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NEXT MEETING

8-00 PM WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

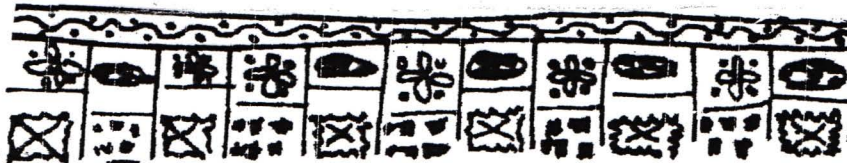
"HISTORY UP TO DATE"

**A SERIES OF SHORT TALKS ON TOPICAL SUBJECTS
IN THE LOCAL HISTORY SCENE**

ELTHAM SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTRE

903 MAIN ROAD ELTHAM

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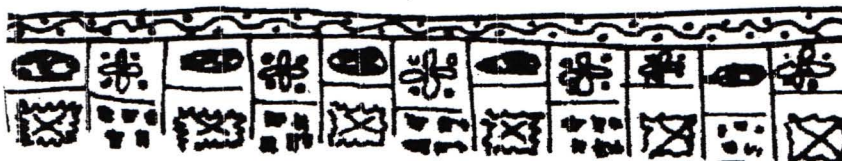
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

BYO BARBECUE

6.30 PM WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

ELTHAM LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE

728 MAIN ROAD, ELTHAM



NOVEMBER MEETING

Unfortunately, we have had to change our programme again but we have put together an interesting and varied package for this meeting dealing with recent or on-going events and projects. This will be a series of short talks by members, sometimes incorporating display items or slides. These speakers and their subject matters illustrate the wide range of issues currently involving society members.

- Harry Gilham
Following on from his involvement with Nillumbik Council's Advisory Committee for the War Memorial at Kangaroo Ground, Harry has produced a publication that documents the original and current status of this unique memorial. "The Tower of Remembrance and Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park" is a well researched and presented publication which will be formally launched by Harry and will be sale through the Society for \$10.00.
- Dennis Ward
Dennis has been involved in many projects in recent years, mostly involving promotion of historical and tourist themes. One that is a special interest is the Batman Trail in the Plenty Valley at Greensborough and Dennis will tell us about the current status of that project.
- Mick Woiwod
Mick's involvement with Kangaroo Ground history and the Andrew Ross Museum is well known to our members. He has also been greatly involved in promoting the cause of the local Wurundjeri people and is currently chairman of the Nillumbik Reconciliation Committee. In this role Mick will talk to us about recent reconciliation issues but perhaps more importantly will tell us what is planned for the future.
- Russell Yeoman
Inspired by the recent Society visit to Sandringham Historical Society and learning of Josiah Morris Holloway's influence on development of that area, Russell will talk about Holloway's early Eltham and Sandringham subdivisions. Land sale documents held by the Society will be used to illustrate the talk. A brief item from Sandringham about Holloway appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Russell will also briefly talk about the historical background to Wingrove Cottage, one of Eltham's oldest buildings which was recently partly demolished in controversial circumstances.

CHRISTMAS BARBECUE

As usual, on the second Wednesday in December we will be holding our Christmas barbecue at our Local History Centre. Prior to commencing the festive part of the evening we propose to plant a tree in memory of Blanche Shallard. The balance of the evening will be quite informal with people free to chat, eat or sample some of Harry's

famous home made wines. With a little encouragement Harry may be persuaded to give us some readings from his growing collection of *Evelyn Observer* articles. There is plenty of reading material and displays for anyone choosing to brush up on their local history.

Bring along your own meal to barbecue and perhaps something to share. Harry will be providing some drinks but you may wish to bring something extra. Tea and coffee will be available. If the weather is poor we will open up the Courthouse next door as the venue for sitting and eating.

BLANCHE SHALLARD

Blanche Emily Shallard of Montmorency died on 9th September 2002 at the age of 97. Blanche was a member of our Society for many years and was the person we turned to for information on the history of Montmorency and its families. As a member of our Committee, Blanche hosted meetings at her home over a number of years. Her cheese scones for supper are a well remembered feature of Committee and General meetings. Blanche was instrumental in establishing our family history project and collected most of the material included in these important Society records.



Blanche's funeral was held at St Faiths Church Montmorency on Friday 13th September. The Society was represented by a number of members. Eulogies were delivered by family members and we hope to present extracts from these in our next Newsletter.

Condolences from the Society have been passed on to family members. At our Christmas function on 11th December we will plant a tree in memory of Blanche.

SANDRINGHAM EXCURSION

On Sunday 29th September a small group of members travelled to Sandringham as guests of Sandringham Historical Society. After some problems with the alarm system at Black Rock House we visited a number of interesting locations, including the wreck of the H.M.V.S. "Cerberus" and sites on the Coastal Art Trail. At the Society's rooms we enjoyed a talk on Holloway's Gypsy Village and an excellent afternoon tea. President Tom Cuthbertson and his team are thanked for their hospitality.

The following article on Holloway was written by Janet Larson of the Sandringham Society from her research and is a useful addition to our records.

JOSIAH MORRIS HOLLOWAY

Josiah Morris Holloway was born in England c.1814 and arrived in Port Phillip c.1844. He was the son of John and Phoebe (nee Morris) Holloway who were married in Paddington, London, in 1807. He had two brothers who both died in Victoria. It is not known when any of the three brothers came to Victoria.

