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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday February 10th, 1971 in the Coffee Room, Civic Centre, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading at 8 p.m.

Our Guest Speaker at this meeting will be *Mrs Muriel Green* of Doncaster and her topic "Pioneer Women of the District".

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING took place in October and the following office-bearers were elected:

President:	Mr K. Patterson
Vice-Pres:	Mr M. Chatwin
Hon-Sec :	Mrs A. Poussard
Ass-Sec :	Mrs N. Durant
Treasurer:	Mrs E. Brown

Committee: Miss E. Ronaldson, Mrs N. Leach, Miss K. McGaw, Mrs J. Rocznio.

Retiring members were Mrs Mattingley who had been secretary for three years, Mr I. Barker who had been treasurer for the same period and Mrs J. Field who had been a committee member for the five years of the society's existence. The opportunity to show their appreciation of the work done by these people was taken by the members attending the November meeting. Also at this meeting our President Mr Keith Patterson was congratulated on receiving an honourable mention for his entry, "Launching the Land Rush", when the Captain Cook Bicentenary Literary Awards were announced.

Our guest speaker at the last meeting was Mrs N. Donkin, one of our own members and a successful author of children's books. Mrs Donkin's talk proved to be very entertaining and interesting, especially when she told us in detail of the research she did to write her books which are fiction with a historical background.

Excursion to EMU BOTTOM in November was enjoyed by all members who were able to go. Plans are completed for a visit to BALLARAT on SUNDAY, MARCH 14th, to look over SOVEREIGN HILL HISTORICAL PARK and tour the other historical and beauty spots of the city. Full details of this trip are in this issue and you will be able to book for the "Tour Bus" at the forthcoming meeting or by phoning the Secretary or Treasurer.

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LOCAL CHARITIES

An invitation has been received from the Mayoress for our members to support functions, arranged by the Mayoress Committee, as follows:

Saturday February 20th Barbecue \$2.50 (Single) (all inclusive)
Ticket Secretaries: Mrs E. Pearson Tel: 232 4080
Mrs F. Taylor 878 4295
Mrs D. Gawler 87 3207

Thursday March 11th — Luncheon Fashion Parade Donation \$4.75 single
Ticket Secretaries: Mrs C. Broadbear 878 4692
Mrs C. Willis 87 1203

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We will proceed to Ballarat by private cars parking at Sovereign Hill Park overlooking "Sovereign Hill Historical Park. You may then view the "Diggings" etc. at your will, have a picnic lunch and be ready to board the tour bus at 2 p.m. for a 3-hour tour of Ballarat, taking in the historical and beauty spots, not forgetting the gardens where the begonias will still be in full bloom. Your secretary had the pleasure of visiting Sovereign Hill on the opening day and can assure that you will not be disappointed in what is in store for you. If you cannot be at the next meeting you may ring the Secretary 89 3383 for further details.

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RESEARCH FOR 1971

During this year members will embark on a program of extensive research of the history of the churches of Nunawading, as they are today and how they began. As we complete and compile the research of each denomination, we hope to bring to you facts written up by a society member and presented on the back page of subsequent NEWSLETTERS.

We realise that space will not permit us to present all the information we will acquire, hence, we will endeavour to make a brief outline of the history of each church connected with the particular denomination for the NEWSLETTER, whilst we file away in our library the detailed results of our research for anyone to refer to as they wish.

As there are between thirty and forty churches in this municipality, most of us would be familiar with at least one or two of these, but of the rest, we may not have given them a passing glance, or even seen them at all. When we have completed our history of THE CHURCHES OF NUNAWADING – PAST AND PRESENT, we hope that we will all know the background of the church where we worship, visit on occasions or just pass by sometimes, in course of our every day life.

Material which would help us in our research, would be very acceptable – maybe you have a photograph, a newspaper cutting or such relating to your particular church, be it old or new.

Much has been written about our first churches in the district, especially Mt Pleasant Methodist, but what of the new ones? This is the part of our research that we may find the most interesting because we all know that once a denomination has established its church in a district it does not need another until the population in the area rises to the stage where the congregation is too large to be accommodated. This has been experienced in many instances in recent years in Nunawading so, just as the pioneers made sacrifices to provide labour and funds to establish their place of worship, their descendants are called on to do likewise.

When we read of the early settlers to Victoria, we are told of their strong religious beliefs and their efforts to get their place of worship, usually beginning in one of their homes.

It is obvious the Methodists were the first to get religion established in Nunawading, so it is fitting that we should start our research with that denomination. In our next NEWSLETTER we will present a brief summary of THE CHURCHES OF NUNAWADING PAST AND PRESENT. No. 1 THE METHODISTS

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