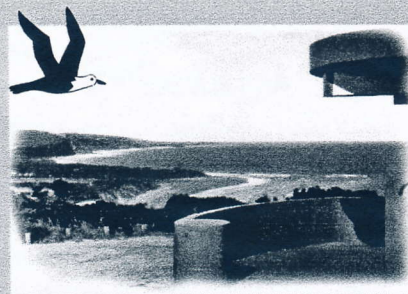


# Coastal Current

seaside tidings from ...  
The Anglesea & District  
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The Historical Society meets on  
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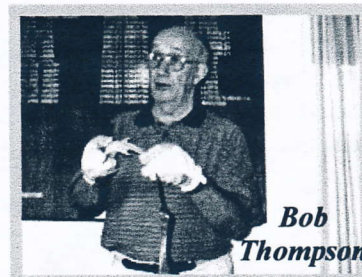
## Winter snippets

Our customary "winter warm up" was much enjoyed following an enthralling talk by our Guest Speaker. Cath Longman had quite a tale to tell - it followed the lives of two young friends who left the French island of Martinique in the West Indies in their teens to travel to Europe. One's journey finished as the favourite wife in the harem of a Turkish Sultan, the other, Josephine married Napoleon Bonapart. A fascinating true story !!



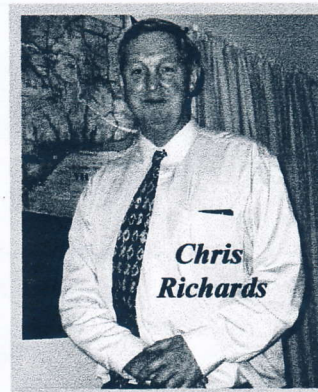
Cath  
Longman

What a contrast at our June meeting ! Two tables were covered with beautiful examples of wood carving, the work of Bob Thompson a cousin of member Loris Pavia. A complete hobby - Bob knows so much about the various timbers and sources of same that he uses for his models which include elegant wading birds, dolphins, sea horses and even kangaroos. His gift of a fine example of his work is on display and much admired.



Bob  
Thompson

Chris Richards, a retired Hospital Administrator, also has a passion - History and in particular place names. At present he is writing a booklet about the French connection with our coastline and it is a surprise to hear the number of Gallic names - unfortunately commented Chris, some have disappeared and new names given. He feels this aspect has been neglected in our history books and while Matthew Flinders' journeys are being remembered, some credit should be given to his French contemporaries who also charted our coastline.



Chris  
Richards

## THE YEAR OF THE INVERLOCHY

As a Society we certainly do not intend allowing the Centenary of the wreck of the Inverlochy to pass unnoticed on December 18th 2002. Plans are already being formulated for two celebrations. On the actual day a luncheon will be held at the Anglesea Surf Lifesaving Club which overlooks the site of the offending Ingoldsby reef. This will take the place of the usual annual dinner which until now has been held on the first Friday in November. On the Saturday prior to the ►





*The 'Inverlochy' sailed for Melbourne late September 1902.*

## Winter snippets continued

luncheon we are planning a get-together at Inverlochy Place in the centre of the shopping precinct. It is hoped school children will be involved and certain items will be on sale. A centenary coffee mug is in the "pipeline" as is a calendar featuring the Inverlochy.

### EVENTS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS

Our President continues to attend Heritage group meetings organised by the Surf Coast Shire, the last being at Torquay.

Four members enjoyed a Conservation seminar convened by the Public Records Office and held at the Geelong Wool Museum.

The President and Secretary were delighted to travel to Williamstown to collect a grant from the Premier for the restoration of the Inverlochy Log, and subsequently conveyed the book



*Receiving the Inverlochy Log grant from the Premier.*

to the Ian Potter Conservation Centre at Melbourne University. It should be an attraction during the centenary celebrations.

Three members assisted the Lorne Historical Society which hosted a quarterly Council Meeting of the RHSV held at Fig Tree House.

More recently the President and Secretary were guests of Ken Hall and Geoff Neilson, Trustees of the Howard Hitchcock Bequest, with the Geelong Historical Society at the launching by Mayor Barbara Abley of a book about Howard Hitchcock.

Written by Norman Houghton of the Geelong Records Centre (who has been of great assistance to our Society over the years) the book was a work of love according to the author as his subject had been one he had admired over many years as a remarkable figure who had contributed so much to the City of Geelong and had a big hand in the organisation of the building of the Great Ocean Road. Our Library was given a complimentary copy of the book titled "Hitchcock Geelong's Visionary" The Life and times of Howard Hitchcock 1866 - 1932.

