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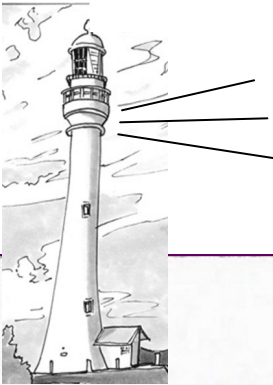
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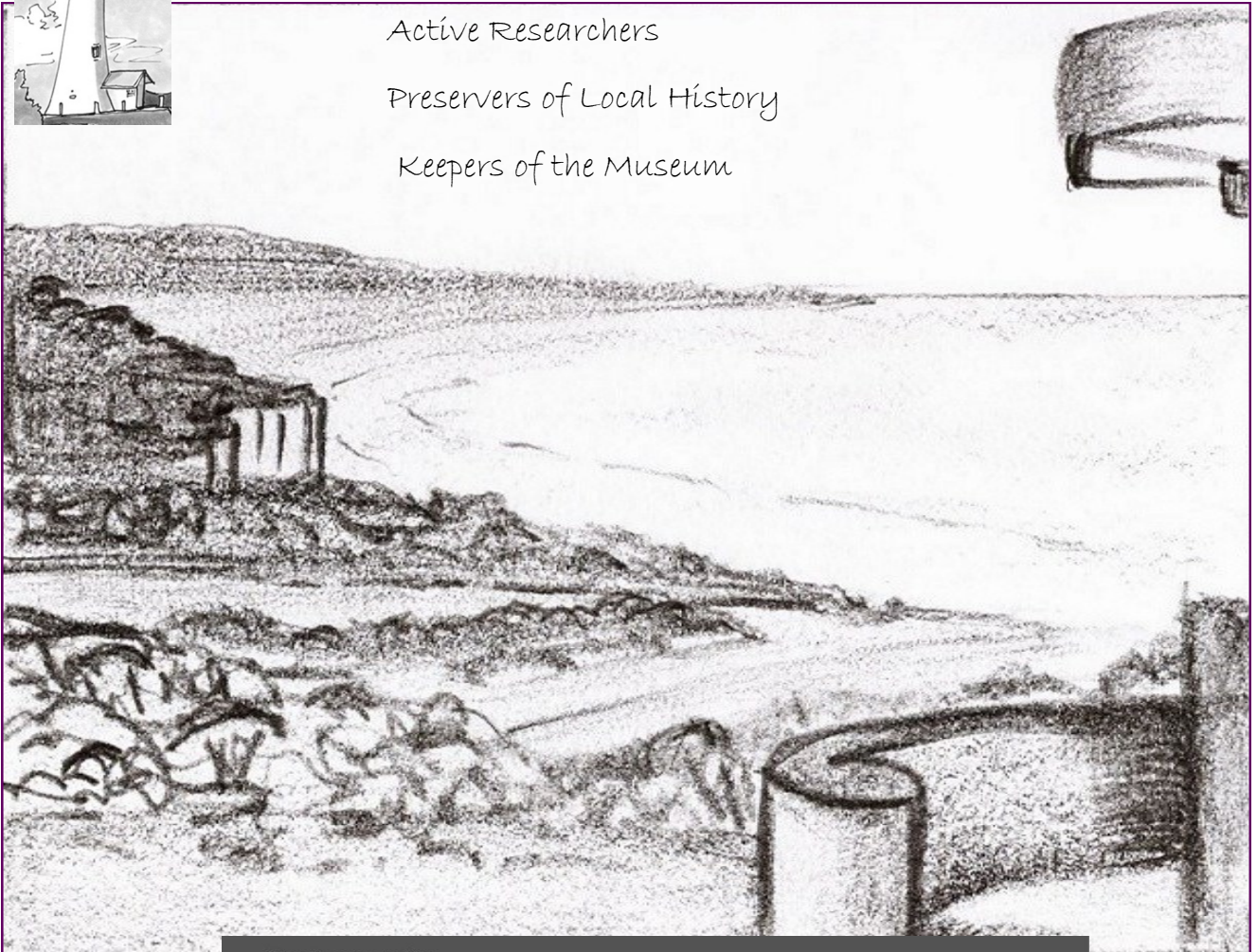
The Anglesea & District Historical Society is a not for profit organisation staffed by volunteer members of the community, whose aim is to research and preserve history of the local area.



