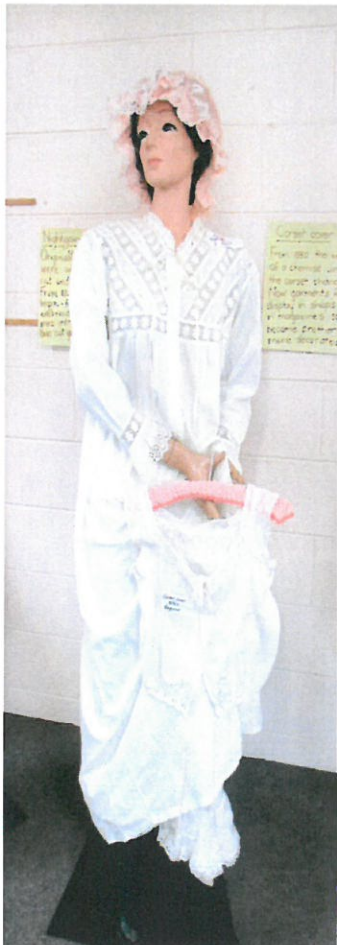


SEHA MAY 1, 2016  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
BASS VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EASTER SHOW  
"WHAT THE BUTLER SAW"



The Bass Valley Historical Society put on a display of antique and vintage underwear and nightwear at the Corinella Community centre over the Easter weekend. The collection was begun by Sheila Skidmore when collections such as this were cheaper and more readily available. There are still a few items that I would like to add to the collection but they are mostly available in America and the postage is very costly.

We are very grateful for the assistance of Robyn and Colin from Springvale. Colin lent us some mannequins to display the nightwear. They stood proudly in the foyer of the centre and only looked a bit spooky as we turned off the lights for the evening, I don't know what they got up to when we were not there!

Our visitors were fascinated by the garments and felt that they would not be happy wearing either the corsets or the crutchless knockers!

Some of the fine needlework was impressive, too with lacework and embroidery decorating each garment.

We also displayed some old knitting patterns for shawls, bedjackets, children's clothes, tea-cosies, scarves and men's ties, There were even knitted combinations, corset covers and men's socks. I wonder who could do this work now.

We raised funds that the society is donating to the CDCC Traditional Art Show to be held in Corinella on the long weekend in June where we sponsor a prize for a painting of historical interest

Libby Skidmore BVHS





## SEHA 1/5/2016

February 19 - I spoke to 52 Grade 2s at Waverley Christian College in Narre Warren about the history of Narre Warren. This is my third year of talking to the Grade 2s at this school and it's always fun. Their Principal is also very interested in history generally, and has shared some of his collection of old maps and artefacts with the children and the gardener/handyman at the school has a collection of old tools which he has talked to the students about so they have had a broad overview of history.

March 9 - I presented my Digital Preservation and Outreach Education training to 16 staff from various Library Services at Pakenham Hall. We had undertaken the train-the-trainer sessions for this last year at the State Library. Overall six sessions took place all over Victoria. I did my presentation with Gareth Evens from the City of Greater Dandenong and Linda Longley and Justine Hanna from the City of Melbourne. It was a great experience – from being selected to participate, meeting and working with other Library staff, learning all about preserving digital content and then doing the presentations.

April 6 - I attended the City of Casey Heritage Advisory Committee meeting. We meet 3 times per annum. The City of Casey are revising their Heritage Strategy and are currently at the stage of Community Consultation.

April 11 - I spoke to the Berwick Legacy Ladies about 'Nineteenth century women in Casey and Cardinia' There were 13 in attendance - they were all very lovely.

April 18 - The Narre Warren & District Family History Group are hosting a series of seminars on different aspects of Genealogy. Lynne Bradley talked about the issue of Copyright and Creative Commons and I talked about Digital Preservation.

April 19 - I spoke to the Grade 2s at Thomas Mitchell Primary School in Endeavour Hills on the history of their area. 115 students in two sessions - it was just so much fun.

