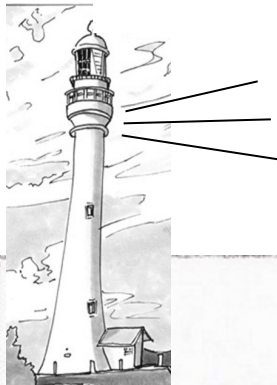


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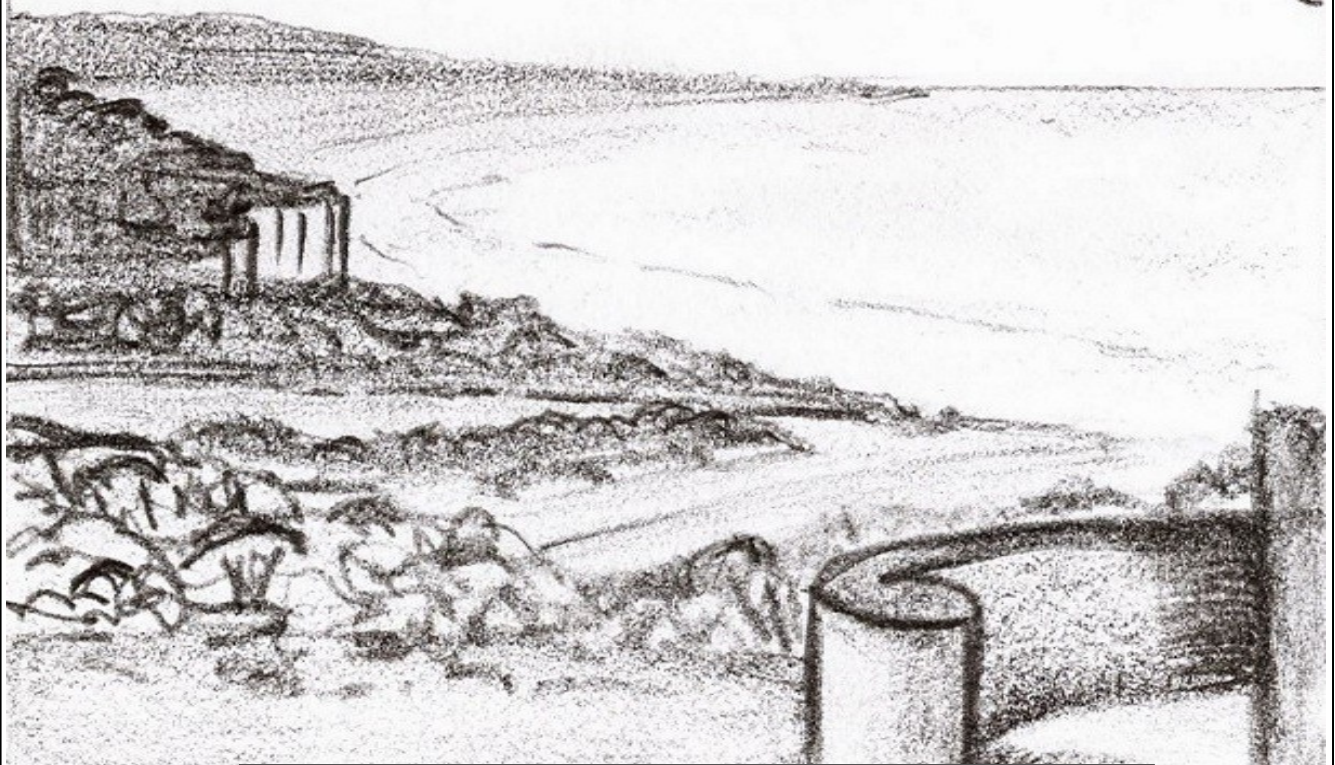
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The Anglesea & District Historical Society is a not for profit organisation staffed by volunteer members of the community, whose aim is to research and preserve history of the local area.

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Marilyn Robinson

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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.

