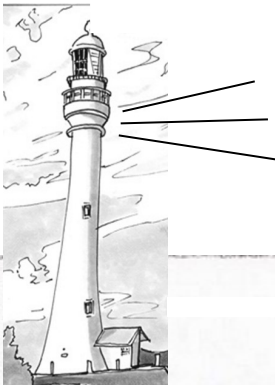


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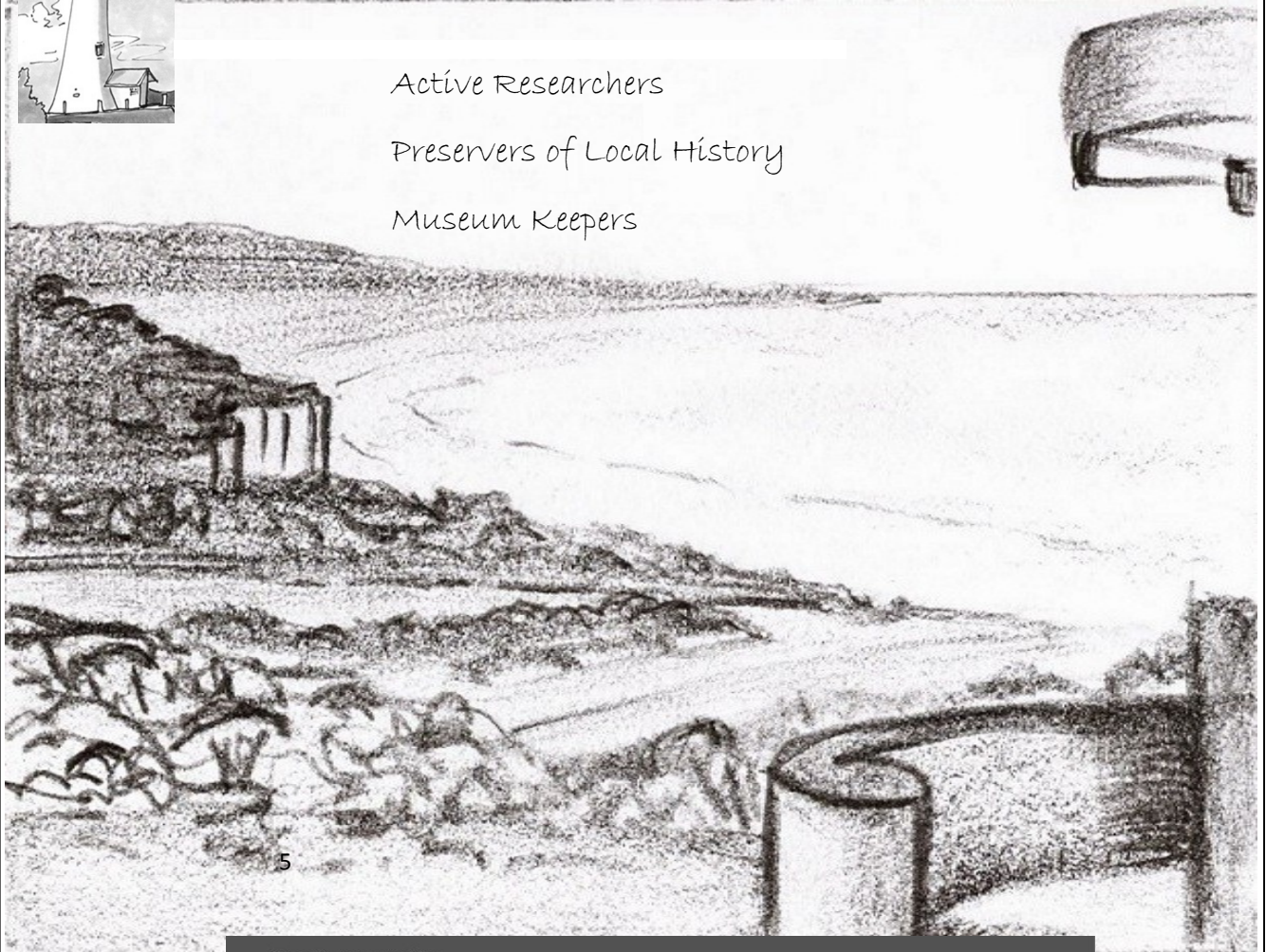
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Marilyn Robinson

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Membership fees apply from 1 September to 31 August

Meetings & Activities

Meetings are held at History House
5a McMillan Street, Anglesea
Entrance 4 of the McMillan Street
Community Precinct

The Historical Society meetings are on the first Sunday of the even months (February, April, June, August, October & December).

