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MEETING DATES

Tuesday 9 January 2018

General Meeting 7.30 PM

Tuesday 13 February

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 PM at the History Centre

No General Meeting in March

Regular Working Party Tasks,
Monday Mornings from 10 AM

Usual Museum Times 2 to 5 PM on
Saturday and Wednesday, (last
entry 4.30 PM); 10.30 AM to 12.30
PM on Sunday (last entry 12 Noon).

NEWS and NOTES

- On 14 November the General Meeting enjoyed a great presentation given by guest speaker, Lorraine Smith from Warrnambool. Lorraine spoke about her book, 'Journey of a Lost Manuscript' written after a document in an old copy of 'Alice in Wonderland' was found at her second hand bookshop in Warrnambool. What Lorraine had discovered was a vellum document dated 1583 that was part of a land deal between two local landowners. Lorraine was a wonderful storyteller, who engaged with everyone present.
- 30 members enjoyed the usual December luncheon on 12 December, held this time at Charlie's on East.
- Documentation for the 5 year review of our museum accreditation with Museums Australia (Victoria) will be considered at a committee meeting in January. It is now 20 years since we first became one of the earliest accredited museums.
- Planning for the proposed new archives centre to replace the shed at the left rear of the courthouse is continuing. We have been told that Heritage restrictions do not apply for the site so action on planning and finance will involve discussion with Moyne Shire officials.
- Richard Patterson's small book based around the diary of Thomas Pearson is in final stages of preparation for printing. We hope to be able to arrange a book launch in the near future.

From our Port Fairy Historical Society Website.

Two Summer Exhibitions At The Port Fairy Museum

With the summer holidays almost here, this season's swimwear will soon be appearing on our beaches. If you were wondering what was fashionable in beachwear a century ago, then include the Port Fairy Museum on your "list of things to do". There is a wonderful male swimming costume in navy and red, accessorised with a matching straw hat, that is part of the new "**Port Fairy Bathing**" Exhibition.

Our second exhibition "**Needles and Pins**" looks at the history of sewing and craft. Although now considered a leisure activity, the making and embellishment of clothing and homewares was a necessary skill in bygone days. The display has examples of handmade clothing and craft, as well as the tools used to make them. My favourite item in this exhibition is a beautiful catalogue with sketches of ladies' fashion from the 1930's.

Educational Games. On the website Glen Foster now has three publications available to be downloaded and used. He had:

Land Hunger Portland 1843 and Land Hunger Belfast 1851.

Glen has recently added:

Land Hunger Warrnambool 1856.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7.30 PM, 13 FEBRUARY 2018

The rules say the Annual Meeting must:

- Confirm the minutes of the previous annual meeting and of the most recent General Meeting.
- Receive and consider the annual report of the Committee on the activities during the previous year.
- Receive and consider the financial statements for the preceding financial year.
- Elect the members of the Committee.
- Confirm or vary the annual subscriptions.
- Conduct any other business of which notice has been given. If any members wish to place business on notice for the Annual Meeting please submit details in time for distribution to others before the Meeting.

Proxies

A member may appoint another member as a proxy to act for for him or her. It must be given in writing and signed by the member making the appointment.

Annual Report of the Committee

It is usual for the report on activities over the past 12 months to note achievements, hopes, and issues that may need to be resolved; with contributions from the President, Curator, Archivist, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

Election of the Committee

Procedures for nomination are much simpler than they once were, people can self-nominate and seconds are not needed.

The rules specify four committee positions that must be filled as President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Annual Meeting decides which other committee members should be elected.

For 2017 other committee members were a Curator, an Archivist, and three Ordinary Members.

Annual Subscriptions (To be decided)

Membership fees adopted at the 2017 Annual Meeting for one year were \$20 Single and \$25 Family; for three years \$50 Single and \$60 Family. We have no joining fee. 'Newsletter only' membership was \$10.

Other Standard Charges

Entry fees for the museum have been \$4 for adults, \$1 for unaccompanied teenagers, children with adults free. Special Openings \$40 for up to 20 people, then \$2 per person.

Fees for research conducted have started at \$30.

Committee Meetings

For 2017 the committee planned to use four longer meetings in January, March, August and December, with other meetings called if necessary. The Committee will recommend the pattern for 2018.

General Meetings

Plans are normally decided at the Annual Meeting. In recent years the general meetings have been held at the History Centre at 7.30 PM on second Tuesdays, with the AGM in February and other General Meetings in January, April, May, September, October, and November. There was an aim to have guest speakers at (say) four of them. (Help from members to identify suitable guest speakers is always needed.) Last year business at General Meetings reintroduced the usual meeting routines, including correspondence and financial reports.

