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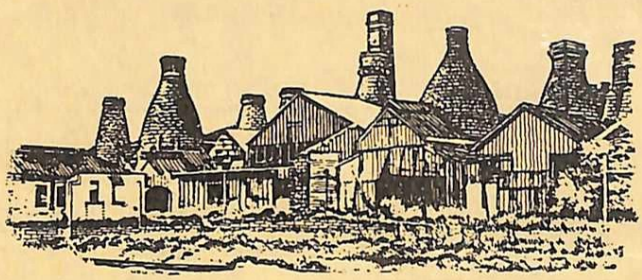

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NEWSLETTER DECEMBER - JANUARY 83/84

Dear Members,

Our new President Joan Roczniok wishes all members a Very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year. Joan would like to thank Committee & members for their support during 1983 & looks forward to a successful & productive 1984. Joan,& Andrew Hillier our new Secretary have put forward some interesting plans for next year.

Joan wishes to thank Past President Keith Patterson, on behalf of all Nunawading Historical Scty. members, for his untiring efforts over many many years. Keith has always been willing to speak on local history, edit the Newsletter, look after the Society's archives etc. etc.; in fact he has always been ready to help in every way possible. Keith, please accept the heartfelt appreciation of all the members.

Thank you to all members who have supplied paragraphs & articles for this Newsletter & thanks especially to Val Fitcher who looks after the Newsletter after the printer has completed his job, Val folds them.puts them in the envelopes, addresses & posts them.

Season's Greetings,

Shirley Jones Editor.

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due, please pay to Mrs Shirley Barker Treasurer, 14 Tortice Ave. Nunawading V. 3131 : Single $3.50 Family $5.00 Newsletter only $2.00.

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CHRISTMAS MEETING

Wed. 14th Dec. 7.45pm.

Coffee Shop Nunawading Civic Centre.

Please bring along a small plate of Xmas fare & some items for the Trade Table.

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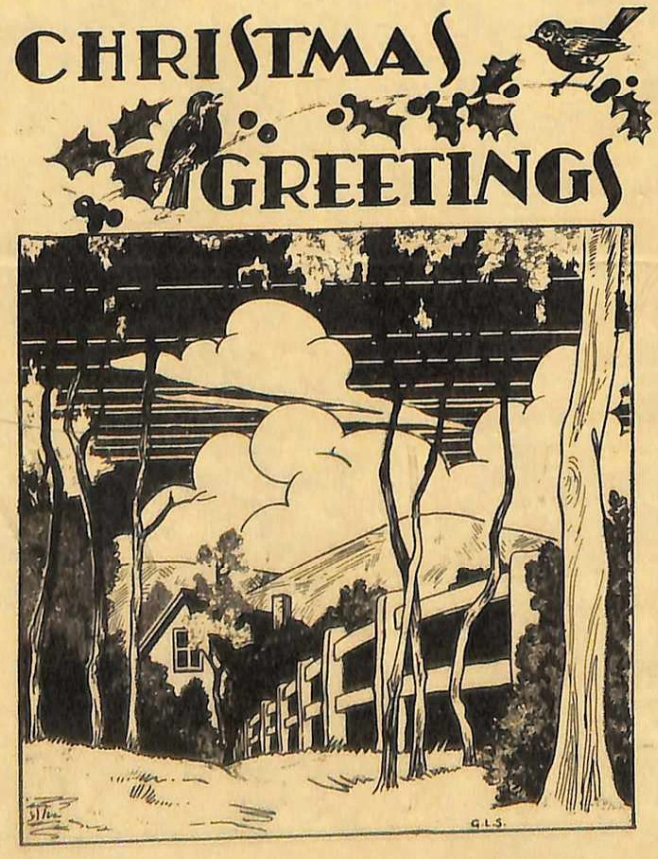
This typical Australian Christmas Greeting illustration comes from a card

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PICNIC TEA & GENERAL MEETING

Wed. 8th Feb.'84 6.30 pm (note the early start)

Schwerkolt Cottage grounds near the Museum. Bring a picnic tea & chair or rug. Picnic first, meeting later. See you there.

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produced by Myers (Melbourne) about 1940 and was priced at 2d.

