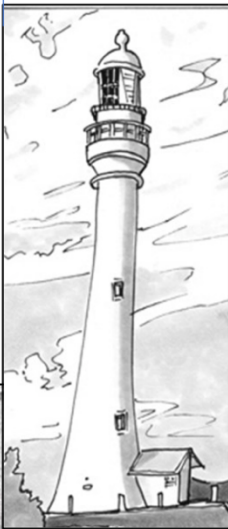


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**The Anglesea & District Historical Society is a not for profit organisation staffed by volunteer members of the community, whose aim is to research and preserve history of the local area.**

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### 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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### DISPLAYS DURING JANUARY

*From Cattle to Coal Mining: land use over time in Anglesea and District* - is the title of a display highlighting the different uses that have been made of the land around Anglesea. These will include the Pine Plantation, the Coal Mine, and the farm.

*Anglesea from Above:* - is a display of aerial photographs of Anglesea through the years. It is interesting to see what was once on your house block. It is amazing to see how things have changed.

We recommend a visit and bring your friends and family.

### JANUARY

There will be no meetings during January

### FEBRUARY

Meeting: 2.00pm Sunday 7 February  
Speaker: Eric Messer  
Topic: *The Night the Inverloch was Wrecked*



### MARCH

Outing: Wednesday 3 March  
Visit to Steiglitz ghost town  
Leave History House 9.30am  
Return: 4.00pm

**\$25**

Includes transport, morning tea, lunch, information program, entries.  
We will visit Maud, Steiglitz and Meredith.  
The picnic lunch will be catered for.  
This will be a combined Historical Society and Family History Group outing.  
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Steiglitz Court House

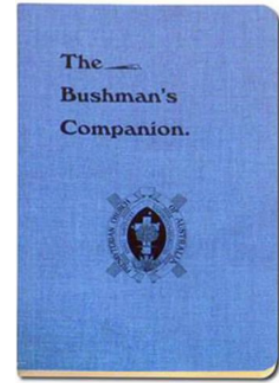
#### Members & Visitors welcome

All meetings and outings are subject to Fire restrictions and Covid 19 rules.

**MUSEUM OPEN TIMES** Open & staffed the second Sunday of the month  
And every Sunday during January 2.00 - 4.00 pm or by appointment - Ph.0448 526 311

## THE BUSHMAN'S COMPANION

Keith Hornibrook has a book called *The Bushman's Companion*. It is a first edition of an amazing book by the famous "Flying Doctor", the Rev. Dr. John Flynn. It is somewhat amusing as one reads the advice from over 100 years ago. It is very different from the bush guides of today. Published in 1910, the table of contents directs the reader to first aid for any catastrophe, including broken bones, cuts, drowning, snake bite and a variety of illnesses. The topics are similar to what one would read in today's guides, but the treatments are very different. The treatment recommended for snake bite in *The Bushman's Companion*, is to pierce all around the bite with the tip of a knife and then suck out the blood and poison. This procedure is definitely in the don't do list today.



*The Bushman's Companion*

Another set of instructions is for reviving someone who has drowned. The book describes the Schaefer system of resuscitation. This involved lying the person on their stomach and apply pressure on their back. This is also very different from 2020 resuscitation methods.



*Rev. Dr. John Flynn*

The guide includes directions for making a will and how to conduct a funeral service for the dead. I'm not sure if it was envisaged that someone might die on a bush walk and need to quickly make a will and later to be buried. However, obviously the author saw a need to include these directions, because this book was written for people living in the outback and isolated from community facilities.

After being amused by the contents of the book, I looked to see who wrote it and was amazed to see it was written by J Flynn, better known as the Reverend Doctor John Flynn or Flynn of the Outback. Flynn was an amazing person. While working in outback Australia, Flynn had a dream of saving lives in the bush. Writing this *Bushman's Companion* was one of his contributions. He is best known for introducing a revolutionary new system of using light aeroplanes as ambulances to help overcome the problems of distance in the huge Australian outback. Firstly run through the Presbyterian church it later became The Royal Flying Doctor Service. It still continues today delivering Flynn's vision of a 'Mantle of Safety' to the people of outback Australia.

We are reminded of John Flynn every time we handle a \$20 note, as his photo is on this bank note.