April 21 - I did some training on editing Wikipedia. I am not convinced that it is a totally authoritative source but the premise behind the training is that Librarians are natural Wikipedians (accurate, able to use and cite the correct sources etc) and therefore more Librarians should be involved in the editing of this on-line encyclopaedia

## Forthcoming Events

- City of Casey Aging Positively program for February to June has the theme ' Exploring the past. Inspiring the future' and includes a number of historical activities from member of the Local History Reference Group. See the full program here – <http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/community-services/aged-services/ageing-positively-program/ageingposactivities>
- The Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival is on Sunday, May 15 at the Officer Public Hall.

**Heather Arnold Local History Librarian**



CASEY CARDINIA HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
**DELVING INTO OUR PAST**

10.00AM-3.00PM SUNDAY 15 MAY  
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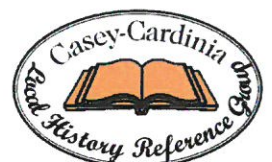
~ Information on local WW1 service personnel.

~ Local histories available for purchase.



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# Dandenong & District Historical Society Inc

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## Report to SEHA on Sunday 1 May 2016

### Civic & Historical Societies Future Directions Committee

This committee has achieved its purpose, to provide adequate storage facilities for the City of Greater Dandenong Civic Collection, Springvale and Dandenong Historical Societies catalogued items. This new facility was officially launched and opened on 25 February by the Mayor Cr Heang Tak. The Civic Collection is currently shifting in with selected volunteers to scan and catalogue the items.

### Dandenong Market 150th Celebrations

President Chris Keys is representing DDHS on a committee to formulate the celebrations for the Dandenong Market's 150th year. The committee includes the Board and Officers of the Dandenong Market, local traders, Multicultural Arts Victoria, Melbourne Food & Wine, Tourism Victoria and the City of Greater Dandenong.

### History of the Springvale Youth Club/ Springvale Community Centre/Springvale Learning and Activities Centre (1944-2015)

In March 2015, Elena Sheldon, Manager of SLAC, approached DDHS for assistance in writing the history of the Centre. SLAC began at the end of 1944 as the Springvale Youth Club, changed its name to the Springvale Community Centre in 1983 when its focus widened and became the Springvale Learning & Activities Centre in 2007 to avoid confusion with other community organisations and services. Elena was initially asking us if we could refer her to a historian, but we took up the challenge ourselves, with Jenny Ferguson taking on the majority of the work. The *Dandenong Journal* proved to be the key primary source for the early history as minute books and annual reports were unavailable. The book will be launched on May 11 in Springvale.

### Annual lunch Saturday 18 June 2016 at 12.30pm

Once again DDHS will be holding its Annual Lunch at the Dandenong Club. The Guest Speaker will be: Fr Jean Mawal, a leader at the Antiochian Orthodox Church, who received the City of Greater Dandenong's Citizen of the Year Award on Australia Day 2016. He was recognised for his influence in promoting a more tolerant and respectful community through his involvement with the Challenge Family Violence Project. This project was jointly run with the City of Greater Dandenong, City of Casey and the Shire of Cardinia.

The cost of the lunch will be \$35 a head, for a two-course meal. Bookings and payment to be received by the Society on Wednesday 8 June. Postal address: Dandenong & District Historical Society PO Box 8029 Dandenong 3175. Enquiries: 03 9794 8967 or email: [dandhist@internode.on.net](mailto:dandhist@internode.on.net).

### New premises for DDHS

The Society will be moving into the old Dandenong Council Offices later this year. In the meantime, it is business as usual.

# Dandenong & District Historical Society

## Luncheon

To be held at the  
Dandenong Club on Saturday 18th June 2016  
Cnr Heatherton & Stud Roads Dandenong

Commencing at 12.30pm

Speaker: Lee Robson, Manager Community Arts Culture & Library Services for the City of Greater Dandenong will share with us briefly its "Arts & Cultural Heritage Strategy" and how this impacts on the two historical societies: Dandenong & Springvale.