EARLY HOTELS IN NUNAWADING AREA.

Keith Patterson spoke on Coach & Mail Routes & early Hotels at our last meeting & has provided some interesting notes on the subjects. The notes on Early Hotels are included in this issue, those on the Coach & Mail Routes will be included in the next Newsletter.

EARLY HOTELS

There are many gaps in the history of the early hotels which can be filled only by considerable research. The following information is available at present.....

HARKAWAY INN Highbury Rd. near Springvale Rd. Application for licence lodged by Burrell, Sept. 1857. Position shown in a sketch applying for aid for Harkaway School, 1861.(In our N.H.S. archives).

TRAVELLERS REST On present site of Blackburn Hotel, and has been there for many years. Licensee in 1905 - William Dempsey. (We have copies of certificates of title, showing changes of ownership since 1884).

KING GEORGE Whitehorse Rd. Blackburn, near present site of Latter Day Saints Church. Established by George King, who in 1868 applied to transfer licence to John Bull. Out of existance in 1905.

HARVEST HOME John McGlone, Store-keeper applied for a beer licence in 1869. He was renting a shop at the present corner of Whitehorse Rd. & McGlone St. from John Gardiner; and gave his address as Main Gippsland Road. He applied for a licence for the Harvest Home Hotel at the end of 1873 & received it in Sept. 1874. His address was given as Doncaster Road Nunawading.

EMERIES or EMERY'S HILL HOTEL Corner of Whitehorse Road & Station St. Mitcham. Licence held by McStone in 1875; M.A. Pearce in 1895 & Mary Jane Callaf in 1905.(Editor: Mrs Nance Leach recently located a tattered photograph of this pub taken in late 1917 when this tiny old hotel apparently closed. A scrawled notice on the building reads : "In sad & loving memory of the Hill Hotel. Passed away Dec. 3rd. 1917. Poor B." Interesting to record the demolition almost exactly 66 later of the building which succeeded the Hill Hotel! )

RESERVE HOTEL On the south-east corner of Whitehorse & Mitcham Roads. Licensee in 1895 was Alchard. Still a licenced hotel.

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MEETING DATES FOR 1984 Please record these in your '84 Dairy.

Feb. 8th 6.30pm Schwerkolt Cottage Picnic Tea & General Meeting.
Mar. 4th 7.45pm Doris & Grant Mattingley's home. General Meeting.
Apr. 11th 7.45pm Coffee Shop. Speaker Mr Gary Presland Archaeologist.
May 9th 7.45pm Andrew Hillier's home. General Meeting.
June 13th 7.45pm Coffee Shop Civic Centre.
July 11th 7.45pm General Meeting at a member's home.
Aug 8th. Sept. 12th. Oct. 10th. Nov. 14th. Dec. 12th. Details later.

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Pres. Mrs J. Roczniok 15 Walwa St. Mitcham 3132 8747289

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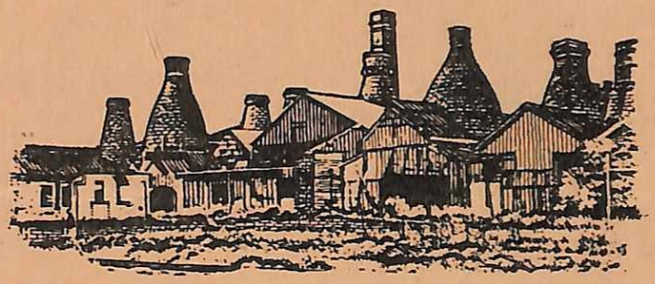

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY - MARCH 1984

Dear Members,

Our Christmas meeting was enjoyed by all who came along. A play reading ably presented by Doris Mattingley & performed by Doris, Phyl Johnson, Teddy & Allan Poole, Maurice Chatwin & Andrew Hillier was the highlight of the evening.

Have you sent your annual subscription along to Shirley Barker 14 Tortice Ave. Nunawading 3131. Single $3.50 Family $5.00 Newsletter only $2.00.

