

Bass Valley Historical Society.

JOHN BOULTBEE.....JOURNAL OF A RAMBLER.

By the 1800's sealing was a well established practice in Western Port. Seals were harvested for oil and skins and the export market was thriving. Gangs of men under a captain and boat crew had favoured places along the coast and the islands of Bass Strait. These crews were based in Tasmania and were often lawless gangs of rough men who chased seals relentlessly. Often gangs were left on likely places while the ships chased further seal colonies. Some gangs were left for months and occasionally left entirely. One gang in southern New Zealand were left stranded for seven years when the ship they were waiting for sank in a storm on its way back from Sydney.

"We shortly afterwards arrived and anchored in Western Port in the passage between the main and Phillip Island, a distance of 1 mile across. Here we saw a smoke on the beach and shortly after 3 men and their dogs made their appearance. They proved to be persons who had been landed several months ago on the seal rocks at the end of the island. They had been led to expect the return of the vessel in a fortnight's time, having only 12 days supply with them. After waiting anxiously a considerable time, eating seal and drinking what brackish water they could find, they contrived a canoe of dried skins they crossed to Phillip Island just in time to save themselves, the canoe having become absorbed in water"

However John Boulton chose to be left! John Boulton was born in 1799 in Nottinghamshire. He and his brother Edwin came to Australia on the "Woodlark" John worked around Hobart town for about a year and then applied to Governor Arthur for a land grant. This grant was denied and John 'desperately situated' decided to join a schooner the "Sally" bound for Bass Strait on a sealing voyage.

He came to Western Port in 1824 and wrote about his experiences in his journal. "I was completely tired out with continual hardships, heightened by the disagreeable proceeding of the rascals on board, hunger stricken and disconsolate, I determined to go ashore and rather live alone. I told the skipper that I would sooner die than submit to such unkind treatment as I had experienced. Seeing me thus decided he gave me 6lb biscuits, 4lb pork some melon seeds and cabbage seeds. I went on shore glad to be rid of as great a set of scoundrels as ever formed a crew"

John Boulton wandered across Phillip Island. He planted his melon seeds which were later found growing luxuriantly. He was desperate for water and finally sucked a brackish pool through a straw made from feather quills. "the water was of a mineral kind, and caused a looseness in my bowels and a feeling of languor so that I walked with difficulty" He reached the mutton bird rookery and tried to cook a bird over a small fire, however he fell asleep and the fire spread throughout the rookery. He ate limpets and wild berries which made him sick. He was 2 months on Phillip Island starving and alone

John left Tasmania in June 1825 after recuperating at his brother's farm. He was still adventurous and tried many occupations from farming to piloting and even more sealing. He died in 1854 in Ceylon aged 55 years. His journal which he had kept all his life found its way back to family in England. However his headstone reads, "John emigrated after a life which gave little satisfaction to his relatives"

Libby Skidmore Bass Valley Historical Society

This article was published in The Waterline News <http://www.waterlinenews.com.au/>

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HISTORY NEWS

In December 1834, there landed on the eastern shores of Western Port, the pioneers of the oldest rural industry in Victoria. As a result of their toil, the first cargo exported overseas from any place within the limits of what is now Victoria was shipped from western Port in the earlier part of 1835, before the first settlers from Tasmania had set foot on the shores of Port Phillip. One day in December, the schooner 'Elizabeth', built and owned by John Griffiths, of Launceston, and commanded by John Hart, landed 20 bark strippers, a team of bullocks and a dray at Red Point, near the site of the settlement formed in 1826 by a party from Sydney under Captain Wright and abandoned a few months later. The country abounded in magnificent wattle trees, which Hart describes as the largest he had ever seen, and so great was the quantity of bark obtained by the strippers who remained at western port until April 1835, that it was found to be worthwhile to charter a vessel to load for London.

