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Next Meeting

Wed 14 February,
7.30pm Commercial Club
A Conversation between
Chris de Vreeze and Bruce
Pennay – ways of finding out
about Albury's distant past
by talking with indigenous
people.



Stan Jackling Hume St C1912 Photograph Courtesy: Noel Jackling

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**ALBURY
LIBRARYMUSEUM**

**TOY STORIES:
TOYS & GAMES FROM THE
PAST**

17 FEB – 22 APRIL

REPORT ON DECEMBER MEETING (13.12.2017)

Our pre-Christmas meeting this year was a more informal get together featuring a Show and Tell by members who brought along objects of historical significance and told their story. This was very popular with eleven members sharing the stories of a diverse collection of objects ranging from a large rubber cheese stamp used at Haberfields to a silver medallion awarded to Johannes van Lint for a new seedling rose at the International Rose Show at The Hague, Netherlands. Doug Hunter recalled his heritage in Nurigong St where he worked as a young man doing his apprenticeship as a cabinetmaker & joiner from 1952-57. He remembered the huge brick pit hole behind the factory where the apprentices would have to dump the wood chips. Quirky quiz master Greg Ryan challenged our visual recall with twenty four creatively constructed views of central Albury.

Ralph Simpfendorfer had the job of Journeying through the Journals and spoke about several articles that may interest members. Hard copy journals are kept in the LibraryMuseum for two years. At the next meeting Ralph will be talking about the soft copy journals that come to the Society. President Joe Wooding read out a newspaper article from 1902 in the Albury Banner on the merits of the new and expensive motorbikes. A doctor had ridden to Dora Dora where he conducted a post mortem and an inquest, then returned to Albury in a seven hour round trip. The Society has been unsuccessful in their application for Trove funding however there may be other avenues for financial support available. Bruce Pennay and Helen Livsey were thanked for the hard work and time they put into the submission. Joe then wished all members the best for the festive season and thanked all contributors and attendees to our meetings during the year. The meeting concluded with a tasty supper of tea and scones provided by the Society.

SHOW & TELL

Silver Medallion

Presented to Johannes van Lint for a new seedling rose at the International Rose Show at The Hague, Netherlands, held from July 18-20, 1930, a show held under the patronage of Queen Wilhelmina.

The citation on the medal reads "Granted to J C v Lint, Boskoop, for new rose seedling number 10, 18-20/7/1930." Johannes was 25 years old at the time and was successful in selling the rose to a production nursery in Denmark for 10,000 guilder.

Prior to 1930, he had studied in both Berlin and Switzerland and represented his father's horticultural business in

England, Germany & Denmark. He went on to set up a landscaping business with clients as far away as the Czech Republic. Johannes was a POW in WWII and had difficulty settling, coming with his young family to Australia in 1952. He worked with the Snowy Mountains Authority helping to landscape the project before starting Valibo Nursery in Urana Rd Lavington, along Bungambrawatha Creek in 1963.

The origin of the name Valibo was VAn Lint BOomkwer (last word meaning tree grower).

Nursery work was in the Van Lint family for at least five generations, three in Holland (their nursery was one of about 700 in Boskoop, southern Holland) overlapping with three generations in Australia. Johannes died in 1991.

Book of Pressed Flowers Greg Ryan

George Day was born in 1858, the son of James Day and Mary Driscoll. James with his brother George leased Table Top Station in the late 1850s before purchasing Quat Quatta Station, between Albury and Corowa, and later Yarra Yarra station on Billabong Creek via Holbrook.

The brothers arrived in Albury in about 1861, George purchasing Fanny Ceres Flour Mill (apparently 'swapping' with James McLaurin for Yarra Yarra).

George was reputed to have eventually owned the whole of the south side of Dean-street from the Albury Hotel to Townsend street. James purchasing the Daysdale property at Thurgoona.

Both George and James were Alderman on the Albury Municipal Council and both served terms as Mayor of Albury. George entered NSW parliament where he served for 32 years.

Very little is known of George Day junior. In October 1884 he married Mary Elizabeth King in St Patrick's Church Albury. They had at least two children, Albert Arthur born in Tumberumba in 1894 and Stella born in Batlow in 1896.