LION'S DEN OP. SHOP Blackburn. Our Society has been allocated 2 weeks beginning 8th May this year, let Phyl Johnson know if you have any storage space till then to keep donated items. A roster will be drawn up, please let Phyl know if you're available and how many days you can spare, any friends who might be happy to help are most welcome.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Wed. 8th Feb. 6.30 pm | General Meeting & Picnic Tea at Schwerkolt Cottage Museum. Bring along a picnic tea & a rug or chair to sit on, everyone most welcome. |
| Wed. 4th Mar. 7.45 pm | General Meeting at Doris & Grant Mattingley's home 2 Leons Court Blackburn ph. 8784630 |
| Wed. 11th Apr. 7.45 pm | General Meeting Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading Speaker: Mr Gary Presland Archaeologist 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. |

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100 YEAR OLD SHOUT

Nyngan, that friendly town on the Bogan River, 620 kms northwest of Sydney, just celebrated its centenary, well, actually the 100th anniversary of the railway station around which the town grew.

One local publican came up with a particularly creative idea for his participation. For a whole day he offered a schooner of beer (now $1.10) for every original penny brought to the bar.

"It's a bit of a risk, I know," he said, "But there's always the chance I'll crack a 1930 penny, worth thousands of dollars!"

From Aust. Bicentennial Newsletter.

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The Editor would be happy to receive any paragraphs or articles for future Newsletters so please get busy with your pencil & paper.

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COACH AND MAIL ROUTES between Melbourne and Lilydale.

For some years before the railway was built coaches passed through Nunawading on the Melbourne-Lilydale route. Even before then there had been regular mail routes through our district, and the form and frequency of them give us clues to the amount of development and population in this area. Here are the documented records of those activities.

Municipal Directory 1881 - Shire of Lillydale - Lilydale is connected to Melbourne by two lines of coaches, via Ringwood and Kew.

Annual Reports, Postal Department, Parliamentary Papers:-

1862 - Mail to and from Kew and Warrandyte by way of Doncaster and to and from Kew and Lilydale, 3 times a week by horseback.

1865 - Mail to and from Kew and Lilydale by way of Box Hill, Doncaster and Warrandyte, 3 times a week by horseback.

1867 - Mail to and from Kew and Lilydale by way of Box Hill. To and from Kew and Warrandyte via Doncaster, 3 times a week by horseback.

1869 - Mail to and from Kew and Lilydale, 6 times a week by horseback.

1870 - Mail to and from Kew and Lilydale by way of Box Hill, 6 days a week, by coach.

1873 - Mail to and from Melbourne and Lilydale, by coach, 6 days a week.

1876 - Mail to and from Melbourne and Lilydale, via Baldwin (?Balwyn), 6 days a week, by coach.

Lilydale Historical Society has a short history of Lilydale, prepared in 1931, in which the coaching history is given as:-

"Robinson & Wagner started a line of coaches running between Lilydale and Melbourne. They sold out to Cobb & Company in 1874. Cobb & Co. had a big depot in Lilydale, with coach lines to Healsville, Marysville and up the Yarra valley.

Mitchell & Co. started a line in opposition in 1880. Competition became so fierce that fares were reduced to 1/- return. Mitchell & Co. then gave up."

The coaches ceased to run when the railway was opened at the end of 1882.

Keith Patterson 1983

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The Victorian Railways issued a "Coach Guide containing particulars of regular Coach & Motor Services between Victorian railway stations & towns outside the railway system", the 'gratuitous' issue 1st July 1925 has some interesting time tables & fares, here are a few examples:-

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| Bayswater to Hazel Dell (5 miles) | 2 coaches daily | 2/- single |
| Bayswater to Olinda (8 miles) | 2 coaches daily | 4/6 return |
| Bayswater to Wantirna (2 miles) | no regular conveyance | |
| Bayswater to Sassafras (6 miles) | 2 coaches daily | 4/- return |
| Belgrave to Gilmore's Crn.(8 miles) | Coach to S'fras Sth then 4 miles thence by arrangement with mail contractor. | |
| Croydon to Bushy Park (4 miles) | Cabs when required. | 6/- return |
| Croydon to Kilsyth (3 miles) | 3 coaches daily,15 mins uphill, 10 down. | |
| Upper F.Tree Gully to Monbulk | 3 coaches daily | 2/6 return |
| Ringwood to Warrandyte (6 miles) | 2 Motor coaches daily 30 min " | Day/ret. |
| Yarra Junction to Black Sands (5 miles) | Tram no set times | 7d single |
| Yarra Junction to Three Bridges (7 miles) | Tram | 10d single |
| Yarra Glen to Dashville (6 miles) | Mon. Wed. Fri. | 4/- single |

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# NEWSLETTER APRIL - MAY 1984

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:

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| 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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Wed. 11th April 7.45pm | General Meeting at Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading, Speaker: Mr Gary Presland Archaeologist 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.

