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NEWSLETTER

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Hear Ye,! Hear Ye!

The next meeting of the City of Moorabbin Historical Society will be on Sunday 29th August 2010. The Member's Meeting is from 1-2pm, and 'Box Cottage' will open, from 2-4pm. The Committee hopes all our members can be present. New members are always most welcome.

Items of Interest:

- A very big thank you to our volunteer Ronnie, (Yun Ma), as our website is now complete. As yet, its not on Google, but can be found by entering the following in the Address Bar <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm/homepage.html>
- A big thank you to Dennis for the new display benches in the barn area, and his restoration of the two old school desks which have now been installed in the barn. The desks had deteriorated and the metal legs were in desperate need of attention. Visiting children seem to get such a "kick" from sitting in the desks! Now we just need to organise some signage for our display items.
- *Well done* also to Robina, who kindly offered to do the considerable research required for the subject of this month's newsletter: **Hwang Hon Cheng**. Although Hwang's photograph has hung in 'Box Cottage' Museum, until now we have known absolutely nothing about him. Robina has contacted the Chinese Museum, visited Brighton Historical Society, and the Parkdale Library to gather her information, and kindly mailed the lot on to me.
NOTE: Sophie Couchman, Curator, Museum of Chinese History, has asked for a copy of the photo for the Chinese Museum's collection, this has been done. It is gratifying that our society was able to make a contribution in this way.
- The photograph of Hwang Hon Cheng has now been generously donated by Frank and Lorna Thatcher. Frank has no provenance for Hwang's photo, (it was found *behind* another family photo in his late grandmother's estate). It seems most likely that it was to "pack out" the family photograph.
- Photographic posters and Flyers promoting 'Box Cottage' Museum are currently in both the Moorabbin and Cheltenham Library. Thank you to Trish Smythe, Kingston Library manager.
- Mr Neil Follett, has donated a *wonderful* photograph that clearly shows the original Tucks 1800s " Baydon Hill", ("The Grange") unrenovated mansion.
- This month has been a busy one setting up a small bridal display of three gowns in the cottage. Thank you to Valma for the loan of a family wedding gown, and also to Dorothy Booth for the donation of her mother's wedding gown.

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