### ON THE DOMESTIC FRONT

Our CPR Harry Davies continues to do a lot of work at the Museum in his unobtrusive way - we just find that these jobs have been done !

However we would appreciate very much to hear from members who are willing to do a turn on the second Sunday of each month from 2 - 4pm just two short hours when the Museum is open to visitors.

We will also need assistance over the weekend of Sept. 21st - 22nd - again ANGAIR has kindly offered us space at their annual display.

The long arduous task of cataloguing the entire Society collection (apart from the Library books which has been done by Jenny Crawford) has begun and help would also be welcomed here. If you can spare an hour or two please contact out President or Secretary.

### NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to: -

Denis Kichere from Carnegie (via our web page)

Steve Anset from Anglesea Police Station

Allan Norton from Anglesea.

Rodney Fernald from Doncaster and his sister Jean Ireland of Carnegie (Descendants of Mawson family)

Julie D'Costa from Anglesea.

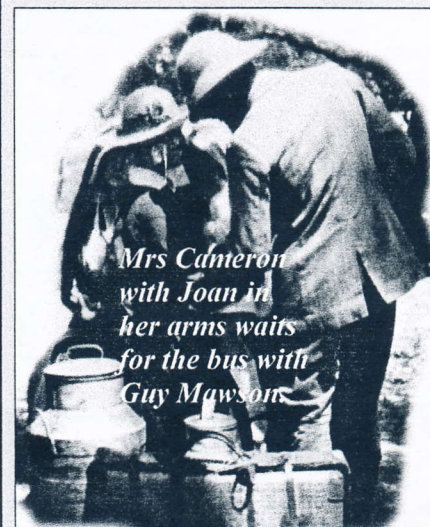
■ *Shirley Forsyth*

## Drayton's bus

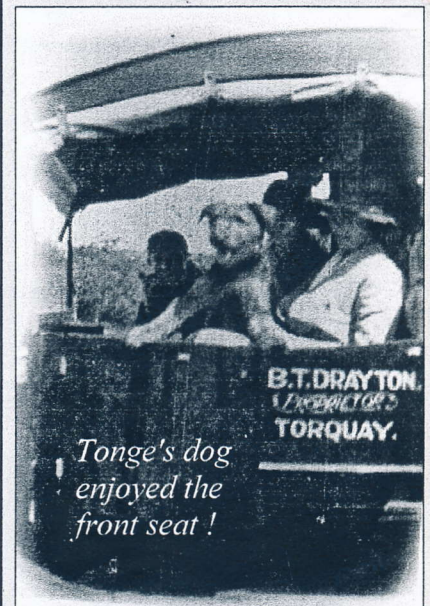
During the twenties Drayton's Model T. Torquay /Anglesea bus carried passengers plus their pets, even milk cans for the local store, on this exhilarating trip between the seaside towns ■



*Departure time*



*Mrs Cameron with Joan in her arms waits for the bus with Guy Mawson*



*Tonge's dog enjoyed the front seat !*

Catch up with the local scene! Click onto our Web Site via *Anglesea Online...*  
<http://.anglesea-online.com.au/>



# Nancy McDonald's ANGLESEA

*Edited highlights from an address by our popular member the late  
Nancy McDonald on June 2nd, 1984 Part four (final.)*



*Later we took a house for ten weeks, and used to leave Anglesea every Monday about 5am and drive to Melbourne. Every time we got a puncture !!*

We wrote to the Geelong Council in the finish, and said that there were always nails on the highway.

In those days Myer were selling prefab houses in

Melbourne, and these were placed on trucks and delivered to Anglesea and Aireys. It would seem that the nails for construction would shake out of their package on the way.

Its amazing how many houses were delivered that way in those days. You could see them in the basement at Myers, order one, and it would be delivered within 14 days.

Milk in the early days came in large cans, and used to be ladled out into your container at either



Mousley's or Marion's shop.

There's another thing that's changed and that's beachcombing. All the ships used to jettison cargoes just opposite here before they arrived in Melbourne waters.

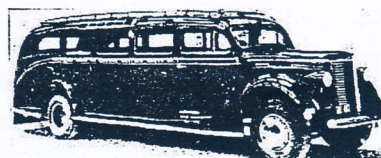
One Saturday morning we found a crate of South Australia whiting as we walked along the beach just west of Roadknight.

