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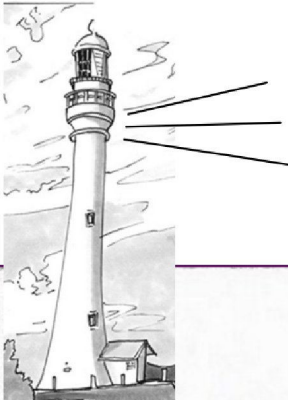
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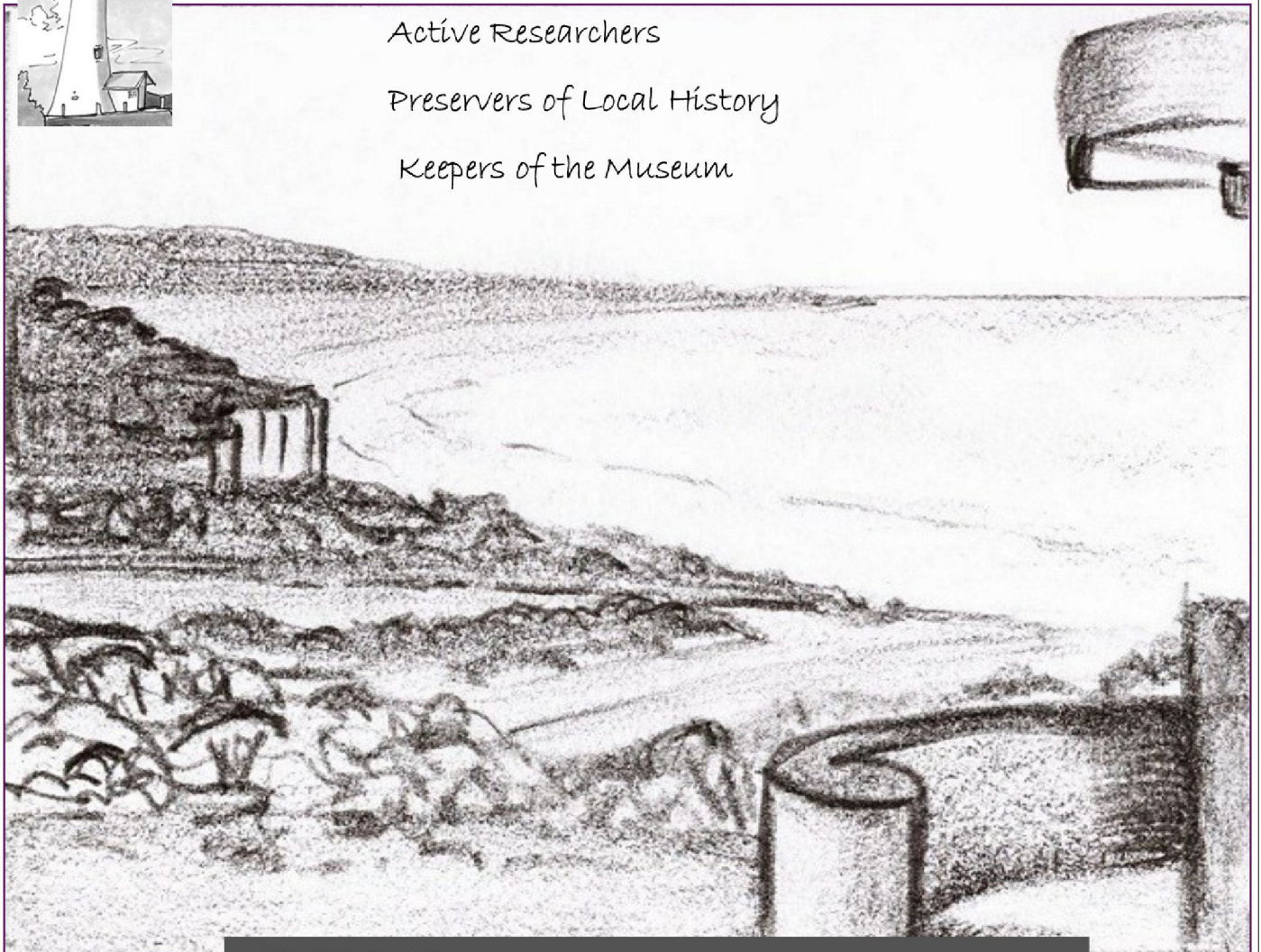
The Anglesea & District Historical Society is a not for profit organisation staffed by volunteer members of the community, whose aim is to research and preserve history of the local area.



