

Recognise these lassies?



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X CAN our readers help identify the attractive young ladies in this picture? They are former employees of Beau Monde's Dandenong stocking factory which was on the corner of Robinson, Foster and Mason streets just up from the Dandenong railway station.

The picture was forwarded to 'Moments with Marg' by Murray Fletcher and he thinks it was taken in the early to mid-1950s.

Hazel Fletcher, formally Hazel Hillbrick, is the second person from right in the top row.

Mr Fletcher said Mrs Fletcher, who is now in her late seventies, told him not only was she employed at Beau Monde's as a young girl, but after her marriage she also did "outsourcing" work for the company mending 'seconds'.

If you can help with some history of Beau Monde, and identify 'Lissome Lassies' email marg@yourweekly.com.au or write to Marg, c/o Greater Dandenong



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Steve's hot time

Reader Steve Joseph reminisces about the spectacular Westminster Carpet factory fire who said he watched the "inferno raged" and that he was just that "little bit too close for comfort". "The firm I was working for was due to install new signage at the plant and I was there to take measurements," Mr Joseph said. "The huge letters to be installed of course were never used and

subsequently broken down for scrap."

Great and jolly days

Writing of fires reminds me of November 5 and Guy Fawkes Day celebrations which were always looked forward to as a night of sociability by friends and neighbours in the Lyndhurst/Hampton Park area. Near one of the big dams in a paddock abutting the South Gippsland railway line my father used to cart dry tree limbs and wood where neighbours helped him build a huge bonfire. We used to toast marshmallows, make toast with long handled three-pronged forks in the glowing embers, roast potatoes, dad used to play his piano accordion and we'd all sing along to old time favourites. Neighbours also brought along home made cakes and scones, biscuits and sweet treats.

They were like the old Dandenong High School song signified: "Great days and jolly days."

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