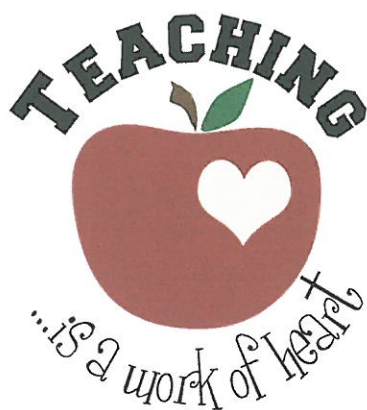
John Griffiths had employed these men and the 'Elizabeth' in whaling operations out of Portland and he thought it better to employ them stripping bark than risk losing them to opposition whaling operations for the following whaling season. Phillip Island and the Western Port coast were well known to sealers who had built primitive huts, while they harvested the seals for oil and skins. Hart and the crew turned bark strippers until enough had been collected to load the 'Elizabeth'. Then they left the wattle barkers to continue the work while they took the load to Sydney. In Sydney hart chartered the 306 ton ship 'Andromeda' to load bark at Western port for London. With John Thom the mate of the 'Elizabeth' on board as pilot the "Andromeda" arrived at Western port in April 1835 and took on board a load of bark which was afterwards sold in London for 13 pounds a ton. This bark was Victoria's first export to go overseas direct. After taking on her cargo 'Andromeda' went to Launceston to get customs clearance. There was a chance at that time of Victoria becoming a dependency of Tasmania and Launceston had a monopoly of the earliest trade from Portland and Western Port. The Sydney authorities however bestirred themselves and Tasmania's political ambitions came to naught.

Hart returned to Launceston and sang the praises of this new country around western port to John Griffiths and to the agent of the sale of the bark Mr Connelly and to the company in the billiard room of the Cornwall hotel which included John Pascoe Fawkner and John Batman, the early settlers of Melbourne. Hart spoke in the highest terms of the land and the grass and the stands of wattle trees. He saw the advantages of this new land beyond his own country.

In part from an article in The Argus December 28, 1918 by T Dunbabin

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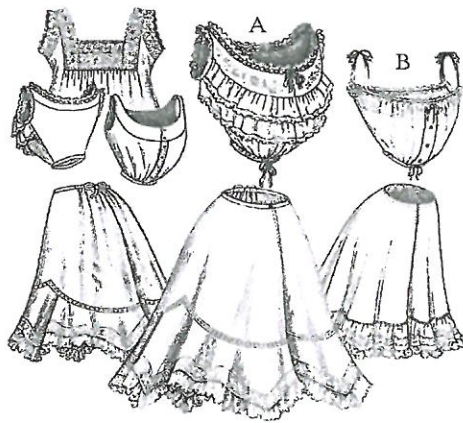
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SEHA 14/2/16

30/11/2015 - I spoke at the Casey Cardinia Branch of the National Trust AGM. My topic was 'The Serendipitous nature of historical research' where I talked about interesting historical coincidences and the connections between people and places that just pop up when you least expect them.

4/12/2016 - The first meeting for 2016 of the Local History Reference Group (LHRG) was held on Thursday, February 4. We talked about the upcoming Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival to be held on Sunday, May 15 at the Officer Public Hall.

Members of the LHRG are participating in the City of Casey Aging Positively program for February to June which has the theme 'Exploring the past. Inspiring the future' See the full program here – <http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/community-services/aged-services/ageing-positively-program/ageingposactivities>

I also gave a presentation on on-line local newspapers – here's a summary.

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The Casey Cardinia Heritage Facebook page is going well – over 2,500 likes. I keep a list of the photos I have posted, just over 300, and in the interests of municipal equality they are nearly equally divided between City of Casey and Cardinia Shire towns. On the other hand, nearly two thirds are from towns in old Shire of Berwick and the remaining from towns in the old Shire of Cranbourne – not a deliberate outcome, we just happen to have more photographs of towns in the old Shire of Berwick than Cranbourne Shire.

Heather Arnold



Cranbourne Shire Historical

Meetings: 4th Thursday of each month (Feb to Nov) at 8.00pm
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Report for SEHA

We had a very successful Annual Dinner in December and raised over \$2000. Our speaker was a site manager for a silica sand mine in northern South Australia. We were not sure if people would like this but it turned out very well. He had lots of photos, was very friendly and got the interest of many long suffering spouses who are not so enthralled by some historical topics.