Meetings start at 2.00pm followed by a speaker and afternoon tea.

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Coming up:

DECEMBER - Meeting — Sunday 7 December

Christmas Meeting

Speaker: Adrian Hunter showing film footage of Anglesea during summer holidays taken in the 1950's.

Special Christmas afternoon tea.

Visitors welcome

JANUARY - no meeting during summer holidays

FEBRUARY - Wreck of the *Joseph Scammel*

Dramatic presentation by Carleen Thoernberg

MUSEUM open by appointment -

Ph. 5263 1249 or 5263 3085.

Photographs

Anglesea & District Historical Society has an extensive collection of photographs that may be ordered through Jan Morris ph. (03) 5263 3085

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		photo paper	fine finish paper
A4	8.26X11.69	\$15	\$8
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A6	4.13X5.82	\$4	\$2

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A discount of 10% applies to financial members.

MUSEUM OPEN

We would like to revert to having the museum open for visitors on a regular basis. The committee would like to have it open during January from 2.00-4.00pm.

We need people to offer to go on a roster to achieve this. Two people on each Sunday would be sufficient. If you can help please phone Bruce on 5263 1249.

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OUTDOOR ARTIFACTS

At our October meeting our newly restored items in the front garden were unveiled. Helen Tutt President of ANGAIR, explained about the plants, that a small group led by her had planted for us. They are all local indigenous plants. Ron Hollibone told us about the petrol bowser, restored by Les Barnes. It was unveiled by Dawn Hollibone. Harry Davies explained about the origins of the cart wheel restored by the Men's Shed and Ryan McKnight. Beryl Parsons unveiled it. Lyle McConachy told us about the seeder donated by Tim Bone, that Lyle had restored. Val Amery unveiled it. With these items on display, it is obvious what History House is.

MUSEUM

Displays continue to be arranged in the museum room. We have just installed a new large clothing cabinet. This has been provided by a generous grant from the Lions Club of Anglesea. The Lions Club will visit us in February and have a meeting in our rooms. We will provide them with a guided tour of the museum. They will see the blinds and cabinets they have paid for.

BROADBAND FOR SENIORS

We have renewed our contract with Broadband for Seniors. This results in them providing \$360 towards our cost of providing internet connection. The Broadband for Seniors is available free whenever History House is open. Assistance is available if needed.

GARDEN

The plants in our newly laid out garden are doing very well. We have purchased an extra long hose for watering. If anyone is prepared to go on a roster for watering over summer please let me know. (Jan 5263 3085). As they are indigenous they will eventually require very little watering but this summer it is vital that we keep them alive.

MARCH OPEN DAY

Community Precinct Open Day will now be held on Sunday 22 March 10.00am to 2.00pm. We will be relaunching the restored museum, provide guided tours of the museum, have old fashioned children's activities and videos of the Anglesea District. Mark the date in your diary and give us a hand to make History House a "must visit" place.

MANGLE

The laundry mangle we mentioned last quarter is now being restored by Les Barnes who restored the petrol bowser. At the unveiling of the bowser Les saw the mangle and offered to sand blast and repaint it. It will be displayed on our front porch, locked to keep little fingers out of the rollers.

FINGER BOARDS

We have many old finger boards given to us by the shire. The museum group has decided to display these between two posts at the front of *History House*. Jim Tutt is organising to have two posts installed at the right front of the house.

MEETINGS

We are fortunate in having film footage of the 1950's from Adrian Hunter. Adrian came to Anglesea every summer as a child. He will be showing this footage at our December meeting. This fits well with the post WW2 traders we have been filming. Remember visitors are always welcome.

