

PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEHA 2015-2016

We continue to make our regular quarterly meetings and visit our member societies around the south Eastern District.

August 2015 meeting was held at Phillip Island where we enjoyed an interesting look at the displays and artifacts at the society rooms. We lunched at the RSL where my hat was objected to by the staff. I presume that I was not showing enough respect.

November 2015 meeting was at Mordialloc. Their new display space was well worth a look and we learned of the difficulties experienced by societies who are trying to cope with moving and refurbishing of rooms and museums.

February 2016 meeting was held at KooWeeRup. The digitising project which they are undertaking is making amazing progress and SEHA is promoting this project with both financial aid and the encouragement of societies and individuals to support this effort

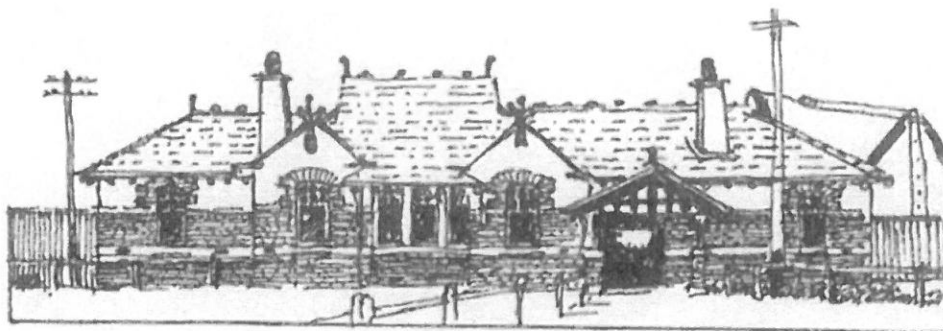
Bass Valley Historical Soc has purchased their favourite year and congratulates KooWeeRup on its massive endeavour.

May 2016 meeting was held at Dromana and none of us drowned in the amazing amount of rain that fell that day. We lunched at the RSL and their new display of WW1 photographs caught my attention immediately. I saw pictures of my grandfather Reginald Arthur Sheehan and his brother Sidney that I had not seen before. Luckily Robyn was able to take a picture of them and I have added them to my family tree.

Plans were started to hold the 2016 Discovery School at Dandenong in October of this year. Various speakers and papers were found and some catering looked at. We began to think of the dinner being held at the Spring Vale Crematorium with a speaker from their staff. However expenses were mounting and it was becoming obvious that the Discovery School could not proceed. After much discussion it was decided to cancel this school and look for other ways to come together as the SEHA. Day seminars, bus trips, museum visits, National Trust houses, specialist speakers are all ways to enjoy the knowledge and interest in local and applied history that we all share.

Libby Skidmore

August 2016



Wonthaggi & District Historical Society Inc.

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S.E.H.A. Quarterly Report August 2016

This report will begin with up- coming events:-

- October 18th & 19th History Week & Seniors Festival – Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre. 10am –1pm a Digital presentation of 6 sites in Wonthaggi CBD., display boards with the history of the Wonthaggi Union Theatre and Morning Tea.
- October 19th Bus Tour of the original Dudley and Hicksborough areas, 11am-12;30pm starting from the Watt Street Bus Stop (near the Police Station).
- October 20th is our “Pie Night” and Meeting.
- November 25th is our Annual Dinner at the Miners’ Rest/Capitol Restaurant. Theme – “Stories from the Garages” . There will be further information in our Monthly Newsletter and the next S.E.H.A. Report.
- November ?? we will launch Sam Gatto’s book, “Contribution and Conflict – A History of Wonthaggi and the First World War”. Further information will be sent when all the details have been finalized.

We have been busy with our school involvement, which is now based on the curriculum requirements at the various student levels. This is the focus we have developed and we are currently up-grading our material and the manner by which we present it.

Several clubs/organizations continue to request guest speakers and we are fortunate to have many members who are able to present different aspects of Wonthaggi and District history. The Digital Wonthaggi project has been widely acclaimed by those who have walked the sites or seen the DVD. We hope to add other areas/ sites to incorporate the depth of Wonthaggi’s history.

