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REPORT ON THE OCTOBER MEETING (11/10/06)

TURK'S HEAD MUSEUM

by June Shanahan

Members of the Albury & District Historical Society were invited to hold their "11th October meeting" at the Turks Head Museum (Albury Regional

FUTURE EVENTS

13/12/06 December History Meeting at the *Commercial Club* Albury.

 **1/12/06 Xmas Season Function:** The "Xmas Season Party" is to be held in the Elizabeth Room, Albury Commercial Club, on Friday 1/12/06 at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm 'sit-down' meal. Cost is \$24 per head; drinks at the bar. We would like acceptances with \$ money by next meeting 8 November please. ("Xmas Gift Exchange" Details P3)

Museum).

Vice President **Max Barry** chaired the evening in the absence of President **Doug Hunter**.

Max introduced **Jim McCann** who is the Team Leader, Cultural Operations, Community & Recreation, Albury City. **Jim** showed members a documentary film of the early years of Prime Television from when they first started televising in this area.

For many it brought back a lot of memories of celebrity faces that once appeared on Prime TV (formerly AMV4).

A&DHS members were then treated to a guided tour of the museum storage area where many of



Illustration 1: Turks Head Museum.
Photo - Albury City Council Annual Report 1991.

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Corporate Members: \$50

General Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, February to December.

A&DHS Committee Meeting, Tuesday 28/11/06, 5.15pm at Albury City Library.

Committee meets 4th Tuesday of the month, January to November.

A&DHS web page, see Regional Heritage link on Museum ✉ Website (below).

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM, Turks Head, Wodonga Place, Albury. ☎ 02 6051 3450

Open seven days, 10:30am to 4:30pm. **Closed** from 12 November 2006 to facilitate transfer to New Building.

Re-opening date to be announced.

✉ Website: www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/museum



NOVEMBER 8 HISTORY MEETING

8pm Wednesday Nov. 8 at the *Commercial Club*, Dean Street, Albury.

Speakers: ☺ Bruce Pennay

"Three Shires & their Councils: Culcairn, Holbrook & Hume: a preview of the book about to be released."

Research in progress:

☺ Ray Gear; "Black Range in the 1860s".

QUESTION of the month:
What kind of names were considered as appropriate alternatives to **Germanton** in 1915?

the 100,000 items that have been donated mostly by people from around Albury & district are stored when not on display. Just to mention a few items, there is farming equipment, dressmaker's models, old cameras, old photographs, many types of scales, roller skates, chairs, hat boxes, various suitcases & a Wimbledon tennis racquet donated by tennis champion **Margaret Smith-Court**. You name it & they are likely to have it!

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Also on show were some items found in excavations of the site where the new Albury Library-Museum is currently being built.

 There was also a discussion about the A&DHS's Xmas Season Party. It was decided by vote that we would have the \$24 meal at the Albury Commercial Club. Secretary **June Shanahan** was to make a booking.



(The meeting concluded with supper). Ω

GENERAL NOTICES

 **JOE WOODING:** Congratulations to our vice-president **Joe Wooding** on being made a life member of the Murray Cricket Umpires' Association. **Joe** has announced his retirement after 60 years as a player, manager & umpire. His next challenge is to complete his book about nearly 150 years of cricket in Albury & district. **Joe** is particularly seeking local pre-WWII cricket photographs complete with names suitable for his book. Ω

MUSEUM TO CLOSE

by **Helen Livsey**

As we look toward the closure of the **Albury Regional Museum** presently in the Turk's Head Building on November 12, it is timely to look back to November 1960. It was at a meeting on November 8 that the **Albury & District Historical Society** was formed "for the express purpose of preserving historical documents, records & material with the ultimate aim of setting up an Historical Folk Museum".

The first committee was made up of business, professional & trades people, members of the media, & teachers, & within the first year changes brought a retired farmer, the first of many, to work enthusiastic-

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ally to build Albury's history collection.

Albury City Council provided a small brick room at the 'Works Depot' for storage of records & newspapers. In the absence of a museum, displays were mounted in Mate's shop window, at the 'Albury Trade Fairs', & the "Annual Albury Show". Glass showcases were made available by the Council.

