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ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY (inc)
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All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary
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This is the first issue of our newsletter. At the annual meeting held recently it was resolved that there should be at least two newsletters per year issued to all financial members of our Society in order that they may be advised of the activities, both past and future. In addition, we hope to keep you informed of our recent acquisitions and also occasionally to include items of historical interest, memoirs etc. Your committee feels that this should help bridge the information gap for the many members who do not reside permanently in the area.

ANNUAL DINNER

The main purpose of this letter is to advise you that we are holding our 5th Annual Dinner at the Anglesea Hotel on Friday 7th. November. Our previous dinners have attracted capacity houses and all present have thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

This year we are fortunate in obtaining as our guest speaker Dr David Christophel of the Botany Department of the Adelaide University. David and a group of his students have been engaged for some years in studying the fossils in the open cut mine near the town. At a recent impromptu meeting of your Society he captivated all present with his account of some of his discoveries and such was the appreciation of his talk that it was resolved to ask him to be our guest speaker. His delivery was most entertaining and informative, rather belying the subject. We can assure you all that the evening promises to be both enjoyable and entertaining. A varied choice of menu is offered, Soup, a choice of main course and sweet and brewed coffee to conclude.

The charge per head is only \$16.00. We would ask that you advise the Secretary, as soon as possible, of your intention to attend, together with your remittance to cover the cost of same. Two tickets are enclosed - more can be obtained.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held at our clubrooms, 5 McMillan St, Anglesea on Saturday 4th October last.

The election office bearers were elected:-

PRESIDENT	Mr Pat Denham	
VICE-PRESIDENTS	Mr Gavin Cook & Mr. Arthur Stanley	
HON. SECRETARY	Mrs Shirley Forsyth	
TREASURER	Mr Arthur Stanley	
COMMITTEE	Mr. A Poigndester	Mr. J Lawn
	Mr. E Barsby	Mrs J Murch

The following members were co-opted to serve on the committee for the ensuing 12 months:- Miss N McDonald, Mrs B Marsh, Mrs E Lawn (our Historical Recorder)

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Now that we have our own clubrooms (more about same later) it was felt by all present that our previous subscription was most unrealistic in this day and age and it was unanimously resolved that our annual subscription be increased to \$5.00 per annum. It is obvious that even the cost of postage of two newsletters alone will require 72c of this amount. It is felt that by having a steady but modest funding that we will be able to provide for our members' needs in the year ahead.

OUR NEW PREMISES

During the year we were fortunate in acquiring from the Shire of Barrabool the lease of Council owned premises at 5 McMillan Street, Anglesea as a meeting place and a repository for our ever increasing collection of artifacts, memorabilia and photographic collection.

The official handing over took place on March 21st when some 60 people were present. Since that time we have been fortunate in receiving a number of items to add to our collection, and now that we have such a grand repository to display same, we hope that all members, and others, will search through their cupboards and see what treasures they can find which can either be donated or lent to us to improve our presentation.

THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

The following extract is from the annual report of our Secretary:-

The exciting business of slowly, but surely, adding items for exhibition has continued - special thanks should go to Mrs Edna Stevens for her generous donations allowing up to show a specific STEVENS COLLECTION, and to Ray Clarke who made and donated our first showcase. This has had a snowballing effect and the results can be seen when next you visit the premises which are open periodically. Open days are signposted by the erection of a sign on the lawns at the bottom end of McMillan St. but interested persons can always inspect the collection by arrangement - phone 631-430

Our meetings have been reasonably well attended but we would dearly love more person-power now that we are operating the Museum. Entertainment has been varied. The Hollibon tapes proved interesting as did Miss Borritt's delightful nostalgic talk of the days of the Aircraft Observers' Group which operated throughout the war from the lookout. Mrs Val D'Angri spoke about the preparation of premises for historical exhibitions and Richard Marsh's illustrated talk on Hampton Court (after the disastrous fire) was as much appreciated as was Arthur Stanley's recollections of his time with the Ambulance Service. We have already mentioned David Christophel's contribution and our bus visit to Queenscliff was most successful.

On the business side of things we have become an incorporated body, made various appeals and submissions for grants from different government instrumentalities. Members manned the Barrabool Information Caravan two days each week during the tourist season. Signs announcing our presence have been made for the Great Ocean Road, McMillan Street and our entrance. Comments gleaned from the public during our recent 'Open Weekend' - When will you open again?....I'm glad we know you are here!....etc,etc, augur well for future growth - quite a number of folk have promised to return with articles for display - this can only help us to grow and word of mouth publicity is one of the most effective ways to popularise our presence in Anglesea.

OPEN WEEKEND - 27th & 28th September

Over 100 interested folk browsed through our Museum during this weekend. Many favourable comments were overheard about our excellent set of historical photographs, the "Stevens Collection" and other items specially brought in for this occasion.

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FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

ANGAFEST - Riverbank - Sunday 2nd. November
Display of photographs, sale of calendars and
Dinner Tickets

ANNUAL DINNER - ANGLESEA HOTEL - Friday 7th November

BUS TRIP - Sunday 9th November - Point Lonsdale, Marine Science
Laboratory, Queenscliff (inspection) etc. Members \$5.00
others \$6.00. Please book with Hon. Sec.

AIREYS INLET CRAFT SHOW - December 31st and January 1st. As in
previous years we will display our photos and sell
our calendars from our stall.

ANGLESEA REGATTA - Our usual stall and display on the
riverbank on New Year's Day, 1987.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month at the
Clubrooms, 5 McMillan Street, Anglesea and we would be delighted
to see you. A warm welcome is assured and a cuppa before you
leave.