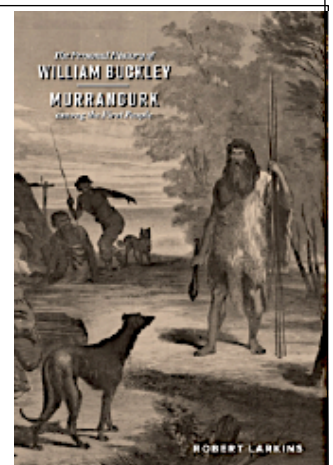
*\$20 note with image of John Flynn*



*Flying Doctor Plane*

### BOOK REVIEW

We have always been told that William Buckley was not so smart and he walked around Port Phillip Bay thinking he was walking to Sydney. Not so says Robert Larkins in his book *The Personal History of William Buckley: Murrangurk among the First People*. He had a clever plan. He knew the only way he could get to Sydney was to go by boat. All boats were closely guarded at Sullivan Bay. Buckley thought that if he walked around the bay, then signalled for help, a boat with only a couple of men would row over. They could be easily overpowered and Buckley and his two mates could commandeer the boat. A great plan, but it failed. The boat was caught in the notorious "Rip" and was not seen again. No boat arrived, the two other men walked back to Sullivan Bay and Buckley decided to trust his luck and stay free.



**What a year it has been!** 1919 was a difficult year for Anglesea too. A bush fire destroyed many of the town's buildings. Houses belonging to J M Carroll, H A Purnell, and Mrs W T Appleton were completely destroyed on the west side of the river. Several others were damaged. Mr Fred Harvey lost his belongings in the early stages of the outbreak. The decking of the bridge caught fire on several occasions but was extinguished by George Noble and Harrison. But the fire crossed the river and destroyed the house of Mr C Levien's before travelling to Mrs Murray's boarding house and Norsewood. The hotel and Mousley's store were saved

The year 2020 has also been a memorable year. We haven't had bush fires but we have had Corona virus. This is a year we will never forget. We can see it as the year we couldn't do anything, or we can see it as the year we had time to stop and do those jobs we had never got around to. We were "locked down", but we were locked in Anglesea and Aireys Inlet, the most beautiful place in the world. As far as history goes, we couldn't have meetings or outings, but we did have time for research. By the number of people who sent requests for information, we know there were many more researchers at work than in normal times.

The year 2021 is going to be a bumper year. We will all be more appreciative of our freedom. We will approach things with a renewed sense of enthusiasm. Our Historical Society will start the year with an amusing and interesting speaker, Eric Messer. Eric has been a seaman all his life. On Sunday 7 February, Eric will help us reimagine the experience of being on the *Inverloch* and being wrecked on an unknown rock then the attempting to row to an unknown place. Make sure you are there to be part of the "Inverloch Experience"



On Wednesday 3 March we are visiting Stieglitz Historic Park, including the courthouse. This will be a very special outing to what is now almost a ghost town with some surprises. We are planning a picnic lunch. Tickets are \$25 each including transport, morning tea and lunch. Transport will be by car.

Our "History Keeper's Project" is somewhat on hold while we raise our share of the money and we look for a government grant. As the building is owned by the shire, we are only eligible for state or federal government grants. We will show you our plans at the February meeting. The shire intends to demolish the garage, so a storeroom is include in the new building.

As an incorporated organisation we are obliged to hold an Annual General Meeting. This will be via zoom at 2.00pm on Sunday 6 December. Please email the secretary Karl Jacklin if you are able to attend. He will email you the necessary link to join us on zoom.

One of our members Ryan McKnight is a painter. His work gets him into many unusual places. He has been able to obtain several aerial maps of Anglesea. They have been professionally copied and we will have a display over January. People will be able to identify their house block and see what has been on it over the years. With this display there will also be a display of land use around Anglesea and district over the years. This display has been prepared by Susan Clarke and Marilyn Wendt. The golfing display in the Museum Room will be left there over the summer as only a few people have had the opportunity to see it.

Our book of Anglesea Structures is progressing slowly. We have over 100 entries ranging from houses, to sporting structures, to the Mosaic Walk. If you have a suggestion of a structure that has an interesting story, please let me know.

**THE LATEST NEWS**

The Sufcoast Shire has notified us that we are now able to use History House again under strict Covid19 regulations. These include a maximum of 10 people in the main meeting space. Therefore, we can have committee meetings and small working groups in the building. We will need to go to a larger space such as the Senior Citizens hall for full meetings.

Depending on your age and where you were brought up, you may well remember the toilet, lavatory, dunny or outhouse, when it was outside the house. It usually had a can receptacle that had to be emptied regularly. If you lived in a town, it was emptied by the nightman. However, if you lived out of town it was the job of the man of the house. My husband's first teaching appointment was at a small school near the South Australian border. Arriving at his new appointment he was greeted with, "Thank goodness you have arrived the dunnies need emptying." It was the job of the teacher to empty the school toilets, which were also used by the people using the local hall and tennis courts.

*Jan Morris*

## THE DUNNY

*Author Unknown*

They were funny looking buildings, that were once a way of life,  
If you couldn't sprint the distance, then you really were in strife  
They were nailed, they were wired, but were mostly falling down,  
There was one in every yard, in every house, in every town.