Many sites were considered desirable for a Museum & there was hope that the Society's needs would be kept in mind with the construction of the Civic Centre. However, members were not prepared to sit around & wait; so, in 1962, they set their sights on the former **Turk's Head Hotel** building. Part of the ensuing struggle was to prevent the demolition of the building, & in April 1963 it was decided that two rooms would be allotted for an Albury museum. A&DHSociety members could see the value of tourism at "the gateway" to "the Premier State (NSW!) & suggested that the State (NSW) could be a partner in the project.

The NSW State Government turned out to be a very big partner, with "Albury" having use of 20% at the southern end of the building, & the "Sydney Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences" occupying the larger remaining 80% portion. Although the Historical Society had some monetary assets, it was not in a position to contribute to the renovation of the run down building, & the presence of the Albury branch of the "Sydney Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences" brought the promise of government grants towards the cost of construction work.

The 'gatherers of Albury history' were pleased to finally have a little space to display the collection they had worked so hard to build up, & the **Folk Museum** opened in the former Turk's Head Hotel on December 15, 1967. It was operated by volunteers at weekends & during school holidays, & there were 3800 visitors in the first year.

Following the 'Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences' departure at the end of February 1983, the Museum Dir-

ector & her Assistant lost no time in filling the building with display panels, artefacts & photographs. It was with great jubilation that Historical Society Members & museum staff celebrated the **official opening** by Hon. **Neville Wran**, Premier of New South Wales, on December 7, 1983.

As we look forward to the opening to the new Albury Library/ Museum complex in mid 2007, we can contemplate a prediction made in 1962: "The Mayor, Ald. Bunton has hinted to the Society that a library & museum will be available in due course in the Civic Square ..." Ω

Collins Family

(Story continued from BULLETIN 462 p.4)

In response to a letter in the Border Mail I had two phone calls about **William Collins** adding to what **Tom Jelbart** knew (see BULLETIN 462).

Brian Seymour telephoned: He lives in Wilson Street Albury. Some time prior to **Brian** buying the house two **Misses Collins** lived there. They came from Talgarno & **Brian** believes **William** was their brother. They had two other sisters, a Mrs **Star** of Walbundrie & a Mrs **Sutherland** of Upper Murray.

William, indeed did own a Rolls Royce motor car, but it was destroyed by fire.

Mrs Dawn Gould (nee **Drummond**) also rang to say **William Collins** was her '**Uncle Bill**'. She explained **Bill** married her aunt, **Pearl Drummond**. **Pearl** died very young & some years later **Bill** married **Eunice** (maiden name not known) & they lived at "Goonibill" Talgarno prior to moving into Albury. **Bill** & **Eunice** had a daughter **Patricia** who was born sometime in the 1930's.

Thanks to **Dawn** & **Brian** for this information.

Does anyone remember a **Patricia Collins** either at Talgarno, or at Albury? If so please contact **Doug Hunter** (Ph 02 6021 2835). Ω



HERITAGE BROCHURE

Bruce Pennay is preparing a heritage interpretative brochure on developments in and around the QEII block.

He is looking for 'animated photos' of crowds in the area (eg visit of Prince Charles & Princess Diana to St Matthews, Dean/ Civic/ QEII Square functions, Conservatorium events, Wesleyan Church/ Police Station activities, Performing Arts and Library events. Please contact him Ph.60 519 857 or bpennay@csu.edu.au - Bruce Pennay Ω

Answer to 'QUESTION for OCTOBER': (After who or what is Pemberton Street named? Or if you can't answer that, then, what do 'Wodonga', 'Nurigong', 'Bonegilla' & 'Thurgoona' have in common?)

Pemberton Street continues to frustrate us. Who, or what, is the former stock route once known as "Old Howlong Road" named after? The name first appears on a 1927 Albury Lands Department map.

What do Wodonga, Nurigong, Bonegilla and Thurgoona have in common?