S.E.H.A. Quarterly Report August 2016 continued

By now, or certainly in the near future, the signage at the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club Boat Ramp should be in place. Jim and Fay Quilford and Simon Longstaff were the impetus behind this interpretive sign which tells the story of early coal in the area. A pity the sign is not up as this week the sand has moved and the rails are exposed on the beach.

See attachment for photos.

The reprint launch of Bill Hayes book, "History of the Bunurong Coast", was a great success. Our Library is wonderful with the support they give to our Society. You can purchase the book for \$20.

Fish & Chip Night was attended by about 38 members, even though the weather was rather wild. The speakers continued with the "fishy" flavor and spoke about Cape Paterson. Members have expressed the opinion that we should make our Fish & Chip Night a yearly event so that could be a permanent item, as is our Pie Night.

The cataloguing on Tuesdays and Thursdays keeps about 6-8 "regulars" on their toes as our newspapers seem to be the main source used when trying to gather information about early/previous families, clubs, activities in the area. Nola has started cataloguing our extensive library. The oral history collection has a basic catalogue but a more detailed edition is a future project .

Cape Paterson Heritage Barlow Rails



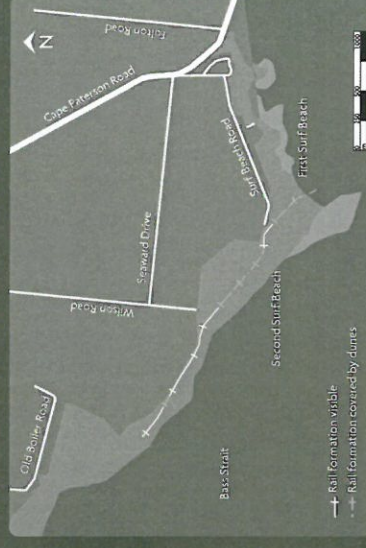
The rusted rails you see jutting out of the sand at Cape Paterson are remnants of a tramway constructed by the Victorian Coalmining Company between 1863-1864 to transport coal from their mines, east of Coal Creek (Harmers Haven) to the loading point at First Surf Beach Cape Paterson.

The Barlow rail is a unique type of rail that requires no separate wooden sleepers as a base for the rails. The Barlow type rails came from the tramway in Geelong and were gifted by the Victorian Government.

The rails are the oldest relic of coal mining in the Cape Paterson area. In recent years, due to erosion and tidal activity, the rails have become exposed. Much of the sand and rocks have been washed away well below the original beach level where the rails were first laid.

Coal was mined, bagged and despatched by bullock wagon. It was then loaded on to whaleboats and transported to ships moored offshore. However, when the moorings shifted in storms and insurers refused to cover vessels visiting Cape Paterson, the mine became unviable.

Cape Paterson Victoria Coal Co. Tramway



History – Key dates

1826	1837	1841	1852	1859 – 1864	1863 – 1864	1864
Black coal was discovered 1.5 kilometers West of Cape Paterson by William Hovell.	Samuel Anderson and Robert Massie rediscover the coal seams originally discovered by William Hovell.	William Watson appointed to commence a mining operation in Cape Paterson but after experiencing problems in the area, the venture ceased without recovering any coal.	Richard Davis of Kilcunda, carried a 25lb sample of coal to Melbourne to claim a 1000 pound reward offered by the Victorian Government.	Nathaniel Levi established the Victorian Coal Company. The Victorian Coal Company delivered around 2000 tons of coal to Melbourne during this time.	The Victorian Coalmining Company constructed the tramway to transport coal from their mines. However, no coal was ever conveyed on the rails. The Victorian Government did not support the construction of either a pier or a railway to Griffiths Point (San Remo) through Kilcunda.	The Company ceased mining in 1864 due to the cost of transport.



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SEHA Quarterly Meeting to be held on Sunday, August 7th 2016 at the Mechanics Hall Webb Street Narre Warren.

Time for elections again, give it a try. We are holding our AGM on 27/8/16 with a luncheon before hand at 12pm.

Good news is that even little societies can receive grant from the Federal Government. We received \$4,999.95 for the Department of Social Securities Volunteers Grant 2016. We have purchased computers, printers and a camera, and are to buy some other things.

The Exhibition has had a poor turn out so far, in the next few weeks we are having 2 school attending Springvale West and St Joseph's. The first school that was coming did not arrive.

