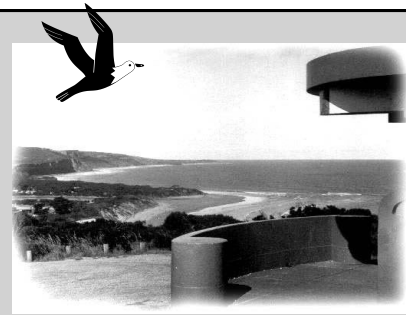


Coastal Current

seaside tidings from ...
The Anglesea & District
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Autumn Snippets

Another great year is well under way. At our March meeting guest speaker Chris Barr of the Torquay Historical Society came at short notice and gave an enjoyable talk on Addiscot homestead and the Bell family. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Many thanks Chris !



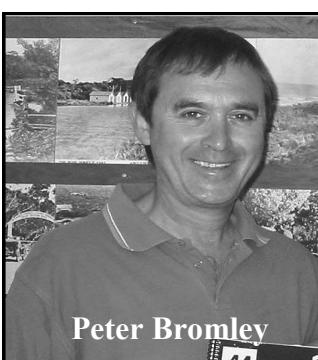
Chris Barr

Guest Speaker for our April meeting was Surf Coast Shire Recreational Officer, Peter Bromley, whose enthusiastic efforts recently had the important Winchelsea Memorial Precinct included in the Victorian Heritage Register. A grant of \$70,000 was obtained from the "2006 Commonwealth Games Looking After Our Heritage Infrastructure category" to conserve and restore this war Memorial Grandstand - We congratulate Peter for a job well done, and an informative talk !



Addiscot

On Sunday 10th April Bruce met 53 members from the Geelong Historical on a chartered coach at the Loveridge Lookout, and spoke about the History of the structure and local shipwrecks.



Peter Bromley

To make further use of our large photo collection your committee is studying the feasibility of producing computer generated slideshows remembering the local scene. Photo-past themes being considered are: Anglesea River, Anglecrest, Debonair, Main Street Shopping Centre, Main Beach etc.



Winch. Grandstand

We are delighted that the old Jonas Hollingworth cliff-top walk from the Lookout to Roadknight beach was re-opened at Easter. Congratulations to those concerned.

■ Bruce Bodman

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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
Street Anglesea, will be open
during the Xmas and Easter
holidays on Sundays 2-4pm or
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The Loveridge look-out is one of the few surviving structures left in district that has potential for Heritage listing. It has recently been vandalised.

Richard Pearman Minifie WW1 air ace !

Anglesea's Minifie Street is named after early residents James and Beatrice Kate Minifie. Few local citizens realise that **their second son Richard Pearman Minifie was a noted WW1 Australian Air Ace with 21 victories**. He was born during February 1898 in Melbourne and joined the Royal Naval Air Squadron in June 1915, at first flying Sopwith Tri-plane N5454 with 1.N Squadron and later with Sopwith Camel B6420. Richard was awarded both a DSC and a bar to it, and later a second bar after he was shot down behind German lines. In 1919 he returned to Australia and joined his families flour milling business. During WW2 he served as a squadron leader in the Air training corps, and died in Melbourne on March 23 1969.

His son Richard Lennard Minifie was a Flying Officer with 8 Squadron RAAF during WWII. Dick was a long time member of our Historical Society and last made a welcome call to attend our 2003 Inverloch luncheon. He died during 2004. Richard Pearman's daughters Judith Murrell and Deborah Cox each has a house in Anglesea ■ L.B./B.B.



Colonel Purdue's salvo made WW1 history

Colonel John Purdue built his retirement home in Murray Street Anglesea in 1950. He was awarded an OBE in the 1952 honours list, was a foundation and committee member of the Golf Club, also an active member of both the RSL and Anglesea Lions Club.



Colonel J. Purdue

During 1980 he died in the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital aged 88.

John Purdue (when aged 26) was a member of the gun crew to fire the first shot to mark Australia's involvement in WW.1.

This was fired from a six inch gun emplacement at the Pt. Nepean fort on the day war was declared against Germany.

RADIO COMMUNICATION BETWEEN

SHIP AND SHORE WAS NON EXISTANT when the S.S. Pflaz left Melbourne in 1914 at 7.30am in charge of Captain Robinson of the Port Phillip Pilot Service. War was declared by Britain on Germany that particular morning. Due to poor communication between England and Australia news of this was not received until 12.30pm. Australian time.

By then the Pflaz had been inspected

by an Officer of the Examination Service at Portsea and given the go-ahead to proceed to the open sea.