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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 Roczniok Pres.

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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.) advertisment 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 ½ 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.

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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. 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.

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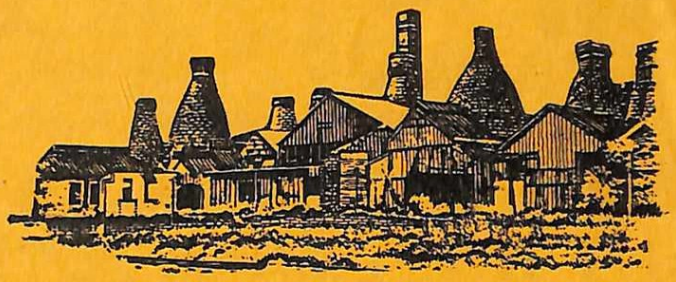

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NEWSLETTER JUNE - JULY 1984

Dear Members,

Our Treasurer Shirley Barker was very happy to receive a cheque from the Lion's Den Op. Shop Blackburn for our two weeks staffing of the shop in May, we cleared $940 (which inc. money from items sold earlier).

Thank you to Phyl Johnson for her fine job with the roster (6 people per day for a fortnight was'nt easy to manage from our very small group of members), Phyl was pleased to receive offers of assistance from non-members, in particular, the ladies who work at the M.S. Op. Shop Mitcham who filled in the many gaps in the roster. Thank you to all those N.H.S. members who helped staff the shop, it was a really worthwhile effort.

OBITUARY

It is with great regret I record the passing of my parents Frank and Rene Bawden.....

James Francis Bawden born Ballarat 6th July 1902 - died 27th Mar. 1984.

Irene Constance Bawden nee Johnson born Wellington N.Z. 31st Dec. 1903 died 20th May 1984.

Thank you to the Nunawading Historical Society and members for their expressions of sympathy and flowers; the support of such kind friends is greatly appreciated by myself and family.

Shirley Jones.

PROPOSED SERIES OF EXCURSIONS

Our Secretary Andrew Hillier has set down the following proposal & reasons:

Whilst the relatively meagre funds available to us, as a society, prohibit the undertaking of field-trips on public transport, there are a number of places of historical interest within a reasonable radius of our municipality, which may be visited at minimal outlay in private vehicles.

As a society we exist through our love & appreciation of history, our forte' being local history. Although it does not appear in our constitution, we don't exist merely to meet once each month, (however beneficial or enjoyable this may be), but also to participate in the preservation of our history & in so doing gain knowledge both from it & of it. A sufficient balance between meeting & actually participating is vital to our continuing as a society. We must be able to offer this balanced mixture, to attract new members & keep interest alive among present members.

With this in mind, the following proposed series of future Excursions, anticipated to begin next year, can only be of benefit to us. This should be of particular importance in this the sesquicentenial year of Victoria.

LOCAL (Eastern suburbs)

1. Schramms Cottage Doncaster.
2. Warrandyte, Hist. Museum & area.
3. Box Hill Cemetery.
4. Ringwood, Miner's Cottage & Ringwood Lake surrounds.
5. Kew, walking tour.
6. Heidelberg, Museum, Banyool etc.

NON LOCAL

1. South Melb. Port Melb.
2. Nth. Carlton & Melb. Gen. Cemetery.
3. M.C.G. Museum etc.
4. Footscray, James Flood Museum.
5. Melb. Performing Arts Centre.
6. Caulfield,"Labassa" Racing Museum.
7. Prahran, Mechanic's Inst. Library of Local Histories of Victoria.
8. Melb., Latrobe Library.
9. Werribee, Werribee Park Homestead.
10. Queenscliff, Historic Fort & Tourist Steam Railway etc. etc.
11. Yarra Glen Museum at the old railway station.