Important business on notice can be handled at the AGM or at any other general meeting. Discussion of issues and recommendations to the Committee can also happen at any of these meetings.

Luncheons

Our recent history shows luncheons replacing general meetings in July and December. These have been well supported and their continuation may be recommended. Advice from members about suitable venues will be welcome.

Excursions

We have previously aimed to have two or more visits to places of interest as a regular part of our annual program. Should this be included, and what advice do we have on possible places to go?

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Series of photographs such as these must have been common at the time, and we hold many examples in our files. Western Victorian Association of Historical Societies long time Committee Member, Ian Ballinger, recently sent these four images to us from Horsham. WVAHS has always encouraged sharing amongst Historical Societies. When were they photographed? There are clues.



Botanical Gardens, now more than 150 years on.

William Rutledge sought this bridge from about 1848, and building was financed by the government from 1852, through to a final version in 1867. The means of transport, and the lack of building in the background, suggest 1930's



The Griffiths Island Lighthouse

This was built in 1859 and it was run by resident light keepers until it was automated after 1954.

Hugh Haldane, as light keeper, and his family of fishermen and boat builders, lived and worked at the light station from 1929 until 1954. More recent photographs show white walls with red capping. It is understood that the change to white was done during Hugh Haldane's era.



Nearly 50 years of SS Casino

SS Casino first arrived in Port Fairy on 29 July 1882 and provided regular transport of goods and passengers for the area until it went down, with the loss of 10 lives, at Apollo Bay on 10 July 1932.

This Casino memorial was unveiled on 8 July 1934.



From PFHS President Judith Kershaw

TOP DOG of the WEST

A Study of the Belfast and Western District Civil Service 1841-1885

Top Dog of the West is the latest book by Pamela M Marriott, published in December 2017, and follows her two previous publications, *A Shamrock Beneath the Southern Cross* and *Time Gentlemen Please!*

In her introduction, Pamela writes: "This work embraces an area from Casterton to Edenhope, from Mortlake to Terang and Hamilton to Warrnambool and everywhere in between. As head-station for the police, Belfast was responsible for 24 out-stations by the mid 1870s and some of the early history of these out-stations is presented here.

As a head station the police, the barracks, the court house and various government departments were housed at *The Merrijig* initially, but only a fraction of the complex can be viewed and appreciated today. *The Merrijig* provided 25 years of accommodation for the police, 1853-1878, and a further seven years for the barracks."

Photographs from the early days show a large two-storeyed building extending from The Merrijig along Campbell Street. This was later demolished.

The bluestone former Court House in Gipps Street, Port Fairy, was built in 1859-60. However, it soon became apparent that the building was inadequate, leading to major extensions being carried out in 1870.

From *The Belfast Gazette*: "Jurors, suitors and witnesses had, in many instances, to remain outside the building, exposed to the weather until called, and then with difficulty forced their way inside. Previously in the year, some members in the gallery were almost suffocated by the 'foul air'. Perhaps this was caused by people smoking pipes, the unwashed and other unpleasantnesses. "During the County Court sessions, many persons had to remain outside in the dark. Inside, there was just enough light to make the darkness visible.

On the table at which the counsellors and lawyers sat, two candles, one of them stuck in an empty bottle on which Hennessy's Cognac was displayed in disgusting mockery, and the other into an obese black receptacle which had evidently at one time contained colonial London porter, were the only illuminators of the body of the Court." (Marriott p. 298) A similar report may be read in J.W. Powling's *Port Fairy: The First Fifty Years* (p. 223).

"On 15 June 1870 the alterations were finished in time for the General Sessions and County Court sittings. The additions consisted of a judge's room, a jury room, a barrister's room and the lengthening of the body of the Court House." (Marriott p. 298)