Advice of the outbreak of war reached Fort Nepean via Queenscliff as the Pflaz was departing. Signals were hoisted to stop, and a shot was put across the vessel's bows. **THE PHALZ RELUCTANTLY RETURNED TO PORTSEA**, where both ship and crew were placed under arrest. Shortly afterwards she was taken to Williamstown and remained there while the Commonwealth Government commissioned her to be fitted out as a troopship - renamed H.M.T. Boorara. An inspection found a number of 4 inch guns stowed in her hold, plus reinforcing plates on deck ready to take these armaments. It was believed the Pflaz was destined to become a Merchant raider in the Pacific !

■ L.B. (Newspaper inf. Prue Weber)



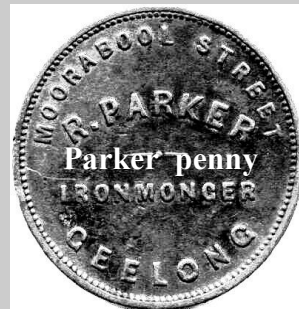
Parker penny

Parker Street Anglesea is named after William Parker, son of Richard Parker (Parker penny fame), whose ironmonger store was once at 54 Moorabool Street Geelong.

He was brother of Mrs. Alice Victoria Jackson Licensee of the Anglesea Hotel, and once owned many lots in the Street that now bears his name.

His holiday house known as "Marguerite" just below McMillan's "Blink Bonnie," was constructed in 1887 and burnt during the 1919 fire. It would appear that William Parker seldom occupied "Marguerite House" and used it as a letting investment. Richard Parker, founder of the family Store in Moorabool Street Geelong, is best remembered for his Parker penny.

During the Gold Rush period Parkers produced their own tokens when the Gov-



ernment had trouble keeping up with currency demands. The Government attempted to declare these coins worthless.

Richard Parker countered by saying he would give full value for every Parker Penny brought back to his Geelong Store.

It was said very few people made use of this offer.

From then the Parker Penny was considered to be as good as the official coin ■ L.B.

'Times gone by' on the way to Anglesea

St David's Lutheran Church Freshwater Creek



This quaint church south of the town was erected to serve the predominantly pioneering Lutheran farming community. It was constructed of locally quarried square coursed stone, and protected by an iron roof plus an unusual front squat iron clad tower. The original Church known as "the Church in the woods" was constructed of wattle and daub with shingle roof in 1859. The foundation stone of the present building was laid on 15th April, 1866, and the completed Church dedicated by Pastor C.W. Schuermann from Tarrington on 2nd September 1868. This important place of worship was designed by R.S. Tuffs of Geelong for the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Waldkirch (later Freshwater Creek.) During 1951 it was re-named St. David's Congregation, and is still used regularly as a place of devotion. *Anglesea pioneers George and Fanny Noble (although not members of the Lutheran congregation) are buried in the adjoining Cemetery - but that's another story ■*



The Freshwater Creek Primary School which once fronted the Anglesea Road, merged with the Mt. Duneed and Connewarre schools in 1994 and became the Mt. Duneed Regional School. The building was moved for a short stay to a special project place at Deakin University then back to Mt. Duneed Regional site. ■



Our May 2003 Newsletter carried the story of a missing mile post at Freshwater Creek. This absent 55 mile guide re-appeared after it was reported that a senior Surf Coast Shire Officer had this important item in his backyard, and was facing community hostility. It can now be seen at it's safer re-located position outside the Freshwater Creek Store. Look for this historical memo of the past during your trip to / from Anglesea ■ *L.B.*

Harry Hooper's holiday cottage

Magnificent Seaside Residence
 "BON AIR," Overlooking Bass Strait.
 Containing 7 tastefully furnished rooms, and with Bathroom (Porcelain Bath and Heater, &c.), Large Pantry (Bins and Shelving), Cool Chamber (with concrete floor), Large Wash-house (copper & troughs), Spacious Verandahs, having easterly and southerly aspects.

1923 "Bon Air" sale

Lots 7 & 8 Bon Air Ave.

1923

"Bon Air"

LOTS 7 & 8

82 years on (2005)

Back in 1923 well known Anglesea identity Harvey Sichlau moved to Yea, and placed his "Bon-Air" homestead and surrounding land on the Auction market.

Lots 7 & 8 Bon Air Avenue (both vacant land) were purchased at this sale by Geelong grocer Harry Hooper. *Harry then bought a redundant railway building and moved and installed it onto lot 8.*

With a little improvisation this structure was converted to a sturdy cottage, with a front Veranda replacing the original train platform porch.

82 Years later descendants of Harry Hooper offered lots 7 and 8 Bon Air Ave for Auction on Saturday 29th January 2005 through Geof Lewtas Allpoints Real Estate.

Both lots sold.....



Auction - On Site

Saturday 29th January at 1 p.m.
STOP! LISTEN! IT IS THE LOCATION..



This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. First time this property has been offered since 1923.

There is no doubt this is the premier location in Anglesea.

Cottage steeply pitched roof offers options and opportunity.
 The land size is approximately 697 sq.metres.

2005

Harry Hoopers cottage 82 years on