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THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ABORIGINAL SITES ( IN THE MELB. METROPOLITAN AREA)
SUMMARY OF A TALK BY MR GARY PRESLAND OF THE VIC. DEPT. OF ARCHAEOLOGY.
at N.H.S. Meeting 11th April 1984.

The 10 years work so far done on the Vic. Archaeological Survey has been mainly in rural areas - such as the Mornington Pen., the Westernport Catchment area & the Bellarine Pen. Results make it possible to assess the need for more intensive work in the metropolitan area. It is also desirable to obtain a clear idea of the number & density of archaeological sites & the means by which they can be preserved. The further study of Melb. sites would be valuable for the clues they can give about pre-European life in the area.

Using a "land use" map of today the speaker indicated that the focus had to be on areas which could be walked through & which had a 70% visibility of land, e.g. creek edges - Koroit Cr. recently had 17 sites, the Maribyrnong R. 3 sites.

Another map reconstructed possible areas used in pre-European time, swampy lands such as Sth. Melb. to St. Kilda & the Carrum-Edithvale Wetlands as food sources; the huge Sandringham sandy area, the open savannah spaces & the forests spread over the Dandenongs & the edges of & nth. of the Yarra for hunting etc.

A third map showed the approx. areas occupied by the five tribes (Kulin) situated west of the Dandenongs to Mt. Macedon & the Barwon R. Mr Presland described the possible sizes of the tribes & the total number of aboriginal people around Port Phillip prior to Europeans.

It was interesting to learn that there is still visible evidence of aboriginal occupation in the Met. area, the most famous being the Maribyrnong R. at Keilor where in 1940 a human skull proved to be 16 - 17,000 years old was found. Scarred trees, often known as "canoe trees" are evidence of aboriginal activities. The bark was taken to make shields, containers & if large enough, canoes. To be a true relic the tree must be at least 150 years old, the scar symmetrical & not run to the ground. One fine example is in a garden in Main St. Blackburn.

Kitchen Middens have been found at Pt. Ormond, Brighton & Sandringham, & other spots on the M'ton Pen. They are observed as ledges or ridges in sandy escarpments along which are the remains of shellfish, bones & ash from fires.

The finding of many tools was described at length, their origins often being far distant from where found, this indicated the widespread trading of tools between tribes. Hunting & trapping methods were also described inc. an early sketch of a fencelike weir constructed across a river(near Braybrook of today) which was used to trap fish.

In conclusion Mr Presland suggested that much further information on early Aboriginal life could still be found in private diaries, drawings & records which have not yet been found & asked that we keep looking for such information as we worked on research into families etc.

Joan Roczniok.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed. 13th June 7.45pm — General Meeting at Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading. Speaker: Mr Warwick Shortland talking & exhibiting his fine collection of Toy Cars.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING IN JULY. Next meeting 8th.Aug.

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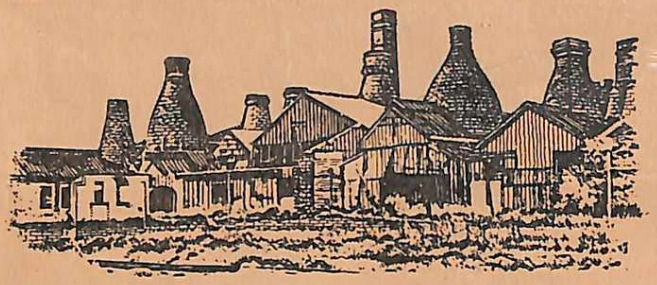

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 1984

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 Roczniok 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 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

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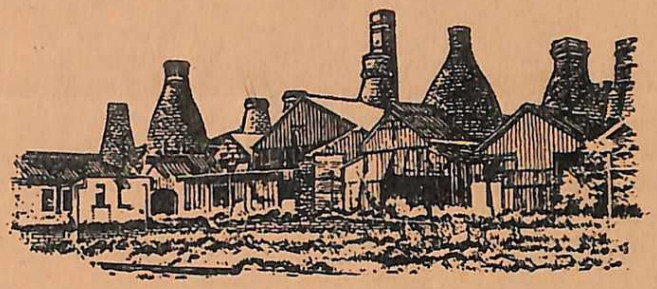

Dear Members,

The Nunawading Gazette of Sept. 26th '84 carried this advertisment, placed by the N.H.S. Committee with the hope that interested persons will come forward in response to our plea.

