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NEWSLETTER

CITY OF MOORABBIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Moorabbin Historical Society, including the **Annual General Meeting**, will be held on 30th October 2011, from 1pm to 2pm in the 'Grace Lewis' Room. It is hoped that all MHS members will make a special effort to be present. '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:

- Our current President, Deputy Mayor Cr Jamie Hyams has already announced his intention to retire after this year's October AGM due to an expected increase in council commitments in 2012. Jamie has held the office of MHS President since 2003, when Nan Lawson, (a past long-standing stalwart of our society), encouraged Jamie to become a member. Despite a very busy calendar as GECC Deputy Mayor this year, and being involved with several other community organisations including as a Committee member of the Ormond/McKinnon Bendigo Bank, Cricket Club President, and Neighborhood Watch, Jamie has still managed to find the time to Chair the MHS monthly meetings and give guidance and advice where needed. I know that all the MHS members wish to sincerely thank Jamie for his time with the society, and offer our very best wishes for his future endeavours. *We'll miss you, Jamie!*
- To celebrate **History Week** 'Box Cottage' Museum will be open this week on both Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October 2011 from 2 - 4pm. Can those volunteers who have kindly offered to help on both those days be sure to mark these days on your calendar? It would also help if volunteers could come about 15 minutes earlier on the Saturday.
- Our small group of volunteers met for our usual **monthly "working bee"** at the cottage on Friday 14th October. We continue to gradually re-arrange our displays into groups of related items as suggested by Peta Knott from Museums Australia. New labels are slowly being prepared as time allows. I'm sure everyone agrees that our displays are definitely improved by this re-organization.
- **Funding Purchases:** The items outlined in our successful submission application to GECC for funding are now being purchased. All items in that submission must be purchased prior to the end of April 2012, and the full details of those purchases, invoices etc. submitted back to council. Accordingly items purchased this month are as follows:
 A small child mannequin to display children's clothing.
 A magnetic whiteboard with clear acrylic, lockable door to use for displaying photographs and photos on the barn wall, (size is 975 by 1005mm). LOOKS GREAT !!!
 Further native garden plants to beautify the new area around the horse trough and pump.
Still to be purchased from our GECC Funding Grant are two archival quality display ring binders with slip cover books, (including Mylar display pockets and archival black card), one for photos and one for our display of old lace.