

Nibbles: In this issue of Nibbles we're focussing on horses. No need to guess why, first Tuesday of November and all that. Long ago we claimed William Buckley as one of Anglesea's own, despite him having spent only a few days of his arduous journey here, but unfortunately we can make no such claim about Phar Lap. Our blasts from the past include an article on "Horse racing in Aireys Inlet" by our museum curator Susan Clarke, and an article from an early Newsletter on Cobb & Co by Lindsay Braden. We also have a news update from our President Jan Morris as we begin to enjoy the easing COVID-19 restrictions. But first of all the quiz.

Quiz: Try your luck at these Melbourne Cup questions. The answers are at the end of this issue (no peeking).

- Q.1. What was the name of the horse that won the first Melbourne Cup?
- Q.2. What was the first year in which the Melbourne Cup was held?
- Q.3. How many spectators attended the first Melbourne Cup and what was the winner's trophy?
- Q.4. In what year did Phar Lap win the Melbourne Cup?
- Q.5. What was the name of Phar Lap's jockey in its Melbourne Cup win?

Horse racing at Aireys Inlet (Susan Clarke)

For some years, a sports meeting was held at Aireys Inlet every New Year's Day. Horse racing, bicycle events, log chopping and all kinds of races made a good day's sport for visitors who came from Wensleydale, Deans Marsh, Boonah, Bamba and Anglesea. Most would arrive early in the morning, spend a few hours on the beach and then attend the sports. A dance would be held in the school room in the evening, with music supplied by anyone who could play an instrument. Mr Nicholas Gray was a very popular member. These sports came to an end with the beginning of the First World War.



Aireys Inlet Cup 2012

Travelling by horse from Geelong to Anglesea and Aireys Inlet (1917-1920)

Cobb & Co. Coaches never came as far as Aireys Inlet. The three hour journey from Geelong to Anglesea by this well-known company using their five-horse coach terminated at the Anglesea Hotel (see photos below). From there, heavy coaches were deemed impracticable, and passengers changed to James Hasty's lighter four-horse wagonette for the remainder of the journey over the steep inland rises to Aireys. Eventually the service was wound up in the early 1920s and replaced by tourist buses. (from an article by Lindsay Braden)

COBB & CO'S COACHES.
 ON AND AFTER MONDAY, NOV. 12
 SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS.
 COACHES LEAVE BOOKING OFFICE,
 MALOP-STREET EAST, GEELONG.
 TELEPHONE NO. 1.

ANGLESEA and AIREY'S INLET.
 Leaves Geelong daily 2 p.m., returning leaves
 Inlet 6.30 a.m., Anglesea 8 a.m. Fares:
 Airey's Inlet, single 7s 6d; return, 14s.
 Anglesea, single 5s; return, 9s.
 Hasty's coach conveys passengers from
 Anglesea to Airey's Inlet



History House Happenings (Jan Morris)

COBDEN TRIP: With COVID19 restriction lifted to some extent we are able to go ahead with our trip to Cobden on Tuesday 23 November. However, at present we are limited to 30 people. Currently we have 33 people wanting to go so are hopeful of further easing of restrictions by then. It promises to be a very full and exciting day.

DECEMBER MEETING: Our December meeting will be on Sunday 5 December. James Kelly and Mandy Mitchell-Tavener will be the speakers. Their topic will be Summer Holidays in the 60s. Being related to the Hume family they both spent their childhood holidays in Anglesea, We look forward to hearing from them.

AGM: According to our constitution our Annual General Meeting must be held before the 31 January. Due to COVID19 we were unable to have our October meeting when we would normally have our AGM. We will now hold it at our December meeting. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members need to be in by Friday 3 December. Karl Jacklin will not be re-standing for the position of Vice President. Please seriously consider your willingness to join the committee.

DISPLAY CASES: We recently received the display cases made by the Men's Shed. These will be used firstly for the Memorial War display that Jane Shennan is working on for next April. They will then come permanently to History House. We have ordered cupboards to go under them and they will go along the front wall.

BUILDING EXTENSIONS: Recently Nicky Angus brought Shaan Briggs from the Surf Coast Shire to look at our proposed extension. We feel this was a very positive step and although we have no definite time-line we believe our project is working its way up the shire list.

GARDEN: With summer coming on we need people to weed the garden and also a roster for watering. We would appreciate any weeding at any time. Sprinklers and sprinkler hoses will be laid out and we have three taps to use. Our roster is a week at a time, but the garden does not have to be watered every day. If there is rain sometimes it is only necessary to water once for the week but it all depends on the weather. If you could help with the roster over summer, please let me know (phone or text 0448 526 311) saying which week you can help.

OLD BOTTLES: Our latest acquisition is four old bottles recently dug up at the Great Ocean Road Resort. This is the land that was the original Anglesea Motel and going back in history it is where *Noorah* the first home of the Nobles was. We will further update you on these bottles, given to us by the Resort through Ryan McKnight.

FUND RAISERS: This Saturday 30 October we will be holding a sausage sizzle in the street selling sausages and vegie burgers. We use only our local Stabbs sausages. Plan to come and have a sausage or a vegie burger on Saturday and bring your friends. We recently received over \$500 from the resale shed. This was excellent considering the shed has had to be closed a lot. We are rostered on the resale shed again next Saturday 6 November.

Answers to the Quiz: Q.1 Archer Q.2 1861 Q.3 4,000 attended the first Melbourne Cup in 1861, and the winning owner got a gold watch. Q.4 1930 Q.5 Ken Pike

Here are a few other interesting facts about the Melbourne Cup:

1. Archer, ridden by John Cutts, actually won the first two Melbourne Cups.
2. No horse has ever won the Cup from Barrier 18.
3. Only one female jockey has ever won the race – Michelle Payne riding Prince of Penzance in 2015.
4. It is estimated that on Cup Day Australians consume a volume of alcohol equivalent to 25 Olympic swimming pools.
5. The average bet on the Cup by New South Wales punters is \$1,200 (WOW!) – 22% above the national average.

Horse Jokes:

1. A talking horse walks into a bar and approaches the manager. "Excuse me, good sir," the horse says, "are you hiring?" The manager looks the horse up and down and says, "Sorry pal, we have no need for a talking horse. Why don't you try the circus?" The horse replies. "Why would the circus need a bartender?"
2. A horse walks into a bar. The barman asks: "Why the long face?"
3. Some racehorses are having a chat in the stable. One of them says, "You know, in the last 15 races I've won 8 of them." Another horse breaks in, "Well in the last 27 races I've won 19." "Oh that's good," says a third horse, but in the last 36 races I've won 32." At this point the horses notice a greyhound who has been sitting there listening. "I don't mean to boast," says the greyhound, "but in my last 90 races I've won 88 of them." The horses are clearly amazed at this statement. "Wow!" says one of them after a hushed silence, "I can't believe it, a talking dog."