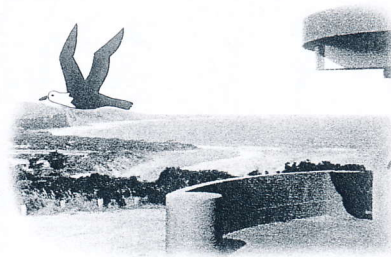


Coastal Current

seaside tidings from ...
The Anglesea & District
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Meetings
The Historical Society meets on
the first Sunday of each month
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Museum
Our Museum at 5a McMillan
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Inverlochy Centenary



The Society was very active this past quarter. The Centenary of the Inverlochy Wreck was commemorated on Saturday 14th December at Inverlochy Place in the village.



The public was entertained by Circus 3230—a group of young gymnasts under the guidance of Bronwyn Sdraulig.

Their interpretation of the wreck and rescue of the crew was performed with skill and imagination.



A rollicking band, display of Junior Primary School student paintings and a sausage sizzle added colour and excitement to the scene.

On the actual date of the Centenary, 18th December, about 90 members, guests and friends met at a luncheon, compered by our V.P. Harry Davies, at the Surf Life Saving Club Rooms overlooking the important Ingoldsby Reef.



The timing of this replaced our usual end of the year dinner

Professor Weston Bate, President R.H.V.S. unveiled paintings of the "Inverlochy" and "Hereford" by artist Geof. Soames, which were especially commissioned for the occasion.



The saga of William Buckley coming later this year

Inverlochy centenary continued

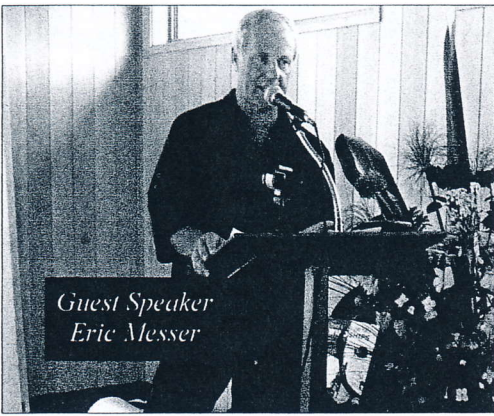


Stan & Melva Crier

The Town Criers role played onlookers of the 1902 event.

Researcher Lindsay and Sea Captain Eric Messer gave an enlightening account with wit

and authority. A happy day!

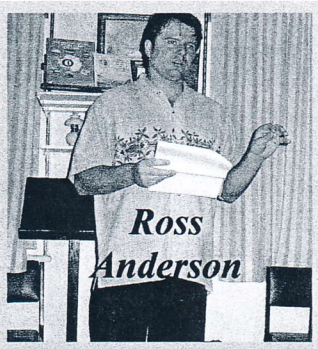


Guest Speaker Eric Messer

We gratefully acknowledge grants from the Surf Coast Shire and Regional Arts Victoria and sponsor Hamlan Homes.

Video recordings of the day were made by Nicholas, Ray and Cam.

At our November meeting, maritime archaeologist Ross Anderson, an expert on wrecks who has dived on Ingoldsby Reef gave us an excellent briefing on "our wreck."



Ross Anderson

In December, Jan Morris introduced us to the saga of William Buckley, an escaped convict, who adopted by local tribes roamed this area for 32 years.

The Society plans to participate in the

Bi Centenary of his epic survival later in the year.

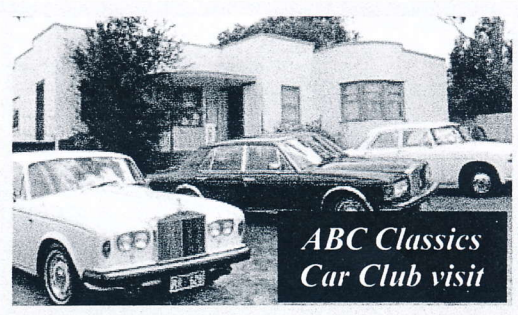


Jan Morris

Our Society was host to Tony Hodgson and members of the A.B.C. Classic Car Club in October .It was a delight to meet these enthusiastic people and examine their magnificent vehicles.

Much interest was shown in photos of

vintage cars that frequented these parts pre - G.O.R.



ABC Classics Car Club visit

The project of Primary School Interviews with several of our older citizens was concluded with the launch of the booklet "Insight into Anglesea." Congratulations to students ,teacher and Seniors who worked so well together on this oral history programme.

