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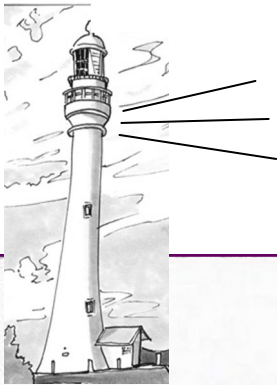
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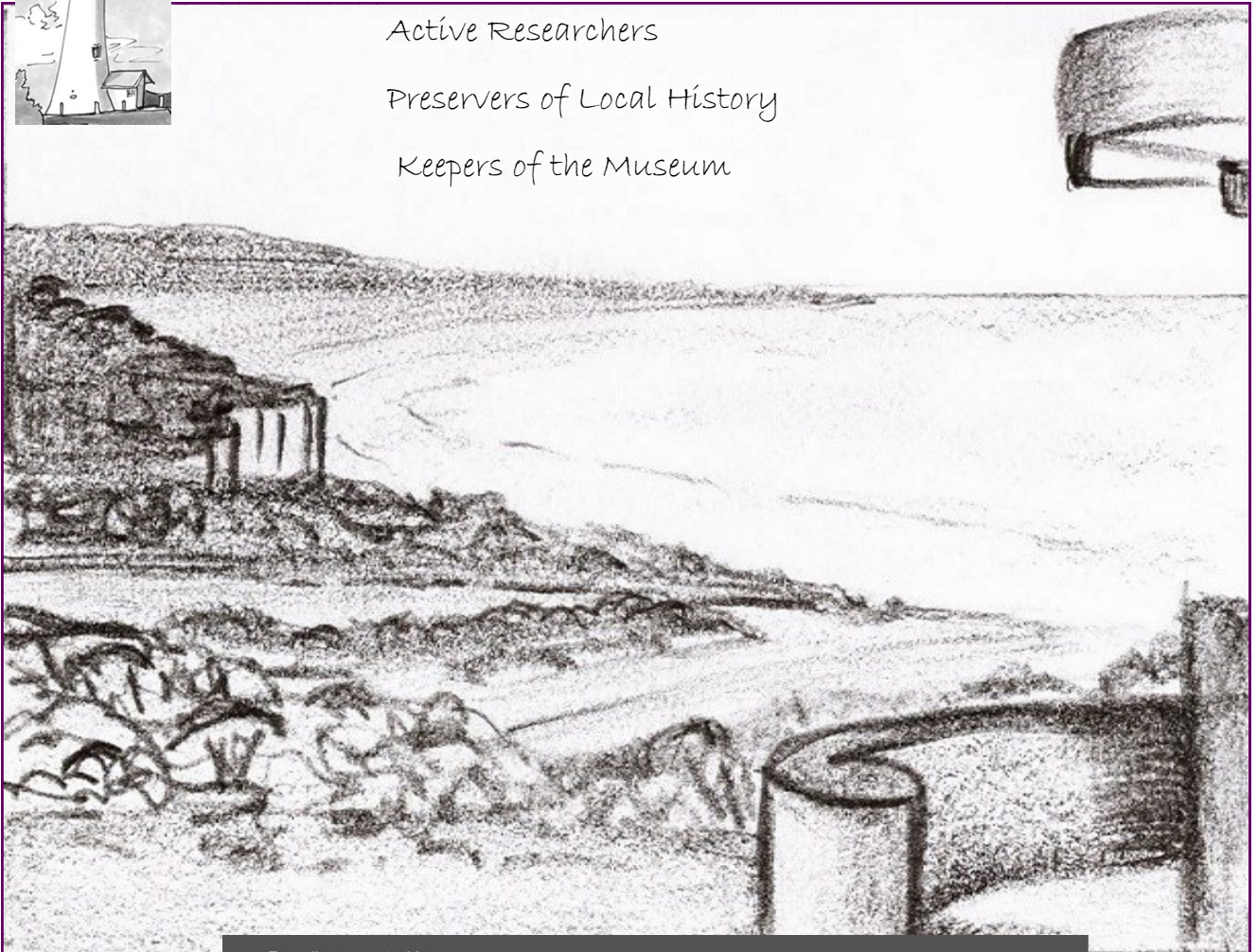
The Anglesea & District Historical Society is a not for profit organisation staffed by volunteer members of the community, whose aim is to research and preserve history of the local area.