An excellent article on P16 of the same issue goes into further detail in support of the advertisement.

The N.H.S. has reached a crossroad and must seriously consider its future direction whilst keeping in mind the society's responsibilities regarding the Museum.

Members! please come along to the A.G.M. on Wed. 10th October 7.45 at the Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading, your support is needed for several very important matters which are explained further in the President's letter which follows,

**HELP!**

**Has NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY helped you by:**

- Finding material for your history projects?
- Answering a query about your family, street, church, school?
- Talking to your group?
- Providing an exhibition for your organisation?
- Opening your eyes to local history in the museum at Schwerkolt Cottage?

It now needs members WHO WILL HELP by taking an active part in ENABLING THESE SERVICES TO CONTINUE.

Please contact the Secretary (874 3954) (874 7289) (874 7073)

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Shirley Jones Editor.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MEMBERS.

Dear Members,

In view of the forthcoming departure from the district of our Archivist Keith Patterson & our V. Pres. & Editor Shirley Jones and the uncertain future plans of our Secretary Andrew Hillier the Society now faces an acute manpower and office bearer problem. At the A.G.M. Oct. 10th, if sufficient office bearers,& most importantly, worker members are not available members should be prepared to consider several alternatives to the present form of the Nunawading Historical Society.

1. To reform as an Historical Research Group (similar to Ringwood), with emphasis on the collecting of historical records & photographs etc. and reduction of social activities and meetings but continuing to maintain the Museum.
2. To reform as volunteer workers under the title of, for example:- "Friends of the Nunawading Historical Museum" or similar, with the purpose of maintaining the Museum only.

In view of the 2nd alternative it may be necessary for the Society's photographic, pictorial and reference material to be given into the custody of the Latrobe Library. However I hope that the enthusiasm which has provided the Museum and all its resorces in the past will produce sufficient people for the Society to continue in an active form,

Your sincerely,

Joan Roczniok President.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Members please note the following proposal for an amendment to a section of the Constitution which is ambiguous:-

General 24 The society shall not be wound up unless .....

(b) A special resolution in favour of winding up is passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Society's members at a General Meeting.

Proposed by Shirley Barker, seconded by Teddy Poole that the underlined words be replaced by :-

not less than two-thirds of the Society's paid up members who are present at a General Meeting ~~and have attended at least 5 (five) meetings during the previous 12 (twelve) months (November-October)~~.

The above amendment proposal shall be presented at the A.G.M. for members to consider and vote on.

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SUPPERS FOR MEETINGS Members please bring a small plate of supper along to the next three meetings for 1984. ALSO volunteers are needed for preparation and serving of supper at Oct. A.G.M. meeting. Please phone Phyl Johnson if you can assist, 874 4745.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Wed. 10th Oct. 7.45 pm | Nunawading Hist. Scty. Annual General Meeting in the Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading. Election of Office Bearers, proposed amendment to Constitution and future of Society etc. etc. Please bring a plate of supper. |
| Wed. 14th Nov. 7.45 pm | Nunawading Hist. Scty. Meeting at the home of Teddy & Alan Poole 6 Lernes St. Forest Hill. Joan Rozcniok will talk on the recent visit she and Jan made to U.K. and Europe. Please bring along a small plate of supper. |
| Wed. 12th Dec. 7.45 pm | Nunawading Hist. Scty. Christmas Break-up in the Coffee Shop Civic Centre Nunawading. There will be some entertainment, a surprise to put you in a festive mood. Be there! Please bring along a small plate of Christmas fare. |

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NOMINATION FOR OFFICE BEARER NUNAWADING HISTORICAL SOCIETY 1984

.....nominated for the office of.....

by.....seconded by.....

signed by.....(signature of person nominated)

Please cut off at dotted line if wishing to submit a nomination at A.G.M.