Of course they are all street names in Albury. They are also names of early stations in the district. 'Wodonga' or 'Woodonga' or 'Woodanga' formed in 1836 by Charles Huon for his brother Paul, on the south bank of the Murray river opposite Albury.

'Nurigong' or 'Nooren-gong' or 'Nooren-gorong', first taken up by William & James Wyse for Captain Owen Macdonald in 1837 on the east bank of the Mitta

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Mitta River 10 miles south of Tallangatta.

'Bonegilla' taken up by William Wyse for CH Ebden in late 1835 or early 1836. Bounded by the Mitta Mitta River to the east, Little (Kiewa) River to the west, & Murray River to the north. 'Bonegilla' was probably the first station taken up in what is now Victoria.

'Thurgoona' taken up by William Wyse for Charles H Ebden in late 1835 bounded by Murray River to the south, Bungambrawatha Creek to the west, & the Hawksview range of hills to the east, & extending out to present-day Jindera to the north. It roughly approximates the present city boundaries of Albury.

◆ This information & lots more is contained in "The First Settlement of the Upper Murray 1835 to 1845", by Dr Arthur Andrews, facsimile published by Library of Australian History, 1979. Ω

John Craig said a James Pemberton died in Albury in 1887, but whether he had anything to do with the name of the street is unknown. The name is of Welsh origin & means among other things 'of or near a paddock or hill', so the name is appropriate. Catherine Browne said there were many Pembertons at Beechworth in the 19th century, but again no definite connection to the street. Max Barry remembers stock being brought down Pemberton Street, usually in the early morning, & managing to stray into residents' rose gardens along the way.

SKINS & HIDES 1896

Extract from "Albury: The Border City" Supplement to the Albury Banner & Wodonga Express, 17 September 1896:

Younghusband & Co Ltd: This company opened their Albury branch some 18 months ago, & the business has made such rapid strides that they



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Xmas Function An Xmas Dinner for A&DHS members, family & friends will be held Friday evening December 1st, 2006, at 6.30PM for 7 PM, in the Elizabeth Room, Commercial Club, Albury.

This year we are adding something different & exciting to the line up for our Christmas dinner. On the night please bring a gift to the value of \$2. It can be funny, serious, useful or simply a dust catcher!. Just wrap it up (no names etc), bring it along & see what happens! -Catherine Browne

\$24.00 per head. Please send cheque (if posting) & this reply slip A.S.A.P. to:
June Shanahan, PO Box 822, Albury, NSW 2640. (Phone: 02 6025 1324)



VAMES:

NUMBER ATTENDING: PHONE NUMBER: _____

CHEQUE AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

have had to increase their storage accommodation. During this period they have sold the following: 1506 bales wool, 187,700 sheep skins, 4098 hides, 1208 pipes tallow, 3613 dozen opossum skins & 11,015 kangaroo & wallaby skins. Ω

JOURNEYING through the JOURNALS - by John Craig

THE ARGYLE BULLETIN: Journal of Goulburn H/S & F/S Societies; August 2006.

1. "The Wild Colonial Boy" Jack Donohue. (Roger Baley, 2006).

DESCENT: Society of Australian Genealogists Journal; September 2006.

1. Phillip Geeves, Family History & S.A.G. 1970/ 1983.
2. New premises & more.

HERITAGE: Heritage Council of NSW Magazine; September 2006.

1. Exploring Lebanese Heritage in NSW.
2. Uncovering colonial hospitals. Excavation of former Parramatta Hospital.

MANSFIELD HISTORICAL

SOCIETY Newsletter; October 2006.

1. AGM Monday, November 13/ 2006.
2. Local & Family History Expo. Saturday 18 November 2007.

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(U3A) Albury/ Wodonga: October 2006.

1. Albury/ Wodonga Events for November 2006.

THE VALLEY GENEALOGIST:

Bega Valley GS Journals for June & October 2006.

1. Migration of John Roberts – London to Australia by sea (continued) 1853.

VITAL SIGNS: State Records of NSW Magazine. September 2006.

1. In Living Memory; Surving photographs from the records of NSW Aboriginal Welfare Board, from 1919 to 1966.

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