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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 usually 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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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	Tues-
days 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

DECEMBER- Christmas Breakup

Meeting 2.00pm Sunday 7 December History House
Christmas Around The World, Christmas afternoon tea

JANUARY - no meeting

FEBRUARY MEETING Sunday 2 February

2.00pm at History House

Speaker: Ron Roberts

Topic: *Split Point Lighthouse Story*

MARCH OUTING - Thursday 9 March

Tour of *Coragulac House*

Leaves History House 10.00am

Cost \$40 includes transport, morning tea and lunch

Bookings at front desk or Jan 5263 3085



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

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A discount of 10% applies to financial members.

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How fortunate are we? So many people have worked very hard during the year to achieve so much at History House.

Our museum continues to be improved with a small group led by the curator Susan Clarke continually cataloguing items according to Museums Australia standards. They research and photograph each item and put it on the *Collections Victoria* internet site. This means people can browse our items online and visit us if they want to know more. While the current group is doing an excellent job, it would be faster if we had more volunteers.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At our Annual General Meeting in October Bruce Bodman was presented with a Life Membership for his 14 years of dedicated work for our Historical Society. Bruce is truly a worthy recipient of life membership. For 13 years Bruce ably filled the role of secretary for the society, but he did much more than secretarial duties. He took a great interest in building up our library with books of historical interest as well as keeping his eye out for items for the museum. His knowledge of the history of Anglesea and district is amazing, especially considering he has not lived here all his life. Thank you Bruce for your contribution. We look forward to your input in your new role as researcher.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We welcome our new secretary Marilyn Wendt who has been minutes secretary for the last year. Marilyn already works on both the cataloguing group and the Family File. Our other new committee member welcomed at our AGM, is Lachlan Richardson, who will be responsible for the Aireys Inlet section of our society. We look forward to him sharing his knowledge and experiences of Aireys Inlet over the years.

FILMING

Karl Jacklin continues to develop our computer programs, making films, building a massive data base and indexing items. He also has computerised the library and prepared a library borrowing program. New equipment purchased has included a new A3 printer—scanner. We are now connected to National Broadband. As with all things new there were some teething problems which have now been resolved.

We have film footage taken by Lindsay Braden, of interviews with old Anglesea residents who are no longer with us. We also have filmed interviews taken under the Wild & Wise Seniors Grant, Local speakers have been interviewed as have local residents. These have been edited into an interesting film that we saw at our October meeting. Twenty people thoroughly enjoyed our tour of Torquay visiting Addiscott and the Scammell House.

BATHING BOX

Our most exciting news this year is the Bathing Box. We believe that the last remaining Anglesea Bathing Box is behind the Art House. As the Art House is due to be extended next year, we are negotiating to move the box to behind History House, restore it and put a marine display in it. As the box is in very poor condition there is a huge task in restoring it. We have applied for a grant from the Surf Coast Shire to assist with costs. We are also approaching various groups to assist in the work. If we do not take this opportunity of preserving the bathing box, we will not have another chance. See article on page 6. Our Sausage Sizzle held on Saturday 29 October was a great success raising \$565 towards the restoration of the Bathing Box.

FAMILY FILE

Family File, the joint program with the Surf Coast Family History Group, is progressing well. They are creating a data base of early Anglesea Families, documenting the information we have on each of them. The A3 family filing cabinet holds articles and information about families. It is also growing as we add more and more families to our collection.

