

NUNAWADING & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MAY 1967

NEWSLETTER NO. 1.

*** NEXT MEETING ***

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MAY.

Commentary and Slides by Mrs. E. McCraw. 8 p.m.

"TASMANIAN HISTORICAL TOPICS WITH SOME VICTORIAN LINKS".

This address should be of particular interest to Members who recently visited the Peninsula. Mrs. McCraw is a member of the Nepean Historical Society.

PLACE: METHODIST HALL, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.
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OBITUARY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to our Vice-President, Mr. Maurice Chatwin and his family in their recent loss of a loved Father and Grandfather.
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REPORTS: Mr. G. Baker, "Nunawading Gazette", addressed us last month on 'Newspaper Production'. He said it was the function of a Newspaper to inform the people on many subjects - to tell them everything. It conveys Council affairs to the public - concerns Social Groups and Church Bodies. It promotes business through advertising - educates in many ways, e.g. children's columns - editorials and allows one to express an opinion through letters. Mr. Baker then went on to describe production methods.

NEPEAN EXCURSION: 2nd April, 1967.

In 1803, over thirty years before John Batman became the founder of Melbourne, a small group of people were establishing a settlement at Sullivan's Cove, Sorrento. Among them was an eleven year old boy, later to become one of Melbourne's leading citizens - John Pascoe Fawkner.

Three hours after World War I was declared on August 4th, 1914, a German ship, the "Pfals", trying to clear Port Phillip Heads, was fired upon from Point Nepean - the first shot of World War I. (Ref. "The Peninsula Story", the Nepean Historical Society).

These and many other interesting facts were made known to the fifty enthusiastic members of the Nunawading & District Historical Society on Sunday, 2nd April, when they were guests of the Nepean Historical Society. Among other points of interest were the early Settlers' graves, the Collin's Memorial, and Point King, where on the 8th March, 1802, the present Union-Jack was used for the first time in Australia for the purpose of "taking possession".

This visit which included a bus tour of the Quarantine Station Grounds, demonstrated that we in Nunawading are most fortunate, for an active Historical Society encouraged by the municipality can do much to preserve local history for future generations.

By Evelyn Brown.
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R.H.S.V. The May excursion will be VICTORIA BARRACKS. Intending visitors must advise Miss Harrison by Tuesday, 23rd May. Tel. 62-7052.
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FRANKSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY: with the help of the Rotary Club, are organising a viewing of historical and modern homes in the Frankston area on Sunday, 7th May, 1967, between 1.30 and 4.30 p.m. Charge \$1.00. For further details, contact the Secretary (Tel. 78 32920).
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HISTORY OF NUNAWADING: Through the efforts of Miss E. Ronaldson, a brief history of the Municipality has been compiled and will be available next week.
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Mrs. Dorothy Goble: a member of this Society, has become Victoria's first woman Member of Parliament since 1948. We extend our best wishes.
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This Newsletter replaces the usual "Notice of Meeting" card. We look for the co-operation of all members and would appreciate items of local history for inclusion in future issues.

(Secretary, 39 Creek Road, Mitcham. 87-3429)

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History:

From Doris Mattingly.

In 1853, Thos. Ham commenced business as a Land and General Commission Agent at 35 Stanston Street, between the New Town Hall and St. Paul's Cathedral.

There was a 'Plan of locality showing the whole line of route to the district from Melbourne by way of Nunawading and Bulleen' of land for sale at Anderson's Creek (Warranty) by Thos. Ham.

It showed Melbourne and the intermediate townships. Whitehorse Road was marked as the Great Three Chain Road to Gippsland, while the continuation of the present Canterbury Road was the Old Track to the Mountains.

Full directions were given so that intending purchasers could readily find the property whether they travelled through Kew or by way of Bulleen.

(From the Victorian Historical Magazine, August 1943). Latrobe Lib.

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PROGRAMME.....1967

- February 8th: HIS WORSHIP the MAYOR OF NUNAWADING, Cr.G. WALSH.
"GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROTECT HISTORICAL LANDMARKS".

- March 8th: Mrs. Margaret Morrison, B.A. (Honors).
"Life of Mrs. Kirkland, an early pioneer".

- April 2nd: Members Visit Sorrento and District.
" 6th: Regional Group Meeting at "Southesk", Cotham Rd. Kew.
" 12th: Mr. G.C. Baker, Managing Director, Nunawading Gazette.
"NEWSPAPER PRODUCTION".

- May 10th: Mrs E. McCraw Commentary with Slides.
"Tasmanian Topics with some Victorian Links"

- June 14th: Mrs. P. Faggetter "Herbs and Pioneers".

- July 12th: Miss P. Reynolds, Deputy Librarian, La Trobe Library.
Subject:- To be advised.

- August 9th: Mr. K. Patterson:- "Our Acquisitions".
" ? : Hosts to Williamstown Historical Society.

- September 13th: Mr. F. Pinchen: "Some Flora and Fauna of the Nunawading Area".
(Past and Present, Native and Introduced, Illustrated).
" ? Visit to Walhalla. To be advised.

- October 11th: Mr. H.S. McComb: "The Place Names Committee".
- November 8th: ANNUAL MEETING AND FAMILY NIGHT.

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