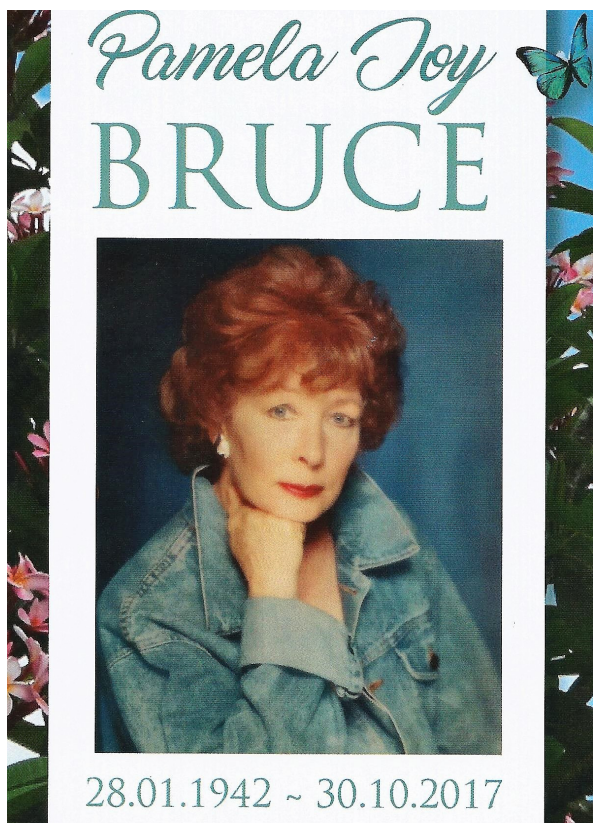
By 1872 more complaints were heard. When witnesses were ordered out of the hearing of the court, they had to stand outside in all weathers. Jurymen fared no better. "They had to be crowded up with the onlookers, not always the most respectable class; or else to stand outside or squeeze into some small corner of a seat." (Marriott p. 299)

According to Powling (p. 250): "Also in 1874, E. Ellingworth, the same contractor who built the school, carried out some much needed additions to the Court House." These alterations were presumably the portico and extra rooms at the front of the Court House.

The Port Fairy Court House was last used for sittings in 1988, and according to the Public Records Office of Victoria, the Port Fairy Courts were closed on 1 January 1990, and the records transferred to the Warrnambool Courts.

Pamela Marriott has recorded the background and development of the various courts in the Western District from the early days, the officers who served, and some of the quirkier cases and stories. *Top Dog of the West* should prove to be a valuable resource for researchers and seekers of family history, with 480 pages and a comprehensive Bibliography and Index.

Top Dog of the West is available for \$50, or \$45 for members of the Port Fairy Historical Society.



In recent years Pam shared her life between Port Fairy and Cooktown but kept her attention on her Port Fairy friends and contacts; Joan Powling shares some memories on a highly valued Port Fairy Historical Society member.

Remembering Pam

We were at school together, the Port Fairy Primary School, later to become the Port Fairy Consolidated School and this change took place while we were there.

As is the case with friends who die, in our minds, too soon, Pam and I always intended to do more things together, one of which was to sit down with a recording device and talk about "the old days" and to pass this conversation on to the Historical Society. We didn't do it and now we cannot. It means I have no dates to go by but I can remember sitting on high stools in her father's café, the "Craig-Lea" Bakery in Sackville Street, drinking milk shakes and spiders and "talking to boys" after school and at weekends. The conversations we did have were delightful reminiscences about time spent on the beach (both shell collectors) and riding our bikes around the town.

Boarding school intervened in 1953 and contact with Pam and her family was lost once the café passed from the Bruce family.

Then, in 1980 or thereabouts, at the time of my father's death, Pam got in touch again as she had bought the house in Reardon Street and was living in Port Fairy for half the year.

Eventually it was music and local history that brought us together again, especially in the past five years. We both volunteered for the Folk Festival and loved the same music that we are so fortunate to have delivered to our town every year in Port Fairy. Pam was so active in the music and entertainment scene at both ends of the country, Port Fairy and District and Cooktown and the far north of Queensland. She had the best of both worlds that Australia had to offer and the freedom to move between them.

Her letters were a joy. She was quite the best letter writer I knew among my contemporaries and each one of her letters and the envelopes had little drawings around the edge. Christmas cards were another thing, always enclosing a newsy letter full of all her activities and pleasures and with lots of photos, mostly of Pam in all manner of fancy dress. She could make anything. And through these letters I began to learn something of her past life and adventures and her current interests mostly in the music scene and her beloved ukulele group.

And then in late October Pam told me of her voice problems and her inability to sing which was distressing her more than anything. But she was still optimistic and suggesting excursions we could do together when she came south; her letters always finishing on a high note. In December when I came back to Port Fairy I went first to Reardon Street and she was not there. I had a feeling of trepidation and it was several days before I learned of Pam's diagnosis and several weeks before I saw her again, still upbeat and coping with heaps of notepads and pencils to communicate with everyone.

She could still manage text messages and from these I followed her progress towards Belfast House where she was looked after so well at the end and had so many visitors. Pam was able to die in Port Fairy, the town which meant so much to her and to which she gave so much. Pam was so full of life. But the end came far too soon. And now her beautiful blue butterfly is soaring high.

Goodbye beautiful Pam.....

8 January 1968

RAINFALL DOWN BY ONE THIRD

Last year's rainfall aggregate of 2020 points for the twelve months was one of the lowest ever recorded at the Port Fairy post office since official figures were first taken.