We are still under going changes with the help of Minor Works funding from the City of Casey. We have had polycarbonate sheets fitted to the doors of the machinery shed. This makes the whole shed much more weather proof and keeps out a lot of dust. We now have a fully restores jinker that belonged to Graham Wood of Woodlyn's Nursery. We had the help of some young able bodied cricketers to help get it into the shed. We now need to rearrange the shed again!

We are also putting up another shed to house some of the machinery which is still under a tarp and we are also making changes to the bathroom / laundry area of the cottage to make it more in keeping with the age of the cottage.

We had a visit from Kath Metherall who was one of the main instigators of the formation of our Society and the purchase of the cottage in 1968. Kath was delighted with the changes and improvements we have made.

(Polly Freeman – Secretary)

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Report to the SEHA quarterly meeting hosted by Koo We Rup Historical Society on Sunday 14 February 2016

Rooms reopened

DDHS volunteers have enjoyed their summer break and returned to the Rooms on Wednesday February 3, refreshed and ready for the busy year ahead..

Digitisation

The National Library has now digitised the Dandenong Journal 1927-1954 onto Trove. This was prompted by the National Library at no cost to our Society.

Hammond Road - Heritage Archive facility

The City of Greater Dandenong's Civic Collection is in the process of being relocated to the hall in Hammond Road, A grand opening has been scheduled for later this month. Our president is keen to shift our framed art works to Hammond Road and is currently investigating how this can happen.

Clow Street

DDHS is still waiting on news about moving our Rooms from the Houlahan Centre in Foster Street to the old municipal offices in Clow Street. We are able to use some of the desks, chairs and filing cabinets already there and these have been set aside for us. Now a big sort out is necessary to decide what we need to move to Hammond Road, what will be needed at Clow Street and what can be discarded.

U3A lectures

Once again February is the month that DDHS presents local history lectures to the Dandenong U3A. The program for 2016 includes: The day war came to Dandenong, Growing up in Dandenong, Show Ring Saga, Dandenong maps and the Ordish family. Details of these presentations are kept on computer, so the talks can be repeated on another occasion to a different audience.

Guest Speakers 2016

Sunday 21 February 2016 2.00pm at Dandenong Showgrounds

We had arranged for a council officer from the City of Greater Dandenong to talk to us about their Arts & Cultural Heritage Strategy, and its relevance to the Dandenong & District Historical Society. Unfortunately the person who had so readily agreed to do this has left the organisation. We hope someone else from Council can present this instead.

Sunday 17 April 2016 2.00pm at Dandenong Showgrounds

Guest speaker: Laurie McCoy, Norden Body Works

Laurie will share with us the history of Norden Body Works, located in Bennet Street. He has worked there for many years and is very excited to share its story with Society Members. He is hoping to persuade his aunt to join him.

Saturday 18 June 12.30pm Annual Lunch Dandenong Club

Guest Speaker: Fr Jean Mawal was recently honoured by being made the Greater Dandenong Citizen of the Year. His work with Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia for the Challenge Family Violence Project has prompted this award. More details soon.

Dromana & District Historical Society.

SEHA Report 14th February 2016.

Upcoming events.

February: 16th 7pm twilight stroll of old Dromana.

April: AGM 19th 7pm with guest speaker.

May: 17th at 11am Heritage Festival history walk along the main street of Dromana.

June: 21st 11am with guest speaker.

August: 16th 11am with guest speaker.

October: History week

November: 15th End of Year dinner starting at 6pm.

- Sadly, Thelma Littlejohn passed away in November 2015. She is terribly missed. She contributed to the society over the years being our secretary and treasurer for many years and became a Life Member.
- The new display in the museum has been well received and we have had many visitors over the summer period.
- In October 2015, Cemetery walks of Dromana cemetery were very informative and we will have other walks in the near future.
- Australia Day display on the Dromana foreshore was a great success with our more spacious marque.



