

NUNAWADING & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER NO. 2

*** NEXT MEETING ***

WEDNESDAY, 14TH JUNE

Guest Speaker: Mrs. P. Faggetter

8.00 p.m.

Subject: "HERBS and PIONEERS"

Mrs. Faggetter, a member of this Society and a well known local historian, recently took part in a telecast about herbs on A. B. V. 2. Mrs. Faggetter is in charge of the Schwerkolt Cottage garden.

Place: METHODIST HALL, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

Reports: May Meeting. With the aid of slides, Mrs. E. McCraw took members on a voyage from Melbourne to Tasmania in the 1840's. From Sandridge we sailed down Port Phillip Bay, passed Mornington, Arthur's Seat, Pt. King, through The Heads to Bass Strait. We sailed down the East coast of Tasmania, where in 1642 Tasman anchored in Marion Bay. Thence on to Adventure Bay - probably the most significant Bay in our early history - where three English and two French expeditions had called between 1773 and 1802. It is haunted by history, and was the last Australian land visited by Captain Cook before his death. Captain Bligh called there in "The Bounty". We saw Bruny Island, named after the Frenchman Bruny D'entrecasteau, who was the first man to navigate it. We were reminded of the First Victorian Settlement - Collins left Sorrento and journeyed up the Derwent 15th February, 1804, landing at Hunter Island. Collins died in 1810 - MacQuarie came in 1811. Despite its many problems, Hobart continued to grow. For 17 years, Revd. Knopwood was the only Chaplain. Other points of interest were Battery Point, New Norfolk with its hops, salmon ponds, old inns and toll-house, also Richmond, which has the oldest bridge still in use in Australia (1823). We learned that Colonel Paterson settled in Launceston in 1804. Both Batman and Fawkner lived in Launceston, before settling in Victoria. Entally House and Franklin House were also visited. Hobart in the South and Launceston in the North are linked by a highway redolent of Tasmanian history. The whole length of its 120 miles recalls the past. It is haunted by the aborigines, by convicts, by bushrangers who made their headquarters in the Epping Forest, by the bullock drays with their creaking wheels, followed in the last century by the horn of the coachman, then in the Seventies the whistle of the train supplanted the coach-horn, and this in its turn gave way to the automobiles, and now aeroplanes fly overhead. However, this smooth bitumen highway virtually remains a cross section of Georgian Tasmania, the Van Diemen's Land of the history books.

Doncaster - Templestowe Historical Society collected and displayed historical articles in the Schramm Cottage during April. These articles were lent and given by local people, whose forebears pioneered this district. Many people passed through the cottage, admiring the fascinating exhibits.

The Cottage, more than 100 years old, is to be demolished and re-erected on the Reserve nearby; the road will be widened to pass over its former site. The Historical Society plans to furnish this building and open it for public viewing - like the Schwerkolt Cottage.

We congratulate the Doncaster - Templestowe Council for preserving this place, and the recently formed D. T. H. S. for its efforts.

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Henry Lawson Centenary:

19th June - 18th August

Exhibition Hall, La Trobe Library

Most of Lawson's work was first published in Australia, but even during his lifetime his quality was recognised overseas, and the exhibition will include overseas publications and translations, as well as first editions and limited editions of his works.

2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Mondays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays to Fridays.

A Brief History of Nunawading has now been completed and is available to school children from the Municipal Library, and from the Secretary of the N. & D. H. S. on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope - foolscap size.

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