On October 12, 1847, Josiah Holloway married Susan Maria Bible, daughter of William, gentleman and Margaret (nee Armstrong) at the Scot's Church, Melbourne. Susan had arrived with her parents and brother, Arthur, at Port Phillip c.1843. She was born in Tipperary, Ireland.

Josiah and Susan had two children – a son, Henry William born 1850 and a daughter, Georgiana, born 1851. It would appear that in 1845 Holloway began his land dealings. In 1847 Josiah was listed in the Port Phillip Directory as a Boot and Shoemaker living in a shop and dwelling in Elizabeth Street Melbourne. His name also appears on the 1848 Electoral Rolls. In 1851, his address was 76 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. In 1852 his address was Great Bourke Street, Melbourne.

Holloway became a land agent and was an important buyer of lands in Eltham, Collingwood and Moorabbin. At the Crown land sales in 1852 he acquired 1786 acres in the Moorabbin district being the largest purchaser.

In 1852 he subdivided land at Moorabbin which he called Gipsy Village 280 lots. He had other subdivisions in this area – Bluff Town and Beaumaris.

In 1865, Holloway's wife, Susan died. She was aged 36 years. Their son, Henry was 15 and was the informant on his mother's Death Certificate. Georgiana was 14. Susan was, at the date of her death, living at "Raglan Terrace", Robe Street, St Kilda. She was buried at the Melbourne Cemetery.

The last directory listing for Josiah Holloway was in 1862. His address was given as Acland Street, St Kilda.

It would appear that Josiah may not have been living with his family from 1865 when Susan died, until his death at Ballarat in 1874.

When his father died, Henry was 24 and a jeweller in Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. He married in 1876 and had two sons but he has left no male HOLLOWAY descendants.

At his death, Josiah's assets were only 100 pounds. He had no personal estate. The real estate consisted of unsold lots in Portions 34 and 35 in the Parish of Moorabbin and 54 and 55 in the Parish of Jika Jika. There were no liabilities. (Originally, Holloway had a subdivision "Town of Moorabbin" consisting of 573 lots (1852) part of Crown Portions 34 and 35).

BOOK REVIEW

CATHOLIC LADIES' COLLEGE The first hundred years 1902-2002

Edited by Roslyn Guy. Available from Eltham Bookshop

Reviewed by Harry Gilham

From the beginnings in East Melbourne to now, at Eltham, the vision for a broad education for the students remains. The print size and spacing makes for easy reading by people of many age groups of the past. The photographs are shown of their era and printed notices of the past fill out and link the passage of time in other places.

The eye catching cover shows a human contrast of CLC students - the 1902 group with their stern looks, and the 2002 photograph depicting a moving, chatting and smiling group of current day students. The lists of former principals, teachers and students will always be of use as a reference point, for past staff and students alike, for years to come.

BOOKS FOR SALE

The Society has a number of books and other items for sale. The selection which will be available at Christmas barbecue includes the following:

- Chronology of Local Events edited by Harry Gilham \$6
- Favorite Escapes in the Outer East - Committee of Eastern Historical Societies \$10
- The Tower of Remembrance and Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park edited by Harry Gilham \$10
- Kangaroo Ground, The Highland Taken by Mick Woiwod \$20
- The Last Cry by Mick Woiwod \$20
- Tread Softly You Tread on Dreams by Mick Woiwod \$20
- Listening to the Landscape - Taped oral history by the Shire of Eltham \$20

SOME NEWSWORTHY ITEMS

Unfortunately the quality of the taped Jock Read interviews was not good enough for them to form the basis of our September meeting. However, thanks are due to Jock and Doug Orford for the way in which they adapted to the situation. Together they covered many interesting stories of Jock's life and times in the Eltham of more than half a century ago.

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Thanks to a Community Development Grant from Nillumbik Council we have now purchased the software package Inmagic DB.Textworks for managing our record collection. Now we have discovered that our computer must be upgraded to achieve the best results from this programme. John Orford is assisting us in obtaining the correct equipment for this task.

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Gwen Baker has been worried that the lighting at our meetings is not adequate for all of the fine print reading that must be done. She has purchased and donated a desk lamp to overcome this problem. Thanks Gwen.

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John Williams of Victor Harbour, South Australia is seeking information on his ancestors George Smith Hall and George's father William Plush Hall. The Halls had smithys at Healesville but George later married Eliza Jane Battison in 1865 and then settled at Eltham. Anyone with information is asked to contact Russell Yeoman.

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The Andrew Ross Museum currently has a display of Nillumbik Council material including paintings from the Shire collection and Eltham Council memorabilia. The Museum's "Blessing of the Vines" event was most successful as a fund raiser and as a commemorative event. A plaque was unveiled at Evelyn County Vineyard commemorating the early Kangaroo Ground vineyard of Joseph Stephenson. Bruce Nixon, well known as a benefactor of the Museum, has been recognised by a Royal Historical Society of Victoria award for his contributions.

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Harry Gilham has long been concerned that there is no witness stand in Eltham Court House. Typically a court house of this era would have a dock on one side and a similar witness stand on the other. Eltham Court House has a dock but the witness stand is missing. No one knows whether it was removed or perhaps never constructed. Harry has been having discussions with the Eltham Woodworkers regarding the installation of witness stand to match the prisoners dock.

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Records workshops at our Local History Centre will be held on Monday 18th November at 9.30 am and Tuesday 3rd December at 7.30pm. There will be no workshops in January but we will resume again on Tuesday 4th February 2003 at 7.30pm Members are encouraged to come along to assist with this work.

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