The total rainfall was just on 10 inches beneath the average of 3018 points. - - - In 1914, a drought year, the total was 2107 points, 87 points more than last year. - - - In 1946, the year of the floods, there was a recording of 4554 points for the year.

[Official rainfall records were changed from points to mm in January 1974. 1000 points = 10 inches = 25.4 mm.]

8 January 1968

NEW TYPE OF PASSPORT

New Australian passports to be printed in the future will not include the word "British" on the front cover. - - -

Australia was the only country of the Commonwealth, other than Britain, which in recent years had used the word "British" to describe her passports. - - -

"Australian" passports are issued to Australian citizens. The description of them as "British" passports has been confusing to people in other countries.

Many Australians have had the impression that production of their "British" passports gives them an unqualified right to enter and remain in Britain. This has not been so since Britain passed the Commonwealth Immigrants Act in 1962.

11 January 1968

NEED FOR HISTORY OF PORT FAIRY

Cr. J. W. Powling told the last meeting of the Port Fairy Borough Council, that sooner or later they had to face up to the fact that one of these days, the writing of a history of Port Fairy would have to be undertaken.

Cr. Powling went on to say that a history should be written before records were lost and memories faded. History has been written about other towns which were not able to provide the material that Port Fairy possessed. At present they had Earl's History of Port Fairy which was written in six weeks. However this covered only a period of the town's history.

Cr. Powlings comments followed the reading of a letter from Mr Paul Ryan who advised that he had been engaged in writing a history of the Shire of Belfast. He felt that in the course of his work, it would be desirable - - - to compile a history of the Borough of Port Fairy.

18 January 1968

Lower Receipts This Season

Port Fairy Apex Club's mini golf and trampoline centre takings are slightly lower than last year in spite of the fact that there are more holiday makers in town this year. Takings early in the season were well down, but the situation is improving, and could be up to comparable levels with previous years by the end of January. The Hospital Moyneyana Carnival Committee has found a similar situation. Takings on New Year's Eve were down by approximately \$2500, but are growing now. Officials say the causes of the lower takings were early adverse weather conditions and the shortage of cash in a drought year.

22 January 1968

BIG BIRTH RATE INCREASE

If Port Fairy has suffered any set-backs in the past year, this certainly does not apply in the case of its birth rate.

Figures released at a meeting of the Board of Management of the Port Fairy Hospital on Thursday night showed that for the 12 months ending December 31, there had been an increase of nearly 68 per cent on the birth figures for 1966.

In 1966 there had been 31 births and in 1967 the number had risen to 52. The secretary, (Mr John Brophy) said that the figures for 1967 was about on a par with those of six or seven years ago.

In the report of the medical superintendent (Dr. F. C. de Voogd) for the month of December it was revealed that 10 females had been born. A member: "It looks as though we are in Amazon country."

29 January 1968

OCTIPI WANTED

The Commonwealth Serum Laboratories has appealed to the public for help in their search for a treatment for the bite of the ringed octopus, numbers of which have been recently found in coastal waters.

The laboratories hope to develop an anti-venene (poison antidote) for victim of the octopus bites. They also plan to investigate drugs which may combat the paralysis caused by bites. - - -

At least 100 of the small yellow brown blue-ringed octopi were needed. They are needed alive but on no account should they be handled. A kitchen strainer with an adequate handle or a small aquarium net is suitable for catching and handling them.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1968

5 February 1968

CAMPING FEES INCREASE BY \$127

While many holiday resorts report a decline in the number of visitors over the Christmas-New Year period, it is pleasing to report that there has been an increase in the number of holiday-makers who came to Port Fairy.

In a report submitted to Wednesday night's meeting of the Borough Council, it was stated that up to the time the financial report was compiled, an amount of \$9,876 had been received in camping fees. - - - however up to the end of January, camping fee collections had risen to \$10,537. This showed an increase in fees of \$127 as at the same time last year when the total was \$10,410.

HOW MEAN CAN YOU GET?

To say the least, the receipts of \$473 at last Sunday's surf carnival were very disappointing in view of the large crowd that lined the East Beach to see the spectacle.

We understand that quite a number of the drivers of cars and others would not contribute the 40 cents asked as the price of admission. Many claimed they had free access to the beach and were not going to pay. This, of course, is true, but if they stopped to think of the wonderful voluntary work that the surf life savers do all round the coast, they might change their attitude.

It costs a lot of money to maintain a surf life saving club and it is only through the finance raised by surf carnivals and other efforts that the club is able to carry on. Those people who do not wish to "kick-in" when asked for small donations might be among those who need life savers to save their lives at some time in the future.