■ *Valerie Amery*

Late news

NOTICE is herby given that at the April 2003 General Meeting of the Anglesea and District Historical Society Inc., a special resolution to adopt a revised Constitution of the Society is to be placed on the Agenda.

A copy of the revised constitution is now on display at the Society's premises at 5a McMillan Street, Anglesea. Bruce Bodman. Secretary

For urgent sale Piano.
Apply
Mrs Kendrick. London .

Inspect at Demon's Bluff
Anglesea (1903) *

* The vibrant name of Demon's Bluff will be covered in our next newsletter.

THE BRIDGE CAFE



Once located at the corner of the river Esplanade & Noble Street Anglesea.

This site was originally part of George Noble's "Noorah" homestead block on the western side of the bridge.

In 1936 Adelaide Hedley attended the Estate of Geo Noble sale and purchased sale lots 8/9. By 1938 the Bridge Cafe with adjoining house was established on these sites.

Nancy Hedley managed the Cafe during WW2. H.G. & M Hughes ran the Cafe & Guest house period 1951/1957, and J. Solly 1960/1963.

Originally there was a hand operated Shell petrol bowser out front. A Golden Fleece pump replaced this in later times.

In recent years the Bridge Cafe and house were replaced by a group of modern shops. The black arrow points to one of these recently occupied by the National Bank

If you look at the middle photo of Hughes Bridge Cafe 1951/7, the white arrow points to an interesting Agency sign for the National Bank underneath the front verandah. This proves that the currency establishment had connections with the location once before.

■ L.B.

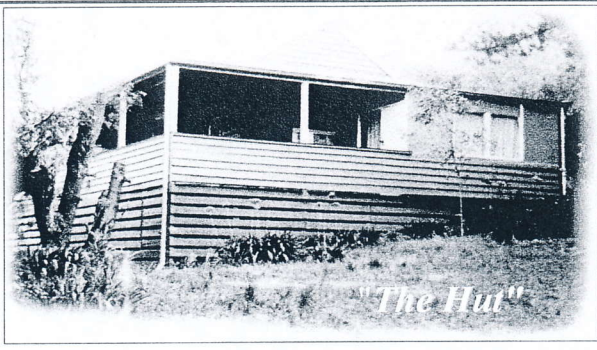
PHOTOpast series

Peggy Bunton's "The Hut"



(Part 2) Highlights from the late Peggy Bunton's (nee Paton) excellent book "The Hut" featuring the Paton family in early Anglesea....

We first started going to Anglesea in the Christmas 1912 holidays. Before that we went to Torquay with the Forrests. By 1912 our parents decided Torquay was getting *too crowded!!* - and began to look further afield, probably remembering Anglesea of Mother's youth.



February. There was no water supply or electric light. We enjoyed the soft glow

"Isn't that a lovely view!" - my father said as he placed me on a branch of a tree. I remember gazing all around wondering *what is a view?* We must have been inspecting 'The block' and choosing the site for our house - probably 1914 or 1915.

By 1916 the dream was a reality thanks to the help of Mr. J. M. Carroll, (a friend who had just built on the N.W. corner of Parker and Murray) who arranged a loan from Union Trustees, of which he was a manager, for the formidable sum of £200 to be paid back in monthly instalments of £2 - a real struggle in those days.

Dad had bought two acres for £30, one for us and one

for the Forrests. Originally "The Hut" consisted of one large living room with its log fire place, the tiny kitchen with fuel stove, and one little dressing room and a wide verandah. It became known as *'The verandah with house attached!'*

Furniture was the bare minimum. A table with a chair each - the cheapest available - these old kangaroo and emu chairs are now valuable antiques. No beds - our first job was to cut bracken and fill palliasses made of Hessian. These were placed side by side on the verandah by night and piled up in one corner by day.

We had canvas blinds all around so we were snug and dry if it did rain which seldom happened in January and

of kerosene lamps and beautiful rain water from a tank at the back - memories of daily tapping to see how much was left and how careful we needed to be.



Every drop was precious! I remember extra dry years when we took our toothbrushes to the sea to clean our teeth there, and even using special salt water soap.

All the water used inside had to be carried in from the tank, a kerosene tin of water always standing in the kitchen. Our first mod-con was a hole in the kitchen wall to bring a pipe in from the tank, and have a tap in the kitchen - it felt luxurious!

To be continued next newsletter



Gladstone Hill 8 years after "The Hut" was built