In February 1918, George presented the book of pressed flowers from Jerusalem to Issie ('Isabel'), the daughter of his brother James. George wrote in the front of the book "To my dear niece Issie from Uncle George Day, Feb 5th 1918."

Isabel married Reginald Ryan of Ryan's Market Hotel in December 1922 at St Patrick's Church Albury.



SHOW AND TELL

An Unusual Flag

Doug Hunter

This unusual flag is one of many objects in the local 8th/13th Victorian Mounted Rifles Regimental Collection. It is a red ensign with a union flag canton and an emblem in the centre of the fly.

The emblem is a five pointed star surrounded by a motto "Heavens Light Our Guide" and set in a sunburst. Prior to 1947, it was the flag of British India at international events. It was superseded by the current Indian tricolour when India became independent.

The emblem and motto is that of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India established by Queen Victoria in 1861 shortly after the Indian Mutiny to honour Indian princes and chiefs, presumably those who had remained loyal to the crown, and British officers and administrators.

The use of English in the motto perhaps indicated English was the language of the British Empire superseding the Roman Empire with its Latin. The wording is sufficiently vague to include other faiths to which many Indian princes belonged.



The Key to the Jackling Home in Hume St



Noel Jackling

This is the key to the original Jackling home in Hume St as shown on Page 1. It was next to the original Mates store on the corner of Hume and Townsend St. The key was kept by Stan Jackling in the legal firm of Tietyens, Angel & Jackling who were located in the Globe Hotel building. Down the stairs there was a safe room where all the keys were kept. The house was a small cottage owned by Mates and the photograph shows my father Stan Jackling at the front gate when he was about 4 or 5 years old. This would date the photograph around 1912. I believe my grand parents moved there in 1906 when they were married. My Grandfather worked for Mates for 47 years as a handyman and electrician. My Grandmother lived there until the 1970s.



Shop Bell

Joe Wooding

This shop bell was given to me many years ago by George Riley who worked at Mid States Record Bar. He was an English gentleman. He told me that the bell came from a bakers shop in Dean St. Could it possibly have come from Sigg's Bakery?

Xmas Card

Jan Hunter

Jan Hunter showed a small modest Christmas Card with the Holy Family on the front, inscribed "Glory to God in the Highest". Inside was written in faded ink: "For Matron Burt, Meramie Hospital from Rector Frederick Bevan, St Matthews, Albury with sincere wishes for a Holy Christmastide." Xmas 1913. Holy Communion 7.30am, 8.15am, 11am. Jan found it amusing reading the message on the back of the card which was from Samuel 1: Verse 18. "Thou shall be missed because thy seat will be empty."

A large rubber stamp used to apply a brand made of vegetable dye on traditional made cheddar cheese rounds in the 40s, 50s and 60s at Haberfields, Albury. The brand was applied after the cheese had dried out in a curing room.



The cheese was made in 1000 gallon vats. On the left of the vats there are cheeses that had been in the press overnight. The branded 80 lb Export Cheese was waxed after being cured for 12 days. Curing was done in a cool-room and the cheeses were turned by hand every day. They had to be crated for transport. Crate components made at Miller and Arnolds Albury. The crates were 12 sided, made from smooth timber. The cheese was exported to the UK by ship in the 1950s and early 1960s.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

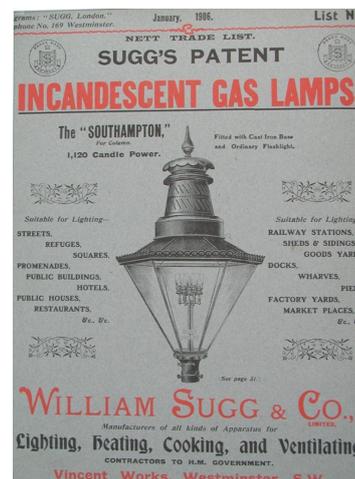
In the 19th century, the four seasons had specific commencement dates. Can you name these dates and why this occurred?



ANSWER TO THE DECEMBER QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Fridelin Sigg was native of Germany where he learnt the baking trade, before relocating to Australia via America around 1875. He became a respected businessman in Albury, best known for his bakery where the CML now stands. He died in 1920 and is buried in the Pioneer Cemetery.