Guest Speaker: Fr Jean Mawal "What is hidden must be revealed"  
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Cost: \$35.00 per person

### RSVP

By: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (early payment would be appreciated)

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*Please indicate if any dietary requirement or seating preference*

*HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.*

ABN 35 495 397 462

Museum - Cnr Marine Pde & Skinner St Hastings: Postal address: PO Box 223 Hastings 3915

**REPORT TO SEHA MEETING HOSTED BY DROMANA & DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON SUN 1 MAY 2016**

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**VOLUNTEERS:** The Society has sought new volunteers to assist in the cataloguing (on computer) of our collection. Our member who had been cataloguing photos moved to be with the family in Queensland and she was a fantastic worker so is missed very much. We advertised on Seek Volunteers website with the result of one person applying. However, after setting up three appointments for her, which were not kept, she decided to withdraw her application. Fortunately at the present time, we have a young university student who is quite enthusiastic and she is being assisted by Sally Robins, the Local History Officer. She is cataloguing the artefacts displayed in the main museum. Some of these have already been catalogued so everything has to be checked. One of our other newer members has taken over the cataloguing of the photographs. We are still seeking interested people with basic computer skills who would be trained to catalogue. Please contact Shirley Davies if anyone is interested on (03) 9781 1141.

**MORNING COFFEE:** The Morning Coffee on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February had Rev. Alex Packett and his wife Pam as guest speakers. Both Alex and Pam attend Holy Trinity (Anglican) Church at Hastings where they have served for some years. Alex and Pam spoke about what has been their experience of being involved in the Leprosy Mission in the past before coming to Hastings. Donation was made for the Leprosy Mission. Attendance was excellent and an enjoyable morning took place.

**NEXT MORNING COFFEE = COLLECTABLES APPRAISALS.** This will take place on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10.15 am at the Hastings Museum, cnr Marine Pde & Skinner St. Cost is \$5 pp and those attending may bring with them **one** item to be appraised. Wendy Morrison who does the appraisals has a stall at the Tyabb Packing House and donates her time to our historical society.

**Then another MORNING COFFEE** is Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July when the popular and interesting speaker STUART DUFF will be our guest speaker. He will be using a new subject. Previously he has spoken of the early Police Force of Port Phillip and the Colony of Victoria and another subject was the American Civil War and the Australian Connection.

Please note these dates in your diaries....we would love to see you!

**CHANGE OF BANK:** As the bank we have used for several years, the ANZ Bank has closed its Hastings Branch, the Treasurer visited all the other banks in Hastings, and the Committee were guided by his opinion. Therefore our new banker will be the Bendigo Community Bank. The changeover with various signatories for cheques etc is being complied with. The Bendigo Bank assists many local organisations.

**VALE: Stewart James David Watt** [9.5.1930-7.4.2016) and **Leila Marie Shaw nee Brunning** [10.7.2016-7.4.2016] passed away on the same day. Both were long time locals and were members of Hastings-Western Port Historical Society. Many of our members attended their respective funerals. Sympathy has been extended to their families.

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 1/5/2016

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on March 9, 2016 and there was no change to the Executive.

President	Heather Arnold
Vice President	Valmai Walker
Junior Vice President	Lockie McKay
Treasurer	Frank Crameri
Secretary	Audrey Mills
Newsletter Editor	Heather Arnold
SEHA delegates	Audrey Mills, Philip Harris and Heather Arnold

### Tour de France movie

- The film being made by the producers of the *Amazing Race*, Phil & Louise Keoghan, about the 1928 Tour de France in which Percy Osborn (local Koo-Wee-Rup boy) and Hubert Opperman participated has had its release date postponed. We have provided some photographs for this film and are hoping for a World Premiere in Koo-Wee-Rup!

### Facebook

- We are now on Facebook! Please like us!

### Working Bee

- A pleasing number of people turned up for the Working Bee on Saturday, February 20. The Museum and the garden are looking fantastic.

### Museum

- Our Museum is open on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 1.30pm to 4.00pm or by appointment.

### Annual Luncheon

- When - Sunday, May 22 2016 at 12 noon. Guest Speaker is Geoff Pledge, Former Principal of Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College. Where - Community Centre, Rossiter Road, Koo-Wee-Rup. Cost - \$30.00 per head. BYO Drinks and glasses. RSVP, including any special dietary requirements, by May 18 to Audrey Mills ☎ 5997 1357 or Heather Arnold [harnold@dcsi.net.au](mailto:harnold@dcsi.net.au)

Heather Arnold



Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp  
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Report to SEHA for meeting 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2016.