We took it home and said to Mother "were having some for lunch" She said "you're not having it in my house. "

In the days before the tip, you either buried your rubbish at Russell's block or Marion's. Anyhow we took it to Marion's, and she said "we won't bury it now" examined some and ate it. She then remarked it could be used for tomorrow's lunch !

We used to find Nautilus shells about every seven

years. I can remember collecting thirty around Urquhart Bluff. Some were right up amongst the cliffs.



The buses from Geelong in those days used to have a door for every five seats across. You don't see any of those today - not even in vintage parades.

The wildflowers seem to be coming back. I can remember getting on the bus with a huge bunch of Heath, and we thought nothing of it.

*In those times we never thought of conservation !!* □

*End of series - remembering  
Nancy McDonald's enjoyable  
address made on 2/6/1984*

## Research corner

Sunnymead Road was once the main track to a 106 + acre property on the south-east corner of Sunnymead and Boundary Roads, Aireys Inlet.

This first thoroughfare originally ran up from the mouth of the Anglesea river to Mt. Misery, then along what we now know as the power-line track to Boundary Road.

This undulating inland route fell into abandonment after the flatter coastal Lanes Road (Great Ocean Road) came into being.

*Barrabool Council changed the*



*name of the Anglesea end to Harvey street after WW2.*

The old buildings of Sunnymead (burnt Ash Wednesday) consisted of a small timber homestead facing towards to the sea, with a caretakers cottage and shed to the west of this.

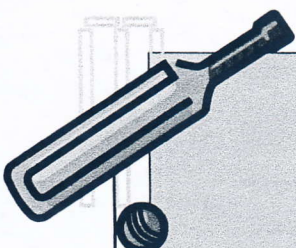
A private bathing box sat above the high water mark of the beach at the southern end of the property □

## ANGLEpast



*Fashionable attire noted at the 1914 Anglesea Regatta*





# They played cricket at Aireys Inlet 100 years ago !

The photo to the right (brought to us by Mrs Betty Cumming) is that of the Gent family cricket team who came from Ballarat East to challenge Aireys Inlet during the Xmas holidays 1901/2 and also 1902/3. These early cricket matches were probably played on the northern side of Noble's paddock near where the Airey's Ladies Hairdressing Salon is today. Please keep in mind that since those early days the route of the Great Ocean Road and subdivisional boundaries have changed the scene. *Thanks for the interesting photo Betty !*



## EARLY ANGLESEA FAMILIES THEIR LAND AND HOUSES (Part 6)

**During 1920 when transport was mainly by horse-drawn vehicles, the 2nd track to Aireys (after crossing the bridge ) went via Noble Street to Mt.Misery, and then along the middle way to the Inlet.**

**T**racks to the nearby Gladstone Hill cottages went via Diggers Parade, so as travel weary horses could drink at the unfenced water-hole in McMillan Street (once just



west of the driveway to the Historical Society). However, the old waterhole gradually lost it's importance as motor-transport became popular.

When C. J. Lane opened the 'Sunnymead Estate' in 1922 the easiest route to Aireys changed from the inland Sunnymead Road / Gilbert Street, to the coastal thoroughfare we now know as the Great Ocean Road.

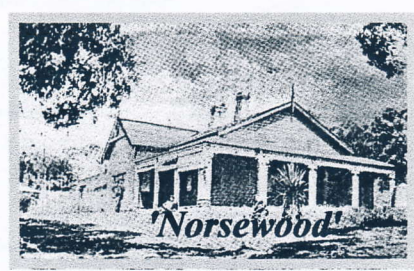
But it took another 24 years before the Diggers Road diversion (at the rear of Shell

was by-passed, and the River Esplanade went straight from the bridge to what we now call "The Four Kings" corner.

### Lets look at who were here in Pioneering times...

In the days when the main road from Geelong came into town along what we now know as Camp Road, the first house to be seen was Bubb's farm - which is now part of Alcoa.

Next on the left was Sichlau's "Norsewood." This homestead



was destroyed by the 1919 fire, and the old front garden is now today's BMX track.

Anna Mackay's boarding house was next to the right. Then Agnes Murray's P.O. on the right - both later burnt by bushfire.

Opposite was Sharpe Brearley's



cottage, which was painted white, with red roof and surrounded by an orchard. This was later demolished for a new subdivision.

Further along the cottages of Joyce and Hall, both later burnt by bushfire.

*At the far corner was Jackson's Hotel, a 3 storey wooden structure with high tower, which was burnt by bushfire in 1898, and rebuilt to a different design* □ L.B.