19 February 1968

MR W. L. MURPHY RE-ELECTED PORT FAIRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

The annual report presented an interesting survey of the activities of the society during the past year. *[Detailed in full in the President's Report.]*

Election of Officers: President Mr W. Murphy; Vice-Presidents: Messrs R. Jago and J. Ryan; Hon. Treasurer: Mr J. W. Powling; Hon. Secretary: Mrs C. Brown. Committee: Messrs P. McAuliffe, L. Robertson, Mrs G. Chell, Mrs F. Forrest, Mrs H. Hart, Mrs H. Wilcock, Mrs J. Newton, Mrs G. Egan.



All That Is Left Of Three Shops



3 SHOPS GUTTED IN \$150,000 BLAZE EARLY WEDNESDAY

One of the worst fires in Port Fairy's long history occurred early yesterday morning when three business places were completely destroyed and two others damaged as a result of a fire in the main business section of Sackville street. - - -

The alarm was given at 1.50 a.m. and the fire was brought under control about 3.30 a.m. The three business places completely gutted were L. Freeland's Fruit Supply, J. Russell's Casino Café, and L. A. & A. E. James' Sports Store. The rear portions of the premises of Piller's Taxi Service, and Egan's Fruit Shop were also damaged, while Nooy's Delicatessen suffered some damage from water.

The Assistant Chief Officer (Mr R. H. Symons), Hamilton, was first notified at about 2.30 a.m.

He said that the fire was first reported at about 1.50 a.m. From all reports the Port Fairy Fire Brigade were hampered in their operations by insufficient supplies of water and contended that if there had have been an adequate water supply with sufficient pressure, the outbreak would probably have been confined to Freeland's shop.

[A power failure at 11 p.m., and an automatic switch not re-starting the pump, were apparently the causes of the water pressure problems.]

Much of that gap in Sackville street is now the premises of McLean's Pharmacy.

7 January 1918

POISONING GOOD FOOD.

The Minister for Lands (Mr. Frank Clarke) stated recently that unless stern measures were taken at once those persons who a year ago prophesied that rabbits had become an asset were likely to experience a rude awakening. At the beginning of last year rabbit exporters made strong representations to the vermin destruction branch of the Lands department that the extermination of rabbits by means of poison should cease owing to the demand for rabbits in England. The department immediately ceased poisoning, but its misgivings expressed at the time were now fully justified by an abnormal increase of the pest. Owing to the fine growth of grass, the large State forests, private lands, and railway tracks were being overrun. - - -

BROWN COAL INSTEAD OF BLACK.

In consequence of more of the coal from New South Wales having to be brought by rail to this State, it is considered by the Minister of Mines that there is likely to be a pronounced increase in price, Mr Downward, however, thinks that this fresh tax upon the public may be counteracted if brown coal be used more extensively. He is impressed by the possibilities of the Morwell mine if properly developed, and he purposes on his return from New South Wales to visit the mine in order to ascertain for himself how the output of brown coal may be increased. - - -

10 January 1918

CRAYFISH STEALERS.

The terrible vice of stealing and petty thieving appears to be as rampant in Port Fairy at the start of 1918 as it was during past years, and it is to be deplored that those who have a mania for continually taking things which do not belong to them are not found out and sent to gaol. Mr Maurice Olsen had 11 dozen of crayfish "padlocked" in the Moyne river last week, but a thief of the night robbed him of 6 dozen of the biggest and most marketable of the crays. The police made inquiries in several directions, but could not get a trace of the robbery. It has now cost Mr Olsen £3 for padlocks for his crayfish pots.

PENSHURST SEASIDE EXCURSION.

A well-attended meeting was held in Penshurst on Saturday. It was decided to hold the seaside excursion as usual, and Wednesday, 23rd January was chosen. A public holiday throughout the shire is to be asked for. Port Fairy was chosen by a large majority of those present in preference to Portland. The special train is scheduled to depart at 8.45 a.m. picking up passengers to Hawkesdale. Mr D. Grieg was elected treasurer, and Mr S. Cottrill hon. Secretary.

EXCURSIONS TO PORT FAIRY.

Thursday January 17 Camperdown; Wednesday, January 23, Penshurst; Monday, January 28, Warrnambool; Thursday February 7, Terang.

This was January and February 1918 as
reported on page 2 of the

Port Fairy Gazette

14 January 1918

DRINK AND SOLDIERS.

The Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, formerly a well-known Baptist preacher in the United States, and more recently pastor of the Liberal Christian Church (Universalist) at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, preached at the London City Temple on Sunday, when his sermon contained a remarkable denunciation of the English liquor policy. "The British cause is righteous," he said, "but the nation is not. Upon the very day that the warning was issued that starvation was threatening, the breweries were permitted to increase their output by 20 per cent. Thus, when the nation is on the verge of hunger you allow food to be turned into drink to drug our brains. When I see American soldiers staggering in the streets, I hate London. It is a criminal offence in America to sell drink to a soldier. Here every opportunity is offered and every trap set to debauch our boys travelling to and from the front. How long will America send foodstuffs to England for the manufacture of liquor to ruin her boys? It is not fair."

NO "TICK" FOR BREAD.

At Geelong the master bakers are discussing the possibility of abolishing credit. Mr. G. Moody, secretary of the Master Bakers' Association, states that the cash transactions would benefit both buyer and seller. At Bendigo credit has been stopped, and the result of the experiment has been very satisfactory. He points out that a bill of 8/- or 4/- fortnightly for bread is nothing, but people are apt to ignore it until it reaches bounds which they find difficulty in paying it.

BOROUGH POUNDKEEPER.

Applications are invited, up to 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon next, 16th instant, for the position of borough pound keeper, the remuneration being £15 per annum. The revenue from the pound has fallen off considerably of late years, and as the receipts were much below the expenditure, the council decided to reduce the salary of the pound keeper from £20 to £15.

17 January 2018

CELEBRATING "NO" VICTORY.

A grand banquet is to be held at Kirkstall on the evening of the 23rd Inst to celebrate the magnificent vote recorded against conscription throughout Australia. Mr H. S. Bailey, M.L.A., has arranged with Senator J. Barnes and Messrs Martin Hannah, E. J. Hogan, R. J. Solly, M's.L.A. to be present. It promises to be the biggest function ever held in the district.

17 January 1918

VANDALISM.

"Cooinda," Port Fairy west, has been a mark for years past for the thief and the vandal. Fixtures have been stolen and every pane of glass in the fine building broken. The following notice was found this week attached to one of the windows:- "An old resident of Port Fairy visiting the town after an absence of 46 years is pained and grieved and astonished at the wilful vandalism and destruction of property consequent on this mansion being uninhabited. Where are the police?"

24 January 1918

BATHING IN THE NUDE.

It has been brought under the notice of the town clerk (Mr Evans) that a couple of men are in the habit of bathing in the nude at the South beach and on several occasions have deliberately exposed themselves to full view on the racks at the bathing sheds. The offence of indecency is dealt with under Part III of the Police Offences Act, and the police are asked to exercise some supervision and try if possible to bring the guilty parties to justice.

31 January 1918

CLOSING OF HOTELS IN PORT FAIRY.

Although there is only one hotel in the Port Fairy borough in excess of the statutory number according to the population, the Licences Reduction Board have the power to determine that two or more hotels may be closed at the end of this year. It is mentioned that probably 3 licensed premises here will come under the review of the Board before next December.

4 February 1918

BESSIEBELLE-ORFORD TELEPHONE LINE.

Mr A. S. Rodgers, M.H.R. has on foot a movement to extend the telephone service from Bessie Belle to Orford, thus effecting a thorough and intermediate connection between Port Fairy and Macarthur. The innovation, if carried out, will give great relief to those who do business by means of the telephone between Macarthur and Port Fairy, as well, all telephone calls are paid for by the distance covered, and this will greatly reduce the cost of calls between the two places.

TERANG EXCURSION.

The annual schools' excursion for Port Fairy will be held on Thursday next, February 7. The first train will leave Terang at 7.10 a.m. and run through without stopping. Four other trains will leave Terang at 7.40, 8.15, 8.45 and 9.15 a.m., and will stop at all stations to Warrnambool. The return fares from Terang are - Juniors 2/II, teachers 4/6, and adults 5/9. - - - At Port Fairy motor boats and sailing boats will make the usual trips round the bay and drags will run between the two beaches. Hot water and milk will be provided free of charge by the Port Fairy Seaside Visitors' Association.

And World War 1 Continued

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES.

In an official summary issued by the Defence authorities on Tuesday, details were made available of the total Australian casualties reported by cable up to and including the week ended 26th January. The figures are as follows:- Dead, 42,395; missing, 1171; prisoners of war, 2994; wounded, 114,717; sick, 66,362; casualties not specified, 212. Total, 227,851. The totals in regard to the deceased, missing, prisoners and unspecified casualties represent the actual net totals after all corrections have been taken into account. In regard to the wounded and sick, however, the totals are in excess of the actual number of men affected, because many are admitted to hospital more than once.

FOOD SHORTAGE.