We are expecting the grades 1 & 2 from Springvale West for the exhibition. St Joe's want to look at farming in the area. More of that in November.

Those that have attended have enjoyed the display and brought memories back.

We are doing a visit with the City of Greater Dandenong on the 05/08/16 to see what Geelong and Docklands Historical Societies and libraries are like and how the historical societies find it with no proper Historical building. Again more of that in November. We have had a phone call to say that the trip has been cancelled. As Colin and I had arranged our days, we have decided to go to the Geelong Library/Historical Society by just ourselves.

The Victorian Reenactment Society held their Annual Waterloo Queen Victoria's birthday in June there were 20 people attending. Once again Colin and Wayne catered very well with the help of one of his students.

The dinner was held in the meeting room with drinks and savories in the gallery for all to see the exhibition. When the trooping of the colours is done there is now room for them to be done without any problems.

Regards

Robyn Robie

SEHA Delegate.

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REPORT TO SEHA AUGUST 2016

Our Society has had a very busy 9 months.

We have had the completion of the restoration of the Old Schoolhouse, which contains our museum and office, at long last.

With engineer's reports, construction by a firm specialising in heritage work to repair the lintels, the plumber restoring the guttering, downpipes and chimney cowl, then finally the painting of the whole of the exterior, we are now ready to be a Historical Society again. We were helped with the financing by community organisations, the school and ourselves to bring this to fruition.

Cataloguing is coming along well, we have re-arranged the museum and added curtains.

We run an annual sausage sizzle at Bunnings Rosebud, street stalls, had a monster book sale on Queen's Birthday weekend, continue with monthly meetings and guest speakers, sell home-made jams, marmalades, chutneys, and craft articles and our own publications.

Our monthly newsletter is eagerly awaited by members and the wider community.

We ran a history competition in the Rye Primary School and this week will present certificates and a book to each of three grade 5 children.

Two Rye school children interviewed a 93 year old former pupil and teacher at Rye, for the Local History Network oral history project - will be on DVD and a written transcript. It was to discover what it was like when this lady was at school in the 1920s and 30s.

Pauline Powell

Secretary

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.



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Report to SEHA August 2016

Our new cataloguing program has been extremely well accepted by our Research Room volunteers and members. We're making progress transferring resources from the old to the new catalogue but it's slow going sometimes because there's always something else that needs to be done.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 13 August at 2 pm in the Meeting Room of the Narre Warren Library. We are delighted to welcome Cameron and Marianne Rocke to tell us of their research into the history of the Old Cheese Factory at Berwick. Cameron was employed by the City of Berwick in the mid 1990s to study the history of the Old Cheese Factory and unexpectedly unearthed the beginnings of what is an amazing story.

We were very excited to welcome Lambis Englezos to our June meeting. A renowned amateur historian, Lambis held our members spellbound as he told the story of the part he played in finding our lost Diggers from the Battle of Fromelles. Many members commented that he was the best speaker they could remember – and I think he might have been.

We've got a few more monthly workshops to go, our August and October workshops will be daytime ones with three sessions – come to one or come to more. Full details are on the website at:

<http://nwfhg.org.au/events/2016-workshops/>

We're getting ready for our annual History Week cemetery tour – at Harkaway Cemetery on the last Sunday in October at 10 am. Full details will go up on our website shortly – bookings can be made by email to cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au

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

A Member of:

Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group

*Genealogical Society of Victoria – South Eastern Historical Association Inc. – Royal Historical Society of Victoria
Victorian Association of Family History Organisations – Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc.*

Mornington & District Historical Society

S.E.H.A Meeting

August 2016.

Our Coffee Mornings have been well attended thanks to our brave friends and members who have ventured out in this cold winter we are having.

We have a new display in the Museum "Needles, Whalebones and Threads" A display of ladies clothing late 1800's into the early 20th century. It has created a lot of interest and the garments featured look spectacular.

The renovations to our workspace have come to a standstill at the moment, the new kitchen corner with new hot water has been finished and soon to start will be the refiguring of the office space with new benches and storage units.

We have had school groups in to see the Museum, the last only last week, 125 children came through the course of the morning.

Wednesday, which is our usual work day saw three students from Balcombe Grammar, Mt, Martha helping research information for our new Heritage Trail, this will be featured on the Shire's upcoming local History web site.