Late last year we had a clay bird thrower donated to the Society which was used by the Lang Lang Gun Club in the early years after live bird shooting was banned. It was used for many years until it broke and was dumped behind a shed at the Showgrounds. Some years after that it was rescued, repaired and stored in the back of a shed. More years pass and it is discovered and offered to the Society. It has now been tidied up and painted and installed permanently as an outdoor display in the garden near the front door.

We had a wonderful day for our March meeting held at Monomeith Park. We were warmly greeted on arrival by Robert and Viv Bourke and given a tour of the historic stables and homestead. Monomeith Park was built in 1899. After learning the history of the property, we held our meeting followed by afternoon tea.

We held an Easter raffle which raised \$505.00 for the Society.

For our April meeting we had a guest speaker. Keith Brown, President of the Lang Lang RSL Sub Branch, was our guest and spoke of his time on the "Kanimbla" during World War 2.

Drafts are now being made for our 2017 Calendar, which will feature photos of the main street of Lang Lang over the years.

Jean Hayden.  
President LL&DHS

# Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.



Specialising in the Casey Cardinia area

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Report to SEHA 1 May 2016

Our Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 walk in Pakenham Cemetery tour went very well considering we were up against Yakkerboo's 40th birthday. We had 45 people including two Cardinia Shire Councillors come and walk with us and talk about the cemetery's connections with the Great War. We also sold a few books. But it's darn hard work. And it's not really the gate takings or the book sales that motivate us to do the cemetery tours, it's the enormous amount of goodwill and publicity that the tours and the publications generate. In the end, it's certainly worth the trouble.

On the fundraising front, we were really happy with last month's sausage sizzle at Bunnings, even with a skeleton crew we walked away with nearly \$1,500 profit. But, we were really disappointed that we couldn't gather a crowd of 60 members, family and friends to hold a Tastepoint Fundraising Event.

We have purchased a new computer that will serve as a dedicated catalogue computer and a small but easy to use program and we're now in the midst of transferring resources to the new system. Resources and loans will be processed using barcodes and this should make stock takes much quicker and more accurate (we hope). It won't happen overnight – but it is happening, despite losing our IT Officer unexpectedly. We're lucky that someone else has stepped up to the plate but there will be a bit of a transition period where we may have difficulty installing new resources on the computers.

Our next general meeting on Saturday 14 May will see one of our members talking to us about Social Media and its potential to help our family history research. Of course, that also applies to local history – just in case anyone would like to join us. No need to book, just turn up on the day. More details are on our website at:

<http://nwfhg.org.au/event/nwdfhg-may-general-meeting/>

We're very excited to welcome Lambis Englezos to our June meeting on 11 June. A renowned amateur historian, Lambis will be telling us about his part in finding our lost Diggers from the Battle of Fromelles. More details can be found on our website soon.

We've switched over to our winter timetable, so we're open on Sunday afternoons instead of Thursday nights and general meetings are being held on the 2nd Saturday of the month instead of the 2nd Wednesday.

Lynne Bradley (President) & Lyne McGregor  
SEHA Representatives for NW&DFGH.

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*A Member of:*

*Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group*

*Genealogical Society of Victoria – South Eastern Historical Association Inc. – Royal Historical Society of Victoria  
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# SPRINGVALE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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Meetings every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month at 2pm February to November

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## May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 Quarterly Meeting SEHA Hosted by Dromana & District Historical Society

Another quiet quarter, though our members attended ANZAC Day Events in Springvale & Noble Park. All who attended had beautiful weather, so lucky.

The march at Springvale was very well attended there were not enough seats for all the marchers, this year as the Town Hall is being renovated the morning tea was back at the Springvale RSL. Once again the school students were involved which is great to see, the speaker was Retired Warrant Officer Third Class Richard Jackson. Richard was with the tank core, his talk was very interesting.

