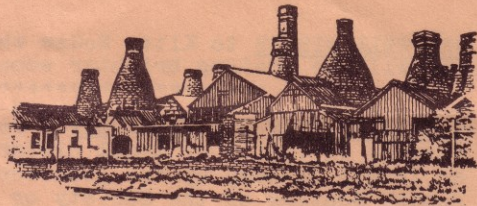


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Dear Members,

The attendance numbers were good at our March Meeting held at the Mattingley's home, thank you to Doris and Grant for their hospitality. A considerable amount of business was discussed and attended to during the first half of the evening then Doris and Joan read some records of memories from earlier days and Doris displayed some of her lovely collection of calendars.

PLEASE NOTE there has been an alteration to the date of the May Meeting, it will now be Wed. 2nd. May. As we will be involved in the Lion's Den Op. Shop during the second & third week of May, it was agreed that some members might find it difficult to manage both.

OP. SHOP. MORE HELPERS NEEDED We need more volunteers to man the Lion's Den Op. Shop Blackburn (near station). The Society will receive a substantial dividend from our involvement but we MUST provide 3 helpers for every shift over the 2 weeks (Monday excluded). PLEASE contact Phyllis Johnson who is arranging the roster if you are able to help on any of the following days:

Wed. 9th May 1pm to 4pm - 3 people	Wed. 16th May 1pm-4pm - 3 people
Thur. 10th May 1pm - 4pm - 1 person	Thur. 17th May 10am-1pm - 1 person
Fri. 11th May 10am -1pm- 1 person	Fri. 18th May 10am-1pm - 1 person
	Fri. 18th " 1pm -4pm - 2 people

PLEASE CONTACT Phyllis if you can fill in on any of these days, your help is needed urgently. Phone Phyl at 8744745.

The Society has been invited to take part in several displays in Mitcham; during HERITAGE WEEK from 6th to 13th April at Copperfield Antiques 660 Whitehorse Rd. Mitcham; several members will be arranging this display from photographs and other items we have at the Museum. Please make time to visit, there will be other interesting exhibits & every person through the door will receive a FREE ticket in a draw for an antique chair so don't miss out! Also if you have some time to stay with our exhibit please contact Shirley Jones 8747073.

The other display we've been invited to take part in is to celebrate G.J. Coles 70 years in business, it will extend over 70 days, one for each year, through April to June of this year. Each Coles Supermarket will be organizing an exhibition of local historical interest, if you have any early G.J. Coles material please let Andrew Hillier know, phone 8743954.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed. 11th April 7.45pm	General Meeting at Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading, Speaker: <u>Mr Gary Presland Archaeologist</u> will speak on the recent Victorian Archaeological Survey which made a study of the Aboriginal Occupation of the Melbourne area, Mr Presland was involved in this study.
Wed. 2nd May 7.45pm	at Andrew Hillier's home 15 Compton St. Mitcham. General Meeting followed by a surprise event. Be there!
Wed. 13th June 7.45pm	General Meeting Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading. Speaker to be announced next issue of Newsletter.

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GET WELL WISHES to Kitty McGaw who is not well at present, do hope you will be feeling brighter soon Kitty, we are thinking of you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT : Joan would like all members who are working on family or local histories of Nunawading area (be they small or large) to keep up the good work and arrange to present them at a future Meeting of the Society or send them to the Editor for inclusion in the Newsletter, participation from every member is the aim.

Joan Rocznio Pres.

GRACIOUS VICTORIAN RESIDENCE goes up for sale.

We all know Schwerkolt Cottage is Mitcham's oldest house but the 2nd oldest is probably the 100 year or more old Victorian residence "Girraween" in Longlands Road Heatherdale.

It stands on land which was listed as belonging to Mr. William Morton in 1864 and later owned by Shire President William Whitt and also by a Mr. Purchess, Master Butcher. With the advent of the proposed railway line to Lilydale the large holding was subdivided, a Byrne - Vale & Co. (64-66 Lt. Collins St. Melb.) advertisement for April 18th 1882 offers for sale Lot 23 of Section 130 Hampton Road (now Heatherdale Rd.) Shire of Nunawading,

"Splendid Villa Site of 3 acres 6 perches, on the railway line to Lilydale. Emery's Hill Railway station $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to the west. A substantial bluestone foundation has already been laid for a Villa Residence." etc. etc.

It was owned by a Capt. Longlands at one stage for whom the road was named. The house has been well cared for over the years and until just a few years ago had large grounds surrounding it. 12 modern strata title units now cover the bulk of the grounds, however a common area, the garden of the house and the M.M.B.W. pipe track have left a considerable amount of open space around the beautiful old place.

It was offered for auction on Sat. 10th May 1984 by R.E. Appleby Pty. Ltd. of Ringwood Nth. for the owners, the Bakker family. The auction was well attended by several hundred interested onlookers and some intending bidders, a solicitor present complained that the advertising had been misleading in not stating that the house was actually Unit 13 No. 5 Longlands Rd. & not No. 5 Longlands Rd., his intention appeared to be an attempt to upset prospective bidders. The bidding quickly reached \$140,000 and was passed in at \$145,000.

It is now offered for private sale, if you have about \$165,000 you can own this gem.

EARLY GAS COMPANIES Ray Proudly of the Gas & Fuel Corp. of Victoria is preparing a History of the Gas Industries in Victoria and wishes to hear from anyone who can assist him, either by having been employed in the gas industry in the past or with old documents, accounts, photographs etc. Write to Ray C/O Box 1841Q G.P.O. Melbourne 3001.

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REMEMBER KEEP COLLECTING ALL THOSE UNWANTED ITEMS FOR OUR SOCIETY TO STOCK THE LION'S DEN OP. SHOP AT BLACKBURN, BRING THEM ALONG TO THE MUSEUM FOR STORAGE IF YOU HAVE NO ROOM.