Our next bus trip in September is to the two Government Houses, Governor Latrobe's cottage and Government House. If anyone would like to come, you are quite welcome; we still have some spare seats. If you are interested please give Janet Groves a ring on 9787 8685 or 0407 500510 . Lunch in the Botanic Gardens, it should be a good day.

And plans are underway for our functions over History week in October, the Leslie Moorhead Lecture and the History week Cemetery walk.

Looking forward to warmer weather keep warm everyone

Best Wishes

Val Wilson.

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SEHA REPORT, AUGUST 2016

On May 9th, we hosted an open day for the Narre Warren Family History Group as a thank you by them to their volunteer workers, although our little building was stretched to limit with the number of people inside. Everyone had a great day and were very impressed with our collection and our library, which had many publications that they had not seen before. Quite a few were pleased to note that many of the names they have researched for their own projects are also important people in the origins of Lang Lang.

We were very pleased (and surprised) to receive notice from Cardinia Shire that our building has been included on their Heritage Register. On further investigation we found that not only our building, which is the former Infant Welfare Centre built in 1951, but also the Cenotaph and two trees in the park, in which our building is located. These trees were planted in 1947 by our CWA Ladies to commemorate the 21st Birthday of Princess Elizabeth.

Our June meeting was held in the lounge of the Historic Warrook Homestead on a rather chilly day, with the fire going and an abundance of scones after the meeting. Some of our members had not visited Warrook before and appreciated the chance to view the property in full after the meeting.

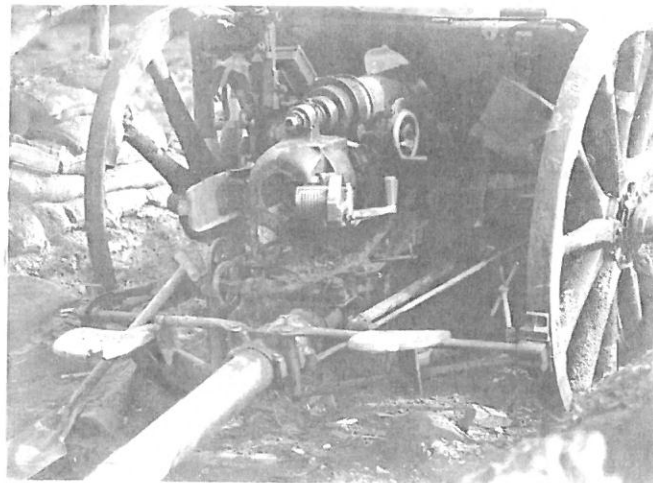
The things that people donate to our Society after having a bit of clean-up of Grandad's junk (?) still continue to amaze and delight us.

In June, we were given some photos and other ephemera from the Glover family. Among them was a poster size advertisement of a subdivision sale of the entire Western side of the township. This was completely unknown to anyone before this. After working a reverse calendar we decided it was probably 1891. Then we went to TROVE and found ads in the Age, Argus and Weekly Times which confirmed the year definitively. Further searching found that Mr Isaac Hook of Clyde was the original settler of lot 5, (109 acres) in 1877. In 1888 Mr Walter Foreman Jr. purchased the land and after losing 12 acres to the Railways, he sub divided the entire 97 acres into commercial and residential sized building blocks. He also owned 100 acres just north of the town which was cut up into orchard sized blocks of 5 acres each, and offered the whole lot for public auction. The original has been archived and a high quality digital copy has been framed for display.



If you know Lang Lang you can see from the plans that his rather grandiose scheme never reached fruition and probably never will.

In July, the Cole family donated some framed photos of a damaged Artillery piece and the entire scene of the battery emplacement. The photos were in damaged frames and were far too small for them.



While inspecting the photos we noticed a piece of paper behind one, this turned out to be a very poignant and sad first hand account of the death of a local boy who was killed while operating the damaged gun at Ypres in August 1917. The second photo also had a letter behind it which was a follow up to the first letter, written about 3 weeks after the event. There is nothing to indicate the author or the recipient of the letters but we assume they were sent to his father. The boy was only 20 at the time and his parents were one of the original settlers of the district.



We are in consultation with our local RSL at the moment to decide on the best way to treat these very personal missives from a mate at the front line, to the family of a young man killed in action.