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Marilyn Robinson

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MUSEUM OPEN TIMES

The A&DHS Museum at History House (5 McMillan Street Anglesea) is open and staffed on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month between 2pm and 4pm, or by appointment (Phone: 0448 526 311). It is also open every Sunday between 2pm and 4pm during school holidays.

Nibbles

In addition to our quarterly newsletter 'Coastal Current' the Anglesea & District Historical Society also publishes a bimonthly newsletter called 'Nibbles'. If you want to receive a regular emailed copy of Nibbles, send your request to the A&DHS Secretary at anghishouse@gmail.com with your name and email address. Set the subject field to Nibbles.

Coming Events

Anglesea & District Historical Society & Surf Coast Family History Group



MID WINTER MEET

11.00am Thursday
15 July 2021

at Function Room Anglesea Hotel

First Fleet Fellowship Victoria

Presentations in Costume
Stories of the first fleeters and their descendants

Cost \$20 includes lunch

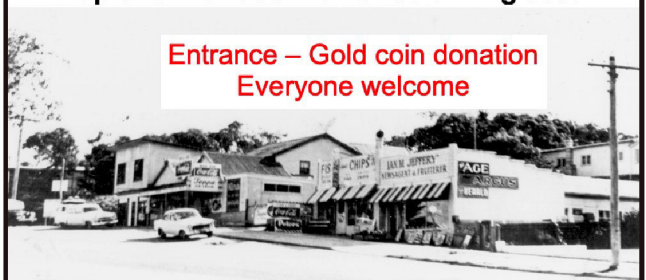
Booking essential: Jan 0448 526 311 Susan 0438 070 560

ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Meeting 2.00pm Sunday 1 August at Function Room Anglesea Hotel

Speakers: James Kelly & Mandy-Mitchell Tavener
Topic: Childhood Memories of Anglesea

Entrance – Gold coin donation
Everyone welcome



ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Outing Tuesday 7 September

Barwon Grange

Leaves History House 9.30am

Cost \$15 plus lunch

Lunch at Great Western Hotel



Bookings Essential

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Leverage Lookout Unveiling

A big thank you to everyone who came when needed to the unveiling of the Loveridge Lookout Heritage plaque. The weather was kind to us as it stopped raining just before 2.00pm and started again after we had finished. With 56 people in attendance, the mayor marked the historic occasion by unveiling the plaque that Jim Tutt is going to attach to the lookout. The Mayor spoke of how Anglesea was and always had been a town where volunteers saw what needed to be done and did it. The second world war when this lookout was staffed 24 hours a day was an example of this.

The other important unveiling, was that of the restored Inverloch mosaic. Although only 10 years old the surround of the mosaic had not stood up to the weather on the hillside. Again, it was volunteers who did this work while the Surf Coast Shire paid for the materials. The mosaic now looks stunning again. The Mayor unveiled the mosaic and spoke about the work that had gone in developing the Anglesea Mosaic Walk. This was another example of volunteers working together in our town.

Flag Pole

It has been tradition to fly the Australian flag at History House when we have meetings. We haven't been able to do this for some time as the flag pole was in disrepair. Thanks to Jim Tutt, Barry Davidson and Ryan McKnight we now have a functional flag pole. It has been moved to the front of History House. We flew the flag for the first time on the day we unveiled the Heritage plaque.

Back Handrail

Jim and Barry were also responsible for putting in a hand rail beside the step along the outdoor display. We previously had that entrance blocked off. It is now safe to use.

Resale Shed

We are rostered on the resale shed on Saturday 29 May. We need three people each shift to staff the shed. Shift one is 10.00am to 12.00 noon, the second shift is noon to 2.00pm. If you can help, please let Jan know on 0448 526 311. The resale shed is one of the few ways we are able to raise money at present.

Camperdown Trip

The outing to Camperdown on May 4th is fully booked with 36 people. There is so much to see in Camperdown that we are thinking of having a second trip to Camperdown in 2022. We will be visiting Purrumbete Homestead, the Botanic Gardens, the clocktower, the Butter Factory and the Heritage Centre.