Coming up:

MARCH OUTING- Visit Winchelsea Historic Drive and Winchelsea Historical Society. Leave 10.00am History House Cost \$5. Lunch can be purchased at Shire Hall.

APRIL MEETING - Sunday 12 - Ray & Veronica Shaw, Running a Butchers Shop in Anglesea in 1980's

MAY - Thursday 7—Outing to Historic Germantown (now Grovedale) cost \$5 BYO lunch. Morning tea provided.

JUNE MEETING- Sunday 14 Geof Lewtas Estate Agent Anglesea

MUSEUM OPEN TIMES

	Easter
Sunday 2.00—4.00 pm or by appointment - Ph. 5263 1249 or 5263 3085. Open for browsing when groups in attendance.	Monday
	1.30 - 3.30
	Tuesdays & Saturdays
	10.30 - 12.30
	School holidays—open

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Photographs

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

Email - davejanmorris@bigpond.com

		On high quality	On 100 gsm
		photo paper	fine finish paper

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A discount of 10% applies to financial members.

KEITH CECIL CORNER

We are creating a Keith Cecil corner in the museum. His children have contributed to this by donating many of his photographs and his newspaper cuttings. The large collection of cuttings are housed in the work room in two filing cabinets. They are indexed according to years. We are also indexing them alphabetically for easy access. We are grateful to his wife Marg. and family for this valuable donation.

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President's Pen

We concluded 2014 with a very interesting talk from Adrian Hunter about Anglesea in the 1950s. Adrian came here for summer holidays as a child. In the 1970s and 80s he ran a newspaper here. He brought some bound copies of the paper which provided very interesting browsing. He also showed us film footage of the 50s showing the beach activities and the township. It brought back memories for many and for the rest of us gave us an insight into Anglesea of 60 years ago.

Our visit to Bellbrae cemetery was very popular with 32 people in attendance. We appreciated Jenny Bubb and John Evans telling their family stories, as well as others characters who appeared. We plan a visit to another cemetery in November this year.

Last year was a year of reorganization. This year while there is still work to be done, it is a year when we can enjoy our many improvements. Our garden is growing and we have had flowers in the front, thanks to the people who watered during the summer. The back lawn is reasonably green, despite some of it being dug up for electrical cables. We will be able to run children's old fashioned games there on our open day on 22 March.

Our outdoor exhibits create a lot of interest, especially the petrol bowser, even though some have commented that they were disappointed they were unable to get petrol at the low advertised price. Les Barnes has again come to the fore and is restoring the mangle that will go on the front veranda. It will be locked to ensure no one puts their fingers through it. Out the back we have the sea mine and an old hand-operated washing machine, donated by Penny Dwyer. Thankfully the sea mine does not work as it is a shell only. Manufactured in Geelong during WW2, the shell of the mine was purchased by previous owners of the house and used as an incinerator. The washing machine however is in working order, so if your washing machine breaks down you can come and use this one, but you need to provide people power to make it work. You just rock the handle back and forth.

We welcome new members Karl and Barbara Jacklin who have already become active in the society. Karl has taken over the film project of Businesses and Traders Post WW2. They have both offered to maintain the library.

Our mosaic of the Inverloch, at Loveridge Lookout has been restored. The Shire paid to have the work done. The buoy surrounding the mosaic was painted and then covered in a plastic skin that can be removed if necessary, such as if it has graffiti on it. The screws through the rope have been secured.

We are still looking for an old small wooden boat to display on the balcony of History House. We are willing to pay for a suitable one and to restore it.

The cataloguing group meets each Monday at 1.30 under the guidance of Susan Clarke. Work would progress much faster if we had more people so if you think you could help please come along one Monday afternoon during term. No previous experience is necessary. They have catalogued well over 100 items so far.

We have been fortunate to receive two grants. Alcoa granted us \$615 to relocate and expand the Alcoa exhibit in the museum room. This includes a display of fossils found at the Alcoa site. The other grant of \$1,000 is for an A3 filing cabinet to develop a Family File, The cabinet will hold information of families who have lived or had an influence on the history of Anglesea district. This is a combined Historical Society and Family History project.

