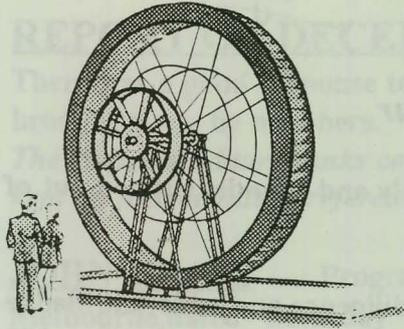


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BULLETIN 388 FEBRUARY 2000

NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday February 8, Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER John Lewis of Macquarie Textiles. He will talk about the history of Macquarie Textiles in Albury to commemorate 75 years since the company began operations here on Monday Feb.9, 1925.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH Who were the members on the original Board of Directors of what is now Maquarie Textiles ?.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM

Congratulations are extended to our Treasurer, Tom Jelbart, who was declared Albury's "Citizen of the Year" on the eve of Australia Day.

Tom received his award for the dedication of much of his life to advancing agriculture and involving himself in the Albury Sheep Show and the Albury Show Society as well as community groups including the Albury Historical Society and Lions Club.

GIFTS which have been received with gratitude by the Society-

From Margaret Glenn - INDEX to Deaths in the EUROBODALLA SHIRE 1856-1905 in the District of Broulee Registered at Moruya Court House. A joint project of the Clyde River & Batemans Bay Historical Society Inc & The Moruya & District Historical Society Inc.

Compiled by Margaret Glenn, K.Fensom Boyce, Nancy Cregan.

MILITARY AUCTION

For readers interested in military collectables, there will be an auction of contents of the Swan Hill Military Museum on March 11/12 at the Jelbart pavilion, Albury showgrounds. Items will include everything from badges and medals to swords and uniforms, and even a Saladin armoured car. (information gained from the Albury-Wodonga Military Historical Society 1/2000 newsletter).

JEAN MACDONALD author, historian, scholar

Jean Macdonald had been frail for some years and, sadly for her family and friends, slipped out of this life on Christmas Day 1999.

Many attended her funeral at St David's, Albury.

Her eulogy was given by an academic from C.S.U. who admired her diligence and wide knowledge when she was working for her degree, a B.A in Liberal Studies. It was awarded to her in 1970 after 5 years study and resultant assignments. She had a proper Scottish respect for education and continued to work for a second degree, this time by correspondence at the University of New England. Her thesis was on Irony and Impasse in Selected Works by Edith Wharton in 27,000 words.

Jean Macdonald joined the Historical Society and then came on the committee in 1977 for some years. It would be in the seventies that she started to write a history of Albury Wodonga. In those days there were not the wonderful resources that are available now to searchers on the Internet and suchlike. She said that she took basic facts from Bayley's History of Albury and gathered tales from whoever she met with something interesting to tell. The Society's Archivist was Wattie Fielder who looked after a stack of documents of his own and the Society's. He was willing to look up information but by then his sight was failing and reading was difficult for him. It was not until 1981 when the Library had more space and Anne Holloway as Librarian opened the Local History Room that the Library's and the Society's Archives could be accessed. And who was the Accession recorder? Jean Macdonald and a mighty job she did.

She belonged to a Writers Group. They had a close bond and shared readings of their work. An unpublished work, written for this Group, was a collection of fifteen essays titled "How ever did we win the War?". Set in Britain in the Midlands during 1939-44, it is a wry commentary on the ineptitude of government and bureaucracy; entertaining in Jean's inimitable way but sad too.

She entered many short stories and articles in magazines. One in the C.W.A. Bulletin described the curious hut in which she and her husband contrived their home when he was a timber worker in Tumberumba.

She won a prize in an Upper Murray Regional Library's short story competition with her story "Ninth Hat".

One of her shortest works was forty words long. In 1981, Albury CWA decided to enter Lila Quiggin in the Golden Years Award offered by Legal and General Insurance for The Sprightliest Senior Citizen.

Jean was asked to write the citation, she said "It took time as I was only allowed forty words. I used every one." Lila won, not only the NSW Award, but the National one as well.

Jean was valued by her many friends for her quick wit and cleverness. She was a good writer, well read, much travelled and a most delightful companion.

The Society extends condolences to her family.

REPORT ON DECEMBER MEETING

There was a good response to our traditional "Bring & Tell" evening, with a wide variety of items brought along by members.

The Bulletin Editor thanks contributors who wrote descriptions of their items. The full details will be kept on file for future reference.

JOHN CRAIG - Programme of the Football Final and closing ceremony Olympic Games, Melbourne, dated Saturday December 8.1956. (including seat ticket costing £1-11-0). The programme detailed the results of all events at the Melbourne Games.

KEITH ORFORD - 1956 Olympic Games 5 programmes & tickets . Also had a book of all events and results. His Father was an official at the Melbourne Olympic Games.

HAROLD MAIR - Palaeontologist - a collector of fossils, Harold showed some of his collection of rare and interesting fossils, found and collected from the northern part of our country.

JANICE LYNCH - Two books previously owned by her parents. The first was of a 68 page "The Illustrated London News" detailing the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The second book of 158 pages was "The Life & Times of King George VI (1895-1952).

GERRY CURTIS - Showed a copy of the 1897 Almanac printed by the Border Post. Gerry told members that the Albury Library has several copies ranging from 1878 through to 1901.

PETER HARPER - Albury Banner and Wodonga Express. Reminiscences of the early horse racing in the Albury District. 1921 to early 19 century.

GEOFF HAMILTON - Geoff brought 7 items of interest. The first was "The Co-operator" dated Dec 17.1900, containing information for the Man on the Land. Wool trade and prices and dates of wool sales.

2. Priced catalogue No.6. dated Nov.22 1900 compliments of the New Zealand & Mercantile Agency Co. Melbourne.

3. Price List issued by Geo. Shirley & Co "The Manure House of Australia" Sydney dated March 10.1900.

4. Catalogue of Price list by E.Rich & Co Ltd General Merchants-Importers & Suppliers of all station requisites. Sydney, dated Oct.4.1900.

5. List of fares of the P.&O. Steam Navigation Co, issued by Dalgety's Review dated Oct.1.1900. Also contained information of wool & grain selling and noted Insurance Companies.

6. A "Nerve and Brain" Tonic Booklet issued by "Clements Tonic". Containing extracts from medical & professional people relating to the healing powers of this magic tonic. Dated during the 1890's.

7. Publication No 264 of the "Deutsche Nachrichten" Charlottenburg-Berlin dated Oct.11.1900. Printed in German. Our Society member, George Krain translated & informed members of its contents.

SHIRLEY MILLER Showed a timber stand which was carved from the one piece of wood. Her husband purchased it in Karachi (Pakistan) in May 1974, whilst the aeroplane was delayed on its way to Stockholm.

Bring & Tell - (continued from page 3)

HOWARD JONES - Howard brought four items. The first was a piece of glass from the entrance doors of the firm of Tietyens and Emerson at 582 Dean St and later 509 Kiewa st. On New Year's Eve at the end of 1962 the doors were badly damaged when fire almost destroyed the offices. They were framed by contractos to hang in the new offices in the Hume Shire Chambers. Founders of the first were Alfred Emerson and Frederick William Tietyens, with whom Stan Jackling served his articles.

- 2. Program to the Tija Savickis Opera School's performance of Show Boat, Albury Civic Theatre, February 1961 (from a Beechworth antique shop).
- 3. City of Albury Eisteddfod Society's 23rd Festival, 1960, official program, price two shillings, and some adjudicators' note by the musician, Leslie Curnow, Melbourne.
- 4. Brochure for the Forrest Hill mansion, 730 Fellowes Crescent, the first house in Albury sold for more than \$1 million. The auction was held on 12 June 1999.

CHRIS McQUELLAN - 2 telegrams about sending soldiers to the 1885 Sudan war.

HELENA PROSSER - A truncheon from MV Govey - sunk in WW1

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THE ETTAMOGAH VINEYARD OF HISTORY

Andrew Kelso has written *The Ettamogah Vineyard of History*, a 32-page study of the property about seven miles north of Albury.

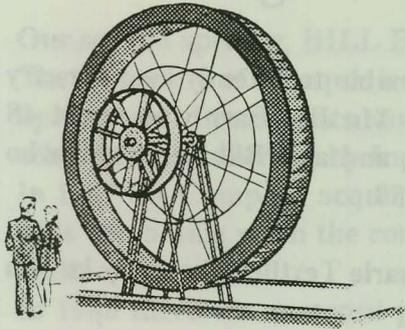
P.F. Adams, later to become the Surveyor General of N.S.W., purchased the land in 1862 and established the vineyard which comprised 32 acres in 1874. The following year, when he sold to Harbottle, Biddulph and Alsop of Sydney, John Delappe Lankester was appointed to manage the property. He lived at Emu Park, about two miles south of the Ettamogah Vineyard. In conjunction with his son, Charles, he bought the Ettamogah Vineyard in 1909. It was in operation until Charles retired in 1938.

The last vintage at Emu Park was 1914 when drought and phylloxera killed the vines. Unlike Ettamogah, Emu Park was never replanted.

Mr Kelso follows the fortunes of the Ettamogah Vineyard and includes an appendix on Emu Park and one on J.D.Lankester (1837-1938)

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Tuesday FEBRUARY 22. 2000, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.