EARLY DAYS AT AIREYS

Elizabeth McKenzie (nee Richardson)

When I went to school in Melbourne in the 40's and 50's, little was known about Aireys Inlet, as it was regarded as a long way from Melbourne. Our days revolved around fishing at low tide and swimming when we were unable to fish. My mother Elsie Richardson, would raise the flag when we were required to come up from the beach for a meal. With fair skin and all day in the sun, in old age you regret that there were no sunscreens available then. My bathers were woollen ones, which always chafed when worn for the whole day. My friend, who lived down Lighthouse Road, had a canoe, so both of us would lug it down to the river and have great fun in it or under it. No being driven anywhere, we always had to walk everywhere. The only place we were driven was to Hartley's farm to get cream for both the neighbours and ourselves. During the 1939-45 war we had to have all our windows covered up. Special frames were covered with brown paper so no light could be seen by enemy ships.



Federal Street, Aireys Inlet c. 1955

We had a Ford utility in which to come from Melbourne, with my brother Lachlan and I lying on a mattress, and freezing in the back of the ute. In latter days we would bring the refrigerator, and this would be beside us plus the dog. I can remember going to Geelong on a day when it was 120 degrees to get building materials from J C Taylor for Miss Gaye Tennant's house, which my grandfather was building. The utility boiled on the way home as it was probably over loaded.

I remember going to a Fancy Dress party at the lighthouse cottage home of Misses Cameron. My mother and I were dressed as lighthouses and our costumes were made of brown paper.

We used to go out to Swim Rock in a rubber dinghy to fish. On one occasion I had loaded the rods into the dinghy, but I was still attached to fishhook on the rod when Dad who was standing on the rock, started pulling it with a rope. I was yelling, but by the time he stopped the fishhook was well embedded into my hand. We cut the line and Dad brought me to Eleanor Williams at the lighthouse, as she was a nurse. She was able to skilfully cut it out of my hand. We still laugh about it.

We were able to live from the fish and crayfish we caught. We used to drag the fish net just below us. We upgraded this in latter years by using the rubber dinghy and dragging a net behind it. We would have many onlookers as we pulled it back to the beach, with much excitement when our catch was large. *Elizabeth and her husband Peter McKenzie now live in Federal Street, Aireys Inlet.*

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OUR VISIT TO BELLBRAE CEMETERY

Even the TV show Resurrection



Part of the Historical Society Group at the Bellbrae Cemetery.

didn't quite prepare us for some of the people who appeared from the graves on Thursday 6 November when we visited Bellbrae cemetery for the 150th anniversary. Joseph Grundy, the original owner of Ironbark Station met us as he was an original Cemetery Trust Member. Other folk from the past appeared, Anna Mackay, Ivan Roadknight, Charles Anderson and Minnie Clarke. We heard their stories as well as the family stories of the Bubb, Poignester, Mousley and Evans families. We found each of the new story boards that the Cemetery Trust had made to celebrate the 150th year. Browsing time brought back many memories and told many stories. Another enjoyable and information ADHS group outing, watch for next year's outings and join us.

AMPOL Petrol Bowser installed at Anglesea's History House



AMPOL Petrol Bowser – on permanent display in front of Anglesea's History House

The restored *Ampol Wayne Petrol Bowser* is installed in front of Anglesea's History House. This type of pump has an important and interesting Australian history. The following article presents some general information about the role of the *Ampol 'Bullseye' Wayne* pumps in our recent Australian history. A detailed description of the restoration process will be in the next Coastal Current.



