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Wed 11 July

7.30pm Commercial Club

The Arrival of the Sisters of Mercy in Albury 150 years

Speaker: Sr Shirley Garland

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A smiling group of Australian Girl Guides heading off have to the adventure of their lives on the Fairsea bound for the Baden-Powell Centenary World Camp in England in 1957.

Photograph Courtesy: Beverley Halburd.

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50 Years Ago

REPORT ON JUNE MEETING (13.06.2018)

The Annual General Meeting of the Society chaired by Joe Wooding was held in The Elizabeth Room of the Commercial Club. Eighteen members and nine guests were in attendance and there were two apologies.

When opening the meeting President Joe referred to Helen Livsey's extraordinary service to the Society. She had already been a member for 25 years when made a Life Member in 1991 and has now been with the Society for 52 years holding a variety of roles, notably as Secretary, Research Officer and Public Officer.

He presented Helen with a bouquet as a token of our appreciation.

Doug Hunter took the Chair and the new executive were duly elected.

The incoming President Greg Ryan welcomed the new members of the Committee and thanked Ron Haberfield for his meticulous mathematics as Treasurer over the last three years and Doug Hunter for his wise counsel at meetings over the last year and serving as President for many years previous. The retiring members Richard Lee and Ralph Simpfendorfer were also thanked for their contributions and hard work on the Committee.

Guest speaker Beverley Halburd spoke about her lifetime involvement with the Girl Guide movement in Australia and abroad. As a seventeen year old Queen's Guide she was selected to attend the Baden-Powell World Camp in England. This life changing adventure took the girls to places they had only dreamed of, meeting royalty and exploring foreign cities for six months.

Greg closed the meeting with a short tutorial on philatelic history in Australia. A regular overland service between Sydney and Melbourne began in 1838. Also in 1838, the first prepaid "stamped" letter sheets were introduced in Sydney. Prepaid adhesive stamps were introduced in the 1850s.

MEMORIES OF A GIRL GUIDE FROM ALBURY

Presenter: Mrs Beverley Halburd

BEVERLEY Halburd was born just before World War II, the daughter of Coral and Rupert Fisher, who rented a red brick home in Wood Street from 1940. Beverley has spent 73 years in the Guides movement, earning an Order of Australia Medal in 2000 for service to youth, particularly through Guides Australia, and to the community.

I became involved in 1945 with the 1st Albury Brownie Pack as a Brownikin, then two years later became an enrolled Brownie.

Brownikins were not an official group, it was something the Brown Owls started in Albury for Brownies who had sisters. You went to Brownie parties and wore a brown bow. Most of the parties were held in the Botanical Gardens where we enjoyed stories of fairies, pixies, elves, gnomes and toadstools. We didn't have a Guide Hall and we met at the Baptist Church Hall in Macauley Street. The World Chief Guide, Lady (Olive) Baden-Powell, visited Albury on 1 November, 1947. I remember she was very impressed with the Brownikins.

I progressed to Guides. We met at the All Saints Hall in North Albury. I wore black stockings and a big navy dress with large pockets to put all your bits and pieces in. We did very little camping because we didn't have qualified leaders but sometimes we camped at the Waterworks, led by Mrs Amy Hurd from Wagga Wagga. Once when she was unavailable an official from Sydney came down to supervise us. At the campsite there was a beautiful old dead tree with a hollow in the bottom, she decided to light a fire in the hollow and the whole tree burnt down!

After attending camps in Melbourne and on the NSW South Coast I qualified as a 1st Class Guide, then I was ready to do my Queen's Guide test. I went to Sydney for that, and while there had a fleeting glimpse of the Queen. One examiner was Barbara Wentworth, wife of the politician Bill Wentworth. Mrs Daintry Heywood from Hawksview presented me with my Queen's Guide Badge in Albury. I then went on to Rangers. By that time there was a new Guide Hall in Albury. Mr Stow had donated a lot of the timber and labour for the building.

I left school in 1954 and worked at Hunters' shoe store for 12 years. When I was 17 I was invited to attend the Baden-Powell Centenary World Camp to be held at Windsor Great Park in mid-1957. We were going to be away for six months, sailing via Panama, and the cost was to be £400 pounds (which jumped to £500 when the Suez Canal was re-opened after the Suez Crisis and we were allowed that way). Cleaver Bunton launched a public appeal and Mrs Heywood was Treasurer. All the donations, however small were acknowledged in the Border Mail. Also, to raise funds, I participated in the Floral Festival as Guide Queen a month before we sailed. We sailed from Melbourne on the Fairsea with an Italian crew.