Few people, if any, in the Commonwealth realise to its fullest extent the privations caused by war. Unlike other countries, we have full and plenty, whilst in the old land and in every other country taking part in the war, restrictions are made in regard to the necessities of life. There is a limit to consumption, and the hoarding up of foodstuffs is rigorously punished. The latest order in London in regard to public meals establishes two meatless days per week, and prohibits the consumption of milk, excepting in tea, coffee, or cocoa, for which persons must carry their own sugar. No meat is allowed for breakfast, but 3 oz is permitted each lunch and dinner. Bread is limited for each breakfast and dinner while 2 oz has to suffice for lunch. The meat has to be weighed with the bone and before being cooked.

TEACHING OF SEX HYGIENE

The publication of this book by the Workers' Educational Association of N.S.W. is in itself an evidence of an awakening of the social conscience to the magnitude and urgency of the problems involved in questions of sex. Those problems have been brought home to us by the bitter plight of many of our young soldiers, who fired with the spirit of youth and patriotism, answered their country's call, but were thrown back from the service they were so ready to give long before they reached the battle front, by an enemy more insidious and relentless than even the Germans. The ravages of venereal disease are truly pitiful to contemplate.

11 February 1918

COUNTER LUNCHESES.

Counter lunches so long a feature of hotel life in Melbourne and other cities of Victoria, will disappear from the bars of all hotels in Victoria as from March I, and it is estimated by experts that £50,000 a year will be saved by hotelkeepers. The agreement to abolish the counter lunch has been arrived at after years of agitation. The Brewers' Association has agreed not to supply hotels which refuse to abolish the counter lunch with beer. This arrangement was arrived at after several conferences with the Licensed Victuallers' Association.

9 January 1868

RIFLE SHOOTING.—DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

—Those members of the Volunteer Corps who use their rifles for sporting purposes are perhaps unaware of the great risks to human life or to property that is incurred by the practice. It appears that the volunteer rifles are sometimes used for firing at the swans on the lake, Belfast East, - - -

6 February 1868

WARRNAMBOOL.—The race week in Warrnambool is likely to be a gay one. The following will take place:- The Caledonian Gathering on Tuesday, 24 March; the Amateur Races on the 25th will be succeeded by a ball in the evening; and the Annual Races on the 26th and 27th will be more attractive than usual.

REDUCTION COACH FARES.—The Western Stage Company have resolved to reduce the fares from Belfast to Geelong during the summer months as follows:- Belfast to Geelong £2; return fares, £3 10s.

THE MOYNE MILLS.—We are glad to perceive that those extensive mills are again to be brought into operation. - - - Mr Ferris has leased them and he is prepared to purchase produce &c. at once. He will also receive grain for storage and good for shipment.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT SEA.—On Saturday last, about nine o'clock a.m., as the cutter Loelia was on her passage to Port Fairy and when about nine miles from port, the cook fell overboard and was drowned. The unfortunate man had been leaning against the rail, and by a sudden lurch of the vessel he was flung overboard.

VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.—The members of the Belfast detachment will do well to remember that on Monday next Capt. Suce will visit Belfast to inspect the company. There are several members of the detachment who are far from proficient in gun drill, and we would impress upon them the necessity of attending morning and evening drills while opportunity offers.

PRODUCE SHIPPING.—During the week there has been a very large quantity of agricultural produce, principally potatoes, shipped from Port Fairy. The other day we noticed two large steamers, a brig, four schooners and a cutter, all taking in cargo at the same time. The water on the river bar has been rather low during the week and at every tide a large fleet of lighters laden with produce were to be seen on their way to the vessels in the bay.

FIRE AT KIRKSTALL.—One day last week a stable belonging to Mr McClusky, of the Boundary Inn, Kirkstall, was discovered to be on fire, and though assistance was soon at hand the stable and its contents were quite destroyed. Fortunately the fire was prevented from spreading. An inquiry into the cause of the fire was held, when a verdict was returned to the effect that it was accidental, and that there was nothing to show how it originated.

Glimpses of the district in **1868**
Taken from "Local Intelligence" in the
BELFAST GAZETTE

AND PORTLAND AND WARRNAMBOOL ADVERTISER
(Established 1848)

13 February 1868

GUINN'S BREWERY.—We have pleasure in intimating that colonial ale and beer of very excellent quality is now being brewed in this town. Mr Guinn has erected a brewery in Gipps street, and is now supplying a beverage superior to colonial ale in general, both in flavour and in body.

27 February 1868

THE FOOTPATHS.—We are glad to see that a memorial to the Borough Council is on foot requesting them to make the footpath on the south street of Cox street, from Mrs. Gillespy's to the Catholic chapel. This is really a badly wanted work, as this road is used at times by almost all if not all the townspeople. A comfortable footpath would therefore be a great boon, and tend very much to the comfort of those obliged to use the street on foot.