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Keepers of the Museum



Marilyn Robinson

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ARE YOU A FINANCIAL MEMBER? . Historical Society is \$20 per person per year (this includes insurance). Family History (optional) is \$15 per family. FEES DUE 1 SEPTEMBER

Pay direct: Bendigo Bank—BSB 633 000, Account 1430 28421 **OR** post to PO Box 98, Anglesea **OR** pay direct to Chris Guerow, treasurer. *Membership is free for people over 90 years of age,*

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 usually on the first Sunday of the even months (February, April, June, August, October & December).

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MUSEUM OPEN TIMES

Second Sunday of the month 2.00 - 4.00 pm or by appointment - Ph. 5263 1249 or 5263 3085.
Open for browsing when groups in attendance.

Mondays 1.30 am - 3.30pm
Tuesdays 10.30am – 1.30pm
Saturdays 10.30 am - 1.30pm

The museum is also open at other times when working groups are present.

COMING UP

SEPTEMBER OUTING Thursday 8 September

leaves History House 10.00 am for
Geelong Heritage Centre
Booking Sheet on front desk or
Phone Jan Morris on 5263 3085
Cost \$5 + lunch

OCTOBER MEETING Sunday 2 October

Meeting including AGM, 2.00pm at History House
Speaker: Karl Jacklin
Topic: *ADHS Archival Films*

NOVEMBER OUTING

Tour of Historic Torquay
Leaves History House 10.00am Cost \$15 BYO lunch
Booking front desk or Jan 5263 3085

DECEMBER

Meeting 2.00pm Sunday 7 December
Meeting at History House

Christmas Breakup

Members & Visitors welcome

It is the policy of this society that no activities will be held on days of code red or extreme fire danger.

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

Prices		On high quality	On 100 gsm
		photo paper	fine finish paper
A4	8.26X11.69	\$15	\$8
A5	5.82X8.26	\$8	\$4
A6	4.13X5.82	\$4	\$2

Digital images for personal use only \$5 each

A discount of 10% applies to financial members.

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WINTER FEAST

The combined Winter Feast in July had a maximum audience with all chairs taken and extras brought in from the computer room. Bill Bubb held everyone spell bound as he told stories from his early life in Anglesea. Bill's talk was entertaining, interesting and informative. We were privileged to be able to record Bill's memories on film.

GRANTS

We are disappointed that we were unsuccessful in our application for a grant from the Public Record Office of Victoria, to create an archive of all organizations of older Anglesea residents. We will do this project at some time but need to work out a way of financing it. We have also put in for an Australia Post grant to develop our filmed interviews. We will not know the results of this application until later in the year.

BATHING BOX

Committee Member Jim Tutt is negotiating with the various authorities to enable us to move the last known bathing box from behind the Art-House to beside History House. The box or shed is in very poor condition and will require a lot of work on it. After extensive repairs it will be painted the original cream and red. We hope to gain a planning permit thus enabling us to use it for storage. It will not be available before Easter next year so we have ample time to make the appropriate applications and raise some money to pay for the work that needs doing.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

One way of paying for the expense of obtaining the old bathing box is to hold a sausage sizzle. We plan to hold one again this year on the Saturday of Melbourne Cup weekend. We are asking the Lions Club to lend us their tent and barbecue. We need volunteers to assist us selling and cooking sausages. If you can help for an hour or so please speak to one of the committee members.

HARDWARE

The scanner belonging to the Family History Group is no longer working properly. The Historical Society has had full use of it as we do not own one. We have purchased a new one with A3 scanning and printing capabilities, costing \$300. We are purchasing this in conjunction with the Family History Group, each organization paying half.