The Sugg was a State of the Art Gas Lamp (150 candle power was approximately equivalent to a 100 watt globe), first installed on the Dean and Kiewa Street intersection in 1891. It was named after William Sugg & Company, who manufactured the lamps in the UK from 1837 onwards. This Company is still producing interior and exterior decorative lighting today.



TOY STORIES: TOYS & GAMES FROM THE PAST



When: Saturday 17 February - Sunday 22 April 2018

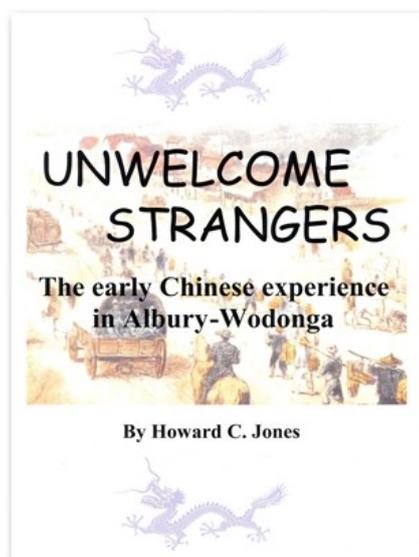
Where: LibraryMuseum, Corner of Kiewa and Swift Streets, Albury

Price: FREE

Put down the smartphone, tablet or computer and join us for some good old-fashioned fun and games, no batteries required! Nothing evokes fond memories of the past quite like treasured childhood toys and games. Toy Stories is an exhibition that celebrates toys and games from the past and explores their cultural and historical significance.

Wander through the collection, reminisce about your favourite toy or game and then add your recollection to our wall of memories. Test your skill in our interactive display and listen to the memories of Albury residents as they share their favourite toys and games.

Unwelcome Strangers by Howard Jones



A new book by local historian Howard Jones, explores a time of particular hardship for Chinese men crossing the Murray at Albury-Wodonga in the 19th century.

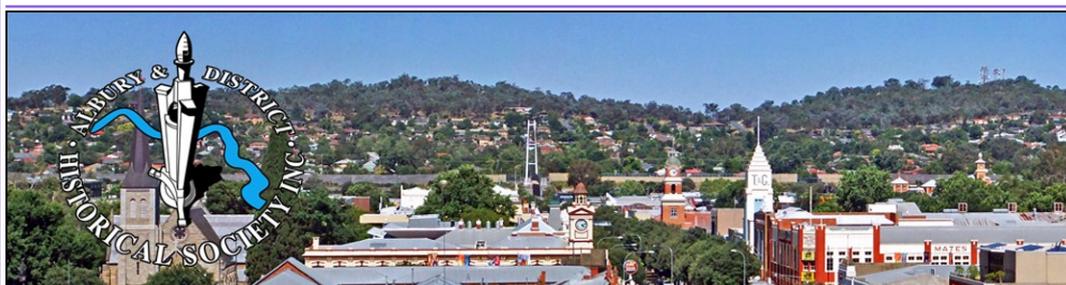
Hundreds were jailed, fined, taxed and robbed and, as non-whites, were abused by newspapers and politicians.

The publication is part of an Albury & District Historical Society series of academic papers.

It describes the cruelties inflicted on the Chinese by both Victoria and New South Wales at the Murray because it was a colonial border.

However they played a very beneficial role, keeping the whole population of the Border healthy by supplying fresh food and vegetables. They worked in many jobs including cooks, laundrymen, storekeepers and planted tobacco.

'Unwelcome Strangers' is available from Dymocks and the Albury LibraryMuseum for \$20.



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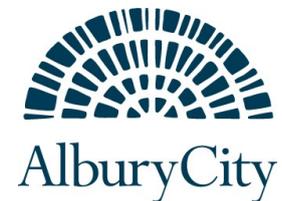
Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, 22 October 1934, visited Albury en route to Melbourne where he presented the prizes in the MacRobertson International Centenary Air Race.

Prince George and Princess Mary, Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, (later King George V and Queen Mary) 18 May 1901 ('Some other visitations in in which I had the honour of taking an active part were the brief visit of ...' BMM, 11 January 1939. 'The ex-mayor Ald. A. Waugh'.) The Duke & Duchess of Gloucester (Photo SMH 7 August, 1946.) inspecting wool at Albury's first Sheep Show.

Correction to the last edition: Princess Alexandra came to Albury in 1959 not 1957. She stayed at Bungowannah Park.

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