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Circular to all those interested in a local historical society for the Diamond Creek district

During the last Town Fair held in Diamond Creek at the end of March, two local buildings of historical interest were open to the public. In both cases more than 100 people visited the properties concerned and it became evident that there was a great deal of interest among the people who came in finding out and in some cases re-discovering earlier times, personalities, styles of living, building and working.

One of the notable things about the people who expressed interest in this topic during the Fair was that they comprised a cross section of both old and young residents. What they had in common was a feeling of delight, affection and affinity for the environment.

Before the character of 'old' Diamond Creek disappears entirely with the advance of suburbia, it seems worthwhile to bring together interested people so that they may study and share their knowledge and ideas about the history of the district. This could also lead to ways of identifying, retaining and restoring places and items of important historical concern.

The Environmental Action and Conservation group and the Progress Association are sponsoring a meeting to consider forming a local historical society. The meeting will be held (by candlelight) in the old stone cottage on the Lovitt property in Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek on ~~Wednesday~~, ^{Thursday}, June 20th at 8 p.m. The Vice Chairman of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Mr. Harley Foster, will address the meeting on how one goes about studying local history, what aspects need to be identified, how to collect useful as distinct from useless information, etc.

We hope you will come to this exploratory meeting to show your support for such a development as a local historical society. Please invite friends whom you think may be interested.

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REPORT ON PUBLIC MEETING HELD TO ASCERTAIN THE
EXTENT OF INTEREST IN A LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
IN DIAMOND VALLEY.

The public meeting was arranged by Mesdames. Elaine Wightman and Marilyn McInnes, was sponsored by the Diamond Valley and District Environmental Action Group and the Diamond Creek Progress Association.

It was held on Thursday, the 21st June 1973 at 8 p.m. at Lovitt's Cottage, Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek.

Mr. Ray Rooke presided and some 50 - 60 people attended. Apologies were received from 13 people.

Useful suggestions and advice was given by the Vice Chairman of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (Mr. Harley Forster).

Much informed and informative discussion.

It was moved at the meetings conclusion by Mr. W. Robertson and seconded by Mrs. D. Colvin that "a steering committee be formed to discuss further the formation of a group interested in preserving the history and heritage of the Diamond Valley".

The resolution was unanimously carried and a steering committee of 16 was chosen to meet next on the 16th July, 1973.

During supper a collection was taken up and the donations totalled \$6. 20

- (i) To foster historical interests and knowledge of the Diamond Valley particularly but not exclusively.
- (ii) To collect and preserve items of historical interest, nature and value from in and associated with the Diamond Valley.
- (iii) To compile and keep a historical record of the Diamond Valley.
- (iv) To work towards the establishment of a Museum.
- (v) To work in association with the National Trust of Victoria and any other bodies of similar aims in the preservation of buildings and objects of architectural and historical interest in the Diamond Valley.
- (vi) To co-operate and liaise with all other bodies and organisations having the same or similar aims and objects within and without the Diamond Valley.
- (vii) To retain preserve and conserve the natural environment of the Diamond Valley.
- (viii) To affiliate with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria or such other bodies as may be desirable.
- (ix) To raise funds for the attainment of such aims and objects.
- (x) To do all such other matters and things as may be associated with and ancilliary to the attainment and achievement and fulfillment of any or all of such aims and objects.

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It was decided to form the "NILLUMBIK HISTORICAL SOCIETY",
Nillumbik being the original name of the district in colonial
days.

The following office bearers and committee were elected.

President Mrs. D. Colvin.
Vice-President Mr. T. Turpin.
Treasurer Mr. L. Pocock.
Secretary Mr. K. Patterson.
Assistant Secretary .. Mrs. B. Pearce.

Committee.

P. Shaw, R. Rooke, M. McInnes, G. Lovitt, G. Graham,
G. Cox, I. Turvey, M. Vale, W. Robertson, A. Burroughs,
B. Wadeson, I. Wadeson, E. Wightman.

Membership fees.

Membership fees were set as being not less than \$3 per person
and 50 cents for students.

Meetings.

Meetings to be held every second month on the third
Monday, but for the first three months, meetings will
be monthly. These dates are August 20, September 17,
and October 15.

The aims and objects of the Society will be ..

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Projects.

P. Shaw will compile a district historical map.

R. Rooke will write a constitution and arrange for letterheads.

A shed at the rear of the cottage will be cleaned out and used as a storage area for relics.

B. Wadeson will handle farm implements etc.

K. Patterson and I. Wadeson will be involved with photographs, movies and tape recording.

E. Wightman will handle publicity and the use of a display case at our new Municipal Library.

The Treasurer, Mr. L. Pocock will open a bank account for the Society at the C.B.A. bank Diamond Creek. He will also contact Mr. Balkan, Deputy Shire Secretary about the winding up of the Greensborough Picnic Club and the use of their remaining funds.

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.