INVERLOCHY LOG

Karl, Marilyn and Susan are scanning the Inverloch Log Book. This means it will be disturbed only once from its conservation packaging. Great care is being taken in handling the pages. Once scanned we can then reproduce the pages as many times as we wish without disturbing the fragile paper.

ALCOA

We have had a verbal report that Alcoa will not be able to meet our request to retain a suitable building on the old mine site. There has been a suggestion that a purpose built structure be erected there. This is something we need to give careful consideration to in the future.

GARDEN

Thanks to the ANGAIR ladies who have been maintaining our garden. Their original plantings are growing well. The bushes along the side have become a hedge. The ground cover has spread well, with the running postman coming into flower. The garden really looks great. They have recently planted more ground cover and poisoned the weeds.

HISTORY WEEK

History week is 16-23 October this year. You will remember that last year we ran tours of historical sites in Anglesea. This year we are doing the same but at Aireys Inlet. We will run two tours on a 24 seater bus on Saturday 22 October. The first tour will leave at 10.30am. When it returns we will have a re-enactment, a film about Aireys and the story of early squatting. Refreshments will consist of biscuits made from the Bark Hut recipe book. This will be a fun and informative tour. Come along and bring your friends. Bookings recommended.

Contact Jan Morris on 5263 3085 0449 526311 or book at History House

ARE OUR EDUCATION STANDARDS DECLINING?

Karl Jacklin

Whenever a discussion turns to the topic of education, there will always be some who bemoan what they see as a decline in the standards of modern schooling. They will cite examples sourced from the internet in which writers reproduce examination papers from decades ago that they claim would present difficulties for many of today's students. For instance, the following two questions are from an arithmetic test that was set for eighth grade students in Salina Kansas in 1895.

1. *If a truck of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50¢ per bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. for tare?*
2. *Find the interest on \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent per annum.*

Now at first glance these two questions may seem somewhat difficult, especially as question one relies on a knowledge of pre-decimal weights and measures. However, here are several problems similar in type to those above that were included in a recent Year 7 NAPLAN test in numeracy.

1. Zoe bought a bike on sale at 15% off the original price.

The original price was \$420.

How much did Zoe pay for the bike?

- (a) \$63 (b) \$357 (c) \$378 (d) \$405

2. A plane was flying due north. It made these three course changes:

1. 15° right turn
2. 50° left turn
3. A final right hand turn until it was heading due east.

How many degrees did it turn the third time?

It seems to me that these two sets of questions aren't all that dissimilar in difficulty. Perhaps our standards aren't declining after all.

But let's look at the bigger picture. When I went to school we spoke reverently of the 3Rs: reading, writing and arithmetic. These subjects generally took up the morning session in most primary schools. In the afternoon the curriculum across the week was divided between social studies (a mix of history and geography), health, music, nature study, P.E., sport, and art and craft. The timetable was clear, uncluttered and unambiguous. I can remember weaving cane baskets each Thursday afternoon, and diligently sticking pussy willow catkins on a drawing of a kitten as part of art and craft. It certainly wasn't rocket science. However, as society's needs have changed and our knowledge base has grown, especially in the areas of science and technology, more and more pressure has been placed on our schools to prepare our students for a more demanding world. As well as those core subjects characteristic of my student days, primary schools now have additional curriculum areas to consider such as Languages other than English (LOTE), English as a Second Language (ESL), swimming, bike education, computer studies, environmental education, science, physical education, and for older students, health and human relations (sex education). Arithmetic is now just a part of a broader mathematics model, and governments are even considering making computer coding a required component of the curriculum. You would be forgiven for wondering how our students manage to do as well as they do given the pressures of today's education system. And if our schools are declining in standard, which I doubt, the end products of our education system are still managing to radically change our world. The study of genetics for example, is impacting on our lives in so many different ways. It may help us to live significantly healthier and longer lives. We are now in a position to have a dramatic impact on the planet on which we exist, and today's students will be the ones who go on to do these things.