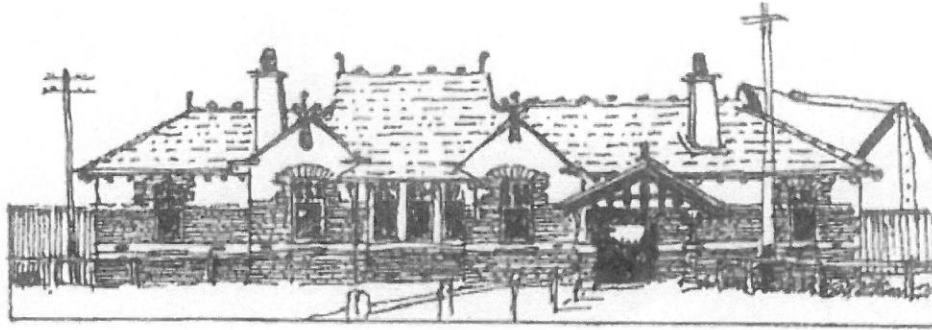
During last week I attended the building Exhibition at Benga, with a talk about building by Harry Gunthrie a local builder who started with his father and is recently retired. Harry has seen a lot of changes in that time.

The current exhibition has been going not so many attending but still those who have are very impressed. This exhibition also has some of the things that a soldier could have brought home i.e. different styles of shoes both children, men's and ladies, we also have a pair of shoes that were used for the Chinese lady with bound feet. We also have some aboriginal art items.

We are having meetings about the Community Hub the council wants to build where we are and move the library into the building, think of going from a 4 bedroom house and garage into a studio flat that is about the size the council wants us to reduce to with no gallery for exhibitions that can be shut and locked up. Enough of our grumble.

Regards

Robyn Robie  
SEHA Delegate



# Wonthaggi & District Historical Society Inc

## S.E.H.A. Quarterly Report May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016

Another busy start to the year with an over abundant supply of emails which keeps the secretary and others wondering if we would have so much correspondence if we were still relying on Australia Post and the Postie! Many enquiries are Family History related, some we have been able to assist due to our large Local Papers collection but others we are often looking for “a pie in the sky”.

### Events and Activities

- Over some months there has been ongoing consultation with Bass Coast Shire for signage to explain the coal tramline and the historic Barlow Rails at Cape Paterson First Surf. These relate to the first coal mined in the area. The rails were exposed during excavation work at the end of last year. Their historical heritage is now being recognized as the signage is nearly completed.
- Reprinting of “The Golden Coast History of the Bunurong” by Bill Hayes is due to be completed in May 2016 and we will then set about organising a launch of this publication.
- Sam Gatto’s book about Wonthaggi and WWI is at the final stages before going to the printer. This book looks likely to be launched in November at the latest.
- Wonthaggi’s Rail Trail historical signage is at the graphic designer and we hope these signs will be erected at the “stations and significant locations” very soon. Consultants visited last week to discuss the placement of the signs.



## Wonthaggi & District Historical Society Inc SEHA report May 2016 continued

- John Monash Science School, Year 12 Geography class of 40 students and four staff spent half a day at the Museum, with three of our members conducting an information and research lesson about the changes in the land use, the town centre, industry and housing as part of their unit of work for VCE assessment.
- Digital Wonthaggi via Google and GeoTours is getting some exposure. We, and the local library, are promoting this to visitors and schools.
- Donations, especially photographs, are coming thick and fast to the society and are being catalogued. It is amazing that we receive these from afar and that people are now looking to donate them.
- The monthly “Plod Essay” continues to be a “slice of history” that visitors and the community enjoy.
- Last week we had another consultancy meeting with the Bass Coast Shire about our West Wing extension. We await the Shire’s Budget to determine the next steps to be taken.
- Open Days for the monthly Sunday Rotary Markets continue to bring in many visitors and provide revenue from the sale of local publications, postcards and second hand books.
- Advance bookings and programs are being organized for school visits, walks, bus tours. Both Primary and Secondary schools are involved and are planned for this Term.
- We have an Anzac/ WWI & WWII display at the Museum, including a list of WWI service men/women omitted from the Wonthaggi Cenotaph.
- Sam Gatto has again been asked to address the new Junior Constables at the Wonthaggi Police Station on May 31 about the social history of our town. Wonthaggi Probus has also engaged Sam as a speaker at their July meeting.

Taking History to all parts of the local community has been a huge focus of our society and we certainly see the value in this approach.