Sunday 22 March is going to be a big day for us. We will be open from 10.00am as part of the Anglesea Community Precinct open day. The Mayor Margot Smith will officially relaunch the restored museum at 2.00pm. We will have special displays for the day, as well as films of early Anglesea and old fashioned children's games. We need people to supervise and would be most appreciative of volunteers to work on one or two hour shifts. We also need to provide people to work hourly shifts at the Senior Citizens where food will be served. We do not have to provide food as the event is being catered for.

ANGLESEA MILK BAR

by *Gloria Newell*

In 1971 Anglesea was a quiet but friendly little town. There were about six shops when we took over the Anglesea milk bar come general store. The shop had groceries kept up on high shelves and a series of small rooms where different things were kept. My husband Keith set about building sets of shelves to display goods and keep them in easy access for serving customers.

Kay's cakes came into the shop daily. Things were not very hygienic in those early days and we realised we needed to make changes. We bought a proper cake counter with small display trays inside a glass cabinet. The cakes were served with tongs. Milk came from Bill Hunt's dairy beside the hotel. Customers brought exchange milk bottles to avoid an extra charge for bottles.

Lunchtime was our busiest time of day. We filled school lunch orders; the Legge contractors, who worked at Alcoa, came in each day for lunch. We took orders for the sandwiches and ran down to the little room where the sandwich ingredients were kept, and made up the order. A big display refrigerator with compartments for the ingredients, was our next improvement. We could then make the sandwiches in front of the customers. Tongs were used to handle all food items. We had a dairy refrigerator at the side of the shop for milk and other items requiring refrigeration.

We employed staff and kept all details in the wages book. Several teenagers worked for us, each doing a four-hour shift, the bottle boys also worked in four hour shifts. We had three adult staff as well as my husband and myself. Jenny Bubb was already working in the shop when we went there. Doreen Leeman and Mary Parker were the other staff members. They all worked full eight hour days. We worked very hard but we had a lot of fun with our staff and customers, often playing jokes on one another. One I will always remember, was when Jenny ran out the back and said to me, "Gloria, I am serving the Leyland Brothers." I looked up and saw a large four wheel drive parked outside. I proudly went out and walked up to them and asked. "Are you the Leyland Brothers?" A resounding, "No," was the reply. I had been caught out.

When surfing became popular our custom increased and we encouraged them by donating trophies for the surfing competitions. We donated seven trophies to the board riders club as we did well from the surfing trade. They supported us so we supported them. Our son Tony joined the under 13's football team and we donated the trophy for that team while we remained in business. We always supported the town by attending anything we were invited to. We felt obliged to do this as we were part of the town.

After five and a half years of seven day weeks and with the business getting busier each year, we were exhausted and in desperate need of a break. We sold in 1976. By then we really belonged to Anglesea, so bought some flats and Anglesea has remained home. Why would I want to live anywhere else?

HOT WATER SERVICE

We have applied through a government grant to have a hot water service put on History House. It would be wonderful to have running hot water to the kitchen and laundry sinks. Here's hoping we are successful.

BACK YARD

A trench has been dug through the back yard to take electricity to the Community Garden. Although this made a mess of our grassed area, the Community Garden Group has kindly been working to restore the grassed area.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We have several photo albums of photos taken in the last thirty or forty years. Unfortunately many of the people are not named in these photos. We would be most grateful if some of our older members could go through these albums and name the people they recognize.

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 a brother of Mrs. Alice Victoria Jackson Licensee of the Anglesea Hotel, and once owned many lots in the street that now bears his name, Parker Street. His holiday house known as *Marguerite* was just below McMillan's *Blink Bonnie*. It was constructed in 1887 but burnt during the 1919 fire.



