

Meetings every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from February to November

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**Meeting to be held on the Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2015**  
**Hosted by the Mordialloc & District Historical Society**  
**At the Old Bakery (Laura & Charles Ferguson Museum)**

**As you know we had a great turn out for the last exhibition, people were still coming until August this has now been pulled to pieces.**

**The Monash Hospital has some of the display at Clayton as part of their exhibition on Sir John Monash.**

**Colin has been setting up for the next exhibition, which is the home front. The Exhibition should be up and running by the end of November, I will send out an email or flyer when it is ready.**

**This Cup weekend could be wet and very interesting for the race goers, if you go don't forget the broly and ladies flat shoes.**

**Our break up is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, with lunch and a musical interlude and a very short meeting.**

**All at Springvale wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, may you receive all that you wish for and lots of love from family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year at the SEHA and also, at our next Exhibition.**

**Regards**

**Robyn Robie**  
**SEHA Delegate.**

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## SEHA QUARTERLY REPORT November 2015 continued

- Connecting Communities projects in the Bass Coast Shire has seen many members focused on future developments / progress and our “historical expertise” had been sort through photos, documents and general and specific information --- Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre / Kilcunda Foreshore / Cape Paterson boat ramp development are some of the issues.
- The Caledonian Hotel Centenary Celebrations involved our members with research for photos, information and assistance to discuss relevant speakers. Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> will see many of us and the local community enjoying a Centenary Dinner with music, speakers memorabilia and gaiety. \$35. Begins at 12.00 noon.
- School holiday Program, YMCA, also included a visit to the museum.
- October Meeting is always a highlight ----PIE NIGHT ---- when members and partners/family come for a social get-together before the meeting. Some members travel from Melbourne for this night. We also screened the Digital Wonthaggi Project.
- Senior Festival went well --- this year we explained and saw the end product of the Digital Wonthaggi Project, taking it from a talk and display in the Library to the on site tourist attraction for which it is intended.
- Senior Festival Guided Bus Tour to Central Area S.C.M. was most successful with many wanting more. Next Year!!
- Annual Dinner at Taberner’s Wonthaggi Hotel is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm, cost \$25, Topic – Wonthaggi Ski Club – which will cease to exist from January 2016. This will be a special night as Taberner’s is also 100 years old, opened 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1915.
- Again we open for two hours a day over the holiday period, attend the Bass Coast Agricultural Show with displays and goods to sell and open for the Rotary Market on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.
- **We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year!!**
- **With the plans already in the pipeline we look to have another busy year in 2016!!**