16TH FEBRUARY

TWILIGHT WALK

OF OLD DROMANA

7pm start.

Starting from Old Shire Offices Dromana

and a short stroll of Old Dromana.

returning to the Old Shire Offices for refreshments

Up coming **Events**

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AGM 19th April

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May 17th at
11am Heritage
week

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June 21st
11am

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August 16th
11am

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DROMANA AND **DISTRICT** **HISTORICAL** **SOCIETY**

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4 Feb 2016

Re: The Friends of Cheltenham Regional Cemeteries

Hello to All at the SEHA meeting,

Newsletter

Our new Newsletter – *Raves from the Graves* – is now in its second issue and by all account as has been well received. If you would like an electronic copy please contact Rosemary Reddick or Heather Arnold, as a copy has been forwarded to Heather.

Tours

After the success of our tours last year for Cheltenham Primary School and our 'Hidden Gems' tours, we have extended the tours for the year. Resulting in 4 for the year, so far. Our first will be on March 20th and the theme will be Women: Ladies of the Cemetery. The tour will be concentrating on ordinary women who made a difference in times of hardship and very little assistance.

And if you are interested please contact us on our email address or call Rosemary: 03 9497 1318.

Ladies of the Cemetery Tour

SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016 - 2pm. Contact Rosemary. **Bookings required.** Ring 9497 1318, email info@focrc.org or go to www.focrc.org

War Graves Working Group

Rosemary Reddick is also involved with the War Graves Working Group – affiliated with Vic Branch of the RSL. Currently we are concentrating on WW1 soldiers graves at Brighton, Cheltenham & Preston cemeteries. The group's aim is to ensure the service of all veteran's is recognised and acknowledged. So far, at Cheltenham, 9 graves of war vet's, which were previously dirt graves, now have either monuments with plaques or plaques. Our work continues as we locate further soldiers. Unfortunately not all returned service personnel are accepted by Dept of Vet's Affairs for a war grave – but at least we are having some success.

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>.

"Research, Restore, Remember"

HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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**REPORT TO SEHA MEETING HOSTED BY KOO-WEE-RUP
HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON SUN 14 FEBRUARY 2016**

GALLIPOLI DISPLAY: This display is still at our Museum at Harry's House. The visitors seeing it are most interested, especially when the visit is hosted by Dave Taylor, who put much time and effort in creating the exhibition.

MORNING COFFEE: There was a Morning Coffee on Thursday 11th February 2016 at the Hastings Museum when Rev. Alex Packett and his wife Pam were guest speakers. Both Alex and Pam attend Holy Trinity (Anglican) Church at Hastings where they have served for some years. Alex and Pam have been involved in the Leprosy Mission in the past before coming to Hastings and have continued their support. Pam had just returned from London where she attended a meeting of the Leprosy Board. They spoke movingly about people who have contracted leprosy, [it is not politically correct to call the people lepers], about the history of the disease (it is mentioned in the Bible), treatment for the disease and persons who have made a difference in finding drugs to treat it. It is now possible for it to be cured. They showed a number of photos of people "getting on with their lives" who have leprosy and these were appreciated by the many people present at the Morning Coffee. They also showed a large tapestry that was made by some ladies with leprosy who did not have the use of their fingers. A donation box was at the table so that people could make a donation to the Leprosy Mission, should they desire. This subject has not before been featured by our Society or by any other historical society in the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

CHANGE OF PRESIDENT: Andy Tredwell, the president who was elected in August has resigned because of health reasons. Therefore the vice-president, Diane Mentiplay has taken over and is now our Acting President until this year's AGM in August.

IN MEMORIAM: It has been decided that a remembrance will be held at the Hastings Museum members for the late Edwin Mawson who was a Life Member and who has attended and been actively involved since the Society was established in 1973. Edwin has served as Treasurer and also as President. An invitation has gone to members and friends to come and share their memories of Edwin, enjoy refreshments and if persons so desire, to walk to the end of the Hastings pier and throw over some yellow roses grown in the Museum garden that Edwin attended so diligently. If any of the SEHA members wish to come they are welcome – please contact Dave Taylor on 0490 132 011.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need to have more volunteers to assist in a number of tasks at the Museum, especially in the field of cataloguing.