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BULLETIN 389 MARCH 2000

NEXT MEETING Members are advised that our March meeting will be held at The Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Museum, Bandiana located at Gaza Ridge on Tuesday March 14 at 8pm.

Ladies, a plate of supper would be appreciated.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS - A bus has been hired by the Society for the occasion. Please gather near the Commercial Club entrance at Elizabeth Street, opposite Country Comfort.
NOTE — **THE BUS WILL DEPART PROMPTLY AT 7.30pm**

Members wishing to make their own way to the Museum, please arrive before the meeting start time of 8pm. There is ample parking space in the car park opposite the museum entrance.

GUEST SPEAKER MAJOR GRAHAM DOCKSEY.
He is showing a video of the dawn service and giving a moving commentary about Gallipoli.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL April 1-9 "Our Sporting Heritage".

Hume and Hovell display to be held at the Albury City Library. It will include original items on loan from NSW State Library along with photographs and display items from the Department of Lands and Conservation at Wagga Wagga.

On Wednesday April 5 at 7.30pm, Mr Warwick Hull from the Department of Lands & Conservation will be showing slides concerning Hume and Hovell, including the Hume and Hovell walking track.

The Library has extended an invitation to all members to attend.

REPORT ON JANUARY MEETING

Our advertised guest, Mr John Lewis of Macquarie Textiles, was unable to attend the February meeting, however we had two very able speakers as replacements - Mr Jim Barr who spent 48 years with the Company, 27 of them as Manager of the Albury Mill, and also Bill Berryman who took over from Jim as Mill Manager when Jim retired in February 1987.

Our first speaker was JIM BARR. He spoke on the history of Macquarie Textiles (formerly known as Amalgamated Textiles) for the period 1923 - 1931.

In his introduction, Jim recounted that he was very fortunate to see the minute book showing where most decisions were discussed and made. It was from these minutes that Jim gave us an insight into the decision making processes on how Albury was to gain their Woollen mill. An abbreviated account of Jim's observations are as follows -

There appeared to be no official records of Amalgamated Textiles before March 1. 1923.

The first meeting was of shareholders of the Australian National Products Ltd, at the offices of Messrs McLaughlan & Co, 115 Pitt St, Sydney

(i) At a meeting on the 13 April 1923 Mr Doyle reported that he had talks with the Albury Woollen Mills Committee. It was decided that the committee be advised that the first mill be built and established in Albury at a cost of approx £110,000

(ii) The meeting of June 8, 1923, saw a written report from Mr C.Griffith of Albury to Stewart Logan also of Albury mentioning a 27 acre block of land at Albury being possibly suitable for a mill site. The Board resolved to seek expert advice on the suitability or otherwise of the land, and also to apply to the Municipal Council of Albury to erect a mill on that site to include the following operations

fellmongering, wool scouring, top making, spinning, weaving, dyeing and finishing.

(iii) On July 6. The Board resolved to purchase the 27 acres of land with the assurance that Amalgamated Textiles would not undertake any obnoxious trade on that site, being located as of now - bordered by Bridge and Schubach streets, the NSW railway on the west side and northern side by Weidner Crescent.

(iv) On July 17. 1923, confirmation at a meeting that the purchase had been made and that 82,000 shares by Amalgamated Textiles had been allocated.

(v) Share sales at 31 Aug 1923 totalled 94,000 of which Albury and District had taken up 77,000.

(vi) On 21 September, a decision was made to call tenders for the Albury mill as a matter of urgency.

(vii) Albury Mill's first Manager was appointed for a period of twelve months at a salary of £750 per annum on September 24.1923.

(viii) A local board in Albury was appointed.

(ix) A historic meeting was held in Albury on 11 January 1924. An offer by Messrs Paterson Bros, to construct the Albury Mill for the cost of £35,800 was accepted.

(x) The proposal to Amalgamated Textiles by the civil engineers was detailed as follows - construct the Mill building, offices, boiler houses, water storage tanks, road making and supply of plant to the value of £4,000

(xi) Later the Board accepted the Albury Municipal's Council's offer to supply electricity to the mill. The proposal was to erect a transmission line to the mill for £530 and supply the necessary transmission from the English Electric Company for £1,000.

(xii) On 9 May 1924, the Board approved the purchase of 25 bales of fine merino greasy combing wool at a price of 57 pence per pound delivered Albury.

Amalgamated Textiles in Albury began operations on Monday Feb 9. 1925.

Our second speaker, BILL BERRYMAN also gave us an insight into the Mill's history. The Company of Macquarie Worsteds Ltd has it became known in 1956, was in 1987 taken over by General Investments Australia Ltd, having 50% equity in Macquarie Worsteds Ltd and the other 50% was owned by Industrial Equity.

In 1987 the Company acquired John Vickers Company worsted weaving operations. This was a time when the company was moving forward and taking over a number of other textile mills.

In 1988 there was a record profit of \$5.4m posted by GIAL, 26% above the previous year and it was during the year that the Company commenced a joint venture of wool spinning in Beijing. Over this period they had acquired two interests in mills in China.

In 1989 Macquarie Worsted weaving and finishing operations had transferred to Albury from their location in Orange.

Weaving and finishing operations had commenced in Albury in 1986 in a new weaving and finishing mill finished in 1985.

1992 an announcement was made that Albury was selected to become home for Australia's largest wool manufacturing plant costing some \$60m

1994 - Macquarie Worsteds Ltd changed its name to Macquarie Textiles Group Ltd.

1995 - Improvements made in computer technology at the mill.

1999 - The company purchased a new piece of equipment worth nearly \$1m.

To summarise, there is \$13.6m injected into the Albury economy through wages.

It is the second largest manufacturing industry in Albury.

Macquarie currently manufactures 80% of domestic consumption of woollen cloth in Australia. It supplies nearly all the wool for wool blending uniform fabrics for the Australian Defence Forces. Maquarie has the capability to manufacture and distribute wool-rich fashion fabrics, machine knitting yarns, woollen blankets, upholstery cloth, industry cloth, safety cloth, weaving yarns for both domestic and overseas markets.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Who were the members on the original Board of Directors of what is now Maquarie Textiles ?
The answer was provided by Ron Braddy -

*Board of Directors : Tietyens (Solicitor, Albury), Whitehead (Grazier, Urana), and Fitzpatrick (Grazier, Junee), representing Albury District ; Messrs. Dalton (Grazier and Merchant), Campbell (Solicitor) and MacSmith (Grazier), representing Orange, and Messrs J.B. Cramsie (Chairman Meat Council), S. Jones (Electrical Engineer, Port Kembla), and Logan Donald.
Mr F.W. Tietyens was unanimously elected Chairman of the new Board.*

AT A GLANCE -

ALBURY BANNER

Dec 15, 1922 & Feb, 9, 1923	Woollen Mills Proposed.
March 20, 1923	First shares taken
March 30, 1923	Shareholders sought
May 4, 1923	Mill to be erected by Amalgamated Textiles
July 20, 1923	£90,000 shares subscribed

DAILY NEWS

November 8, 1923	Supply of electric power
Feb 29, 1924	Woollen mills erections begins
Dec 5, 1924	Mill almost completed

WOOLLEN MILL BEGAN OPERATIONS MONDAY, FEB 9.

A list of shareholders appeared in the Albury Banner August 3, 1923 pages 30-31.

99 YEARS WELL-SPENT

Congratulations to Society member Mrs Helen Fielder who celebrated her 99th birthday on Feb 22.

Helen and her late husband, Wattie, were there when this Society was formed in 1960, and worked together as Wattie undertook numerous Committee positions. Helen photographed many Albury buildings which were later demolished, thus contributing to our visual history.

We wish her a happy and healthy year as she approaches the century.

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

On display until March 30

Tennis "Courting History" and also The Musical Life of Madame Savickis.

INFORMATION WANTED

Dirk Spennerman is seeking information on published authors of Albury.

If anyone can help, please phone him on (02) 6051 9947.

JEAN MACDONALD author, historian, scholar

ALBURY WODONGA *The Chosen City*

*The First Ninety Years and
Destiny Foreseen*

Jean Macdonald had been writing a history of Albury during the seventies on the understanding that the A W D C would consider printing it as a Presentation book, but they turned it down in favour of Des Martin's A Tale of Twin Cities.

The next approach was to the Historical Society who could not afford it.

Lila Quiggin was a determined friend and decided to back it. Four of us went off to Cobram in Lila's swift SAAB to meet the Anglican rector who was also a fourth generation printer.

Jean Macdonald, author ; Beth Klinge, Illustrator; Lila Quiggin, backer, and Anne Davies who had a small experience in preparing a parish magazine for offset printing.

The rather startled rector/printer was interviewed by his unlikely clients and the publishing job was undertaken by the Cobram (later Dunolly) Parish Printing Group.

Then followed extensive proof reading etc etc., and on September 11 1980 Albury Wodonga, the Chosen City. The first Ninety Years was launched. It was followed next year by the second volume Destiny Foreseen. It is possible that it was issued in two volumes because 90 pages is about the limit that could be stapled as these books are.

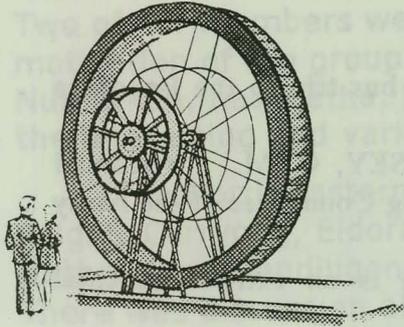
They are still available from the Historical Society, donated by the late Mrs A.L. Quiggin and her daughters.