We have received a digitised copy of the KOOWEERUP SUN recently, and have been able to verify some names and dates for events of which we were unsure. At the same time we have also found that a few things that we believed were correct have been shown to be inaccurate.

It will be a long term project to go through everything as we are still working through the LANG LANG GUARDIAN which we have had for some years now. We are keeping notes and hope to produce an errata insert for our Protector Plains at the end.

We have been able to assist the grand daughter of Sister Alice Ross-King with some personal insight to the life of Alice and her husband Dr Sidney Appleford in the twenty-one years that they lived in Lang Lang between the two wars. The war time years of Alice are well documented but almost nothing was known about them after they moved to Lang Lang. The KooWeeRup sun was available to supply many snippets for the family

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"Mallow" 1916

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

SEHA report 7/8/2016

Annual Dinner

- Our Annual Dinner was held on Sunday May 22 at the Community Centre and it went very well. The guest speaker, Geoff Pledge, talked about the recent history of Koo-Wee-Rup Secondary College and trends in education. Geoff is a former Principal of the College and he was very interesting.
- We had 84 people attend and made around \$1090 profit on the dinner, once the expenses including hall hire were taken out, and \$412 on the raffle. Great result.

Life Membership

- I had the pleasure of presenting Frank Crameri with Life Membership of the Historical Society at the Annual Dinner. Frank has been Treasurer since 1999 and is just a joy - he's an active and involved member, practical, proactive, committed and fun and has done a lot for not only our Society but for many other organizations in Koo-Wee-Rup.



Visits to the Museum

- We had a visit from 20 members of the Austin Healey Sprite Drivers Club on Saturday, April 23. The Club is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year and were having a four day tour around Gippsland and we were their first stop. They then toured South Gippsland and the La Trobe Valley, staying at Morwell each night. John Fowler, the organizer of the trip, is pictured here with his Sprite.

- On June 15 we hosted a visit from 20 members of the Gembrook Senior Citizens Group. They had morning tea, viewed our Swamp video and toured the Museum and then gave us a generous donation of \$100.00. The Group then visited the Opp Shop in the town.

- On July 27 we had a visit from a Year 9 Group from Newhaven College on Phillip Island. They also viewed the Museum, asked some questions and then did a road trip along the Main Drain to the Junction

Bridge. They were great kids and are doing a unit on the history of the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp.

Le Ride movie

- Phil Keoghan's film of the 1928 Tour de France in which local boy, Percy Osborn, participated is being launched at the New Zealand International Film Festival on August 1st & 2nd. As you no doubt recall the Historical Society provided some information on and photos of Percy Osborn for the film. We haven't got a date for the Australian release but you can see the trailer here <http://philkeoghanleride.com/le-ride-trailer/#trailer>

Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society report continued

Other news

- I was guest speaker at the Phillip Island & District Historical Society meeting on June 8, where I spoke about the history of the Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp.
- We received \$2,160 from the Lions Club Opportunity Shop. We have some hardworking Opp Shop volunteers who staff the shop on our behalf, two or three times a month.
- We are going ahead with the second half of the *Koo-Wee-Rup Sun* digitizing project. We have currently done up to 1954.

Cardinia Shire Local Heritage Study

The Cardinia Shire Local Heritage Study has finally been gazetted. The process started back in 2012 and allowing for panel hearings, reviews appeals etc it was officially gazetted in January 2016 and we have just been formally notified of this (in May) Covered by this planning document is the Koo-Wee-Rup Commercial Precinct which includes the following buildings they consider Significant

- 272 Rossiter Road, Dustings Garage (former) The Garage is pictured here.
- 284-6 Rossiter Road, Wattle Theatre (former)
- 10-16 Station Street, ANZ Bank
- 68-70 Station Street, Streamline Moderne interwar garage
- 96 Station Street, The Royal Hotel

And the following which they consider Contributory

- 279-85 Rossiter Road, Mills Building (former)
- 287 Rossiter Road, Interwar Shop
- 290 Rossiter Road, State Savings Bank of Victoria (former)
- 297 Rossiter Road, Post-war shop and residence
- 300 Rossiter Road, State Electricity Commission Offices and Depot (former)
- 56-58 Station Street, Thomas Burton Garage (former)
- 72-74 Station Street, Bank of Victoria/Post Office (former)
- 86 Station Street, shop.



