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The Society meets at the State School, Charman Road, Cheltenham on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Next meeting Thursday May 19th.

Do you live in Highett, Moorabbin or Bentleigh?

And do you think we should preserve what is interesting and important in the past and present? We ask you this because we have so few members from these suburbs and so a great deal of historical material there is being lost all the time. Families scatter, old homes are demolished, books, newspapers, photographs, documents, household articles, jewellery and small treasures are thrown away because people have no room for them or don't realize their historical value. Our Society is anxious to interest people from Highett, Moorabbin and Bentleigh, to have them as members and receive information from them about their families, the way they lived and the organizations to which they belonged. If you can help us please ring the Secretary or President; better still become a member and help us in our work - you will be very welcome at our monthly meetings.

OUR PART IN THE MOORABBIN ARTS FESTIVAL

It has never been decided whether history is an art or a science. But because of its cultural value - in saying, "Look back - and then around", and because the arts themselves have centuries of history the Society feels that it has a place in the Moorabbin Arts Festival. Its four exhibitions will have separate themes. At the Cheltenham Library there will be a display of material connected with market gardening, at the Bentleigh Library the theme will be schools; there will be material associated with the Churches at the Moorabbin Library and at the Moorabbin Bowl two display cases will contain material grouped under "his" and "hers". At all four places there will also be display boards showing photographs of street scenes and old transport.

"CERTAIN BRAVE BOYS - "

"Here came certain brave girls for a love of knowledge that was greater than a love of pleasure", wrote Robert Louis Stevenson of some adult education classes in Edinburgh in the 1880's. He was wrong. Knowledge was their pleasure. And the same was true of certain brave boys, some thirty of them, who in 1863 formed the Cheltenham and Beaumaris Young Men's Improvement Society. But why brave?