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ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC
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A.G.M. - OCTOBER 10TH, 1992

FOLLOWING THE ELECTION CHAIRED BY JACK BLOMELEY, YOUR LINE-UP OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 1992/3 HAS FEW CHANGES. EDITH HAS AGREED TO LEAD US FOR ANOTHER TERM - THIS DECISION WAS RECEIVED WITH ACCLAMATION AND TRIBUTES WERE GIVEN BY THE SECRETARY AND COMMITTEE MEMBER VAL AMERY AND ENDORSED BY JACK BLOMELEY. VICE PRESIDENTS ARE ARTHUR STANLEY AND JOAN MURCH, SECRETARY SHIRLEY FORSYTH, TREASURER LORIS PAVIA, RETURNING TO COMMITTEE AFTER A BREAK IS KEITH CECIL, HISTORIAN, A NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER TO JOIN VAL AMERY, BETH MARCH, ELSIE SAMUEL, JEAN WENDT, RITA WHITELAW AND ALLAN POIGNDESTER IS MERLE SMITHWICK - WE DO WELCOME SUCH AN ENERGETIC PERSON. PUBLIC OFFICER IS PHIL LEWTAS AND HONORARY AUDITOR JACK BLOMELEY. FEES ARE NOW DUE AND IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO LEAVE MEMBERSHIP AT \$5.00 - A TEAR-OFF SLIP APPEARS AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER.

ANNUAL DINNER - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6TH, ANGLESEA HOTEL BISTRO, 6.30PM FOR 7PM



ONCE AGAIN WE LOOK FORWARD TO THIS POPULAR EVENT FEATURING A FIRST-CLASS MEAL WITH COMPLEMENTARY PRE-DINNER DRINK AND NIBBLES. PRESIDENT EDITH SUGGESTS YOU MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY IF IT IS NOT ALREADY WELL PENCILLED IN. SHE ADDS THAT YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS HEARING OUR SPEAKER MR MAX LEE WHO REALLY IS NO STRANGER TO ANGLESEA. SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE HEARD HIS STORY OF THE CHANGI CHAPEL, NOW RE-ERECTED AT DUNTRON AND ITS STRANGE DISCOVERY AFTER SOME 45 YEARS. YOU WILL NOW BE INTERESTED TO HEAR A SEQUEL. WITH SIR EDWARD "WEARY" DUNLOP AS PRESIDENT, MAX AS TREASURER AND OUR LOCAL JIMMY BOYLE AS SECRETARY, A COMMITTEE WAS SET UP TO RAISE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A P.O.W. NURSES MEMORIAL.

A PARK BENCH WAS DULY PLACED IN FRONT OF THE CHAPEL AND DEDICATED IN 1991. MAX LEE, A RETIREE FROM THE AMP SOCIETY IS FROM GLEN WAVERLEY AND AS A YOUNG SOLDIER WAS IN SINGAPORE IN 1945 WITH THE WAR GRAVES REGISTRATION UNIT AND HELPED IN DISMANTLING THE CHANGI POW CAMP.

OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER - AT THE MUSEUM

1992 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MANY EVENTS THAT AFFECTED AUSTRALIA SIGNIFICANTLY, IN KEEPING WITH THE THEME OF OUR DINNER SPEAKER, A DISPLAY OF MEMORABILIA WILL BE ON SHOW FROM 2PM TO 4PM. JIM BOYLE, AUTHOR OF THE WELL-PUBLICISED BOOK RAILROAD TO BURMA HAS AGREED TO ASSIST US AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE MANY OF HIS PRECIOUS ITEMS. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT COULD ADD TO OUR DISPLAY WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU, AND OF COURSE EVERY CARE WILL BE TAKEN. PHONE EDITH, 631681 OR SHIRLEY 631430.