Speaker – Sunday 6th JUNE

Our speaker planned for the June meeting has had to cancel. Instead of one speaker we are now having a panel of people to tell us about the buildings in Anglesea and Aireys Inlet with Heritage overlays at shire level. This will be followed by a panel that will answer questions about buildings in Anglesea. We would like questions to be sent to us in writing by Sunday 30 May.

July Mid-Winter Feast

Due to Covid we are not able to hold our usual mid-winter feast of finger food. This year instead we will be holding our mid-winter meet at the Anglesea Hotel. The cost of \$20 per person will include a light lunch and entertainment by the First Fleet Fellowship Victoria. There is a need to book. Payment with booking please.

Fred Cahir – Speaker October

Fred Cahir, author of the book *My Country All Gone, the White Men Have Stolen It*, will speak at our October meeting. This is a history book about the invasion of Wadawurrung Country 1800-1870. Fred has carefully researched the records of the station owners and found some interesting facts about the treatment of indigenous Australians. Fred Cahir is Associate Professor, from Federation University. I believe this will give us a new understanding of the first peoples of our area.

RSL

Jim Tutt represented us at the Anzac Day ceremony at the RSL on 25 April and laid the wreath from the Anglesea & District Historical Society.

Keith Hornibrook reports to us that the Wat Memorial group have raised sufficient money to build the memorial wall and have the necessary permits. Watch Cameron Park and you will see it being built.

Wood Raffle

A great effort with \$3,200 raised. Many thanks to Graeme and Prue Weber. Winners were:
Load 1 ticket No.043 K Gilhooley Load 2 ticket No.068 G Mahoney Load 3 ticket No.003 G Boak

Farming at Aireys inlet: two stories about fruit (Susan Clarke)

Below are two stories about farming at Aireys Inlet, which are part of the current display at History House on local land use over time. The display starts with the topography of the district, and includes information about First Peoples and the land, farming in Anglesea, the timber trade, coal mining, jarosite mining, oil drilling and fishing. Thanks go to Marilyn Wendt for her work in developing the display.

ORANGES AND LEMONS TO HELP THE SOLDIERS?

John Sutherland of 'The Neuk' and 'The Glen' wrote to Cr. Hitchcock, Geelong mayor:

"In the interests of the Ocean Road and Repatriation of Soldiers I sent you by Thursday's coach a case of oranges and lemons grown here, three-quarters of a mile from the sea, and the new proposed soldier's road, and it has struck me that if your Trust could get the soldiers, bye and bye, under the direction of an Italian expert, to grow similar choice fruits and many other fruits and vegetables, for the Melbourne market mainly, I am sure both Governors would head the project for the soldiers, and so obtain a direct market at good prices among the higher classes in Melbourne..."

'I have 5 kinds of navels, 3 lemons (eight trees only) and about 20 more of peaches, early and late, plum, 3 sorts, apricots, 3 sorts, all of tip-top quality...



THE ROOKERY – APPLES WIN AT GEELONG SHOW 1893

'The Rookery' 1886 (Dairy Farm and Orchard)

Thomas J. and Agnes Louise Lugg owned 134 acres of virgin bush on Lot 19, Airey's Inlet. They also leased the adjacent river frontage from the Crown. A small dairy farm with orchard was established. By 1893 their apples were amongst the most successful prize-takers at the Geelong Show and nearly always topped the market at Richardson's in Geelong



APPLES FOR ENGLAND

On a 28-odd acre block, north-east of the Lugg's orchard, and just inland from the then main road which ran from Anglesea to Airey's Inlet through the back country, a Mr. William Loud (Lowd) had his orchard.

It proved to be land of exceptional quality for apples, and he is credited with the first successful Australian export of this fruit to England well before refrigeration