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS: Valda Cole OAM and John Woolley have both been interviewed and a transcription of the interviews has now been received at the Museum, to be checked.

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

KOO-WEE-RUP SWAMP HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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"Mallow" 1916

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

SEHA report 14/2/2016

Christmas Break-up

Fifteen people attended the Christmas break-up. It was a low-key event but enjoyed by all. A small raffle was held, nearly \$50.00 was raised and there were so many prizes that everyone was a winner – sometimes more than once!

Koo-Wee-Rup Sun digitising project

The Koo-Wee-Rup Sun has been digitized from 1919 until 1954 by AMS Imaging in South Melbourne. Discs of this completed work will be issued soon to our sponsors. It was a lot of work undertaken by Andrew Slade, but the end result is a high quality digital copy so, if disaster strikes and our original print copies are destroyed, at least the rich amount of local information contained in the papers will not be lost. Stage 2 will commence soon.

Income

We recently received \$600 from the Cardinia Shire to help cover operating expenses.

In 2015, we received \$4,090 from the Lions Club for our share of the Koo-Wee-Rup Opportunity Shop profits. We are grateful to our Opp Shop volunteers, especially Phil & Dawn Harris, for manning the Opp shop on our behalf.

Annual Dinner 2016

Our Annual Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 22 at 12 noon at the Community Centre. Geoff Pledge, former principal at Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College, will be the guest speaker.

Heather Arnold

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.



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Report to SEHA 14 February 2016

We're just a fortnight into our new year and some of us have been busy over the holidays (what holidays?) indeed. We are working our IT Department quite heavily with 60+ new digital resources installed on our computers and the purchase and set up of a laptop computer to be used at meetings and workshops so the committee and presenters don't have to keep lugging their own equipment everywhere.

Our librarian and her two assistants have also been working on our book collection over the break and settled on new software to catalogue our resources which is also capable of handling our borrowings. It will be interesting to see how it goes with the members and volunteers. As with all major changes we expect a few teething problems – hopefully they'll be the ones we've already thought of and not new ones.

We've been very lucky, our grant applications were both successful, the City of Casey have funded the new computer and our application for \$1,500 to the Anzac Centenary Grants program for the next cemetery tour book was also successful.

Preparations for the next military cemetery tour are now in full swing. We will be presenting Sacrifice and Patriotism: A World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery on Sunday 17 April at 10 am. Bookings can be made by contacting Jane at cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au or 9796 1421.

Our 2016 workshops are on the website at <http://nwfhg.org.au/events/2016-workshops/> We've got a variety of topics and the workshops are open to all as are general meetings.

We've got another sausage sizzle at Bunnings scheduled in March and in April we're trying something completely different – a Tastepoint Fundraising Event. This is an event where you (the organisation) supplies three groups of 20 people who will taste beef or lamb samples and fill out a questionnaire. They (Tastepoint) bring everything and prepare the food, you supply the chairs and people and get \$1,000 for your trouble. It will be very interesting to see how this goes!

Lynne Bradley (President) & Lyne McGregor (Newsletter Editor)

SEHA Representatives for NW&DFGH.