MEETINGS

DESPITE THE 20 OR SO APOLOGIES, WE STILL WELCOMED A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO BRAVED THE WINTRY NIGHT TO ATTEND THE AGM. AS JEAN WENDT REPORTS (AND SHE THANKED OUR GUEST SPEAKERS ELOQUENTLY) THEY WERE REWARDED WITH A TALK BY SHIRLEY AND RON SCOTT ON THEIR EXPERIENCES AS WORKERS ON LIGHT STATIONS OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS. EVERY WORD WAS WORTH RECORDING AND MOST BEAUTIFULLY TOLD BY SHIRLEY SUPPLEMENTED BY RON AND HIS EXCELLENT PHOTOGRAPHS ON SCREEN. SHIRLEY GAVE US A WOMAN'S SIDE OF LIGHTHOUSE KEEPING WHILE RON SUPPLIED THE TECHNICALITIES. THERE WERE STORIES OF PREGNANT WIVES BEING ASKED TO JUMP FROM CLIFFS ON TO FERRIES BECAUSE THE WINCH WAS OUT OF ORDER! SHIRLEY WAS NOT SURE HOW SHE REALLY BOARDED. DID SHE JUMP OR WAS SHE PUSHED? ANOTHER HEROIC ACT WAS A LONE WIFE ON DEAL ISLAND (ONE OF THE KENT GROUP) WHEN HER HUSBAND DIED AND SHE HAD TO ATTEND THE LIGHT ON A HILL OVER 2½KM FROM THE HOUSE. IT WAS WINTER TIME AND THE GROUND FROZEN SO SHE KEPT THE BODY IN THE BATH FOR THREE WEEKS BEFORE THE GROUND WAS SOFT ENOUGH FOR HER TO DIG A GRAVE AND BURY THE BODY. IN ADDITION SHE HAD SEVERAL YOUNG CHILDREN TO TEND AND WHEN HELP EVENTUALLY ARRIVED THEY WERE ALL IN POOR CONDITION. IS THAT HEROISM OR NOT? A FINAL WORD!!! AS SHE WAS NOT OFFICIALLY ON THE "PAYROLL" SHE WAS NEVER PAID FOR HER SERVICES. ANOTHER BRAVE WIFE SEWED UP A WOUND IN HER HUSBAND'S STOMACH WHILST WAITING FOR HIM TO BE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL. KEEPERS' COTTAGES WERE GENERALLY SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDENS EVEN IN THE MOST SEVERE CLIMATES BECAUSE MEAGRE SUPPLIES HAD TO BE SUPPLEMENTED. INCIDENTALLY ALL SUPPLIES, SOMETIMES ONLY TWICE A YEAR, HAD TO BE PAID FOR BY THE KEEPERS. ON ONE LONELY ISLAND SHIRLEY FOUND THE GRAVE (NEARLY 100 YEARS OLD) SIMPLY MARKED "BABY", STILL KEPT IN ORDER BY SUCCESSIVE STATION WOMEN. DAFFODILS BLOOMED IN PROFUSION. SO ALL IS NOT DOOM AND GLOOM AND NOR WAS SHIRLEY'S TALK. WE WERE DELIGHTED WITH HER THOUGHTS OF THE BEAUTY OF LONELY PLACES AND HOW SHE CAME TO APPRECIATE THE SILENCE AND WAS ABLE TO SPEND HOURS PAINTING. ONCE AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF ALL PRESENT TO RON AND SHIRLEY AND WE HOPE THEY WILL VISIT US AGAIN.

A CHRISTMAS MEETING - DECEMBER 5TH - PLEASE NOTE AT 8PM (DAYLIGHT SAVING WILL HAVE BEEN IN FOR SOME WEEKS)

A SOCIAL GATHERING WHEN MEMBERS, IF THEY WISH, CAN LET US KNOW "WHY I LIVE WHERE I LIVE" (AND PLEASE DON'T BE SHY) I DON'T SUPPOSE WE ALL CAME TO ANGLESEA FOR THE SAME REASONS! A SMALL PLATE FOR SUPPER PLEASE.

VISIT BY "THE FRIENDS OF THE MELBOURNE MUSEUM"

ON SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 27TH, MORE THAN 20 MEMBERS OF THE "FRIENDS" UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DAVID HENSHALL VISITED OUR MUSEUM - WE WERE QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT WE WERE NOT IN THEIR LEAGUE - BUT WE FEEL THEY APPRECIATED OUR PHOTOS AND "HANDS ON" EXHIBITS AS WELL AS THE VIDEO ANGLESEA - PART 1 MUCH CHATTING FOLLOWED OVER A CUPPA, AND WHEN THANKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT, DAVID HANDED OVER TWO HANDSOME GLASSES EMBLAZONED WITH THE FRIENDS' CREST - THEY WILL BE VERY HANDY FOR FUTURE GUEST SPEAKERS AS ABOUT THE BEST WE COULD PRODUCE PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION WAS A CHEESE GLASS.

