



AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 1984

Dear Members,

August brings wattle and boronia and the promise of spring not too far away. Late August will see the return of our President Joan Rocznick and her husband Jan who have been enjoying a trip to their respective homelands, England and Poland; we hope they had a wonderful time and we say Welcome Home to Nunawading.

In another three months it will be time for the Annual General Meeting and possibly the same problems regarding nominations for office bearers; further to Andrew's comments in the previous Newsletter please give some serious thought to the future of the Society, your comments and ideas are important.

The Mitcham M.S. Opportunity Shop received a \$25 donation for their help with the Lion's Den Op. Shop in May.

Box Hill Historical Society is organizing a General Tour of Box Hill Cemetery early in 1985 as part of their contribution to Victoria's 150th Anniversary, more details later.

The Committee of Eastern Historical Societies Trip for 1984 will be to Hamilton in the Western District. Fri. 26th October to Sun. 28th October.

Both nights will be spent at Botanical Motor Inn in Hamilton. The itinerary will include visits to the Art Gallery, historic buildings, museums and displays, tours of Hamilton, Botanic Gardens and other as arranged by the local Historical Society,

Cost: \$82.00 on a twin share basis. An \$8.00 surcharge will apply for single accommodation.

To make this viable there must be at least 36 persons booked by the closing date of initial deposit. If this number are not enrolled the trip will either be cancelled or undertaken at an extra cost if so arranged with those interested.

ALL FORMS & MONEY ADDRESSED TO Miss C.E. GRAY 30 MONT VUE St.
LILYDALE Vic. 3140 ph. 7355103 A.H.
(Form at the end of this Newsletter, cut or photocopy)

It was suggested at our recent Committee Meeting that we should have another Crazy Whist Evening (previous ones were so successful), could we have an offer of a member's home for the event perhaps in mid to late October; contact Shirley Barker or Shirley Jones.

75 YEARS OF HISTORY

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria celebrated its 75th Birthday on 21st May '84, it began at a meeting at Furlong's Studios Collins St. Melb. on 21st May 1909. In 1920 the Royal Geographical Scty. of Australasia Victorian Branch was incorporated in the R.H.S. of Vic. The R.G.S. had been in operation for over 70 years at that time and had an extensive library which became the basis of the R.H.S. collection.

LETTERS FROM "OVER THERE"

Letters, cards etc. written from active servicemen during W.W.2 are required for a collection being prepared

for publication by Josie Arnold 11 Oxley Close Glen Waverley V.3150 ph. 5605029 & Lurline Stuart 16 Patterson Av. Burwood V. 3125 ph. 2881947. Letters, photographs and other supporting material made available for selection and copying will be returned to their owners without delay or, if no longer wanted, will be passed on to the Australian War Memorial for preservation.

INDEXING THE ARGUS

Volunteers are required to work on the indexing of the ARGUS for the years 1859 to 1909, indexing has been completed for other years of issues. Please contact The History & Heritage Committee of the 150th Anniversary, Mr David Packer ph. 3415959 or 3451844 if you are interested and can assist.

HELP FOR FAMILY HISTORIANS

Newly published book by Ian A. Hughes continues his series of valuable listings of early migrants and travellers to Port Phillip with Coastal Passengers to Port Phillip 1841 which contains names of ships, arrival dates, ports of origin & an alphabetical list of passengers names. Available from author Mr I.A. Hughes GPO Box 5191 AA Melbourne Vic. 3001. Price \$16.10 which includes postage.

Another valuable reference source is the English Parish Register Transcripts: a List of all known transcripts of English Parish Registers held in Australia & N.Z. libraries, edited by N.J. Vine Hall 3rd. edn. Available from Scty. of Aust. Genealogists Richmond Villa 20 Kent St. Sydney N.S.W. 2000 Cost \$7 inc. postage.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wed. 8th August 7.45pm Nunawading Historical Scty. Meeting Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading. There will not be a speaker, members are invited to speak or read about their own research interests, be it family or local history, or perhaps an old family album of photos.
- Wed. 12th Sept. 7.45pm Nunawading Historical Scty. Meeting at Chris Otterbach's home 15 Heather Grve. Nunawading. Andrew has organized the reading of some of the interesting articles & items from earlier N.H.S. Newsletters. Please bring along a small plate of supper.
- Wed. 10th Oct. 7.45pm. Annual General Meeting of N.H.S. Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading. Election of Office Bearers. Please keep this date free, your attendance is so important.

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INITIAL PAYMENT. TRIP TO HAMILTON Oct.26th '84 (Due Sept. 1st) \$40

NAME.....SOCIETY.....

ADDRESS.....PHONE.....

AMOUNT.....SHAREDSINGLE. (Note final payment due Oct 1st. \$42 to Miss Christine Gray)