TOUR OF HISTORIC AIREYS INLET

Unfortunately the tour of Aireys Inlet planned for History Week in October had to be cancelled due to bad weather. We plan to now have this tour during February 2017. Watch for the date.

The Stats: Edward Goderich Greeves, known as “Carji”

Born: 1 November 1903 at Warragul, Victoria.

Died: 15 April 1963 at Ararat., Victoria

Educated at Cressy then at Geelong College from 1916 – 1923.

Played football for Geelong from 1923 – 1931, & 1933.

Won the first Brownlow Medal in 1924 aged 20 years & 321 days.

His playing number was 20.

He totalled 124 games mostly as a Centre player. He kicked 17 career goals.

He came second in the Brownlow Medal count in 1925 to Colin Watson (St Kilda) and 1926 and 1929 to Ivor Warne-Smith (Melbourne)

He played in Geelong Premiership teams in 1925 and 1931 and represented Victoria on four occasions.

In the winter of 1928/9 he was invited as specialist coach at the University of Southern California to teach the American’s how to kick a ball the Australian way.

At School he was Captain of the Cricket team, he won the school tennis championship and was stroke of the rowing crew and a footballer – an all-round sportsman.

Inducted into AFL Hall of Fame in 1996 & GFC’s Hall of Fame in 2002.

His father Edward Goderich Greeves., known as “Ted” was a farmer, and his wife Frances Adaline, nee Nasmith returned to Cressy near Geelong in the mid 1900’s. Ted Greeves also attended Geelong College and played 20 games in the centre for Geelong Football Club (the Pivot’s) from 1897 to 1899.

ANGLESEA WAS CARJI’S FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT *June Ford*



Much has been written about Edward Goderich “Carji” Greeves the Geelong footballer who won the first Charles Brownlow Medal awarded to the Fairest and Best Victorian Football League (now AFL) in 1924. But little is known of the family’s long association with Anglesea.

Although the family lived on a property at Cressy, near Geelong, they came to Anglesea as early as 1924. Carji’s mother, Frances Adaline Greeves nee Nasmith, purchased land fronting the Great Ocean Road through to Tonge Street, Anglesea in 1924. The property eventually had a house with a frontage to the river and a log cabin at the back on the Tonge Street block of land. Frances named the house “Ormond” after her uncle, Captain Francis Ormond who after becoming increasingly interested in developing a full scale residential college for students studying medical, law, engineering and other subjects, gave 112000

pounds towards such an institution. Today Ormond College at Melbourne University is a memorial to Francis Ormond. “Ormond” at Anglesea became the venue for many happy family holidays. Memories of camping in the log cabin while the front house was rented during the holidays. Memories of driving down the very muddy Great Ocean Road in Struan Nasmith’s car. Swimming and surfing, rowing on the river, beach walking and many family picnics. Carji talked with great enthusiasm about having a surf on Lou Whyte’s board, one of the first to come to Australia.

Struan Nasmith, brother of Frances Greeves owned properties now 115 Great Ocean Road, Anglesea and 2 McMillan Street, Anglesea. He lived in the McMillan Street residence (since demolished) during the holidays and rented the Great Ocean Road residence to holiday makers and family members.

Carji had brothers, Ron and Colin and a sister, Tui. At various times over the years their families stayed at “Ormond” or at one of Nasmith’s houses. Carji and his wife, Alma, owned an acre of land in what is today called Greeves Street. The land was later sold to Carji’s nephew, Everett Greeves.

Anglesea was the place to catch up with old school and football friends. He rowed in 1925 as a member of the *Bonnie Blink* rowing crew (S T McMillan (str), H Macmillan (3), E G Greeves (2) and F H Wray (bow) that competed in the A P Bingley Grand Challenge Cup held on the Anglesea river every News Year Day. They were narrowly defeated by the *Lorna Larnee* crew. In the Men’s Pairs the same year W H Hale and E G Greeves were defeated by M A Belcher and E K Rodda. (*ref: The Grand Challenge by Graeme and Prue Weber p.96*)

When Geelong champion, Bernie Smith, won the Brownlow Medal in 1951 he visited Anglesea for the media to capture the two medallists together in front of the fireplace at “Ormond”. Carji’s association with Anglesea continued until he died in 1963.

