

May 1st, 1874 was an auspicious day in the history of

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## Deaths of two early historians

**MEMBERS of the Dandenong and District Historical Society Inc are mourning the deaths of three leading historians.**

The death of Miss Villiers, formerly of Keysborough, was recorded in the Journal and, at the Historical Society's August meeting, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Miss Villiers and Mrs Eleanor Leed.

Mrs Leed was the widow of the late Mr Wes Leed, a local builder who erected many homes and other buildings in and around Dandenong.

Although she had not attended the Historical Society's meetings for some time, Mrs Leed continued her membership and her interest in local history.

She was a member of the well-known Bailey family of Narre Warren and had only recently completed a history of the Bailey and

Webb families, both being closely linked with the early history of Narre Warren district.

Also deeply mourned is Mr Les Blake, who, for many years was closely identified with the Dandenong Historical Society.

Among books Mr Blake wrote was the history of the Native Police Force at the Police Paddocks and the three-volume history of Education in Victoria.

## Fashion parade at Myer

A "houses of stitches" mannequin parade will be held at Myer Dandenong on Tuesday 20 October at 12.30pm and 1.30pm in the fashion department on the second floor.

Details can be obtained from Mrs Joy Cain at Myer on 791 0211, ext 527.