From Wikipedia –

*"Ampol, the **Australian Motorists Petrol Company**, was incorporated by Sir William Gaston Walkley in **1936** in New South Wales. This was in response to Australians' concerns about perceived inequitable petrol pricing, and allegations of transfer pricing by foreign oil companies to limit their tax liabilities in Australia. **1965** saw the Lytton oil refinery in Brisbane, Queensland come on stream. Pioneer International Limited purchased a 20% stake in Ampol in 1979. In **1982**, Ampol purchased the marketing and refining assets of Total Australia Limited and changed its name to Ampol Limited.*

*In May **1995**, Caltex and Ampol merged petroleum refining and marketing assets to form Australian Petroleum Pty Ltd which, in **1997**, became Caltex Australia Ltd. The Ampol brand remains in use primarily in country areas where customer loyalty and strong brand-recognition are factors."*

Historical Asset

It is important for our Anglesea community to recognize that we have a very valuable historical asset in the original Ampol 'Bullseye' Wayne bowser (petrol pump) on display in front of History House. This pump has played a small but significant role in the development of Australia's recent history.

Petrol Pump Development

*"It was **1933** when the **Wayne Tank and Pump Company** proposed a new petrol pump mechanism that indicated the quantity dispensed where, the spindle of the measuring chamber set in motion a complex system of clockworks which directed a series of numerated rollers. In addition to indicating the quantity of fuel dispensed, the apparatus also clearly indicated the unit price and the amount due. From that moment, the very way in which the motorist expressed himself changed: they no longer asked for ten gallons of gas, but for ten dollars (or pounds) worth instead."*

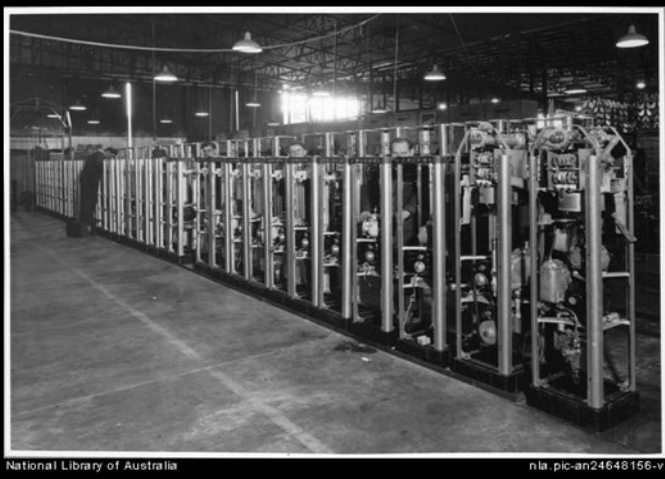
Source:- <http://www.museo-fisogni.org/index.php/american-origins>

Australian Made

The 'Bullseye' Ampol pumps were manufactured in **1950** by workers at the Kelvinator factory in Adelaide under licence to Wayne Pumps Australia Ltd. These pumps were familiar to Australian motorists when they became a widespread part of the Australian Service Station landscape. In an article that describes the Ampol Bullseye petrol pump, *Vintage Garage* states that the pump was: *"Made exclusively for Ampol this fine 1937 patented model is in the livery of the company which was formed out of an amalgamation of the Australian Motorists Petrol Company Ltd (AMP) and ALBA."* Source: <http://www.vintagegarage.co.uk/petrol%20pumps/wayne%20as70.htm>

Wayne AS70 Bullseye Petrol Bowser Manufacturing—Les Barnes

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Workers assembling Wayne pumps for Ampol at the Kelvinator factory in Adelaide, August, 1950.



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Rows of new Wayne pumps in storage being readied for installation, 30 September, 1950.

Introduction of the Ampol Wayne AS70 Bullseye Petrol Dispensing Pump

As best we can tell, the Ampol 'Bullseye Petrol' pump was introduced into Australia in the early 1950's. The National Library records extensive AMPOL petroleum refinery and distribution throughout Australia. This 'Bullseye' pump features regularly in their 1950's records of the Ampol Company.

This is a picture of the of the South Bankstown Ampol service station, New South Wales between 1952 and 1954 with six Wayne Bullseye Pumps on the drive-in service apron.

This common Ampol service station architecture that appeared throughout Australia in the 1950's [Picture from the National Library of Australia <http://>



Jack Davey (a 1950's popular radio personality) refuelling during the around Australia Redex Trial.

Photos from the National Library of Australia.



Thomas Playford (1950's South Australian Premier) interested in the New electric petrol pump during the opening of the Birkenhead (SA) terminal, 29 Sept. 1950.