Anne Davies.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday MARCH 28. 2000, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.

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BULLETIN 390 APRIL 2000

NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday April 11, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER Mr Neil Meaney, Regional Manager of the Goulburn-Murray area of the Australian Broadcasting Commission.
He will talk about "Life with the A.B.C".

QUESTION OF THE MONTH The Albury ABC's studio played an important part in Australian Broadcasting history in the 1930's.
Where was the studio located, and what was the occasion

THE McPHERSON PROJECT - "THE FACES AND THE STREETS"

This unique project represents Albury-Wodonga's past and is a joint venture by the Charles Sturt University's School of Visual and Performing Arts, the Albury Regional Museum, and the Regional Art Gallery.

Between 1955-1978 several photographers who at some time owned the McPherson Photographic Studio in Dean Street each took many hundreds of photographs.

These photographs (over 2000) are now called the McPherson Collection and are held by the Albury Regional Museum

McPherson Project - The Faces and the Streets-Albury Wodonga 1955-2000 exhibition will be held between April 12-30 at the Albury Regional Art Gallery.

The book launching will take place on Friday April 28th 2000 at the Albury Regional Art Gallery.

ARCHIVES SEMINAR - At the Albury Library May 2.

An Archives & Genealogy Seminar will be conducted by staff of the State Records, NSW at the Albury City Library QE11 on Tuesday 2 May between 9.30am - 1pm.

Replies requested by April 5.

REPORT ON MARCH MEETING

It was disappointing that less than thirty people took advantage of the bus trip to the Bandiana Military Museum, although an additional ten travelled in cars.

Following a very brief monthly meeting, MAJOR GRAHAM DOCKSEY, OAM. welcomed Society members, in his official capacity as the Chairman of the Operating Committee of the Army Museum at Bandiana.

This is Major Docksey's 6th year as the Chairman - the position is an extra regimental appointment.

He has been asked to be a member of the Albury Australia Day organising Committee for 2001.

Major Docksey has undertaken a lot of overseas travelling in recent years. This included attending Anzac Day services at Hellfire Pass in Thailand in 1995, as part of the Australia Remembers Program, and at Gallipoli in 1998 and again last year.

This year he has been asked to give two presentations in Istanbul prior to Anzac Day, then travel down to Gallipoli to assist a large tour group. He will then fly to Paris and will tour the battlefields in France and Belgium.

Major Docksey's talk was entitled "Gallipoli - A Victory or a Defeat? "

"Time dims the memory of ordinary events, but not great events" Major Docksey stated. In a nations history, great events - whether in peace or war - live in our memories regardless of time. They are deemed great, not for what they achieve, or whether they were regarded as victories or successes, but rather, truly great events are distinguished by the quality of human endeavour that they call upon, by the examples they create for ordinary men and women, and by the legends that they inspire.

And so it is with Gallopoli.

An important point to remember, is that Gallipoli was not purely a land campaign. The Australian Navy was mobilised in preparation for war on the 30th July 1914.

Major Docksey's talk, and also the showing of two videos, especially one taken at Gallipoli in 1998, was a moving account of the difficulties and horror the Anzacs faced as a direct result of being landed at the wrong spot.

Gallipoli is a very special place he told members. Hearing and reading about Gallipoli is one thing, but visiting is very special, and the feelings that you experience whilst attending the Anzac Day Dawn and Lone Pine Services are very difficult to describe.

A question and answer period then took place, before members of our Society were invited to look around the museum, and partake of supper (adjacent to the Catering Corp Section in the museum).

A very interesting and informative evening for which members of our Society thank Major Docksey for his kind invitation to attend.

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM- CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 3- 30 May "Australia Post Museum Exhibition"

PHAETON'S RUN

Albury will be a car-lovers paradise on Saturday May 6 and Sunday, May 7.

Celebrating a century of motoring in the Albury-Wodonga area, the Albury Regional Exhibition Centre will be the venue for this historic event.

Our Society is seeking volunteers to "man" a display. We also seek any photographs (or copies of) any old cars in the Albury-Wodonga area. Could you please bring them along to our April meeting, or advise our President of how you can assist.

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria State Committee of Member Societies held a meeting at Yackandandah on Sat. March 25. Two of our members were present and enjoyed the enthusiasm and motivation of the group. Members attended from Melbourne, Numurkah, Leongatha, Lancefield and Yackandandah, and reported on the interesting and varied history-related activities in their areas.

The North Eastern Region includes Alexandra, Albury, Benalla, Bright, Corryong, Eldorado, Harrietville, Kiewa Valley, Mansfield, Rutherglen, Wandiligong, Wangaratta, Wodonga and Yackandandah. There was discussion about encouraging contact between these groups.

Information was made available about Historical Societies and the GST and Australian Business Numbers, the retention of records and photographs of former government departments which have now been privatised, and Federation records relevant to each Society's area.

Mention was made of the recent death of Muriel McGivern, founder of the Croydon (Vic) Historical Society in 1963, who wrote *Big Camp Wahgunyah: History of the Rutherglen District* which was published in 1983.

(Helen Livsey)

The Riverina Committee of the National Trust of Australia (NSW)

visited Albury Sunday March 19 for a walking tour led by Ken Young of Albury who is Heritage Adviser to the Wagga Wagga City Council. Thirty people (with brightly-coloured umbrellas) from Wagga, Beechworth, Burrumbuttock and Albury saw some of Albury's architectural heritage on the slopes of Forest Hill and in Jones, Griffith and Wyse Streets. Prof. Bruce Pennay of Albury also contributed information for the education and enjoyment of the walkers.

The rain stayed away for lunch in the Botanic Gardens after which the driving and walking tour continued with observation of the Charles Sturt University buildings in Olive Street and the Californian bungalows on the western side, the Railway Station, Regent/Cinema Centre and Australian Building, the civic square, St. Matthew's Anglican Church and the former Town Hall.

Australians at War The Great Search

The 1999-2000 Federal Budget provided \$5 million for a TV documentary series, *Australians at War*, which will cover the major conflicts in which Australia has participated. The project will mark the Centenary of Federation and the first episode is expected to be broadcast on the ABC around Anzac Day 2001.

A nation-wide search for wartime memorabilia is being run to unearth new material for possible use in the documentary series or in some of the ancillary products. No one is being asked to give up memorabilia; rather, to make its existence known and have it available for copying or photography should the production team wish to use it.

Further information & forms will be available at the April meeting.

JINDERA PIONEER MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Members held their annual general meeting on Monday 13 March.

Office Bearers elected for the near year - President (Peter Moll), and Hon Secretary (Mrs Dorothy Hueske).

In his annual report, Peter Moll stated that as we enter the 21st Century, it was time to assess our involvement with the Museum History and heritage which are an important part of our ongoing culture and national identity. Jindera was very fortunate that the early members had the foresight to establish the museum as a unique part of this history and heritage. This has resulted in National Trust Classification and in being Heritage Registered on the National Estate.

Peter stressed that this brings with it a responsibility to preserve the buildings in as near to the original state as is practical and also to preserve the exhibits.

Last November the Society conducted their very successful annual Pioneer Day.

While the numbers of visitors to the museum were down during the year, it was pleasing to see that nearly 1000 School children visited. Education is one of the Societies priorities and it was encouraging to see the local schools participating.

During the year The Hon. Tim Fischer agreed to become a patron of the Museum, replacing Professor Moll who passed away in 1997.

The Hume Shire has again used some photographs from the museum's collection in their year 2000 calendar.

100 YEARS AGO (Extracts from the Border Post Almanac 1900)

JANUARY *The Albury Butter Factory's sales for 1899 were 119,835 Lbs (pounds)*

FEBRUARY *Anthrax prevalent in Albury*

Mr. W.J. Billson, J.P., was re-elected Mayor.

A court of Petty Sessions was opened at Henty by Mr Barnett, P.M.

During the month hundreds of people congregated round the office of the "Border Post", scanning the latest war news. Interest and enthusiasm were intense.

APRIL *During the month a number of Albury publicans were alleged to have been swindled out of goods consigned to them from the city. The pilfering was never solved.*

MAY *A motor car arrived in Albury and created considerable interest.*

GLENROY/GLENMORUS

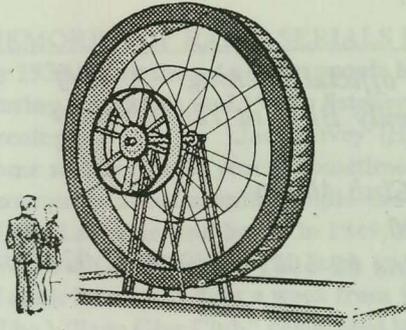
Information about the area is sought for Glenecho Neighbourhood House to design a mural to visualise the history of their area.

A booklet is also planned. Vivien Voss would appreciate any information and the loan of photos to copy. Phone 6025 8325 (B.H.)

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING—IMPORTANT — NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Tuesday APRIL 18. 2000, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday May 9, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER Alan French. Part 2 of "Lies & Legends of Wooragee"
(continuation from October 1999 meeting).

QUESTION OF THE MONTH What are the origins of the Ballot Box?

