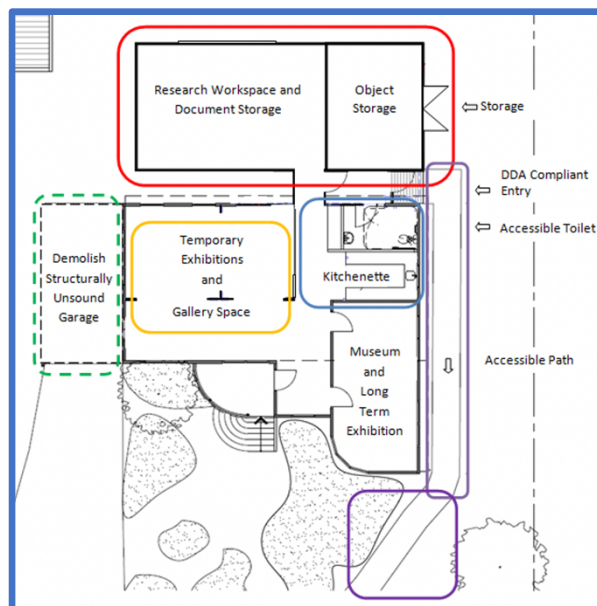




Nibbles: We have just heard about the road map out of Covid19. It is going to be slow and it may be some time before we are able to meet together. So, we've introduced "Nibbles". It doesn't replace our regular quarterly newsletter. It's just a little extra to help us keep in touch and let you know that activity is still going on in the background. Stay Safe!
Jan Morris (President A&DHS)

Building Upgrade Project: For the last several months we've been engaged with the Surf Coast Shire Council as well as State and Federal politicians seeking support and funding for our plan to upgrade our museum at History House. As a result of our growing collection of historical memorabilia and artifacts, we're fast reaching a point where our display and storage facilities are inadequate. Our aim is to demolish the garage, which has become unsafe and inadequate as a weather proof storage area, and have a suitably sized connected free-standing building constructed at the rear of History House which will provide a better storage facility and work area for our volunteer staff. This will then allow the museum to be significantly increased in size, and the toilet to be brought up to disability access standards. We'll keep you informed of our progress during the coming months, and how you can help.



Under History House: We've just had a clean out under History House, taken a trailer load of rubbish to the tip, reorganised the storage of things we want to keep, and are now working on making a useful secondary storage area. As often happens when doing some "Spring Cleaning," we've discovered some things we thought were long gone; some gardening equipment and some museum items. Levelling the ground and walling off the storage area are our next jobs.

Anglesea Houses and Structures: A small committee is working on rewriting and further developing Lindsay Braden's book of Early Anglesea Houses and Structures. We are doing this with Lindsay's blessing. Regular phone calls to Lindsay, who is in lockdown in his nursing home are welcomed by him. His memory for the past is proving to be excellent. Extra structures and more information is being added, with new photos. The plan is to publish it with some suggested walks that pass groups of these places.

Keith Cecil's History. Keith Cecil's History of Aireys Inlet and his two volumes of History of Anglesea are being reprinted and should be available soon. As we do not have the original art work for these books, it has been a slow job reproducing them, but we are nearly there.



Glissy: We have been watching with interest the demolition of *Glissy*, the early home in Diggers Parade of George Noble, built in 1920. The new house fronts Holmwood Avenue, leaving vacant land fronting Digger's Parade.

Street Names Wanted: One of Keith Cecil's publications is "*Anglesea Street Names and their Origins*." This is a most informative little book. However, since its publication in 1995, several streets have been added. We are looking for someone to kindly offer to update this booklet, putting in the names of the new streets and who they are named after. I know Agnes Lane is one of them, and it is named after Agnes Murray, who had the first post office in Camp Road, beside Agnes Lane.

Information Technology: Over the last four years we have been gradually creating an easily accessible database of all of our resources so that our staff and patrons can at the press of a few buttons, discover what we hold on a wide variety of subjects. We have an extensive digital library of photographs, a book library fast approaching a thousand titles, our own published documents on a wide range of topics related to the history of Anglesea, a large collection of historical memorabilia and artifacts, and a number of video and audio recordings of the presentations of visiting speakers, and interviews with our older residents. Our ultimate objective is to make this available on line on our own web site, and as part of a much larger database proposed for the Geelong Heritage Centre.

* Nibbles will also feature articles of interest from earlier editions of our quarterly newsletter "Coastal Current." The following article is from the autumn edition of 2015 and is based on the research of Lindsay Braden.

Parker Penny: Parker Street Anglesea is named after William Parker, son of Richard Parker (Parker penny fame), whose ironmonger store was once at 54 Moorabool Street Geelong. He was a brother of Mrs. Alice Victoria Jackson Licensee of the Anglesea Hotel, and once owned many lots in the street that now bears his name, Parker Street. His holiday house known as Marguerite was just below McMillan's Blink Bonnie. It was constructed in 1887 but burnt during the 1919 fire.



William Parker seldom occupied Marguerite House and used it as a letting investment. Richard Parker, founder of the family store in Moorabool Street Geelong, is best remembered for his Parker Penny. During the Gold Rush period Parkers produced their own tokens when the Government had trouble keeping up with currency demands. The Government attempted to declare these coins worthless. Richard Parker countered by saying he would give full value for every Parker Penny brought back to his Geelong Store.

It seems very few people made use of this offer. From then the Parker Penny was considered to be as good as the official coin. It is now a valuable collectors item.