However, if I haven't convinced you that our students are being well prepared for the challenges of the future, then come along to the Anglesea & District Historical Society's museum at 5 McMillan Street and have a look through some of the old class readers and mathematics primers we have on display. One is called "Mensuration for Beginners" by F.H. Stevens and was first published in 1896 (our copy was printed in 1906). I think that you'll find the display quite interesting. If nothing else, at least you'll get a warm buzz of nostalgia.

ANGLESEA SCHOOL HISTORY

From the research of Keith Cecil

In the early 1920's the Department of Conservation, Forests & Lands, then the Forest Commission of Victoria, established a series of pine plantations in the Anglesea area and it soon became apparent that the lack of a nearby school was very restrictive when trying to engage labour to work in the area.

On March 10th, 1926, Mr J W Grey, District Inspector of Schools submitted to the Department a letter from the Post Master at Anglesea, Mr A R Mousley, asking for a school at Anglesea.

On 18 March of the same year, Mrs E Smyth wrote to the Hon. Sir Alexander Peacock with a similar request. The nearest school was at Bellbrae, 7.5 miles away. The Forest Commission operating in the area could only employ single workmen as married workmen would not accept employment where there was no school, and Anglesea was a progressive seaside resort - these were reasons given for the establishment of a school.

The Geelong Advertiser, on Saturday August 14th, 1926 reported:-

Residents of Anglesea will be pleased to learn of a communication received yesterday from the Education Department by Mr E Morley, MLA. The letter refers to Mr Morley's representations on behalf of the residents of Anglesea, and adds: "I have to inform you that the department has decided to establish a full-time school at Anglesea as soon as the site can be obtained and a suitable building erected".

The actual opening date was Monday 26 September, 1927 and the Pupils' Register records the following as being the first enrolment of the school:-

Prep A MOUSLEY, Alma Ruby, RUSSELL, Peter John

Prep B DAVIDSON, Eric Alexander, EVANS, Leslie Frank, RUSSELL, William Frederick, DAVIDSON, Robert L Shaw, MOUSLEY, Thelma May, MOUSLEY, Alfred Evans, MOUSLEY, Phyllis Mary

Grade 3 EVANS, Stella **Grade 6** SMYTHE, Elma Marjorie

Miss Joan De'helin opened the school in 1927 as the first teacher. Miss Leydon was Head Teacher from 1928 until 1932. District Inspector Saxton represented the Department at the Official Opening on 22nd June, 1928.

Geelong Advertiser Tuesday 26th June, 1928

Last Tuesday saw the coincidence of two ceremonials at the Anglesea State School, these being the Official Opening and the celebration of Arbour Day.

In the presence of a large number of residents, Inspector Saxton of the Education Department, declared the school to be open. With a bright witty speech replete with a sound substance of good advice he addressed the parents and children. One of the most significant things he mentioned was that many of Australia's leading citizens had received their initial education in rural State Schools. Turning his attention briefly to the few unmarried adults present, he uttered the fecund apothegm "The Bachelors of Today are the Fathers of Tomorrow".

The rites of Arbour Day were then celebrated with due reverence. Inspector Saxton planted a tree on behalf of the Education Department, and Mr Chas Venville represented the Forestry Commission in the solemn ritual.

After all this, everybody adjourned to an enjoyable afternoon tea provided by the ladies.

Apologies for their inability to be present were received from Messrs Morley MLA and Brownbill MLA, Chief Inspector McRae of the Education Department and members of the Forests Commission.

The festivities were brought to a climax in the evening with a euchre party and dance. The proceeds from this were given to the school fund. The ladies' prize was won by Mrs Moreton Snr., while Mr W Seiffert was acclaimed the victor of the sterner sex.

By 1933 the enrolment had increased to 23 and all grades except Grade Eight were represented; the Head Teacher being Miss F E Wallace.

On January 23rd, 1935, under the Aireys Inlet heading, the following item appeared in the Advertiser which would no doubt have affected the enrolment at the Anglesea School.

After this holiday vacation the Education Department have granted Aireys Inlet a half-time school with Wye River. The parents are delighted as previous to this some of the children have had to attend Anglesea School, a distance of seven

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miles. Others have been learning by correspondence, and some have not been having any schooling. There will be an attendance of about twelve children.