JUNE 13. 2000....ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *Of the Albury Historical Society*

Nominations will be welcome from any financial member signed by two members and the Nominee. Committee members undertake a variety of interesting tasks including research, assisting in the production of the Bulletin, engaging guest speakers, planning Heritage Week, as well as other excursions and activities.

Nominations in writing, for the twelve positions will be received up to May 22, 2000. Forms are available from the Society's Public Officer, Helen Livsey (Ph 6021 3671) and at the General meeting on May 9.

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM- CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 3- MAY 30
MAY 27
JUNE 1-JULY 31 -

"Australia Post Museum Exhibition"
History talk by Gerry Curtis.
"Fascinating Science" An interactive exhibition for all
ages, presented by Questacon.

ALBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL -SESQUICENTENARY

To be celebrated Saturday 17 June 2000 commencing at 11am,with the official opening. A brief outline of celebrations include - 11.30am Exhume Time Capsule. A family BBQ at 12noon then between 1-3pm there will be tours of the school& Displays.

The Sesquicentenary Dinner will be held that evening at the Commercial Club,Albury.

Replies for attendances,& orders for souvenirs to be made by 24 May. 2000.

For more information contact the School at P.O. Box 547,Albury or Phone 02-6021 3849 (Fax 02-6041 1265) or www.ozemail.com.au/-d1017pn1

REPORT ON APRIL MEETING

Mr Neil Meaney, Regional Manager of the Goulburn-Murray area of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, spoke about "Life with the A.B.C".

In the time Neil has been in radio, many considerable changes have occurred. His memories of radio were very strong as a child - He recounted how he used to just watch and listen to the old Bakelite valve radio and thought how on earth do voices and music come out of that wire plugged into the wall, yet the electricity comes out of that as well - these days he says he still doesn't know, but at least he has a better idea of what happens inside the radio studio.

He came from a "two radio family". In the days before they had a wringer washing machine - they had an electric copper. The radio used to sit on the heater, & around dusk, he would turn the radio on & after warming it up, would tune into different frequencies. Sometimes he got Japan and other south-east Asian stations. There were many languages he had never heard before. To this day he still doesn't know how the radio got those stations as it wasn't short-wave or medium-wave.

Neil's first experience in radio was in South Australia with the first public radio station in Australia -based in the University of Adelaide called 5UB. He then worked for 5DN in Adelaide - midnight-dawn shifts on the weekends and also consultancy work during the week.

The best way to learn radio was to spend time in Country Radio -it used to be a good training ground. In the mid 80's he worked at a commercial radio station in Parkes. He recounted many anecdotes of his years there.

Neil said he was a "Jack of all trades" at the ABC in Wodonga. He is the breakfast announcer, the regional manager, plumber, electrician,technician, gardener, accountant, human relations officer.

In the last 10 years technology has changed a lot in the way we receive programmes on the radio. Listeners are wanting more local content. The local station should be the"heart and soul of the community" - that is the way of the future, otherwise we shall suffer. It is a very competitive area -not just radio, but the internet, cable television and also sort of other things are competing for one's time. In the future unless there is more local content, radio stations are facing some very difficult options.

Radio has played a huge part in everyones lives, as has television - Who knows what it will be like in 10 years time .

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The Albury ABC's studio played an important part in Australian Broadcasting history in the 1930's. Where was the studio located, and what was the occasion ?.

(From Howard Jones's Albury Heritage book).

"Temple Court, a suite of offices opposite the Commercial Club, played a part in Australian Broadcasting history on March 25, 1936. It housed the A.B.C's studio at which the Prime Minister, Joseph Lyons, officially opened the first submarine telegraph cable linking Tasmania with the mainland."

MEMORIES OF RADIO SERIALS PRESENTED BY THE A.B.C. - Established in 1932.

By 1939, more than a million people held radio licences.

During the 1930's and 1940's listeners heard romantic serials by day, and quiz shows and panel games in the evening.

Jack Davey (Hi Ho everybody) hosted a record of five evening quiz shows a week.

Some serials ran for years - sometimes decades... "Dad and Dave" began in 1936 and ran for 15 years. "The Lawsons", about country people and the problems they faced during the war, began in 1944. "Blue Hills" grew out of The Lawsons, and began in 1949, finishing 27 years later after 579 episodes.

"When A Girl Marries" ran from 1946 to 1965. "Portia Faces Life" went from 1952 to 1970, and "Dr Paul" a story of adult love ran 5 days a week from 1949 to 1971.

"The Village Glee Club" celebrated its 1,000th programme in 1962 from a humble beginning in 1942 and ended 1971.

The year 1942 launched the "Argonauts Club" for children to encourage creative activities.

The "Wilfred Thomas Show" ran from March 13,1941 to Dec.28.1980.

In May 1943 the ABC launched "Guest of Honour" which ran until 1980, and "Quality Street" lasted from 1946 until 1973.

In March 1947 Bob "Pick-a-Box" Dyer began and went until 1957. It then went on T.V. and ended July 28 1971.

These are but a few of "Memories of by-gone-days"

BY...GEOFF HAMILTON

Editor's note

The Australian Broadcasting Commission began operations on July.1.1932 and set out to provide specialised services as well as providing high standards in music, drama, documentaries and news presentation. It was financed by revenue from licence fees. But these were inadequate and on Sept.1. 1974 all radio and TV licencing was scrapped and funds were provided from general revenue.

The ABC placed special emphasis on children's programming, music (with their provision of symphony orchestras in each state), and country listeners with programmes like Town & Country Hour which began in 1942, later known as The Country Hour. On June 1.1947 the ABC's independent news service became fully operational.

In 1934, "Synthetic" Test Cricket broadcasts, concocted in the ABC studios, compiled from cables, created much public interest & boosted radio sales.

Dec.20. 1939 the ABC's overseas service, Australia Calling- later called Radio Australia, began broadcasting from Sydney.

Nov.1940- Margaret Doyle became the ABC's first woman announcer.

"Kindergarten of the Air" was first broadcast in W.A. in 1942. The ABC was responsible for establishing permanent symphony orchestras in all states in 1946.

Jan 26 1976 saw the ABC start its FM service with stations in Adelaide (the network centre), Sydney, Melbourne & Canberra.

The first official broadcast in Australia was from station 2SB, Sydney at 8pm on 23 November 1923.

2CO began broadcasts in 1931.

In the early days, and right up to WW11 and beyond, the radio was always referred to as "the wireless". The term radio for the home set did not come into popular use until well into the post-war era.

****Your Bulletin Editor, was a news correspondent for the ABC in W.A. between 1966-1992****

THE ALBURY TELEGRAPH OFFICE - 1875

Andrew Kelso has compiled four pages of information relevant to the functioning of the Morse Code system. We thank Andrew for this contribution, some excerpts from which follow :

Albury was an important office in the Sydney-Melbourne telegraph system. The technology of the time only allowed a limited distance for the electrical currents to travel before becoming too weak to be useable. To overcome this difficulty repeater facilities had to be provided. The operation was entirely manual, the receiving operator wrote down the message and then passed it to another operator who sent it.

Samuel Morse, a landscape painter by profession, had ideas of a telegraph system using a coded interrupted electric current in the eighteen thirties. He made little progress until he met Alfred Vail who helped Morse with the construction of suitable apparatus, and the development of the code. Some writers say it should be called Vail Code. It is based on the frequency of occurrence of the letters of the alphabet in written languages. The original code has been modified to suit variations of letter frequencies in various European languages and is known as International Morse Code. For languages such as Japanese a special dot and dash Kana Code is used.

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

extract from the Albury City Council -Annual Report 1999

"The proposal for the Albury region to have a purpose built Museum between the Albury Regional Art Gallery and the Albury Library is an exciting prospect. This will create a cultural precinct to be proud of and offers an opportunity to expand a vibrant City centre for both the local community and tourists. Among the many benefits of the proposed move will be an appropriate space to care for our heritage, a stronger link between the three facilities and greatly improved access for visitors to the Museum.

The Albury Regional Museum has enjoyed a successful year, housing a variety of touring exhibitions as well as developing in-house displays from the Museum's collection including some treasures from community members.

Public Programs have supported exhibitions and followed a "paper" theme. Public talks about our history and how to care for our heritage were well received as were the inland sand castle building and the annual International Women's Day dinner and performance.

The education project with Charles Sturt University and St Patrick's School continues and is a valuable and rewarding exercise for all organisations. It is anticipated this program will extend to involve La Trobe University next year.

Visitor numbers including school groups continue to grow steadily and an outreach program in the guise of "a museum in a box" is underway to assist diversional therapists.

Still in the early design stage, www.albury-museum.bazar.com.au is the web page address, providing information on current exhibitions, programs and the expanding bank of local historic information.

The ongoing in-kind support from local business, donations at the door, State and Federal funding bodies all assist with the operation of the Museum".

STRAUSS STREET LAVINGTON

The Strauss family history has been chronicled in a book entitled Strauss Street Lavington. The Society is most thankful to the author, Gail (Strauss) Mirams, who has donated a copy for our archives in the History Room at the Albury Library.

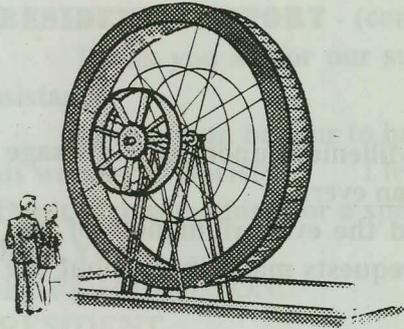
Gail dedicated the book to her grandfather, Henry Christopher Strauss, who was born in Albury 1887, to Barbara (Reis) and Wendelin Strauss, and died at Lavington in 1963.