ANOTHER DEATH FROM SNAKEBITE.—We regret to record another death from snakebite, which occurred on Sunday last. On that day Henry Good, Esq., of Asmore Station, Spring Creek, whilst in his garden was bitten on the hand by a snake. The usual remedies were applied, but without avail, and the unfortunate gentleman died the same afternoon. This second case of fatal snake poisoning occurring in this district within a fortnight, should have the effect of putting people on their guard when passing through places where these venomous reptiles are likely to be found.

CAPTURE OF A COW FISH.—On Monday morning last about ten o'clock some of the harbour crew employed in the bay noticed an unusual agitation in the water, at the edge of the bay. On going off to it they saw a large fish of the whale species had become entangled among the rocks, and as the tide receded, the forepart was left high and dry, while the great part of the body was left afloat. The fish writhed and beat the water with its immense tail, but was unable to extricate itself, and was easily killed as it lay exposed. It was towed over to the jetty, and got ashore, where a tent was erected over it, and it was exhibited to the curious at sixpence a head. A great number of townspeople inspected it during Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday morning it was cut up and boiled down for oil. The length of the fish was twenty-four feet, with a girth at the widest part of about twelve feet. The width of the tail was five feet. It had one dorsal and two ventral fins. The shape of the head was different to any kind of whale known to the whalers here, as it was elongated and the jaws terminated in two sharp beaks - - - The whalers call it a Cow Fish. We have been informed that similar fish have been frequently met with off the Auckland Islands. (*A long way south of New Zealand.*)

30 January 1868

Cheapside Warehouse

NEW GOODS IN GREAT VARIETY
AT THE STORES OF

HUTTON BROTHERS BELFAST

HUTTON BROS. Would beg to call the attention of the inhabitants of Belfast, Tower Hill, Yambuk and districts to the immense stock of New Goods now on sale at their stores, Sackville street, Belfast and which have been purchased in the best Colonial markets, they will sell at prices to meet the present times.

Every article warranted 1st class

Currants	Jordan Almonds
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Muscatel Raisins	Figs
Sultana Raisins	Nuts
Jams	Bottled Fruits
Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel.	

Teas, Sugars, Coffee, Chocolate, Cocoa, - Hams,
Bacon, and Cheese (English and Colonial)

Wines and Spirits

Irish Whisky	Sherry Wine
Scotch Whisky	Port Wine
Brandy	Ginger Wine
Rum	Ginger Brandy
Gin	Raspberry Vinegar
Old Tom	Lemon Syrup
Peppermint, Bitters, &c. &c.	

CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHENWARE
Ironmongery and Cutlery of all kinds.

Also FLOUR, BRAN, POLLARD, POTATOES,
Oats, Barley, &c., All on sale at

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Cheapside Warehouse
Sackville street, Belfast

23 January 1868

EXPORTS AND REVENUE

Exports from the Port of Port Fairy, for six
months ending 31 Dec. 1867:-

Bacon and hams	18 cwt
Butter and cheese	75cwt
Bran and pollard	7580 bush.
Grain (chiefly wheat)	27140 bush.
Flour	247 tons
Peas	100 bush.
Potatoes	3187 tons
Tobacco	8 boxes
Poultry	272 crates
Eggs	6270 doz.
Honey	2 cwt
Fish	33 bkts
Crayfish	120 doz
Sheep	558
Pigs	227
Kangaroo Skins	2110 doz
Hides	817
Sheepskins	20 bales
Wool	8088 bales
Tallow	69 Unit?

All other goods not enumerated 110 tons

REVENUE

for 6 months ending 31st December, 1867

	£	s	d
Customs (duties &c.)	4273	7	2
Treasury lands and immigration	8258	0	8

23 January 1868

POLICE COURT

Monday, January 20, 1868

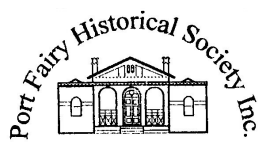
(Before H. B. Lane, Esq., P. M., D. J. Howes, and
G. Hutton, Esqs. J. Ps.)

E. Green was charged by the Superintendent of Police with driving on the wrong side of the road near Killarney.

The offence was proved, and the defendant was fined 20s. and 2s. 6d. costs.

The Superintendent of police stated that in every similar case, he would personally prosecute, and the Bench intimated that as the evil has grown to such an extent, heavy penalties would in future be inflicted.

Two other individuals were fined 5s. and 2s. 6d. costs for leaving their drays on the side of the road.



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