

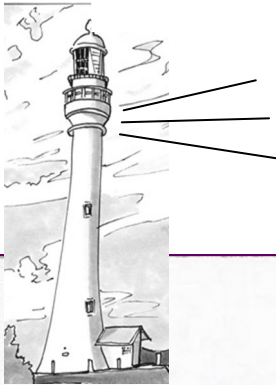
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Quarterly Newsletter Of The

Anglesea & District Historical Society

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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.



Active Researchers

Preservers of Local History

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
Members is free for people over 90 years of age but they are not insured.

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.

SEPTEMBER OUTING Thursday 7th September
Visit to Apollo Bay Old Cable Station Museum

Leaves History House 9.30am Cost \$20 + Lunch

Bookings Jan: 5263 3085 or at the front desk.

OCTOBER MEETING AGM 2..00pm Sunday 8 October

Speaker: June Ford

Topic: *Memories of Anglesea*

NOVEMBER OUTING Thursday 2nd November

Outing: Bus Tour of Historic Lorne Cost \$20

Bookings essential, Limit of 22

Leave History House 10.00am return 3.30pm

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MEETING

2.00pm Sunday 3rd December

Christmas at Anglesea through the years

Followed by a special Christmas Afternoon Tea

Members & Visitors welcome to all meetings and activities.

Transport can be provided to all meetings and activities by phoning 5263 3085.

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

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MUSEUM OPEN TIMES

Second Sunday of the month 2.00 - 4.00 pm or by appointment - Ph. 5263 3085.

Open for browsing when groups in attendance.

Mondays 1.30 pm - 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.

Photographs

Anglesea & District Historical Society has an extensive collection of photographs. Orders to Jan Morris: Phone: 5263 3085 Email -davejanmorris@bigpond.com

Prices		On high quality	On 100 gsm
		photo paper	fine finish paper

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President's Pen

Despite having many members away during the winter, our meetings have been well attended. In June we celebrated royalty and acknowledged our members who have joined the queen as being nonagenarians. Being over 90, they are honorary members of the Historical Society and were given a certificate to recognize their special status. Our actual meeting fell on Betty Butterworth's 90th birthday so we helped Betty celebrate with a birthday cake. We treasure our older members, especially those over 90. They are all a great source of reference when checking historical facts. I have often quoted an old African saying, "When we lose one of the senior members of our society, it is like having a whole library burnt down." Each of our members is valued for their different contributions to our history.



Heather Boyd, Betty Butterworth, Douglas Anderson, Dulcie Anderson, and Harold Little receive their Nonagenarian Certificates.



Betty blowing out her birthday candles.

Betty has been a member of the Historical Society since 1981. She and Brian are listed as being at the second meeting of the society.

July was the combined Winter Feast when we joined with the Family History Group, enjoying a meeting that interested both groups. We listened to an outstanding speaker, Lindsay Smail and then shared a delicious lunch. Lindsay Smail presented an illustrated talk on "Weather Wonders of Geelong". He had great photos of floods, snow, droughts, winds, hail, and fires. I was most grateful to the people who volunteered to serve food and to clean up afterwards. Many hands certainly made light work that day.

In August Jenny McPherson spoke on historic bridges in Victoria. Jenny has been a researcher for the National Trust, so was able to tell us the story behind many of Victoria's old bridges, some being in the Geelong area. She shared a large range of photos of many types of bridges.

The Bathing Box continues to be restored. A-Z plumbing did an excellent job of reroofing it. Malcolm McDougall and Brett Morris have pulled out the old lining and with the help of Keith Hornibrook have replaced many of the weatherboards. We are concentrating on the restoration before we consider the development of a marine display inside the box. The framework of a cupboard has been utilized and will provide storage. A bench top has been retained to display our shell collection and other marine items from the area. Harold Little has generously given us a painting of the coast painted in 1970 for Fran Filkins, by Nell Smith. It will be part of the marine display. We would welcome any donations for the new marine display.

Looking forward to our program for the rest of the year, in September we are visiting Apollo Bay Cable Museum, where the communication cable was laid from Apollo Bay to Tasmania. The Museum has many interesting photos of ships wrecks; saw mills and early Apollo Bay. This will be an intriguing trip and we will be inside so even if the weather is not the best, we will still enjoy the excursion. Don't forget to book so we can organize transport. The \$20 cost covers, transport, entrance fee and morning tea. It can be paid anytime between now and the 7 September. Lunch will be at the Apollo Bay Hotel, reputedly the most southerly hotel on the Australian mainland. Book by phoning Jan on 5263 3085 or putting your name down on the front desk at History House.

Annual subs for 17/18 become due on 1 September. People joining during the year pay pro rata but those who are just late paying for the year are still charged full subs, as they would have continued to receive the newsletters for the first few months after their subs became due.

