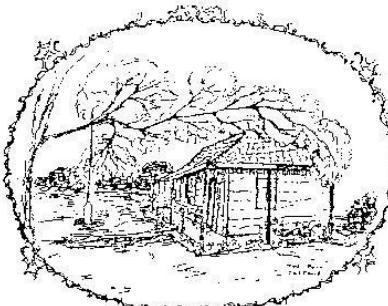


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News Letter

To the members of the City of Moorabbin Historical Society, welcome to our 2014 year. I hope everybody is well and looking forward to an exciting and interesting season. Joan has suffered an injury over Christmas and I do hope she will rest and get well soon.

Open day February 2014

Our first open day this month at the Box Cottage will be Sunday the 23rd of February, which we will hope the nice day and not too hot. Anybody who has not paid their fees at last meeting last year, please see Bill about your bill.

We have a new Secretary, Anne Caprakas and Dr Bill Richardson is now Treasurer. At the February meeting we need to discuss our plans for the year, and what people might like to do in supporting those plans. I think Bill, Anne and I would like someone to take the Minutes, or a roster set up for taking Minutes.

The following open day in March will be on the 30th.

The only other event to happen in March will be at Moorabbin Primary school where I will be attending the School Fete where I have been offered a position in hall to represent the society. Anybody that would like to help on the day I will provide details for the event.

The Great War 1914 -18 and Anzac Day Commemorations.

On February 3rd 2014, I had a meeting with Glen Eira History Co-ordinator, Elisabeth and Ann, from the Glen Eira Historical Society, to talk about funding and ideas to commemorate the beginning of the First World War, next year's commemoration of the Gallipoli landings and the first Anzac Day in Glen Eira. To start, we can provided streets or place names that have WW1 connections in the Ormond, McKinnon, Bentleigh and East Bentleigh area. Valma and Joan have given us a few names to start with.

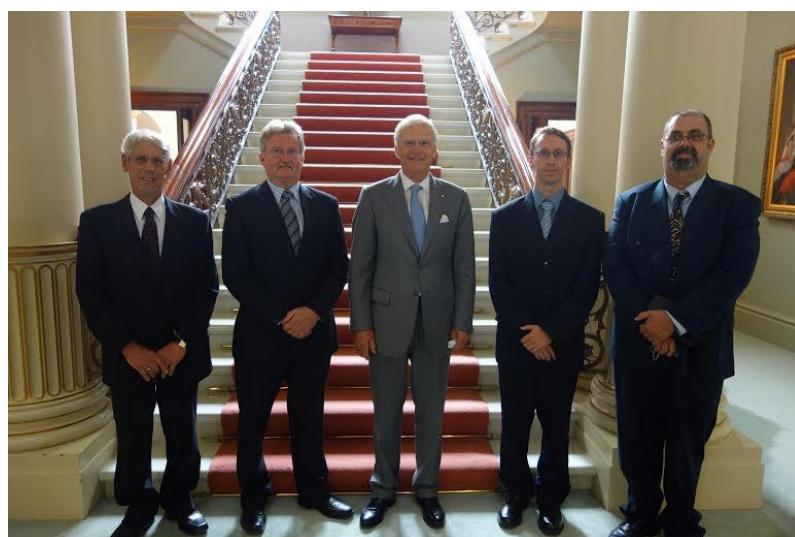
Works at the Cottage

Joan Reports: The crew collected and installed the glass display cabinet for the Dairy on Thursday December 19th , 40C that morning !! Bill & son Ian with their trailer and David & sons Chris & Andrew, Carol & Daryl and me. 9am The Men at corner Tucker Rd & North Rd move the cabinet, Carol and I cleared Dairy, the move was finished by 11am. We all went home and collapsed! Dennis has since added wheels to cabinet last Friday, on a 42C day.

Harry Hawker events.

It has been an interesting exercise while also disappointing. As we returned to contact Chris Hawker we found that the food show he had he piggy backed onto to help us with the commemoration of Harry Hawker's flight out of Caulfield racecourse had fallen through and, without any time to recover the situation, it had to be abandoned. However, a group at Lilydale has contacted Chris and, an event will be held to commemorate Monash's Victorian Militia Forces, at Lilydale in 1914.

The scheduled meeting with His Excellency Alex Churnov, the Governor of Victoria, went ahead on February 3rd, with myself, Chris Hawker, Dale Hawker and David Inglis. Chris Hawker presented the Governor with two engraved glasses and a plaque engraved with a poem to Harry Hawker by Banjo Paterson. This visit commemorated Harry Hawker's flight to Government House, Melbourne, on February 2nd 1914.



His Excellency Alex Churnov, the Governor of Victoria (centre) with Chris Hawker, Dale Hawker, David Inglis and Jim Dale on February 3rd 2014

The date for the unveiling of Harry Hawker's plaque on the corner of Wickham Road and Nepean Highway by His Worship the Mayor of the City of Kingston, Cr Paul Peulich, will be announced very soon