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 Government 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 seems very few people made use of this offer. From then the Parker Penny was considered to be as good as the official coin. It is now a valuable collectors item. *From the research of Lindsay Braden*

FAMILY FILE

A \$1,000 grant from the Surf Coast Shire has enabled us to commence the long planned Anglesea & District Family File. We often have people come into History House asking if we have information about their ancestors who once lived or had a holiday house in Anglesea or district. Finding that information can sometimes be a challenge, especially if Bruce Bodman, who knows where most things are in the archives, is not available.

The new filing cabinet is A3 in size, allowing us to file A3 displays, maps and other larger items. It is housed under the honour board in the meeting room.

Over the next months we will be copying and filing information we have so that it can be easily retrieved. We are also asking people who have family history information they have researched or been given to include it for our collection. Remember the people who currently live in Anglesea are those that we will be asked about in the future, so please give us at least a summary of your family information.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

In December the combined Surf Coast Family History Group and the Anglesea and District Historical Society presented a well deserved life membership to Thelma Western. Thelma had been involved in the Societies for the past 14 years, accepting committee responsibilities in both groups. She has been an outstanding treasurer, keeping meticulous records as well as budgeting the finances of both groups. Our congratulations and thanks go to Thelma, whom we hope will remain an active member for many years to come.

HISTORY HOUSE OPEN DAY



SUNDAY 22 MARCH

10.00AM - 2.00PM



History House will be open with activities for adults and children.

Displays of photos, clothing, equipment, historic films and war records

Children's old fashioned games including sack races, knuckle bones, egg & spoon races, quoits etc.

Everyone Welcome Come and Bring Your Friends

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ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AMPOL PUMP RESTORATION *by Les Barnes*

The Ampol Pump was donated to the Historical Society by Ron Holibone. It was in a poor state after lying around unused for many years. The original Ampol paint livery was buried beneath layers of white house acrylic paint. The first task was to remove the chrome rings and 'Wayne' logo to get them re-chromed. The chrome-work was severely corroded and the 2 large 'bullseye' rings, 2 small flow glass rings and 2 'Wayne' company logos had to be unbolted and re-chromed. A local (Geelong) chromer was helpful by providing a 'reduced rate' price for chroming. The panels had numerous dents that had to be panel beaten and body filled with auto body filler.

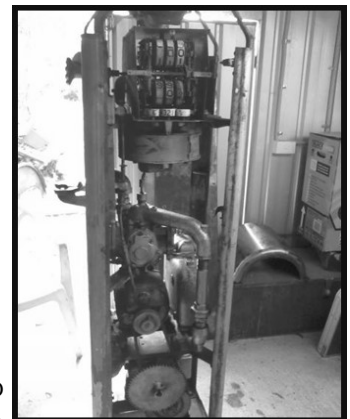
The white acrylic outer coats had to be meticulously strip sanded to expose the original Ampol logos and instruction labels so that the replacement decals could be reproduced accurately. Using Sand blasting or acid removal of the paint would have destroyed the underlying colour scheme as well as the original logos. Slow meticulous sanding was needed to retain the original colours and the logos.



Parts of the pump during restoration



Four of the outer panels were removed and worked on individually. One was too difficult to remove and had to be restored in situ. This also gave access to the pumping mechanisms for cleaning and painting. Photographic records of the original paintwork and logos were taken. After stripping the 5 layers of paint from the pump and returning the panels to bare metal, dents that could not be beaten were filled with auto filler, sanded, and 4 layers of etch primer were applied. Then 3 layers of filler primer and 2 layers of auto paint colour to match the blue/red Ampol paintwork was added. Once painting on the panels was completed, they were cut and polished and then re-bolted onto the pump frame. After decals were applied, 2 more coats of clear lacquer was applied and the whole pump was polished with auto wax.



A concrete mounting pad was built by Jim Tutt who also organized members of the 'Mens Shed' to assist in transport and installation of the pump outside the History House building. The pump was bolted to the concrete pad set up outside History House.



Ampol Bullseye Pump Value

It is difficult to put a monetary value on Anglesea Historical Society's Ampol Bullseye Pump because they are no longer available commercially. They have an increasing value in the Vintage Motor Memorabilia poor reproduction copies of this pump for about \$1600.