A reminder that people who are members of Anglesea & District Historical Society can use the Royal Historical Society of Victoria's research facilities at no cost. However they must have a letter from ADHS on our letter head.

A VISIT TO THE STATE LIBRARY

Inverlochy

Susan Clarke and Jan Morris recently visited the State Library where we had ordered the minutes books of the Victorian Marine Underwriters Association. We were researching the commemorative Inverlochy Bell donated to us by Roger Henderson. Unfortunately we did not discover anything about this bell but the quote from the 1893 minute book was certainly of interest as it placed the time Roger Henderson's, grandfather William Fethers was appointed.

Victorian Marine Underwriters Minute Book, 1893 – 1903

AGM 3 February 1893

Office Staff - Mr Cleveland retired.

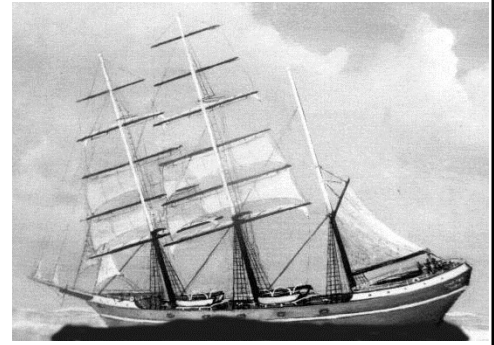
After interviewing several candidates for the vacant position, your committee selected Mr William Fethers, who had previously been favourably known to some of the members, and he entered upon his duties in September last."

General Meeting of Committee 17 March 1903

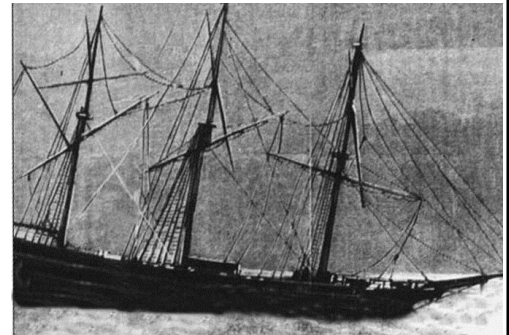
"'Inverlochy' ship. It was decided to bring under the notice of the London Institute the action of the Captain of the wrecked ship 'Inverlochy' after the stranding and also the neglect of the Agents of the vessel to take any steps towards protecting the interests of those concerned."

Hereford

The other reference was in 1883 there was a telegram from Lloyds of London, the famous insurance company, directing the Marine Salvage Committee to not sell the wreck of the Hereford that was lodged on rocks off Point Addis. Unfortunately the telegram came too late as the wreck had already been sold. The Hereford was later salvaged from the rocks and repaired.



Inverlochy stranded on Ingoldsby Reef



Hereford stranded on rocks near Point Addis.

WW1 RESEARCH – can you help?

Susan Clarke

As part of WW1 commemoration activities, we have been researching the names on the Anglesea Honor Roll created in 1919 by the Sports and Recreation Club. The board contains 63 names, listing surnames and initials only. Currently 54 individuals have been positively identified. This has been painstaking work in some cases because the initials used on the board often refer to nicknames, rather than full names. Also, there was an earlier version of the honor board created in 1916, containing 29 names, and the spelling of names on the two boards is not consistent. For example, Lt H Johnson is listed in 1916, but H T Johnstone is listed in 1919. A significant variation!



We have now extended our list of names to include anyone associated with Anglesea and district who enlisted in WW1. We have so far added another seven names as follows:

David George Baker

Ernest Frank Baker

Albert Thomas Clarke

Joseph Paul Lugg

Harold Robert McLean

Struan Nasmith

John Purdue

We are seeking your assistance to establish whether there are any other names that should be included on the list. 'Associated' with the area includes anyone who lived here after the war, was involved in local organisations in some way, or made a contribution to the community in some regard.

If you can help, please contact Susan Clarke.

ANGLESEA'S CABLE TRAMS

Many people remember the old cable trams that stood for many years, in Camp Road opposite the hotel. The old cable trams were brought to the hotel by 'Pop' Fraser in about 1919. In the late 1920s Gerlocks had them dragged to their block beside the Anglican Church, and used them as sleepouts with their holiday house. Alan Poidgnester finally demolished the last one in 1986. The old trams had signs in them "Move Up And Make Room For Others," (interesting when the single beds were squeezed up against each other); "No Stepping Off Until Fully Stopped," (when the old tram was mounted on bricks); "No Smoking" (even then); "Please Pull The Bell," (when you wake up). It is a pity someone didn't keep the sign.