There were 46 girls aged 15 to 18 from all over Australia, made up of 14 Queens Guides and 32 1st Class Guides, with three leaders aged 33, 34 and 44, single women who gave up their jobs to look after us. There were 12 girls to a cabin and nearly everyone was seasick when we ran into a storm. We used the Baden-Powell patrol system starting with prayers every morning, then sessions on Australian history followed by how to give thank-you speeches and how to prepare menus.



Girl Guides camping and cooking at Windsor Park, England. The Baden-Powell Centenary World Camp 1957. Photograph Courtesy: Beverley Halburd.

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After arriving at Southampton, we were given bunks in a convent barn. We travelled a lot and attended many civic welcomes and sometimes we camped in bell tents. While camping we had to do all our own cooking and washing. We thought it heaven when we stayed in the YWCA in London and occasionally in private homes. The World Camp was set up by 2000 British girls two days before the visitors arrived.

The sun shone for the whole camp. Lady Baden-Powell visited, as did Princess Mary (the Princess Royal) and the Queen, who attended our church service on the Eton playing fields. It was there we all renewed our Guide's Promise in our own language. There were 20,000 people present on the final night. There had been samplers made for the sixty four visiting countries. They were presented by the Princess Royal. I accepted the one for NSW. After the camp we visited Scotland and stayed at a World Guide chalet in Switzerland. On returning to London we were allowed to explore the city in groups of four. We went to the art galleries, the opera and the ballet. This experience changed our lives forever. After returning to Australia I involved myself in many other official positions in Guiding and loved every minute of it.

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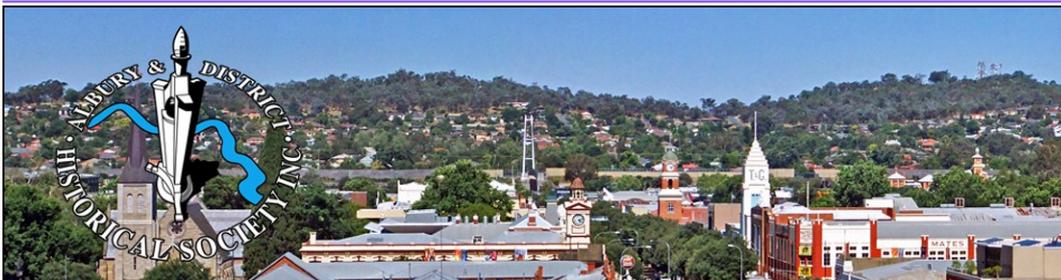
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Membership includes the monthly Bulletin emailed to your preferred email address.

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HISTORY NEWS IN AND AROUND THE REGION

Echuca Moama

Echuca Historical Society has produced a book of then and now pictures called *Celebrating Echuca Moama*.

Bright

Bright Museum is in the old Bright Railway Station and focuses on railway history. It has material on the Chinese miners of the Buckland valley.

Goulburn

Goulburn and District Historical Society has amalgamated with the Goulburn District Family History Society to become the Goulburn District Historical and Genealogical Society Inc.

Items from the former Museum at St Clair are in storage.

RAHS Conference, Port Macquarie

A&DHS is an affiliated society of the Royal Australian Historical Society. It will be holding its annual conference this year in Port Macquarie 20-21 October. The climate is invariably good at that time of the year, the town historically interesting and the conference is always stimulating. There are 398 affiliated societies. The most common in size have between 51 and 100 members with 14 over 300 members.

Seymour Terquasquicentennial

Seymour, like Albury, Gundagai and Violet Town, was one of the places selected for Governor Gipps to plan a town to guard a crossing place in 1839. The town is celebrating the 175th anniversary of its founding 10-11 November, 2018.

Lavington

Dirk Spennemann of CSU has published an article in the Journal of the RAHS (December 2017) on the Punjabi Indian hawkers who worked in the district. He focuses on the cremations they conducted in what is now Jelbart Park.

Albury City Band

The book on Albury City Band by club president Greg Ryan received a very favourable notice in RAHS History Magazine (June 2018).

Transport Heritage

RAHS is calling for applications that 'help NSW community rediscover the culture, events and people that shaped NSW transport over the past 160 years, and also support the restoration and conservation of our valuable heritage assets.

www.rahs.org.au/grants/transport-heritage-grants-program/

1919

As we head into preparing exhibitions and commemorations remembering 1919, Pauline Curby's article on the Influenza Pandemic in RAHS History Magazine (June 2018), will provide context for the local story.

Assessing the impact of World War I on Albury and District

Just ahead of the centenary of Armistice Day, THEN, the Two-state History Education Network has arranged a session at ALM on Thursday 25 October in which Doug Hunter and Bruce Pennay are involved.