ACQUISITIONS - AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GRATITUDE FROM PRESIDENT EDITH

IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO LIST ALL THE ITEMS, BUT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE ANY MEMORABILIA RELATING TO ANGLESEA'S PAST.

LATELY WE RECEIVED A LARGE BOX OF AUSTRALIAN MINERALS AND ABORIGINAL STONES FROM FR TONY EAMES. MRS GERLACH SENT ALONG AN EARLY PHOTO TAKEN IN 1946 AT THE CORNER OF CAMP ROAD AND WALKER STREETS, WHEN IT WAS ALMOST VIRGIN BUSH.

A GREAT OCEAN ROAD PLANNING SCHEME DATED 1955 IS A VERY COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME OF DRAWINGS ETC KINDLY DONATED BY MR & MRS C FREAKE. MR TED PAVIA HAS GIVEN AN EARLY TESTER FOR CAMERA AND RADIO WORK, THE LEWTAS' A NUMBER OF PICTURE POST CARDS OF ANGLESEA SOME DECADES AGO AND A COPY OF THE HISTORICAL SOC. NEWSLETTER FROM THE GASCOYNE FROM THE McDONALDS. ANOTHER MOST WORTH-WHILE GIFT WAS A COPY OF THE DAILY CAMP PAPERS ISSUED AT THE LORD SOMERS CAMP IN 1929/30 IN ANGLESEA - WELL BOUND IN A BLUE HAD BACK AND FEATURING IN GOLD THE INITIALS A.M.

IT WAS DISCOVERED IN A BOX OF BOOKS BOUGHT AT A CLEARING SALE AND FORTUNATELY FOR US THE PURCHASER FELT IT SHOULD COME TO ANGLESEA - WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THIS CONTINUING INTEREST AND SUPPORT.

R.H.S.V. NEWS ITEMS - HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING THIS SEGMENT

1ST OCTOBER 1942	UNIFORM ENTERTAINMENT TAX WAS INTRODUCED THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA. (I WONDER HOW MUCH IT IS?)
9TH OCTOBER 1892	ROCKHAMPTON WOMEN FORMED A SEPARATION LEAGUE TO ADVOCATE A SEPARATE COLONY FOR CENTRAL QUEENSLAND.
20TH OCTOBER 1792	JOHN PASCOE FAWKNER, A FOUNDED OF MELBOURNE, AND PIONEER INN-KEEPER, EDITOR AND POLITICIAN WAS BORN. (JUST 200 YEARS AGO)
23RD OCTOBER 1942	THE AUSTRALIAN 9TH DIVISION AIF SPEARHEADED THE BREAKTHROUGH IN THE DECISIVE BATTLE OF EL ALAMEIN IN THE NORTH AFRICAN DESERT.
28TH OCTOBER 1892	A RAILWAY WAS OPENED FROM KORUMBURRA IN GIPPSLAND TO THE COAL CREEK MINES.
31ST OCTOBER 1842	THE TOWNSHIP OF ST KILDA WAS ESTABLISHED.
1ST NOVEMBER 1792	THE US SHIP PHILADELPHIA BECAME THE FIRST AMERICAN SHIP TO ENTER PORT JACKSON.
6TH NOVEMBER 1942	GENERAL MACARTHUR SET UP ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS AT PORT MORESBY.
14TH NOVEMBER 1892	JAMES COWIE, GEELONG AND BALLARAT PIONEER, VICTORIAN MP, DIED.
17TH NOVEMBER 1842	THE PORTLAND CRICKET CLUB WAS FORMED AT A MEETING AT THE GOLDEN FLEECE INN, WILLIAM FROST AS SECRETARY.
23RD NOVEMBER 1842	THE GEELONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY WAS FOUNDED (SERVICES STILL REQUIRED TODAY)!!
27TH NOVEMBER 1842	THE FIRST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHAPEL AT GEELONG WAS OPENED BY REV MICHAEL STEPHENS.
28TH NOVEMBER 1942	FLIGHT SERGEANT R H MIDDLETON WAS KILLED IN ACTION IN A STIRLING BOMBER ON A NIGHT AIR-RAID OVER TURIN IN WHICH HE WAS INVOLVED. HE WAS TO BECOME THE FIRST POSTHUMOUS AUSTRALIAN VC WINNER FOR THE RAAF.