It is not widely published that Carji was chosen to spend time in America teaching the gridiron players how to kick a ball the Australian way. The trip to America came to fruition after years of discussions about the kicking styles of the Americans and the Australians, between Mr Andrew Chaffey, who was treasurer of the University in Los Angeles and his brother, Mr Ben Chaffey, who had a strong connection with Mildura. Eventually a Mr J A Alexander was commissioned by the Board of the University to select a player who was a great kick, an all-round sports person and a good communicator. After a lengthy search, Carji was selected and he left Australia by ship on 9 August 1928.

The University of Southern California had about 12,000 students. In a letter to his parents, Carji said there were about 12 coaches, one or two for every branch of the sport. A number of students received free education because they were selected for their sporting ability. The University made hundreds of thousands of dollars when the team won.

He said, at first coaching was frustrating. The students simply watched him kick then they would walk away saying “they could not do it” and start throwing the ball to one another – passing they called it. Carji eventually managed to get one or two shaping up well and kicking 50 to 60. Prior to their new coaching they kicked 20 to 30 yards which was considered a great performance.

In 1974 Carji’s widow, Alma, moved from Ararat to Anglesea where she lived until her death in 2002, aged 97. Both she and Carji are buried at the Geelong Crematorium.

MEMORIES OF MR. JACK BURGESS

From 'Growing Up In Aireys Inlet' by Barbara Palmer-Fatchen (nee Anderson)

"I'll never forget Mr Burgess and the things he taught me," has been said by many ex pupils of the Anglesea State School. Jack Burgess taught from 1948 to 1961. The late Barbara Palmer-Fatchen (nee Anderson), an identical twin, wrote a book of her memories of *Growing Up In Aireys Inlet*. She devoted a section to being taught at Anglesea State School by Mr. Jack Burgess. She says.....

Mr Burgess stood on the platform. A tall, striking, athletic figure, with receding short brown hair. His age was about mid thirties. His suntanned face accentuated his vivid blue eyes, which gazed upon the scene before him. He had come to Anglesea State School as our new principal, in 1948. The school, situated on a large area of land down Camp Road, was less than half a mile from the Great Ocean Road. The Anglesea Hotel was on the left of the Ocean Road and Camp Road, and the Post Office was on the opposite corner where we would get off the bus and walk down to school with several other children. We were six years of age, in grade one, when Mr Burgess came to our school.



Head Teacher Mr Jack Burgess

Both the school house and Mr Burgess' house, were over the road from each other. Both buildings were white weatherboard. The school itself consisted of one room with the platform in the front, a large desk, and a blackboard above an open fireplace. Classes went from Pre grade to grade six. These grades were in rows facing the front. The wooden desks had lift up lids and inkwells. Large windows on either side of the room let in plenty of light, and had bookcases underneath. There was an annex and a storeroom attached. We entered the school through the annex, where we hung up our bags and coats.

Apart from Mrs McDougall, a middle aged lady who took the prep grade and also lived down Camp Road, there were only two teachers for roughly 30 pupils. We sat in awe of our new teacher, who, though displaying a somewhat kindly face looked very serious indeed. Frowning, he greeted us in a cool, firm voice. "Good morning boys and girls." After our "Good morning Mr Burgess," it was clear that he was not impressed with the bunch of unruly students before him, products of lax forebears. Nor was he impressed by the desks carved with initials, and the ink stained ceiling. The whole school trembled when his next words were, "I should call the police, this school is a disgrace."

