

CITY OF MOORABBIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

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OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER.

This, our first newsletter, is directed to you, the people of Moorabbin, on the eve of your City's centenary year. We, the members of your Historical Society are anxious to set forth with fullness and accuracy, the story of Moorabbin, and we appeal to you for your assistance.

Briefly, we want the past and current history of the organisation to which you belong. We also want to know of persons and events that go to show the course our history has taken, or is at present taking. Remember, history is not necessarily something that happened long ago, it is something that is taking place at committee meetings, political gatherings, on the sports field, at progress associations and youth movement league meetings.

Firstly, we want a resume of the past history of your organisation, then we would like an annual report to cover each year's activities. All organisations are asked to enrol with the Historical Society, and to elect a delegate to attend our meetings to make sure that strict accuracy is maintained in compiling the Society's records.

The Historical Society is strictly non-political in character. We do, however, ask that all political organisations enrol their various branches, so that the political story is written first hand for our files.

HOW IT BEGAN.

The inaugural meeting of the City of Moorabbin Historical Society was called by His Worship, The Mayor, Cr.D.H.Clark in October, 1960. It was addressed by leading Victorian historians from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. Your Society is now affiliated with the Royal Society which gives guidance whenever it is called for.

We are proud to have amongst our members such distinguished citizens as Councillors LePage (Vice President) and Coates and Shipston, each of whom has given splendid service to the community for at least the past decade. Cr.LePage and his father before him have given, between them, over half a century of service in their representation of the people of Moorabbin. Councillor Coates is a member of another pioneer family.

MEMBERSHIP AND FEES. The Society is open for membership to any person or organisation in the City of Moorabbin, the annual fee in each case is 5/- per annum.

WHAT ARE OUR AIMS?

To record the history of this City, and register something of the Australian Atmosphere, which the necessary speed-up in post world-war two migration has caused to be lost; to produce a magazine at regular intervals, featuring the work of pioneers and the changing Australian scene; to work constantly with a long range view towards building a hall where records and exhibits can be housed.

WHO TO CONTACT

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FROM OUR FILES.

ODD CHARACTERS "...; close to his home he built a huge mound taller than the house, and here, each day he climbed to pray. He was a vegetarian, yet he had an aversion to most fruits and vegetables, and preferred to eat grass and wheat".

EARLY TRANSPORT:"Before the coming of the Melbourne to Frankston railway line in 1881 the only means of transport was on foot, horseback or in open carts or wagons. An employee of the Brighton Council walked every day from Church Street Beaumaris to Brighton, wheeling his wheelbarrow filled with tools,..."

PIONEER ADMINISTRATORS: "C.H.Ebden, who held the seat of Brighton in the State house was also the first Victorian -then called Port Philip- representative on the New South Wales Legislature. He resigned that post on the grounds that the representation was a sham, that the Port Philip District should have its own parliament. He was followed in the Brighton seat by George Higinbotham who told Downing Street that "the seat of Government in this country is in Melbourne, not, London." Higinbotham, to quote one newspaper of the day was "ousted by his rate collector, Tommy Bent". Bent was a self-educated man who did a lot for the benefit of education in Victoria."

NEXT MEETINGS. July 20th(Thursday). August 17th.(Thursday).
 In the small meeting Hall, Town Hall, Moorabbin, at 8 p.m.

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