The Bayles Hall precinct also has a Heritage overlay as well as many individual buildings such as the Historical Society Headquarters, *Mallow House*.

Heather Arnold

HASTINGS-WESTERN PORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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**REPORT TO SEHA MEETING HELD AT NARRE WARREN
MECHANICS INSTITUTE, 59 WEBB ST, NARRE WARREN
ON SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2016**

MUSEUM: The Committee this year decided to have a winter closure of the Museum during the months of July and August. This enables members to work on a new look with changes in the displays. Work is continuing to take place in the storage/display shed and it is slowly being lined and other necessary jobs done. The Pioneer Cottage has a fresh new look at the rear entrance with weatherboards and windows replaced, as well as painting tasks. This has been done by Mornington Peninsula Shire who is the owner of the museum precinct property. Two of our newer volunteers have commenced cataloguing the artefacts in Dad's Shed, with the assistance of Sally Robins and local members, Ken Stockton, Dave Mason and John Woolley.

LOCAL HISTORY OFFICER, SALLY ROBINS. Sally is employed by Mornington Peninsula Shire and her skills have assisted our society as well at all the other historical societies in the area. She holds regular two-monthly meetings with representatives of the group where discussions take place on plans, projects and other challenges. At present, there is another Oral History project commencing where interviews take place of people who have attended the local primary schools. Lance Hodgins of Hastings will shortly be interviewed – the project was successful in a grant that was submitted by Sally. Lance Hodgins has written a number of local history books – two volumes on the history of the Hastings Football Club – one on an acclaimed Hastings concert singer “Rosa Alba” and book 1 of “It Happened Here” (various stories of happenings around Hastings or adjoining areas). These books are available for \$15 each. Sally is also assisting with the training of the volunteers working on cataloguing. .

MORNING COFFEE: The Morning Coffee on Thursday 14th May where Wendy Morrison did an appraisal of the various artefacts that were brought along was very successful and raised \$200 for our funds. Another Morning Coffee was held on Thursday 14th July where the guest speaker was the popular Stuart Duff. Stuart spoke for the first time about an incident that happened at Blackwood “The Pincombe Incident”, and as usual, he had a very attentive audience with the way he presented this. The income raised from this was \$131.

NEXT MORNING COFFEE. This will be the final Morning Coffee for the year and Cr David Garnock will be guest speaker. David was previously the Commanding Officer of HMAS Cerberus and he will speak of his time there. This will be on Thursday 10th November at 10.15 am at the Hastings Museum, cnr Marine Pde & Skinner St. Cost is \$5 pp. Door prize and a lucky dip raffle (3 tickets for \$2). .

Please note this date in your diaries....we would love to see you!

AGM - This will be held at the Museum on Sunday, 21 August at 2 pm. The president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary are not available for nomination, so a “new crew” will be elected.

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

Future tours at Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery 2016.

Children of the Cemetery

2:00 pm Sunday, 23th October 2016

Join Sue Beazley when she presents a tour focusing on the life, illnesses and dangers local children faced, and who are buried at Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery. The tour will be heartfelt and engaging as Sue is a sympathetic story teller.

Military Tour: Remembrance

2:00 pm Sunday, 20th November 2016

Join Frank Ruse on this poignant and moving tour. Hear about the war services of normal, ordinary, but gallant and courageous men, who sacrificed years of their lives to protect the freedom we all enjoy today.

For both tours meet inside the gate of Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery,

Charman Road, Cheltenham.

**Cost: \$10 Members
\$12 Non-members**

Refreshments Provided

Bookings Required: info@focrc.org or call 9497 1318

We tour come rain; hail or shine; so come prepared with suitable clothing and footwear. Bring a brolly if you are concerned about the sun or rain.

Have you received your copy of our Newsletter?

If you have not received any previous Newsletters and you are a financial member, please notify Rosemary Reddick.

info@focrc.org



7 August 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 fourth edition and by all accounts 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.

AGM

The Friends will be holding their AGM on Saturday 27th August 10.00am. Currently the venue is the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery Summer House. However, should we have a large number in attendance a larger venue will be arranged. If you are interested in attending, it is required you are a financial member and you can join on the day. Please contact Rosemary at info@focrc.org

Tours

Our first to tours for 2016 have been very well supported, with all places fully booked. The first tour for the year was **Ladies of the Cemetery** and created a lot of interest, as women are often under-represented in history.