KNOW YOUR TOWN

RESEARCHER LINDSAY BRADEN HAS COMPILED A LIST OF OCCUPANTS OF ANGLECREST OVER THE YEARS.

AN INITIAL START ON THE BUILDING WAS MADE IN 1926 BY MEARS, A FIRM FROM ESSENDON, WITH THE LATE BILL HALE AS OVERSEER OF WORKS. MR AND MRS JAMES LOVERIDGE TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN 1928. MRS LOVERIDGE STAYED ON AFTER HER HUSBAND DIED IN 1934; SHE ALSO HAD THE LOOKOUT ERECTED AS A MEMORIAL TO HER LATE HUSBAND AND HIS ASHES WERE BURIED IN THE ROSE GARDEN. ON HER DEATH THE PROPERTY PASSED TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND TRUST CORP ABOUT 1942 BUT WITHIN A COUPLE OF YEARS IT HAD BEEN SOLD TO GUY ST.MARC DUBOIS.

A MR THOMAS ROSE ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY FOR A SHORT PERIOD - SOME OF THE LAND WAS SUBDIVIDED WITH A MR DIXON BUYING A BLOCK - THE NAME OF MR R W HENNESSEY ALSO APPEARS AS A PURCHASER OF A BLOCK. MR HAROLD V COMLEY BOUGHT THE HOUSE IN 1950. A MR & MRS R LUCAS ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY TO RUN A GUEST HOUSE IN 1953 AND IT WAS THE LUCAS'S WHOM THE BUTTERWORTH'S SUCCEEDED IN 1956. THEY CONTINUED TO RUN ANGLECREST AS A GUEST HOUSE UNTIL THE PROPERTY WAS SOLD IN 1963. THE NEW OWNERS WERE THE SOCIETY OF JESUS IN VICTORIA, THOUGH LATER PHONE BOOK ENTRIES WOULD RECORD THE OCCUPANTS AS THE JESUIT FATHERS, 18 HARVEY STREET, ANGLESEA.
 1947 BUSHFIRE REPORT SHOWS DAMAGE TO ANGLECREST ROOF AND DAMAGE BY WATER - OUTBUILDINGS AND GARDEN ALSO BURNT WHEN MR DUBOIS WAS OWNER.
 1982 LATE NIGHT FIRE - DAMAGED ROOF ETC.
 1983 ASH WEDNESDAY BUSHFIRE DESTROYED THE BUILDING COMPLETELY.
 1985 ANGLECREST REBUILT IN A DIFFERENT DESIGN.

HELPERS FOR ROSTERS NEEDED

JANUARY 1ST REGATTA DAY WILL BE THE ONLY DAY WE MAN A STALL ON THE RIVERBANK - OUR SIGN MUSEUM OPEN WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE CORNER OF McMILLAN STREET AND THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN ATTRACT CUSTOMERS TO WALK THE SHORT DISTANCE TO THE MUSEUM. DURING JANUARY WE ALWAYS OPEN ON SUNDAYS AND SO OFTEN IT FALLS TO THE SAME WILLING HELPERS TO ACCEPT DUTY - THIS MEASURE SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO ATTRACT ENOUGH ASSISTANCE, KEEPING TO THE MUSEUM VENUE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO ASSIST WITH THE INFORMATION CARAVAN ON TUESDAYS, COMMENCING DECEMBER 22ND. IF YOU CAN HELP ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DAYS PLEASE CONTACT SHIRLEY ON 631430.

TUESDAYS FOR CARAVAN DUTY

DECEMBER 22ND; 29TH; JANUARY 5TH; 12TH; 19TH; 26TH.

SUNDAYS AT THE MUSEUM

JANUARY 3RD; 10TH; 17TH; 24TH; 31ST

REGATTA DAY

JANUARY 1ST.

ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER - NOVEMBER 6TH
 ANGLESEA HOTEL BISTRO - \$20 PER HEAD

PLEASE FIND CHEQUE/CASH ENCLOSED FOR \$ FOR PERSONS

PRINT NAME HERE..... AND RETURN BY
 NOVEMBER 2ND TO EITHER SHIRLEY FORSYTH, P.O. Box 98 OR LORIS PAVIA, 185
 GREAT OCEAN ROAD ANGLESEA.

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