By 1939 the enrolment had increased to thirty. The majority were girls, and to provide for their instruction in needlework Miss Nan Hunter of Geelong was appointed Sewing Mistress.

Through the enthusiastic efforts of the Head Teacher (Mr F P Wood) most of the children had been taught to swim, and it was hoped in March to have them examined for their certificates.

Geelong Advertiser Tuesday 21st. January, 1947

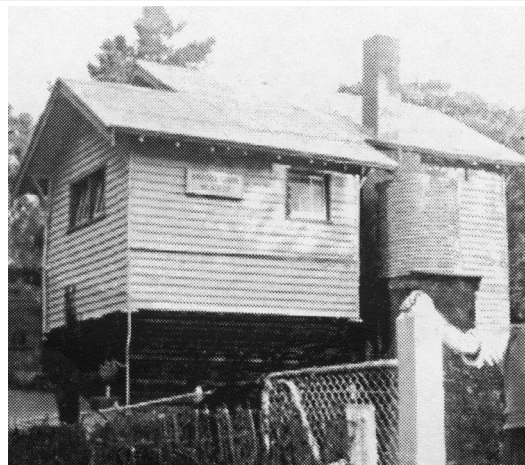
During January there were a number of serious bushfires throughout the State and Anglesea was not exempted. On this date the headlines in The Argus reported:-

.....garages at the Anglesea Hotel were destroyed before the flames were checked. The fire travelled through the centre of the township setting the main Anglesea Bridge on fire three times, and bringing down power lines and telephone cables. The school building was saved, but outbuildings, including a new shelter shed were destroyed.

An Assistant was appointed about 1950. Net Enrolment on 8/7/1955 was 50 pupils. Extra land was purchased in 1954 for 140 pounds (\$280) and a new classroom was erected and first occupied on 9/11/1956. A Mothers' Club was in existence in 1954. It is recorded that Mr John Burgess was Head Teacher from 1949 until 1968. During this period, a third classroom was added as the net enrolment in 1964 was 104 pupils.

In 1969 the School was upgraded to Class 2 with a net enrolment of 170 in three rooms. A portable classroom was brought in to relieve the accommodation crisis. Three additional classrooms, an office and storeroom were added, the classroom being occupied in February 1970. Mr Lou Faulkner was appointed Principal in 1969 and the enrolment on 15/8/1971 was 190. This was Arbour Day and a beautification upgrade of the school grounds was held with the first tree being planted by several pupils from the class of 1927.

Lou Faulkner died at the end of 1971 and a temporary Head Teacher, Mr B Borchers, was appointed for 1972. In 1973, Mr B Judd became Head Teacher and he stayed for three years. Mr R Wood took over the reins in 1976 and he stayed until his retirement at the end of Term 2, 1980. Mr G Coxall was appointed in his stead but he did not take up office until Term 2, 1981 and in the interim, Mr K Cecil acted in his stead. In 1983, another Principal took over, Mr S Leyton, but he only stayed one year and Mr B Scott succeeded him in 1984.

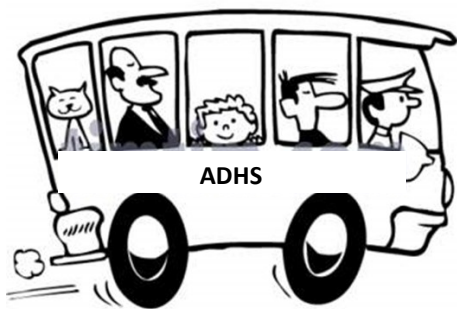


Anglesea State School c. 1940

History Week Tours

OF HISTORIC AIREYS INLET

Saturday 22 October 2016



Tours commence ❖ 10.30 am ❖ 12.00 noon

Bookings: 5263 3085, 0448 526311 Allow 2 hours

Leaving from the Bark Hut, Aireys Inlet (Allow 2 hours)

Includes a short film about Aireys, bus tour, re-enactment, story of early settlement and light refreshments.

Cost: adults \$12, concession \$10, children \$5