Our second tour theme was **Convicts & Felons**, and we were surprised to 'uncover' 10 convicts buried at Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery. All had very interesting stories, and The Friends were delighted to welcome some descendants of these men & women.

Future Tours for 2016

Children of the Pioneer Cemetery

This tour will focus on the life, illnesses and dangers that children faced in the 1800s.

SUNDAY 23 Oct 2016 - 2pm. Contact Rosemary. **Bookings required.** Ring 9497 1318, email info@focrc.org or go to www.focrc.org

Remembering those who Sacrificed – Military tour

This tour will be part of our acknowledgement to Remembrance Day and those who served. There will be stories about normal, ordinary, but gallant and courageous men.

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



Final SEHA Meeting for 2016 – 6th Nov 2016

The Friends of Cheltenham Cemeteries will be hosting the final SEHA meeting for 2016. We are planning to have the Committee meeting, lunch and general meeting at the Cheltenham RSL. Afterwards, if you would like to join us, we will conduct a walk around parts of the Cheltenham Pioneer Cemetery.

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!

RECENTLY 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>.

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Report to SEHA meeting held at Narre Warren on Sunday 7 August 2016

Hammond Road Archival Storage Facility

Early bound newspapers, art works, framed photographs and many documents will be transferred from the DDHS Rooms to Hammond Road in September. The art works will be wrapped in archival bubble wrap. No one can remove any of our items from storage without DDHS permission.

Move to old council offices in Clow Street

DDHS will relocate its Rooms from The Houlahan Centre in Foster Street East to the first floor of the old council offices in Clow Street. This could occur in November or December 2016. City of Greater Dandenong will pack and shift our items. Our phone number will remain the same.

Sunday 21 August 2016

Our next general meeting will be held at the Dandenong Showgrounds at 2.00pm on Sunday 21 August. Our guest speaker will be Peter Simcock who will share with us his experiences when he was editor of the Dandenong Journal. Our meeting will be held in the Administration Building. Entrance to the Showgrounds can be accessed from Bennet Street.

Sunday 16 October 2016

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 16 October at the Dandenong Showgrounds. Guest speaker at this meeting will be our new volunteer David Nassau. Our president Chris Keys met David at the Dandenong U3A when the Society was presenting local history lectures, and persuaded him to join the DDHS volunteers on Wednesdays! David is now our web master.



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Heather Arnold Local History Librarian

May 5 - The Local History Reference Group meeting was held at the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society Museum at Pakenham. Amongst other things, I talked about Creative Commons and showed an informative video from the New Zealand Creative Commons website <http://creativecommons.org.nz/>

May 6 - Promoted the Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival on Cr Amanda Stapledon's 'Women of Today' radio show on Radio 3SER, 97.7FM.

May 9 - I spoke to the Berwick Legacy Widows about Family History. 13 in attendance. The Group has a volunteer welfare officer from Legacy Headquarters to help the widows (many of whom are in their 80s or 90s) deal with whatever issues they may face e.g. pensions etc. The Berwick welfare officer is Bill Rogers, a lovely man, who received an Order of Australia medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

May 15 - Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival at the Officer Hall. A great success; better than last year, well attended and fun. The Officer Owls CWA did the catering, Cr David Young from Cardinia Shire did the official opening, The National Trust launched their new book on the Berwick Shire during the Great War and Lord Casey's Bentley was there. These are the groups who attended and had a display
Australian Great War Association; Beaconsfield History Interest Group;
Berwick Mechanics' Institute; Berwick Pakenham Historical Society
Casey Cardinia Library Corporation; Dandenong High School Ex-students Association;
Edrington History Research Group; Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society;
Narre Warren & District Family History Group; Narre Warren Mechanics' Institute
National Trust Casey Cardinia Branch; Officer CWA

May 16 - Talked to the St John of God Hospital Ladies Auxiliary on the history of Berwick. 18 lovely ladies, that all have interesting stories, including one lady, we'll call her Jean, who operated the Magnolia Court Private Hotel in East Melbourne in the late 1970s; the hotel backed onto the back of the house where Lady Casey lived and she met her on a few occasions, including one time when Lady Casey's secretary had somehow got the car tangled up in the back lane and Lady Casey 'suggested' that Jean might like to help her Secretary move the car. [Lady Casey is the wife of Lord Casey, Governor General of Australia, and owner of the mansion *Edrington* at Berwick and namesake of the City of Casey]

May 30 - Talked to the 22 Grade 2 & 3 students at St James Catholic Primary School in Nar Nar Goon on the history of Nar Nar Goon. I had a great time.