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Report to South Eastern Historical Association Koo Wee Rup, 14.2.2016

Our November meeting proved to be most moving, with Susan Maclellan reading extracts from letters sent to her grandfather during WWI, some of which were uncensored and most graphic. Most of the talk can be found on our website: pidhs.org.au

The society's annual dinner was held at St Philip's Parish Hall on Sat 5 December, with Russell Kennery the speaker, giving an illustrated talk on Matthew Flinders Open Boat Voyages. It was most enlightening. Russell very kindly turned his talk into a format suitable for our website. This and most of our other talks from the last few years, and many of the talks from radio oral history program, can be read under the "Essays and Talks" section of the website: pidhs.org.au

Very much on all of our minds is the redevelopment of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre, which would see the society's museum space taken over by the library and some general exhibition space. The plans are for the society to have a "Tribune Room", approx 7 ½ metres square mostly within the library and partly within the Great Hall that will be created by roofing over the area between the two existing buildings – Cultural Centre and Heritage Centre. The society will be provided with a storage area of equivalent space of the two current storerooms, and will have a wall of display space from inside the library looking out into the Great Hall. The Tribune Room will have glass walls, and space for our old table and chairs, and our book shelves of the Cleeland and Himmer bequests. We are to share office space with the PI & Dis Genealogy Group. All of this is a huge change for us, which has been accepted by some members, but not by many. It would involve us working in a completely different way. Several other organisations are also involved in the redevelopment. The redevelopment hinges on Bass Coast Shire Council being able to source \$10m in funds from state and federal governments. BCSC is hoping to have the whole redevelopment done in time for the 2018 150th celebrations of closer settlement on Phillip Island.

Cataloguing and archiving was in recess over the summer holidays, and will resume shortly. Our SCOPE client, together with secretary Christine Grayden, went through all of our audio tapes testing them all and listing them prior to having them placed on CDs.

Also together with our SCOPE client, our photograph collection which is being catalogued, is being archived into correct archival albums.

The secretary has listed onto a database many items in locked storage, in preparation for their being catalogued and archived.

Our Treasurer, Judy Gittus, continues to load our catalogued items onto victoriancollections.net.au the free online program we use to digitally catalogue our items. We now have 1600 of our items on vc, approx 350 of those with photographs of the object.

The society successfully applied for a \$1600 grant to update our History of Phillip Island DVD. The one we use at present was produced in 1983, and a bit has happened since then! A sub-committee has started work on this project, which is to be completed by the Mus Aus Vic conference in October this year.

Our secretary was our speaker for the February meeting, reading an account of the journey from Melbourne to Phillip Island in 1869, written by Ray Tovell in his later life looking back on the journey. Christine illustrated the talk with a Power Point, using many photos gleaned from the internet and showing conditions in the 1860s.

A new display has been mounted in the museum on the Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve, which has proven to be quite popular with the surfing fraternity. The display has been based on three very large archival folders of newspaper and magazine cuttings, brochures and posters collected by society's president Graeme Clausen, who is on the working c/ee of the NSR.

Christine Grayden, on behalf of John Jansson, Gaye Cleeland and Cherry McFee.



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REPORT FOR SEHA 14 FEBRUARY 2016

Our room has been closed from the end of September 2015 until last Sunday 7 February. Our monthly meetings continued through this time.

The structural repairs have been made and we are getting quotes for painting the outside in heritage colours, as it was in 1923 when the Old Schoolhouse was built.

We are also re-organising the room to make it more open, and re-arranging the displays.

We had our usual two bus tours on Australia Day around the historic places in Rye – these are all well received. With the help of Lorraine and Laurie Williams of McCrae Buslines who donate their bus and time for which we are most grateful. Unfortunately they have now retired!

We had our usual stall but because of the timing of the flag raising etc at Rye it was not successful. We also co-host with Nepean the Australia Day lunch at Rye Hotel, guest speaker this year was Anthony Knight OAM of 'Beleura'.

Two more street stalls are organised for March and May.

Guest speakers are invited each month to our meetings, February is Jarrod Ruch, Senior Ranger at 'The Briars' Mount Martha, and March is Gary Sanford, Area Manager of Rye/Rosebud/Dromana Community Banks, Bendigo Bank. He will talk on the history of the bank from its beginnings on the goldfields.