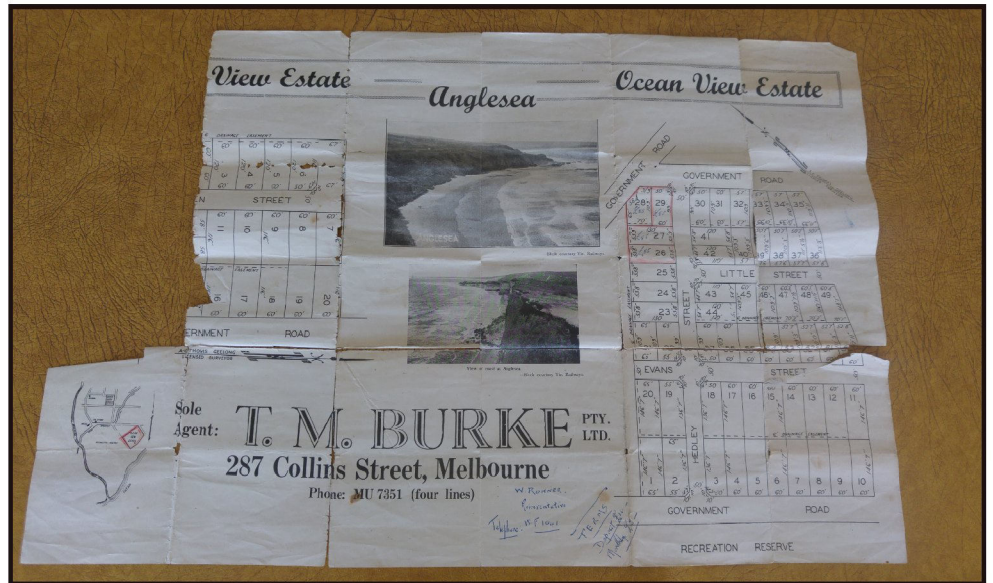
Anglesea land sales associated with two very different philanthropists (Susan Clarke)

Land sale posters comprise a significant part of our collection, and they attract much attention from visitors to the museum. The largest text on this flyer for the sale of the Ocean View Estate, which

unfortunately has one corner missing, is reserved for the name of the estate agent conducting the land sale: T.M. Burke.

Thomas Michael Burke started his working life as a railway clerk at Spencer Street. He embraced public life early, becoming an active member of the Australian Natives Association. In 1903, after quitting the railways, Burke established the Civil Service co-operative Store, Flinders Street, Melbourne. In September 1914 he stood as Labor candidate for the Federal seat of Corangamite but narrowly lost.

Ocean View Estate, comprising the area around Hedley, Little and Evans Streets



[Item 1194, donated by Anne Fuller]

Burke turned to the real estate and development business in 1915. It has been claimed that "The firm of T.M. Burke changed the nature of real estate and auction firms in Melbourne after 1919, with the use of door-to-door salesmen, mass advertising of the firm's services and the development of large 'planned' suburban areas". And Burke did not confine his development activity to Melbourne. Business extended interstate and overseas.

Burke was an ardent Catholic benefactor and lay leader. In 1920 he bought Studley Hall, Kew, and gave it to the Jesuits as a preparatory school for Xavier College; it became known as Burke Hall. His large donations helped to establish Corpus Christi College, Werribee, and St Anthony's Foundling Home, Sydney; smaller gifts sustained many Catholic institutions and activities. His philanthropic activities also included financial support to the Melbourne University Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra and a gift of land on the summit of Mount Dandenong for a public park.

"Charity boost from Anglesea sale"

This is the title of an article in a newspaper clipping that Marilyn Robinson provided to me last year. The sale of land to which it refers took place in 2002. The article reads as follows:

In 1946 Len Angior, a keen naturalist, bought four blocks of prime land in Anglesea ... The blocks rested on a gradual slope of eucalyptus and native grasses, with ocean views over Point Roadknight.

The vendors had urged prospective buyers to fork out 16 shillings and 7 pence for a first-class return rail ticket from Melbourne so they could visit the "Palm Beach of the south".

Mr Angior and his elder sister, Gwyn, both of whom followed in their father's footsteps to become optometrists, would spend their holidays in a caravan on the secluded bush site, choosing to preserve the bliss rather than build ...

Now medical research, the Anglican church and the performing arts will be enriched by the death of this "private man". Mr Angior, the last survivor of his immediate family, directed in his will that a charitable trust be established with the proceeds of the sale of the Anglesea land, and the Angiors' Hawthorn home.

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Anglesea Land Sales (cont.)

According to Australian Executor Trustees, the Angior Family Foundation, founded by Leonard Holmes Angior, has distributed over \$7.6 million in grants for charitable purposes in Victoria since its inception in 2001.

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Leonard Homes

Recent Historical Society activities



Unveiling at Loveridge Lookout



Mayor unveiling Inverloch Mosaic



A picnic lunch at Meredith



Graeme & Prue selling Raffle Tickets



Lunch at the old Leura Hotel



Purrumbete Homestead



Leura Hotel from the clocktower



Purrumbete Homestead