June 6 - Lynne Bradley and Faye McCoubrie, from the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, and I presented 'Ask Granny' a seminar designed to get senior citizens thinking about their family history and creating a record to pass onto their family. Twelve people came, which is about the ideal number as everyone needs to be seated at table so they can write. This is the first time I have done it and the session went really well and there was lots of interaction between the attendees which was good.



June 7 - Talked to 42 Grade 1s at St Margaret's School in Berwick on the history of Berwick. It was fun; I always enjoy talking to school kids!

June 14 - I spoke to the St Michael's Friendship Group at Berwick on the history of Berwick. 19 friendly people in attendance.

July 19 - I talked to the Women's Group at the Edrington Retirement Village. My topic was 'Nineteenth century women in Casey and Cardinia' There were 42 women present and one of the women who had been a fashion model and worked in fashion retail and wholesale from the 1950s (and who still dresses incredibly stylishly) said that no-one at the Village asks you what you did in your previous life. Perhaps they are just being polite and don't want to be intrusive, but it's a shame as there are so many interesting stories just waiting to be told.

July 25 - Lynne Bradley, from the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, and I presented a session on Births, Deaths and Marriage records. It was part of a 10 session series on different aspects of family history. Given it was cold and teeming with rain, we were lucky that anyone came, but we had seven brave souls battle the elements to attend.

Don't forget our blogs!

- Casey-Cardinia: Commemorating the Great War: 1914 – 1918 blog
<http://caseycardinia1914-1918.blogspot.com.au/>
- Casey Cardinia links to our past –
<http://caseycardinialinkstooourpast.blogspot.com.au/>

We are also on Facebook -Casey Cardinia Heritage.



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Report for SEHA

We are currently closed for the winter and will re-open in September.

Our Christmas in July function on July 31st went very well. Derek Genoni was our guest speaker and spoke about the Genoni family and their business. He had done a tremendous amount of research and is happy for us to have a copy of his power point presentation.

Our new shed at the back of the school is being constructed and should (weather permitting!) be finished by September. It will house some of our heavy machinery so we will be doing a lot more re-arranging in months to come. We are also having storage shelves put in the old bathroom at the cottage which will help tremendously with our storage problems.

We are working with the Tooradin Foreshore Committee to get historical sign put around the foreshore. The playground is currently being totally renovated so there will be a few changes in months to come.

Polly Freeman (Secretary)



**Secretary's correspondence report for the General Meeting
held on Sunday August 7, 2016
at the Narre Warren Mechanics' institute.**

Correspondence received since the May 2016 meeting

- Bass Valley Historical Society Dinner Meeting 3/6/2016 flyer
- Chelsea & District Historical Society newsletter June 2016, August 2016
- Dandenong & District Historical Society Annual luncheon flyer
- Friends of Cheltenham Regional Cemeteries *Raves from the Graves* newsletter Autumn 2016
- Hastings Western Port Historical Society newsletter June 2016
- Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society newsletter May 2016, June 2016, July 2016, August 2016
- Lang Lang & District Historical Society newsletter June 2016
- Mordialloc and District Historical Society newsletter May 2016, June 2016
- Mornington & District Historical Society newsletter May 2016
- Narre Warren and District Family History Group newsletter *Spreading Branches* May 2016
- Nepean Historical Society newsletter *The Nepean* June 2016, notice of August meeting
- Rye Historical Society newsletter *White Cliffs* July - September 2016
- Somerville Tyabb and District Heritage Society newsletter June 2016
- Wonthaggi and District Historical Society newsletter *The Plod* May 2016, June 2016, July 2016, flyer re Cape Paterson Heritage Barlow Rails.

Outgoing correspondence since the May 2016 meeting

- Reports, Minutes, Agendas.