

ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

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DEAR MEMBERS,

A GREAT START TO 1993 - OUR FEBRUARY MEETING HAD US WONDERING WHETHER WE SHOULD EXTEND OUR MEETING ROOM! A WARM NIGHT INDEED SAW WELL OVER 40 ENTHUSIASTS CRAMMED INTO EVERY AVAILABLE SPACE TO SEE TWO INTERESTING VIDEOS. THE FIRST COPY WAS SOME ARCHIVAL FILM OF THE VERY EARLY DAYS IN THE LIFE OF THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD SHOWN BY KEITH CECIL, WHO EXPLAINED THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHER WAS HERSHELL - AND IF THE NAME SOUNDS FAMILIAR, YES! THE SAME MAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR NEWSREELS DURING THE WAR. THE EXISTENCE OF THIS FILM HAD BEEN KNOWN BUT ITS WHEREABOUTS A MYSTERY - SO QUITE A FIND WHEN IT CAME TO LIGHT AT THE NATIONAL SOUND AND FILM ARCHIVES IN SOUTH MELBOURNE. A MR KEN BERRYMAN IS THE MAN IN CHARGE THERE - HE WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER IN MAY - A MEETING NOT TO BE MISSED. LINDSAY BRADEN PRESENTED HIS SECOND VIDEO ON ANGLESEA WHICH TAKEN US TO THE EARLY 1940'S. LOCALS TO FEATURE ARE JOAN MURCH, EDITH LAWN, JACK VICKERS AND JACK RUSSELL. THIS SEGMENT WAS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BY EVERYONE PRESENT. BOTH GENTLEMEN WERE THANKED BY EDITH, ACCOMPANIED BY HEARTY ACCLAMATION FROM MEMBERS.

MARCH MEETING

WELL KNOWN LOCAL IDENTITY FRANK FLYNN WILL TALK TO MEMBERS ABOUT OUR CHANGING COASTLINE - AND WHO IS MORE QUALIFIED TO DO SO? FRANK TAKES TO THE SURF EVERY DAY.

FUTURE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE BEN WRIGHT FROM THE GEELONG DISTRICT AMBULANCE SERVICE - WATCH THE ECHO - AROUND THE TOWNS FOR MORE DETAILS.

APRIL 3RD	BEN WRIGHT (TENTATIVE)
MAY 1ST	KEN BERRYMAN - NATIONAL SOUND AND FILM ARCHIVES
JUNE 12TH	PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE - SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED.

THE DECEMBER MEETING, WHICH FEATURED A NUMBER OF MEMBERS GIVING THEIR REASONS FOR MAKING ANGLESEA THEIR HOME TOWN, WAS ENJOYED VERY MUCH. WE KNOW THERE COULD BE OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE (NERVOUSNESS GONE AFTER REALISING NO CRITICS IN THE AUDIENCE!) SO THIS LITTLE EXERCISE COULD BE REPEATED.

DURING THE JANUARY HOLIDAY PERIOD MEMBERS WERE ACTIVE - AGAIN THE BARRABOOL SHIRE CARAVAN WAS MANNED ON A TUESDAY - THANK YOU TO OUR UNOFFICIAL AMBASSADORS! SUNDAY AFTERNOON OPENINGS AT THE MUSEUM DID PRODUCE SOME INTERESTING RESULTS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH, SOME NEW MEMBERS AND PHOTO AND BOOK ORDERS. AGAIN WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE TO THOSE FOLK WHO GAVE THEIR TIME - IT DOES FALL TO THE SAME FEW AND SOME "NEW FACES" ON THESE ROSTERS WOULD BE GREAT! THINK ABOUT IT.

WE DO NEED MEMBERS TO OPEN THE MUSEUM ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF EACH MONTH - IT IS ONLY FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS AND GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A REALLY GOOD BROWSE TOO. THE SUPPER ROSTER ALSO NEEDS A FEW MORE NAMES - ALL NECESSARY ITEMS WILL BE ON HAND, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF ENSURING THE URN IS ON THE BOIL AND SERVING THE TEA AND COFFEE.