Cable tram dummy and trailer on the St Kilda Line in 1905

From Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository,

The **Melbourne cable tramway system** was a cable car public transport system, which operated between 1885 and 1940 in Melbourne. The system was 75 kilometres of double track with 1,200 cars and trailers, on 15 routes radiating from the centre of Melbourne to neighbouring suburbs. It was one of the largest cable car systems in the world.

Except for the Northcote line, which was privately built and managed, the infrastructure of the network was built by the Melbourne Tramway Trust, which operated the services from 1885 to 1916. In 1916, the cable tram network was transferred to the Victorian Government, and then passed to the government-owned Melbourne & Metropolitan Tramways Board (MMTB) on 1 November 1919.

Although the first electric tram service was introduced in 1889, and ran for seven years between the outer Melbourne suburbs of Box Hill and Doncaster, the electric tram network did not seriously commence until 1906. From 1924 the cable tram lines were progressively converted to electric traction. The last Melbourne cable tram ran on 26 October 1940, on the Northcote to Bourke Street route. It was after one of the early conversions that the Anglesea Hotel obtained one of the old tramcars.

An interesting aside is that the *Inverlochy* was carrying 52 tons of cable for the Melbourne cable tram system, when it was wrecked on the reef off Anglesea in 1902. It is believed that the cable was never recovered.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Saturday 4 November 10.00am to 2.00pm, we will be holding our annual fund raising sausage sizzle. Can you help for an hour? We need people to serve sausages, take money and cook sausages. If you can help please phone Jan Morris 5263 3085



EARLY AIREYS INLET FAMILIES

PURNELL FAMILY

Memories of Helen Lee, Cra-an bir, at November 2006

My mother, then Ida Grutzner, bought an acre on the corner of Beach Road and Great Ocean Road from Mr. Albert Anderson in 1921 and built a house, *Cra-an-bir*, on the site. She married Norman Purnell in 1924 and I was born in 1925. We spent many holidays here in the years before, during and after the Second World War. We knew many people who lived and visited Aireys in those years;

Percy Anderson and his wife ran the hotel. Joe Butler worked for them and ran the store and post office. Joe also milked the cows in a small dairy just down the hill behind the hotel and we could go with a billy to get fresh milk and a jug for cream after Joe had put the milk through the separator. There was also Alice, the cook at the hotel.



Charlie Lugg lived near the swamp adjacent to the Bambra Road. He supplied the stumps for the building of *Cra-an-bir* and also brought us firewood. The Hartley family were at the Glen further up the valley. "The Captain" (Carlgrén) in his horse drawn buggy was a familiar sight as he travelled between the store and his hut in the bush close to present day Hopkins Street. He always welcomed us children when we visited him. Mr. & Mrs Berthon lived on Bambra Road. There was a delightful cottage garden at the front. Nearby was 'Robin Hill and the Merediths and further along a cottage belonging to the Misses McLennan who had Siamese cats, which had been, trained to walk on a lead. Two young men stayed with the Misses McLennan, one was Walter and we called the other Herman. I don't think that was his real name.

We had a large fisherman's flattie, which was moored, on the river. It was easy to row and impossible to tip over so was great fun. Once we rowed upstream as far as Wybellenna and Mr. Teddy Berthon came down the bank waving a shotgun and shouting that we were trespassing on his property, even though we were on the water. We went to Sunnymead beach and I remember Mr. Millikin who was the caretaker of Sunnymead House. He had a fishing boat that he launched from the beach; we liked to see what he'd caught when he returned.

My mother's brother, Lewis Grutzner, had a house in Boundary Road. Mr. Jerry Welch, a war pensioner built near the corner of Eagle Rock Parade and Federal Street. My father occasionally brought a bag of mussels given by fishermen at Geelong piers. Then Jerry and others came to *Cra-an-bir* and there'd be a great mussel-pickling event on the back veranda. The Suters Family lived in the bush near the corner of Distillery Creek Road. Harry had a homemade boat with a sail and had it on the river near the mouth. Mr and Mrs. Bill Loud had a small house in what is now Pearse Road. Mr. & Mrs. Louis Williams rented and later bought the No.1 Lighthouse keepers cottage. We knew them and their sons also a Mrs McDougall in the next cottage and the Misses Cameron who had the third cottage. Mr. and Mrs Cowan and their son Jim were at Fairhaven. The Spalding Family from Mildura came every Christmas to stay at the hotel. They were friends of my parents.

Mr Adiel Anderson bought the block adjoining ours in Beach Road. Their daughters Heather and Loris were close to me in age and we saw a lot of them in my schooldays. The Roadknight family were at Mountain House and Mr. Ivan Roadknight built a house at Sandy Gully. Mr and Mrs Noble were at Angahook and kindly allowed us to leave the oars of our boat in one of their sheds. Rowing was one of the fun activities that we did regularly.