

LIFE MEMBERS: After much deliberation over a long period members of the Society were unanimous in their decision that the first two life membership awards should go to Cr. Everest Le Page and Mr. J. Allnutt. Qualification for the award is that the person so honoured must be a member of the Society who has made a special contribution towards Moorabbin's development and/or progress. Cr. Le Page's 26 years as a councillor, and ex-Councillor Allnutt's service speak for the two gentlemen concerned. We would like to outline the merits of both in full, however, we can't fit enough material to fill a 200 page history book into a newsletter. And in any case their stories are both well-known. They are men with excellent reputations so far as our development and progress is concerned. We are proud to have them as our first life members.

OUR FIRST PUBLIC DISPLAY: This was conducted at the East Bentleigh State School by Mrs. H. Smith as a personal effort on the Society's behalf. The display was most successful and encouraging. In fact it proved that the prospects for providing a Centenary show were excellent. It also served as a reminder to many people that there were many historical treasures of local interest in their possessions that they themselves had forgotten they owned.

THE FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS: Mr. Don Chipp has won the election with an increased majority. There is a peculiarity about the electors of this area which shows a reluctance to dismiss a representative to parliament. The real fight amongst candidates takes place on the first occasion when a new boundary is formed or a sitting member decides to retire. The constituents pay little attention to party politics or the unpopularity of a government. Once a man has been elected to parliament his majority increases at each subsequent poll. Just how the voters managed to choose their member from two such fine representatives from the major parties is something that that is beyond us. We wish Mr. Chipp well in his new term.

A CORRECTION IS NECESSARY: Those of you who heard the quote for the cost for publishing a number of essays from our children's competition as 500 for £200 are advised that this was not in accordance with that offered by the Society. The quote given to us for £200 was for 5,000 copies. The idea was to give the children of this City a chance to see their essays in print.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF EXTENDING TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIEND THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON. MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE A HAPPY ONE, AND MAY THE CENTENARY YEAR BE PROSPEROUS FOR YOU, AND INDEED FOR EVERY CITIZEN OF OUR CITY.

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 Would you like to join our Historical Society? It only costs 5/- per year, and we would be glad to have you as a member. A copy of each newsletter is available to all members. Incidentally, if you would like past copies of the newsletter. Please contact the president, Mr. T.A. Sheehy, on 93 1134.