SOME OF THE EXECUTIVE MET WITH A SHIRE REPRESENTATIVE RECENTLY TO DISCUSS SECURITY MEASURES AT THE MUSEUM - THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE - THREE SECURITY DOORS, FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND OTHER MINOR JOBS WILL SEE OUR \$1,000 GRANT FROM THE MINISTRY WELL SPENT. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SHIRE'S CO-OPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

MOST OF YOU WILL BE AWARE OF THE TALENTS OF MELVA MACKINNON-STOTT - WE'RE PRINTING HER ANGLESEA, OUR OWN TOWN IN FULL FOR YOU TO ENJOY, ESPECIALLY THE VERSE FOR PRESIDENT EDITH. (SEE PAGE 4)

SOME ITEMS FROM THE RHSV JOURNAL - FOR THE HISTORY BUFFS!

2ND JANUARY	1893	ALBAN G (JOHNNY) MOYES, CRICKETER AND CRICKETING AUTHOR WAS BORN.
13TH JANUARY	1893	ROY CAZALEY, NOTES VFL FOOTBALLER WAS BORN.
29TH JANUARY	1893	THE FEDERAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA CRASHED IN MELBOURNE BEGINNING THE SERIES OF BANK CRASHES THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA.
30TH JANUARY	1893	ALBERT JACKA, FIRST AUSTRALIAN VICTORIA CROSS WINNER IN WORLD WAR 1, WAS BORN.
2ND FEBRUARY	1893	IN THE MIDST OF TORRENTIAL RAINS AND FLOODING WHICH DEVASTATED BRISBANE, SOUTH-EAST QUEENSLAND AND THE NORTH COAST OF NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA HAD ITS RECORD RAINFALL FOR 24 HOURS, 35 INCHES 71 POINTS (WE'LL LEAVE YOU TO WORK OUT THE MM) RECORDED AT CHROMHURST NEAR BRISBANE.
3RD FEBRUARY	1943	A F VLASOF, THE FIRST USSR AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRALIA ARRIVED IN SYDNEY. (YOU'LL NOTE DURING THE WAR!)
14TH FEBRUARY	1893	LORD SHEFFIELD, WHO HAD LED AN ENGLISH TEST CRICKET TEAM TO AUSTRALIA WROTE FROM NAPLES CONFIRMING HIS INTENTION OF OFFERING £150 FOR A SHIELD FOR INTER-COLONIAL CRICKET COMPETITIONS, FIRST COMPETED FOR IN THE 1892-93 SEASON.
25TH FEBRUARY	1893	THE VICTORIAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SENT A TRIAL SHIPMENT OF FRUIT ON THE <u>BRITANNIA</u> TO ENGLAND.
3RD MARCH	1893	THE RAILWAY FROM WARRACKNABEAL TO BEULAH IN THE WIMMERA WAS OPENED.
8TH MARCH	1793	DAVID JONES, LEADING SYDNEY STOREKEEPER, BORN.
11TH MARCH	1893	DR W RUSSELL NOLAN CONDUCTED THE FIRST RECOGNISED APPENDECTOMY ON A PATIENT AT TOOWOOMBA IN QUEENSLAND.
25TH MARCH	1893	GEELONG BORN OSCAR ASCHE MADE HIS FIRST STAGE APPEARANCE IN LONDON AS ROBERTS IN <u>MAN AND WOMAN</u> AT THE OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE.
26TH MARCH	1943	THE JAPANESE OCCUPIED NAURU ISLAND AND EXECUTED LIEUT.COL. CHAMBERS, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ISLAND, AND OTHER OFFICIALS WHO HAD NOT MADE THEIR ESCAPE.

28TH MARCH 1893 THE RAILWAY WAS OPENED FROM DONALD TO BIRCHIP IN THE WIMMERA.

30TH MARCH 1893 THE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED AT A LARGE RALLY OF UNEMPLOYED IN MELBOURNE. NOTE 1893 - NOT 1993!

ANGLESEA ALSO RECEIVED A MENTION IN THE SEGMENT AROUND THE SOCIETIES.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS NOTICED BY TWO MEMBERS IN A RECENT EDITION OF THIS BRITAIN AND AS YOU WILL READ HAS INTEREST FOR THIS PART OF THE WORLD!

