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CITY OF MOORABBIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Moorabbin Historical Society will be on 26th June 2011, from 1pm to 2pm in the 'Grace Lewis' Room, after which time 'Box Cottage' Museum will be open from 2- 4pm for the general public. The committee look forward to seeing all our members again, and interested visitors are most welcome to attend.

Items of Interest:

- The Museums Australia project is continuing of course. Both Joan Moore and myself have spent many hours each week entering data onto the website. Jim Dale has kindly been taking the photos recently and sending them through to be edited and put onto the MA site to accompany the necessary data about each article. This work will be a very long project and is not expected to be completed for some years. Joan and I intend to continue adding a few items/books/photos per week to the site. Sincere thanks go to all involved in this mammoth effort.
 - Robina, (always such a willing volunteer), and myself spent Sunday 5th June from 9.30 am to 4pm at the Kingston Town Hall, Moorabbin for the "Fun4over50s" Expo. Unfortunately, the attendances were disappointing, given the amount of effort required to collect, organise and set-up the MHS exhibits I took. Still, we **did** have a few interested visitors who said they intend to call in at the cottage. We also met one elderly, rather taciturn "character", who spent well over an hour with us enjoying reading the John Cribbens "Moorabbin Book" !! (Despite being rather uncommunicative, this gentleman "made" both Robina's and my day, and certainly put a smile on our faces)
 - Andrea and Bernie (two officers of the GECC Buildings and Properties Dept.), visited the cottage at my request on Friday 3rd June, and have agreed to fill in the "dip" that has gradually appeared at the north side entrance to the barn. Bernie tells us that this is no doubt due to the rain's "run-off" from the barn roof which has no down-pipes, so that the soil in that area has just washed out. At present this uneven surface could pose a "trip hazard" for older adults, so it's best fixed.
 - Thank you to Valma who planted some flower seedlings in the garden at the front of the cottage at our last meeting. We will all look forward to having some colour in the garden. (Valma's husband, Ron, is **such** an accomplished gardener and I think he may have provided the seedlings; if so, "Thank you Ron", as well!)
 - The Committee and members of our historical society extend our sincere condolences to Jim Dale and his family on his recent bereavement.
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