Many family members have contributed information for the book which includes references to the associated families of Bennett, Bowler, Dallinger, Driekluft, Eisenhauser, Frauenfelder, Gehrig, Kennedy, Merkel, Miller, Molitor, Reis, Sagasser, Smith, Streitberger, Weisel, and Zahnleiter.

As well as memories of the Lavington area, Gail has included sections on Churches, Schools, towns, letters and poems, ships, maps and a family chart. Copies of the book are available from Mrs Gail Mirams, 1/72 Charles St, Warragul, Vic. 3820 at \$30 plus \$5 postage.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by the monthly meeting

GUEST SPEAKER

Thelma Musselwhite, will speak on "My Life & Changes in West Albury".

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Minutes of the previous AGM held on June. 8. 1999
2. President's Report (see pages 2 & 3)
3. Treasurer's Report & Audited Accounts
4. Election of Committee of twelve (including Office Bearers), Public Officer and Honorary Auditor.

Election of Office Bearers for 2000-2001

The following nominations have been received :

President	<i>Geoff Hamilton</i>
Vice Presidents (1)	<i>Claude Burke</i>
(2)
Secretary	<i>Ron Braddy</i>
Minute Secretary
Treasurer
Committee :	<i>Janice Lynch, Claire Simpson, Mary Thurling, Debbie Mould, and Jan Marsden.</i>

Three more committee members wanted.

Hon Auditor	<i>Kevin Higginson</i>
Public Officer	<i>Helen Livsey</i>

5. General Business - To set the annual Membership Fees

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 1999-2000

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Yet another hectic year has passed us by and with this new Millenium upon us, I envisage our Society (yours and mine) will grow to an even greater strength than ever.

The success of this past year was due to a dedicated Committee and the ever willingness of you (the members of the Society) to be involved in the many and varied requests made throughout the year. For this I thank you all most sincerely.

Noting events of interest, our Society was involved in Albury Community affairs and projects, Albury-Wodonga Ethnic Communities, Local Government Week, 175th Anniversary of Hume & Hovell Expedition, Phaeton's Run, Archives and Genealogy Seminar, Centenary of Federation, to mention but a few.

From that, one can see and understand the impact that our Society has on our community.

Once again our Guest Speakers have been of a high standard - very interesting and informative.

At our June 1999 meeting, members Anne Holloway spoke of "Libraries and Other Things" followed by Jan Hunter : her subject "Health, Education and Me"

A video and slides with commentary on the Waterview Wastelands Treatment Facility by Mr Daryl McGregor, Project Director to the Albury City Council, educated us at the August meeting and Mrs Phyllis Parkes told us of the first 100 years of T.A.F.E. in Albury at our well attended September meeting. "Lies and Legends" were told of, by Mr Alan French and with the showing of slides was well received at our October meeting. We were also told of "Hopeful Happenings" of combined Rail and Road (Highway) project from Mr David Scobie, Government Architect to the State Rail Authority of N.S.W.

At our November gathering, Karen Donnelly spoke of, and showed slides from the McPherson Collection. In book form entitled "The Faces and the Streets" Albury-Wodonga 1955-2000 it was officially launched on 28 April this year. I was privileged to represent our Society at this event.

Our "Bring & Tell" December meeting proved yet another successful evening. The celebration of 75 years of production by Macquarie Textiles in Albury co-incided with our February meeting at which Mr Bill Berryman and Mr Jim Barr were our guest speakers and an evening at the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps Museum at Bandiana was our March "wonderful experience" meeting.

Life with the A.B.C. was told of at our April meeting by Mr Neil Meaney, Radio Regional Manager of the Goulburn-Murray area, whilst our month of May Guest speaker was once again Mr Alan French, with his follow-up of "Wooragee History"

Our Society has received many gifts of books and photographs over this last period of time. Our thanks to the donors of such items.

Local Government Week celebrated July 27-30; the 175th Anniversary of the Hume & Hovell Expedition (November 13-14); together with Phaeton's Run celebrating 100 years of motoring in Albury-Wodonga held May 5-7, involved many of our members.

Congratulations to our Treasurer Mr Tom Jelbart "Citizen of the Year 2000" - and to John Craig for his summary of the inward "Bulletins" and all members for your contributions to the "Question of the Month" - I say Thank You.

It is with a note of sadness I regret the passing of Mrs Jean Macdonald, Author, Historian & Scholar. Condolences are extended to her family and her many friends.

A "Thank You" must be offered to the Management and staff of the Commercial Club for their co-operation and assistance at all times.

Our Committee meetings have been well attended, as have been our monthly meetings, followed with a "cuppa" and social chat, keeping the friendship on a high note.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - (continued)

Thank you all for our support and to my wife Dorothy "Thank You" for your ever ready assistance.

I deem it an honour to have been your President and trust I have fulfilled my obligations to this wonderful Society. I leave you with this thought -

"Don't save something for a special day - remember - every day is special".

Thank You,
GEOFF HAMILTON.
PRESIDENT.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"What are the origins of the Ballot Box" ?

The answer was provided by members from various sources.

Voting is a choice or preference - it is an expression of one's acceptance or rejection signified by ballot, a show of hands, voice , voting paper, ticket, drawing of lots, ballotta (little ball) or otherwise.

The secret ballot box, the most prized symbol of democracy, was pioneered in Victoria in March 1856.

In Australia in 1851 the Port Phillip District of NSW proposed that a secret ballot be held to elect its new legislative council in Melbourne. The NSW Govt in Sydney over-ruled the proposal. When Port Phillip separated from NSW to become Victoria, it was ruled at first by an openly elected legislature. However in December 1855 the legislative Council passed the motion of William Nicholson favouring the secret ballot.

The Victorian elections in March 1856 were the first in which a parliament was chosen by secret ballot. (The Governor of Victoria at that time was Major General E.MacArthur- acting as an Administrator). The vote was taken in the first polling booths, designed for the purpose by a Melbourne lawyer, Henry Chapman.

Voters wrote the names of their chosen candidates on slips of paper.

Ballot papers printed with candidates' names adjacent to vacant boxes were invented by W.R.Boothby for the South Australian legislative Council elections in 1858.

A little ball was used for secret voting, hence "voting by ballot" or secret voting.

Under the Athenian & other democracies of ancient Greece, this method was known as Psephoma from Psephos, a pebble, the original instrument of balloting. It was used on all questions affecting the status of individuals.

HISTORICAL MOVE

The Border's own Army Reserve unit made its historic move from Albury to Bandiana last month in spectacular fashion.

The Diggers of A Squadron, 4/19th Prince of Wales Light Horse, first rode into battle in the Boer War at the turn of the century on their trusty Walers, but on Saturday May 13, the troops made the move in their M113A1 armoured personnel carriers.

Since 1915, the Border's Army Reserve soldiers have been based at Buna Barracks in Victoria Street, Albury, but now they have a new headquarters at Colonel Tom Price Lines, Gaza Ridge Barracks, North Bandiana.

The Lighhorse men and women were welcomed to their new HQ by Commander of the Army Logistic Training Centre, Colonel Cris Anstey.

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REPORT ON MAY MEETING

Members and guests were treated to a very interesting slide show from our Guest Speaker, Alan French, entitled "Lies & Legends of Wooragee".

This was a continuation from his appearance in October last year, where time restraints prevented him from showing the full selection of slides.

Many memories were revived when he displayed an old Telegraph Insulator, used on the original overland Telegraph line. It was salvaged near Beechworth.

Slide topics included - the remains of old gold mine workings ; Chinese settlements & gardens; Euphorbias (medicine plants); workshops; old homes; shearing sheds; timber fences (over 100 years old); Wooragee Star Hotel , School & Butter Factory.

Old Railway Station and a stone culvert on the Melbourne-Sydney Road still in use today.

The evening was interspersed with re-collections not only from our Guest Speaker but also from members and guests.

THANKS to Helen Pithie of the Albury Regional Museum, who secured for the Society reCollections : Caring for Collections Across Australia, which has been produced by the Heritage Collections Council.

This valuable set of seven Australian reference books covers the following subjects :

Caring for Cultural Materials (1 & 2) ; Damage and Decay; Managing Collections; Managing People; Handling, Transportation, Storage and Display; and a Glossary.

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

Coming events - "Facinating Science - 1 June to 31 July . An interactive exhibition for all ages, presented by Questacon.

BATHURST VISIT

A warm welcome was extended by Gerry Curtis on behalf of our Society to about forty members of the Bathurst Historical Society when they visited the area on May 20-22.

WODONGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is 20 years since the Wodonga Saleyards were re-located from Elgin Street to WG Page Saleyards at Bandiana. (1980-2000)

To celebrate the occasion, the Wodonga Historical Society and City of Wodonga will present an evening to be held on Sunday 18 June at 7pm at the Wodonga Football & Sports Club, Martin Park, Vermont Street, Wodonga.