They were given many names, some were even funny,  
But to most of us, we knew them as the outhouse or the dunny  
I've seen some of them all gussied up, with painted doors and all,  
But it really made no difference, they were just a port of call.

Now my old man would take a bet, he'd lay an even pound,  
That you wouldn't make the dunny with them turkeys hangin' round.  
They had so many uses, these buildings out the back,  
You could even hide from mother, so you wouldn't get the strap.

That's why we had good cricketers, never mind the bumps,  
We used the pathway for the wicket and the dunny door for stumps.  
Now my old man would sit for hours, the smell would rot your socks,  
He read the daily back to front in that good old thunderbox

And if by chance that nature called sometime through the night,  
You always sent the dog in first, for there was no flamin' light.  
And the dunny seemed to be the place where crawlies liked to hide,  
But never ever showed themselves until you sat inside

There was no such thing as Sorbent, no tissues there at all,  
Just squares of well read newspaper, a hangin' on the wall.  
If you had some friendly neighbours, as neighbours sometimes are,  
You could sit and chat to them, if you left the door ajar.

When suddenly you got the urge, and down the track you fled,  
Then of course the magpies were there to peck you on your head.  
Then the time there was a wet, the rain it never stoppeded,  
If you had an urgent call, you ran between the drops

The dunny man came once a week, to these buildings out the back,  
And he would leave an extra can, if you left for him a zac.  
For those of you who've no idea what I mean by a zac,  
Then you're too young to have ever had, a dunny out the back.

For it seems today they call them the bathroom, or the loo,  
If you've never had one out the back, then I feel sorry for you.  
For it used to be a way of life, to race along the track,  
To answer nature's call, at these buildings out the back.

- We are now grateful for more modern facilities of the twenty-first century.



## POINT ROADKNIGHT FISHING OVER THE YEARS

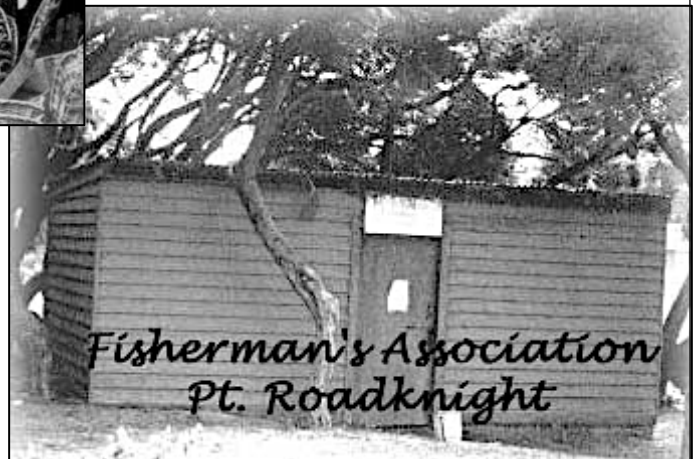


Point Roadknight has always been a sought after spot for eager fishermen. Currently there is a boat ramp and the Anglesea Motor Yacht Club Inc. (AMYC) building there.

In the early 1900s Jonas Hollingworth had a slab hut at Point Roadknight. He used it as a fishing base. He and his sons would net the bay for fish. The hut was demolished after Jonas died in 1934.

*Jonas Hollingworth's hut with fishing*

There is an often-told story that following the wreck of the *Inverlochy* in 1902, Jonas rowed out to the wreck and souvenired a case of whisky, which he buried in the sand below the cliffs. Next morning his hiding spot could not be found as the cliff had collapsed overnight and his whisky was buried deep under the rock fall. No doubt it is still there today if you wish to dig deep enough.



*The Fisherman's Association Hut once at Point Roadknight*

Next the Anglesea Fisherman's Association had a weatherboard hut there. This provided a clubhouse and a place to store fishing gear. On the actual beach was Bingley's boatshed and three winches for pulling the fishing boats up out of the ocean.

The AMYC is a long-established club (1961) with a building at Point Roadknight. They have a proud and successful history of competitions, with several members having won numerous State, National and World titles. They are affiliated with Sailing Australia and participate with other yacht clubs along the coast. Their building is for club and community use. In 2020 they have obtained approval to rebuild. The unusual circumstances of where it's situated, is that it's on DELWP (Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning), so they are the landowner, GORCC (Great Ocean Road Coast Committee) is the landlord, and of course any building to be done is through the Surf Coast Shire. The Council will fund 5% (\$27,500) of the \$550,000 project. The club has raised the rest of the funds through The Rusty Anchor Bar, the annual Roo Run, membership fees, and sponsors. In 2020 the club has 200 members. The new club rooms will be available for hire so will be able to be enjoyed by the whole community.



*The Motor Yacht Club Point Roadknight 2020*



*The AMYC plan to be built 2021*