Ten plus One Birthday Celebration of the Greensborough Historical Society.

**Better late than never**, an old saying, but in this case it could not have been avoided. Due to the stringent regulations of Covid19, gathering of people for a celebration was not allowed. Hence the delayed 10 year celebration.

With the easing of restrictions, GHS members gathered at War Memorial Park Greensborough to celebrate the 10th birthday on February 27th 2021.

And it was All Good.

A good happy group of members.

Good Location

Good food and good weather.

What more can we have asked.?

Everyone present seemed to make up for the years absence, exchanging news whilst munching of the well-cooked BBQ and food shared by members.

During his speech President Noel Withers told of the first meeting in March 2010 when it was undecided how to proceed with the plan to gather and preserve local history. Noel threw the question to the enthusiastic meeting and a lone voice called out “We will go it alone”. And that was the catalyst which guided the Greensborough Historical Society to expand beyond everyone’s expectations. WE went it alone and during that time a host of friendships have been formed.

Noel reminded us of the growth and many success which have been gained in the past 10 plus 1 years. Average 90 Members. Two local history books written, edited and published. Australia Day Award, Banyule Community Award, 2 Victorian Collection Awards, Historical Plaques. Whatmough family reunion, Hosting the “Biggest Morning Tea” for the Cancer Council. Trivia night. And the sad loss of the Antique horse drawn plough donated by Gary Partington.

Noel went on to thank all who have participated in the club in any way.

“Everyone using their own skills, attending meetings, writing memories, attending coffee mornings or just being there”. “All made up the GHS”.

Noel concluded by thanking all who made this day a happy one. Peter Van Eeken for catering and the cooks at the BBQ ... and the weather person for such a fine day. He wished the Club another 10 happy and successful years.

Vice-President Peter Van Eeken spoke and supported Noel’s speech, and then took us down memory lane with local history about past bush fires.

Many of the assembled members added to these dreadful events with stories of their own, telling that bush fires are the dread of all Australians.

The general feeling of the members at the celebrations was to thank the committee for keeping members up to date with news letters and emails.

And they were glad that the lone voice said “We will go it alone”, because of the result of his voicing his opinion has not only made friendships which will always remain, as well as preserving local history which is so important for the future.

It was a happy time together with all looking forward to the next 10 years

Rosie Bray Feb 2021.