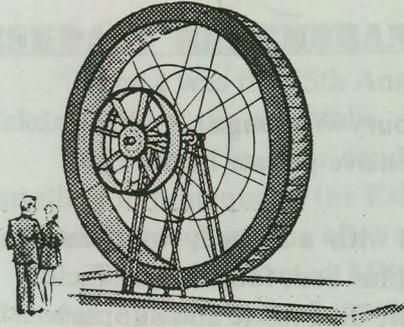
The MC will be Eileen Andrews, with Guets Speakers being - Bill Richardson, John Waite, Graeme Jenkins, Bobby Barrett, Lang Peterkin, Cr Les Boyes and a recital by Rohan Ardern.

For further information contact Jim Parker on (03) 5726 1396. There will be a small admission charge which includes supper.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday July 11, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER Michael Hogan, General Manager of the Albury Wodonga Private Hospital, will speak on the Hospital's 21st celebrations to take place in August.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH Who established the Albury Wodonga Private Hospital ?

WHO DOES WHAT IN THE COMING YEAR

President	Geoff Hamilton
Vice Presidents (1)	Claude Burke
(2)	?
Secretary	Ron Braddy
Minute Secretary	?
Treasurer	Tom Jelbart

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PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATORS :	?
PUBLIC OFFICER :	Helen Livsey
HON.AUDITOR :	Kevin Higginson

SUBSCRIPTIONS - will remain as last year \$17 adult \$20 family \$21 Corporate

ALBURY WODONGA PRIVATE HOSPITAL

This year, Albury Wodonga Private Hospital celebrates 21 years in Albury Wodonga. It has grown to become one of the Regions largest and most comprehensive private health care facilities.

The Hospital was officially opened on July 20. 1979 and started with a 35 bed, two theatre facility. Over the past two decades the AWPB has developed to a 90 plus bed, four theatre facility with a day surgery area, sleep disorders unit, and a wide range of on-site diagnostic and support services, and provides facilities for about 300,000 people in a region extending from Albury through the Southern Riverina, and North East Victoria.

To celebrate, the Hospital will be hosting a 21st Birthday Celebration Ball at the Albury Convention Centre on Saturday 26 August 2000.

It is hoped that many past and present associates of the Hospital will attend this event, and an invitation is extended to members of the broader medical and general community to join in celebrating this special occasion. The evening will also feature special memorabilia and a video incorporating early footage of the Hospital.

Further information - Mrs Kerrie Middleton at the Private Hospital on 02 - 6022 4105

REPORT ON JUNE MEETING

Thelma Musselwhite, spoke on "My Life & Changes in West Albury".

A most interesting talk by our member, Thelma Musselwhite when she gave an insight into her life and the changes in West Albury. A very talented and artistic lady, Thelma was able to show us all through her painting, the names and locations of some the owners of that area. "I painted it for posterity, before I forgot who lived there" she told an interested meeting.

Born in West Albury, her parents moved to live in Townsend Street when she was 18 months of age.

Thelma attended the Albury West Public School, then took a position as a nurse maid. From there she worked in a cafe. In 1942 at the age of 21, she married, and moved with her husband back to West Albury, and raised her own family.

Some interesting points raised from her talk included - that in the olden days homes never had floors, and the walls were covered with newspapers or calendars.

Her husband was a foreman gardener at the Albury Botanical Gardens. They had a love of flowers, and this is when Thelma decided to try her hand a floral arrangements. She used to exhibit her flowers at the local shows, and went on to become a show judge.

A topic of much interest was the West Albury Hall where community dances were held every week. Thelma's husband used to play the accordian for these dances. The Hall was used for many functions including the local Bush Fire Brigade meetings, as well as church services and weddings.

(Thelma showed the meeting a prized specially labelled commemorative 1936-1986 Golden Jubilee of the West Albury School, bottle of Liqueur Port from Gehrig Bros).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Local Government Week will be celebrated on Mon. July 24, Tues 25 and Fri. July 28.

This year there will be a guided walk to be undertaken by Society member, Gerry Curtis. The walk will commence at 11am from St David's Uniting Church, proceeding up Olive Street to Guinea Street, past the Charles Sturt University, then down David Street, Soden's Hotel and return to St David's Church where refreshments will be offered.

Arrangements have been made in the case of inclement weather, for a slide show to be held at St David's.

ESKDALE REMEMBRANCE

(Jan Marsden)

June 4 was the 55th Anniversary of the Crash of a Beaufort Bomber on Mt. Tawonga on the Eskdale side of the mountain.

In similar weather conditions to those of 1945, four members of our Society, attended the unveiling of a plaque at the Eskdale Information Centre, to the memory of the four airmen killed, and to the rescuers, who after a long search, found the aircraft and recovered the remains.

The newly formed Mitta Valley Heritage Society organised this remembrance which was attended by members of the four families whose lives were changed by that event, and, who had never before met.

The RAAF was represented by the Wing Commader from Sale, which was the base of that ill-fated bomber.

SALEYARDS HISTORY

(Howard Jones)

Wodonga Historical Society held a successful forum on June 18 all about the relocation of the municipal saleyards from Elgin St to the W.G. Page Saleyards at Bandiana in 1980.

This followed a 1998 evening detailing the history of the old saleyards from 1935 to 1980 (a book about that occassion is available from the Wodonga Society - price \$5).

This time speakers included Bill Richardson, John Waite, Graeme Jenkins, Bob Barrett, Lang Peterkin and Les Boyes and several others. They covered everything from stock transport, selling, prices, the technical problems of planning a saleyard, cleanliness and how the canteen, the Boiling Billy, was set up. Albury's decision in 1977 to close its sheep yards in Borella Road had an impact on how the new Wodonga saleyards were planned as a regional facility.

Much credit is due to Jim Parker for organising an entertaining and informative evening in which the emphasis was on the people involved, not least the late Bill Page, whose widow was presented with a picture of the saleyards her husband planned.

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

Coming events - "Fascinating Science - 1 June to 31 July . An educational hands-on exhibition from the National Science and Technology Centre, Canberra for all ages.

"FROM THE STEPS OF BONEGILLA"

August 7-31. A touring exhibition produced by ARM and Visions of Australia, reflecting the migrant experience at Bonegilla.

The exhibition is in the final phase and will open in August this year and then travel to various parts of Australia. It depicts life in the Migrant Centre as it was for so many, and will take the visitor on a journey as the migrants experienced it from the time they left their homeland by ship or plane to Australia, then through the daily routine of life in the camp with stories from migrants who were at the Centre.

FAREWELL TO DEBBIE

Our bright and bubbly Minute Secretary, Debbie Mould, has left Albury to accept a position in the city, and while we wish her well in her new job and home, we will miss her contribution to the Society.

ALBURY REGIONAL ART GALLERY

The 50th Anniversary of the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Authority exhibition will take place at the Art Gallery between July 7-August 14.

A collection of historic photographs that documents the Snowy Scheme will be displayed.

LAVINGTON WOODCARTERS' HOSPITAL DAY - 1922

The woodcarters of Lavington held a "wood day" in aid of the Albury Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. The string of woodcarters was met on the Cemetery road by Mr J.L. McEachern who marshalled the procession. The vehicles which contained the wood were decorated with flags and were led by a lady-woodcarter, Mrs Collins. The sale took place in Dean street, opposite the Bank of New South Wales, and attracted a large crowd. The wood was of excellent quality, being mostly white box, which is excellent for burning purposes.

The load of wood carted by Mrs **Collins** brought £1; Messrs **Dumbrell Bros'** load £5; O. **Davis'** load £2/15; C. **Browne's** load £2; W. **Clark's** load £2/15; This was bought by Mr. W. **Moore** and donated to the hospital. L. **Romero's** load £2/15; W. **Davis'** load £1/15 (bought by Mr. J. **Stephen** and donated to the hospital); C. **Strauss'** load 30/- bought by the auctioneer, Mr J.B. **Garnsey** and sold again for 30/-; W.L. **Smith's** load 35/-; H. **Hanel's** load £1/2/6 (bought by Mr C. **Ortlipp** and donated to the hospital); A. **Spalding's** load £1/10; Messrs **Buchhorn** and **Gulson's** load £1/5 (and was donated to the hospital by the buyer, Mr W. **Bullivant**); John **Collins'** load £2/15; H. **Chant's** load £1/10; A. **Chant's** load £1/15; T. **Goldsworthy jun's** load £3/5; F.W. **Collins'** load £1/12/6.

Two juvenile woodcarters (Masters F. **Gulson** and S. **Richter**) also carted a load, which was bought by Mr. J. **Stephen** for £1/7/6 and he donated it to the hospital. H. **Nolan's** load brought £1/5, and J. **Motts'** £1/12/6.

Apples, pears, pumpkins, poultry, and other produce were also auctioned. The "Golden Melon", so named because it was sold over a hundred times for 1/- a time, is still open to be bought. The whole effort produced approximately £52, which will carry a like subsidy.

Albury Banner Fri. May 5, 1922

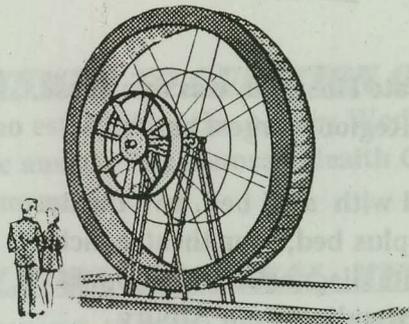
GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE SOCIETY

Gratitude is expressed to **Janet Patterson**, Trevanna Downs, Goondiwindi 4390, and our congratulations are extended to her on the publication of a 435-page book, *The Pattersons of "Rangelands" Winton*. Members of the family lived at Cumbaroona, their home, "Elphin", eventually succumbing to the rising waters of Lake Hume.