After that introduction our little school never looked back. Mr Burgess instilled in us a pride in our school, and also in ourselves. I remember how hard he worked to make the school grounds so lovely, with the sports ground at the top, a play area for the preps (with a monkey bar and sand pit), terraced gardens with bright coloured flowers and birdbaths around the school itself. Also there was a lovely mown lawn where we'd have talks or be read stories. The sad stories where we had lumps in our throats, and the joyful ones where our laughter rang through the woods. He had a good sense of humour, and could see the funny side of things.

He taught us how to play the kettle drum. We'd take it in turns to play when we marched into school in the mornings. I loved our nature walks looking for wild orchids. It was a challenge to find a new species. Music was most enjoyable with Mr Burgess playing the piano accordion. We enjoyed the jolly songs he taught us.

Our Christmas treats would have been the envy of any city school, with the scout hall adorned with all the decorations we had made in art classes. The square dancing we were taught to the accompaniment of the accordion, our concert with carols where we sang with great gusto to impress our parents, and there was the party—a banquet to be sure. Last but not least, speeches, prize giving, and of course Santa Claus with lollies and presents. There was always left over for the next day before holidays. I have never forgotten the kind teacher who used to come across to the school on cold mornings to make us travellers hot chocolate, for we got to school quite early and would have to wait in the cold for the school to open. Some days were so cold the puddles on the road were frozen. I will always remember one day in particular when it snowed. We had never seen snow before, and still see his face as he watched thirty or so excited children rush to the windows.

Mr Burgess left a lasting impression on me. I both loved and respected him., I never heard him raise his voice or hand to any child. We gladly worked hard, and did our best to excel under his excellent tutelage. Sadly, Mr Burgess died in 2003, of lung cancer, in Geelong where he had retired for some years. But I can't help wondering sometimes, if he ever remembered the snow.

SAVE THE LAST BATHING BOX

Jan Morris



Bathing Box c.1930

Bathing Boxes are a rare commodity in Anglesea. In fact there is only one left. The others have all been destroyed over the years. The one remaining box is currently behind the Art House. It was moved there in 1960 when the Barrabool Shire ordered the removal of bathing boxes from the sand dunes. The dunes needed to be stabilized. Three boxes were moved to behind what was then the Scout Hall. Only one of these three still remains, and it needs to be moved to make way for extensions to the Art House. It is in extremely poor condition. The Historical Society needs to move the box to behind History House and then restore it to its original condition. We have to save it now.

Bathing boxes were popular seaside acquisitions in the early 20th century. Anglesea, being a seaside resort, had a row of bathing boxes in the sand dunes along the foreshore, where the Surf Club is now. The bathing boxes are not to be confused with the boat sheds that were situated along the river banks. Several families owned both a bathing box and a boat shed.

As the west side of the Anglesea River was originally in the Shire of Winchelsea, the bathing boxes were all in that shire. According to the Winchelsea Rate book for 1900, rates were paid on bathing boxes in that year by J Donaghy, W & J Hasty, W & W Higgins, AP McMillan, J Parish and the Anglesea Hotel. These people owned the box but not the land on which it was placed. The boxes changed hands over the years and had many different owners.

In the days when people did not have cars and usually walked to the beach, a bathing box became not only a place to change for swimming but also a place to store beach paraphernalia. Chairs, shelters, towels and picnic utensils could all be kept in the bathing box and be there ready for use when the family went to the beach. Some boxes were locked but Harold Little tells me that several were left open for anyone to use as change sheds.

The largest bathing box had a verandah. As can be seen in the photo, the Anglesea bathing boxes were not all built the same, as they were at many beaches. Anglesea's were built by individuals to their own design, but Shire permission was sought for their erection.

We, at the Historical Society need assistance to restore this last box. While some of the work needs to be done by trades people there are other tasks that can be done by volunteers, including carpentry and painting. Donations and offers of help with the restoration will be most welcome.



LEFT :

ANGLESEA BEACH

Front view of the bathing boxes, looking up from the beach.

There was no standard design, each box was built by individuals with no consideration of uniformity.