AS VISITORS TO LONDON'S KENSINGTON GARDENS PASS THE STATUE OF QUEEN VICTORIA WHICH OVERLOOKS THE ROUND POND, FEW REALISE THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY CARVED BY ONE OF THE QUEEN'S OWN DAUGHTERS. UNVEILED IN 1893, THE STATUE IS THE WORK OF PRINCESS LOUISE, THE SIXTH CHILD OF VICTORIA AND ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED AND ARTISTIC OF THE NINE ROYAL CHILDREN. BY THE AGE OF FIVE SHE COULD READ, WRITE AND COUNT IN ENGLISH, GERMAN AND FRENCH. SHE MARRIED JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL, THE MARQUIS OF LORNE AT ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR ON MARCH 21ST, 1891. WHEN THE MARQUIS WAS APPOINTED GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF CANADA, PRINCESS LOUISE ACCOMPANIED HIM AND DURING THEIR TIME THERE SHE WAS CALLED THE "QUEEN OF CANADA" UNDERTAKING A HECTIC PROGRAM OF OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS. BACK IN ENGLAND SHE BECAME HONORARY COLONEL-IN-CHIEF OF THE 91ST ARGYLLSHIRE HIGHLANDERS REGIMENT AND DESIGNED A NEW CAP BADGE WHICH THEY STILL WEAR TO THIS DAY. AS THE NEW CENTURY DAWNED, LORNE'S FATHER, THE DUKE OF ARGYLE DIED AND HE INHERITED THE TITLE, HIS WIFE BECOMING THE DUCHESS OF ARGYLE. WHEN HER HUSBAND DIED IN 1914 IT ENDED MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF MARRIAGE. WHEN WAR BROKE OUT HER PET PROJECT BECAME THE SETTING UP OF A HOSPITAL - ERSKINE HOUSE - IN RENFRENSHIRE WHERE WOUNDED SOLDIERS COULD BE FITTED WITH ARTIFICIAL LIMBS. SHE PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 3RD, 1939 AT THE AGE OF 91 YEARS, THE LONGEST LIVING OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S DAUGHTERS, AND MANY OF HER ARTISTIC WORKS STILL REMAIN THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AS A LASTING MEMORIAL TO HER.

ACQUISITIONS - PERHAPS WE COULD INCLUDE NEW MEMBERS IN THIS CATEGORY AS WELL - VERY NICE TO WELCOME THE FITSGERALDS AND THE MCPHERSONS.

IT IS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR MEMBERS THOUGHT OF OUR MUSEUM DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AND PUT ASIDE MEMENTOS TO BRING TO OUR FEBRUARY MEETING. BETTY AND ERIAN BUTTERWORTH FOUND AN EARLY EDITION OF MAC'S GEELONG STREET DIRECTORY - ONCE PURCHASED FOR 1/6D (15 CENTS). EDNA STEPHENS DONATED AN EARLY SOLID ^{WOODEN} COAT HANGER OF INTERESTING DESIGN. OTHER ITEMS CAME FROM ADELE DAVIDSON AND TED PAVIA (AN OSCILLOGRAPH) AND SOME PHOTOGRAPHS FOR OUR ACTIVITIES ALBUM. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR ITEMS THAT COULD PRESERVE ANGLESEA'S PAST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. MANY THANKS TO ALL.

Anglesea, "Our Home Town"

Anglesea's a place that is unique,
Way back in the old days it was Swampy Creek;
It's our Home Town -- so we will never roam far,
(We're not so crazy!)
Though the city life is not so slow,
Leave us in this little town that we love so;
We're happy night and day,
Anglesea makes us that way.

Home Town -- you're a patchwork to invite us --
River, beach and hills delight us --
We'll stay right here, because there's no town to compare with you.
Home Town -- where we wake up glad each morning
For kookaburras laugh at dawning;
We'll stay right here, because there's no town to compare with you.

You've laid hist'ry at our door --
Coaches, shipwrecks on your shore,
Your street names evermore
Remind us of our pioneers who've gone before.
Home Town -- no one's ever tried to hurry
Since the days of Mrs Murray;
We'll stay right here, because there's no town to compare with you.

Music repeats B -- Dance

All your people are your core,
Resident and visitor;
Old times we'll not ignore:
Regatta's on the river as in days of yore.
Home Town -- nothing much has changed - (well, maybe)
Since Jack Russell was a baby.
We'll stay right here, because there's no town to compare with you.

Melva Mackinnon-Stott

*The following verse was written
in honor of Edith's birthday*

Living Treasures are not born,
But develop as they're drawn;
Such a one is Edith Lawn,
Whose 80th birthday we salute this happy morn.
Home Town -- where the gum trees are so shady
And Edith is our fav'rite lady --
She'll stay right here because your history's so dear to her heart.