Lorna Lavell of Buchan, Vic. has forwarded a page from the *Weekly Times* May 14, 1932 containing the words and music of "**Albury**", march foxtrot composed by Reginald Stoneham. The back of the page carries an article: Albury's Prosperity solidly Based Upon Sheep and Wool Industry.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday August 8, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER Graeme Hicks, Manager of Special Events with the Albury City Council Festival of Sport. His talk will cover local sports and the forthcoming Sydney Olympic Games & will be illustrated with slides.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH What awards were presented to winners & second place getters in the 1896 modern Olympic Games?.

SUBSCRIPTIONS Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due. They remain the same as last year : \$17 adult \$20 family \$21 corporate
A subscription form was attached to the July *Bulletin*.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

A successful Local Government Week was celebrated July 24 to 30.

Gerry Curtis guided historic walks around one of Albury's most historically significant blocks - Olive Street to Guinea and David Streets, encompassing the magnificent Charles Sturt University buildings and many other places of interest.

The walks commenced from St David's Uniting Church.

Albury City Council also conducted tours of the Wonga Wetlands.

URANQUINTY REMEMBERS

Commemorating a migrant experience - 50 years and beyond. A Centenary of Federation programme is being planned for Easter 2001.

It will be hosted by the Uranquinty Progress Association, supported by the Wagga Wagga City Council.

Between 1949 and 1952 an estimated 28,000 migrants passed through the Uranquinty Migrant Centre on Wagga Wagga's southern outskirts.

Celebrations include a reunion and the release of a book on "a colourful and proud part of our nation's history".

Project co-ordinator is Erwin Richter - 02 6933 1486 or 20 Corella Place, Wagga Wagga, 2650.

REPORT ON JULY MEETING

Michael Hogan, General Manager of the Albury Wodonga Private Hospital, was our guest speaker at last month's meeting. He spoke of the Hospital, one of the Regions largest and most comprehensive private health care facility.

The Hospital was officially opened on July 20, 1979 and started with a 35 bed, two theatre facility. Over the past two decades the AWPB has developed to a 90 plus bed, four theatre facility with a day surgery area, sleep disorders unit, and a wide range of on-site diagnostic and support services, and provides facilities for about 300,000 people in a region extending from Albury through the Southern Riverina, and North East Victoria.

The hospital takes up a fair portion of land (approx 3 acres) on the corner of Padman Drive and Pemberton Street. It is owned by a public company, Ramsay Health Care Aust Pty Ltd and is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Owning 14 other hospitals, it is the second largest hospital operator in Australia behind Mayne Nickless.

R.H.C commenced in Sydney in 1964 by its founder, Paul Ramsay, who is still chairman of the Board and visits Albury occasionally.

Paul Ramsay's connection to Albury came about through racing motor cars in the 1970's. He became friends with Phil Jones (Brad Jones's father). Phil introduced Paul to local practitioners, and the rest is history.

The land for the hospital was bought in 1977 from Ivan Hanrahan and the hospital was built by a builder from Coffs Harbour. All local subcontractors were used. The first Director of Nursing was Barbara Dyke from Milawa.

Increased demand saw the construction of an additional theatre in January 1985 and the Omaru ward which opened on July 29 1986.

The construction of a fourth theatre, day surgery, theatre office and staff room took place in January 1993. A specialist Medical Centre was opened in May 1994. It currently is tenanted by a Plastic Surgeon, Urologists, General Surgeon, Neurologists, Dorevitch Pathology, Medical Physician practice.

A six bed critical care units completed in November 1996, and the extension to the day surgery unit in February 1998. This was followed by the construction of a Radiology facility in February 1999. This building cost \$2m and is equipped with \$10m state of the art equipment.

Orthopaedics continued to grow and extensions to this ward with 10 extra beds took place in August 1999, and Consulting rooms being completed in October 1999. Addition of a fifth theatre is expected in June 2001. An expected \$2m will be needed to upgrade and extend theatres.

The Albury Wodonga Private Hospital recently treated their 75,000th patient since opening 21 years ago.

Current activity at the hospital includes : 7,000+ admissions ; 5000+ surgical procedures ; 200 staff including 120 nurses ; 85 doctors accredited to admit patients.

Types of services offered include - Medical; surgical; cardiac catheter lab and a sleep disorder unit.

The Hospital will be hosting a 21st Birthday Celebration Ball at the Albury Convention Centre on Saturday 26 August 2000.

It is hoped that many past and present associates of the Hospital will attend this event, and an invitation is extended to members of the broader medical and general community to join in celebrating this special occasion.

The evening will also feature special memorabilia and a video incorporating early footage of the Hospital.

Further information - Mrs Kerrie Middleton at the Private Hospital on 02 - 6022 4105

ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH (JULY)

Who established the Albury Wodonga Private Hospital?

The answer was Ramsay Health Care Aust Pty Ltd, under the leadership of Chairman, Mr Paul Ramsay.

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

Coming events - "FROM THE STEPS OF BONEGILLA"

August 7-31. A touring exhibition reflects the migrant experience at Bonegilla.

It depicts life in the Migrant Centre as it was for so many, and will take the visitor on a journey as the migrants experienced it from the time they left their homeland by ship or plane to Australia, then through the daily routine of life in the camp with stories from migrants who were at the Centre.

INFORMATION WANTED -

Thanks are extended to author John Stacpoole of North Balwyn, Victoria, for the donation of his book "Publish It Yourself".

John Staepoole is writing a semi-autobiographical story of his wartime experiences including two periods at Bonegilla in 1942 and 1943. He seeks photographs of the gas-powered taxi and of Dean Street showing the Hume Weir Cafe &/or Albion Hotel.

Our Research Officer, Helen Livsey, would be pleased to hear of a photo of a taxi with a gas bag on the roof, as she endeavours to assist Mr Stacpoole in his quest.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

(Howard Jones)

Recently I researched the history of St Joseph's Catholic Church in Young St, Albury for a diocesan newspaper. The church was originally a recreation hut and church for the soldiers camped at the Showgrounds in 1940.

Someone mentioned there was a connection with Kelly Gang's Joe Byrne, whose body was publicly displayed and photographed after the Glenrowan siege in 1880.

I was told his sister gave the land in Young St to which St Joseph's was moved after WW11, but at first I was sceptical. After all, Joe Byrne had then been dead more than 65 years.

However, I have since discovered that Kelly Gang expert Ian Jones interviewed the sister, Miss Elly Byrne, in August 1964, shortly before her death in the Mercy Hospital, aged 93.

Elly and her mother, Margaret (sic), and several sibilings, left the Woolshed Valley in the 1880s and rented a home in Albury until Margaret bought a large weatherboard house next to where the church now stands. Ian Jones writes : "The family lived out their lives proudly, never advertising their kinship with Joe, but never denying it." Margaret Byrne died in 1921, aged 87, and Elly, the last of the family, in 1964.

Details are to be found in Ian Jones's book, The Friendship That Destroyed Ned Kelly, published by Lothian, 1992 (it's in the History Room at the Albury Library).

DID YOU KNOW ? Albury's tallest property is St Matthew's Church. The steel cross on the spire reaches 36.5m towards Heaven, almost 10m higher than the Country Comfort's 26.8m. The New Albury Hotel's rotating beer sign reaches 29.2m, while the CML Tower in Dean Street is 29.5m. The T and G Tower's flagpole takes that building up to 31m and the War Memorial is 30m above round.

(Howard Jones - The Border Mail)

NEW AUSTRALIAN MEDALS & AWARDS (1975-2000)

(Extract from the Millitary Historical Soc of Aust -Albury/Wodonga Branch newsletter No.3/2000)

Prior to the introduction of the Australian system in 1975, awards to service personnel were made under the Imperial system. In recognition of our national sovereignty the crown has been replaced with the seven-pointed Federation star.

New medals have been introduced including the "Australian Active Service Medal" (AASM) and "Australian Service Medal" (ASM). A "Victoria Cross for Australia" (VC) is also available, as distinct from the "Victoria Cross" (VC) won by 96 Aussies from the Boer War to Vietnam. This new VC has yet to be awarded, though our next major conflict may see that change.

Also showcased at the meeting were several interesting "groups" and individual medals including :- Public Service ; Polar Medal; Fire Brigade; Police; Champion Shot; Frontline (WW11 Infantry); and Unit Citations.

The INTERFET medal's ribbon will have a central red stripe representing East Timor's turbulent past. This will be flanked by two green stripes, two white and then two blue. These colours represent the three armed services but also relate to white for peace, blue for the sea surrounding the island, and green for the regrowth of a new nation.

100 YEARS AGO (extracts from the Border Post Almanac 1900).	
JUNE	The Railway Commissioner visited Albury and promised to consider the advisability of erecting an overhead bridge at the station.
JULY	Miss Spence gave a lecture in Albury on the Hare-Spence system of voting.
AUGUST	The Premier William John Lyne was banquetted at The Rock. The football season was exciting in Albury, resulting in The Rocks securing the Premiership.