Pauline Powell
Secretary

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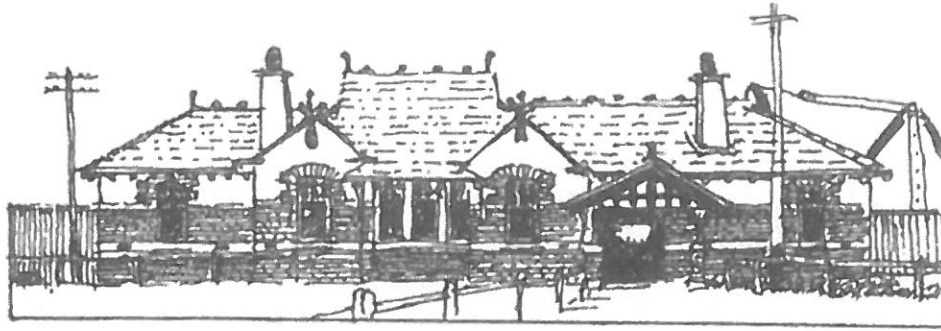
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SEHA QUARTERLY REPORT February 2016

It is amazing how one year just seems to roll over to the next! Routines and projects continue and some remain a constant but always vary to challenge us, keep us focused and continue to generate our enthusiasm for local history and the hidden gems we find.

- Our Annual Dinner was extremely well received and the local speakers kept us both informed and entertained on a Ski Club that most of the audience had little or no knowledge. A collection of memorabilia was donated to our society and some people have gone home to find more.
- We opened the Museum on a daily basis for the month of January and although there were no visitors on the extremely hot days we recorded 99 adults and 45 children who visited our Museum and this does not include the great numbers who visit on Rotary Market Sundays.
- By appointment visitors are mainly those who are researching family or connections to early residents in the area. Our local papers and catalogue are invaluable.
- It was a busy day at the Bass Coast Agricultural Show. We had a major display in the Angling Club building and were fortunate to have the use of the DVD player/TV and chairs so that people could rest awhile and watch one/some of the range of local history DVDs we played. The Historical Society trailer was set up with a display and we also sold local history publications etc.
- "Dare to Dream" by Dr. Peter Cliff was a new publication which we are selling for \$25. It has been well received so far.
- "Pioneers on the Powlett" by Barbara Moyle has sold out again and the next print is in progress.

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- The Google Mobile phone App. telling and showing a story about seven historic buildings in McBride Avenue has been well received and the manager of Wonthaggi Whalebones Hotel is very active in showing many of his visitors how it operates. This year we hope to add another six or more sites to the program.
- We have been active in providing photos/information for signage for the Wonthaggi to Woolamai Rail Trail. This project should be soon completed.
- The next “signage” project will be to complete the “Town Walk”. The major aspects of this have been ready for some time so the “hard yards” for the Historical Society have been done.
- We continue to support other aspects of the community with letters of support for grants, historical information to Bass Coast Shire projects and requests of research for development sites.
- Sam Gatto/Wonthaggi & District Historical Society received a Holsworthy Grant to publish a book about Wonthaggi and WWI. The research is complete but layout and some “fine tuning” is now in progress. Keep your eye out for the LAUNCH!!
- A reprint of Bill Hayes book, ‘History of the Bunurong Coast’ is very near. A launch of this will take place in the near future.
- The S.C.M. Eastern Area Tourist Mine is celebrating its centenary with a Country Market with entertainment and bus tours; March 13, at its site in Garden Street, just behind Mitre10, Wonthaggi. We will take our trailer with displays and some items/publications for sale.
- Nyora Horse and Tractor Festival, March 19 & 20 will be another opportunity to display/advertise/inform people of the work our society does as well as take our history to the community.
- We are back to our regular schedule: **Open Hours** – Tuesday & Thursday 10am – 2pm with our group of cataloguers, Saturday 10 am – 2pm , Rotary Market Sunday(2nd Sunday in the month) 8am - 1:30pm and Meeting Night 3rd Thursday in the month, Railway Station Museum, 7:30pm. We also open by request/appointment and have members visit schools/conduct bus tours and open for group and school visits. Some things never change!!!
- We are looking forward to seeing new members as there has been some interest in taking our Membership Form and the Plod Essays are of interest, especially to new residents to the town and wider area.