WODONGA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY SEMINAR

"Finding and Preserving Memories"

Date: 1 September, 2018

Venue: Felltimber Community Centre, Ritter Road, Wodonga

Registration: 8.30 am

Start: 9.00 am **Finish:** 4.00 pm.

Topics and Presenters:-

Dating photographs – Barb Toohey and Sue Pillans.

The Life of Emigration – the processes and experiences of 19th century migration – Dr. Liz Rushen.

Finding shipping records – Meg Bate.

Restoring and preserving photos and documents – April Padbury.

Cost: \$40, \$35 early bird if booked and paid for by 3 August.

WFHS members \$35. Morning, afternoon tea and lunch provided.

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50 YEARS AGO JUNE 1968

Compiled by Eric Cossor

In June 1968 the Prime Minister was John Grey Gorton who had been sworn in in January 1968 after the disappearance of Prime Minister Harold Holt.

The Drought was over on the 31 May but the Weir was down to 1%. Good rains had fallen in late May into the first weeks of June and it was reported that the Weir would fill in 10 months.

By the 12th of June it was up to 11% and the Ovens River had reached flood level.

The car races were on out at the Weir Track. It was tipped Bob Jane in his Ford Mustang with 6400cc under the bonnet would have it all over Norm Beechey's Chevy Nova with a mere 5300cc under the bonnet but as it turned out Bob Jane's Mustang blew up and Norm Beechey's Chev was the winner.

It was announced that more Housing Commission homes were to be built in Delaney St, Glenroy and there was to be more action taken to acquire more land around Delaney St and Burrows road for homes in the future.

On the world scene on 6 June, Senator Robert Kennedy was mortally wounded by an assassin and he succumbed to his injuries on the 7 June.

Also in 1968 you could buy a home in Forrest Hill for around \$17,000 to \$20,000 while in North Albury they were around \$12,000 to \$17,000.

A new book on the Sutherlands of Thologolong Station will be published in 2018

The book traces the history of Thologolong Station, in the Victorian Upper Murray, and the colourful characters who were part of the Thologolong story from 1885 until its sale in 1933.

The story starts in 1885 when three ambitious men, Peter and J.G. Sutherland and J.H. Cushing, bought a fine pastoral property on the Murray River in North Eastern Victoria called Thologolong Station. Soon after arriving Peter, the managing partner, fell in love with Ina, the daughter of his nearest neighbours, John and Elizabeth Carter, who owned Bungil Station.

He went onto marry Ina in 1887 and both became very active in public life. Peter was a Towong Shire Councillor and Ina worked for charities in their local district and in Albury, where the younger children were educated. Thologolong also became known for its hospitality as the couple, with their twelve children, were always welcoming. Much to the anguish of Peter and Ina, two of their sons were killed in France during the First World War.



Peter developed a notable Angus cattle stud and a commercial herd which was upgraded by cross-breeding with Shorthorns. This led to the development of a new breed of cattle called Murray Grey. Life on the station changed with a bankruptcy, the death of Peter Sutherland, and finally ended when it became the top property on the Victorian side of the Murray River acquired for the Hume Dam project.

The book is an evocation of a place long gone and a family who made their mark on the Australian rural scene and community life.

It is generously illustrated with 200 photos and documents reflecting life on the station.

To register your interest in receiving more information on its release and the pre-publication offer please send your contact details to:

John Henwood 25 Sunnyside Avenue, Camberwell, Victoria 3124 or john-henwood@hotmail.com

The shearing team at Thologolong Station about 1908. Peter Sutherland, who was the managing partner of Sutherland and Sutherland, classed the clip. He is in the second row third from the left.

Photograph Courtesy: John Henwood

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

O'Neill's Motor Service operated 3 passenger cars between Albury and Wodonga, commencing in 1939 and expanding to buses in 1941.

During the War, the business grew rapidly due to the Army bases at Bandiana and Bonegilla. In 1947 O'Neills's and Reg Ansett formed Eastern Roadlines Pty Ltd.

Where were they based in Albury and what areas did they service ?

ANSWER TO THE MAY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The builders of the Union Bank, Cnr Dean and Olive Streets were Frew & Logan. The special feature was the tiled roof and in 1920, that corner was designated as number 500 in Albury's house and business numbering scheme.

West and North were above 500, while East and South were below.

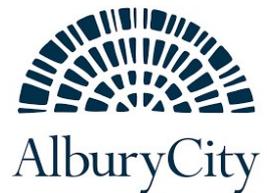


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