PRESERVING TIP (STORING PHOTOGRAPHS)

(extract from the Albury Regional Museum newsletter issue 2/May/2000)

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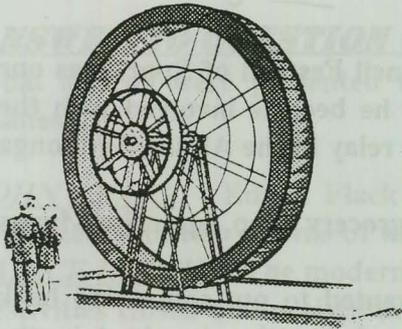
Photographs, slides and negatives which are exposed to light for long periods will fade. The stronger the light the faster the fading. Direct sunlight is the worst offender. Photographs left near a window can lose colour very quickly. The best rule to follow to preserve your photos is therefore to keep them in acid free albums or boxes away from daylight. If you are going to frame a favourite photo for display, ask your framer to use museum glass to minimise UV damage. Another tip if framing at home is to use an acid free mat board with your photo to protect it and prevent adhesion of the photo to the glass.

TEMPERATURE

Heat can accelerate the degradation of all photographic materials. You may not intentionally subject your albums to heat regularly but beware for instance, of leaving your album uncovered on the seat of your car in summer. An album left on the coffee table that is exposed to direct sunlight can also be seriously effected. Store your photos somewhere cool, dark and dry.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday September 12, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER Ron Dennis, former Chief Executive of the Albury
Wodonga Development Corporation.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH Who were the original A.W.D.C. members ?

WANTED - MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES

Positions left vacant from the June Annual General Meeting include -

Vice President	Meeting Host
Bulletin Assistant	Programme Co-ordinators
Heritage Week Co-ordinator	Programme Co-ordinators

MAYORAL PHOTO PROJECT

The Albury City Council is seeking help in locating photographs/negatives/prints/slides of the following Mayors -

Walter M Miller (1862-63) ; Samuel.C.V.North (1864-64) ; Lewis Jones (1867) ; George Day (1869-70) ; Lewis Solomon (1871) ; James Day (1875-76) ; William J Jones (1877-78) ; Alfred H Emerson (1879-80) ; Arthur Phillips (1892) ; Walter J Billson (1899-1900, 1902).

If you are able to help, please forward information to Jill Craig, Public Relations, Albury City Council, Albury. 2640. Phone 02 - 60238177 ; Fax 02- 60238762 or jcraig@alburycity.nsw.gov.au

SLIDE SHOW

A slide show featuring buildings of the Albury area 1860-1900 has been arranged by the Albury Regional Museum.

Gerry Curtis will show the slides at 2pm Sat.Sept.30.

The venue will be announced at the Society's general meeting or contact the Museum on 6021 4550.

REPORT ON AUGUST MEETING

Graeme Hicks, Manager of Special Events with the Albury City Council Festival of Sport was our guest speaker. His talk covered several subjects including how he became involved with the Festival of Sport and also the Sydney Olympic Games and the torch relay in the Albury-Wodonga area.

Born in 1946, Graeme was one of six sons. His parents ran a grocery shop, opposite Manns in High Street, Wodonga.

With a sporting career in football and cricket he decided that he wanted to put something back into sport in the community, and followed in his parents footsteps by getting involved in the administrative side of sport.

Graeme recalled suggesting to the Lavington Sports Club in the mid '80's an idea to develop a sports festival. After consultation with NSW Country Cricket and other sporting organisations it was realised in order to attract first grade sport to our area, we needed to upgrade the facilities, and cricket was first.

As a result of this upgrade the NSW Cricket Board organised the Sheffield Shield game between NSW and Victoria in 1990. The success of the game and the community support soon created a reputation, and we were given four days notice to prepare for a match England versus NSW. (Normally it takes 4 weeks to prepare for a 4 day cricket match).

Applications were made to host a World Cup Cricket match, and Lavington Sports Club Oval was chosen as the venue for the match between England and Zimbabwe.

That match Graeme believed was the catalyst to develop a Festival of Sport.

A committee of fifteen volunteers was formed following an approach for support to Ron Dennis of the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation and the new Tourism Officer - David McClune.

The first Festival of Sport, originally planned for 10 days, was held over 4 weeks in 1992.

Over the years The Festival of Sport has attracted many high profile sporting events, including AFL, National Basketball, Australian water skiing titles, National Rugby and Soccer as well as a host of other world, national, State and local sports. Without the support of local sporting groups there would not be a festival. The committee could not possibly create or run the large range of events itself.

The Festival has, from humble beginnings grown to the huge success that it is today.

In 1995, the Albury City Council sought the services of a full-time co-ordinator for the Festival. About fifty applications were received and Graeme who had undertaken the task up to then voluntarily, was successful - a position he still holds today.

It was just after taking up this position that Graeme became involved with SOCOG, the Olympic Committee with Olympic training. An application which took 3 weeks to compile, advising SOCOG of all the facilities the district could provide for pre-Olympics team training was successful. Videos of our district and sporting facilities, as well as a sports planner, was posted to about 100 countries. This resulted in Albury-Wodonga being successful in attracting teams from various nations to train in their respective sports leading up the opening of the Olympic Games in Sydney.

Graeme was recognised last month for his community involvement in sport by being selected as an Olympic torch bearer on day 68 of the AMP Olympic Torch Relay 2000.

DID YOU KNOW

Only four nations have taken part in all Olympic Games since they were revived in 1896. They are - Greece ; U.S.A ; Great Britain and Australia.

Women first competed in the modern Olympics in 1912, when Australians won a gold and silver medal. Fanny Durack won gold in the 100m freestyle in a world record time of 1 minute 19.8 seconds, and second place went to M.Wylie.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH (AUGUST)

What awards were presented to winners & second place getters in the 1896 modern Olympic Games?

JOHN CRAIG - Edwin Flack the Australian winner of two events - 800 and 1500 metres, was presented with two crowns of wild olive leaves.

JANICE LYNCH - The modern Olympic Games began on Easter Monday 1896. Festivities closed on the sixth day, when King George presented to each winner a silver medal, a diploma, and an olive branch. The second place getters were presented with bronze medals and Laurel sprigs.

The budget did not run to gold for the first place, but after each event, the Champion's National Flag was raised, as it continues to be.

(When Australia, which had no flag, won its first event, games organisers made do with the Austrian flag).

Gold medals were awarded at the Paris Games in 1900 and at all subsequent Olympics.

GEOFF HAMILTON - gave a brief history of the ancient Olympic Games. Winners were crowned with droplets of wild olive and in their own home or state, the male champions were awarded many valuable gifts and privileges.

ALBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST

Only those listed below and those who pay before September 16 will receive the October Bulletin.

Subscriptions became due after the Annual General Meeting held in June.

A membership form was attached to the July Bulletin.

FAMILY MEMBERS

- Ron & Melanie Boadle
- Charles & Valerie Brackenbridge
- Ron & Betty Braddy
- John & Mrs Craig
- Shirley Dobson
- Bernard & Janet Duncan
- Ian & Helen Glachan
- Geoff & Dorothy Hamilton
- Judy & Ray Harrison
- Jan & Doug Hunter
- George & Inga Krain
- Wendy & Brian Moriarty
- Helena & Sep Prosser
- Ken & Elma Scholtz
- Les & Anne Simmonds
- Jimmy & Beverley Stewart
- Michael & Gullan Thurling
- Bev & Bob Ward
- Ian & Margaret Watson
- Merrick & Allison Webb

SINGLE MEMBERS

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| Ella Allan | William McCann |
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| Jan Marsden | Glad Williams |
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- Mrs Helen Livsey

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- Peter Harper

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FLYING FOX

An item in the August 3 issue of the Twin Cities Post detailing the recent purchase of a cashiers flying fox from S.M. Abikhair's haberdashery in Albury by Ken Goff and Peter Reynoldson, would have been of much interest to members. The Lamson Wire Cash Carrier, more commonly known as the cashier's flying fox, transferred sales dockets, cash, and messages in many businesses or department stores across the nation in the early 1900's. They were eventually replaced by the first cash registers.

Mr Goff restored the flying fox before installing it in his store. It is believed that this one was taken down about 60 years ago, but hasn't been used for at least 40 years.

FROM OUR RESEARCH OFFICER, HELEN LIVSEY -

In an item taken from the Albury Banner and Wodonga Express May 2, 1890, Messrs T.H.Mate & Co were fitting their Townsend Street stores with the apparatus of the new cash railway system. This plan, it was stated in the news item, was the invention of a retail tradesman in America. It was the outgrowth of the needs of his own shop, and its details of construction and arrangement were perfected in the actual practical work of an active retail business. Since its first introduction it had been improved, as experience suggested, until it equally adapted to the needs of the largest as well as the smallest shops, and was used in many of the busiest draper, ironmongery, grocery and general fancy goods establishments in all countries.

In detail of construction it may be described briefly as a series of elevated railways suspended from the ceiling, radiating from a central cashier's stand to the different parts of the shop, and passing over the various counters so as to reach and serve every part of the largest shop. There were two tracks in each line, one inclined towards the cashiers desk, so as to convey the hollow balls containing the cash and checks to the cashier, and the other, is inclined in the opposite direction, returned the balls to the assistant.

"Elevators" were attached to the rails, by means of which the balls were placed with ease and certainty on the rail, and at convenient intervals on the "return rails" were "switches", or "gates", which stop the balls - the latter being graduated in size to match the switches - at the "station" where each belong.

VICTORIAN COMMUNITY HISTORY AWARD 2001

All Victorians have a story to tell - from the 40,000 year old Koorie culture, through to the first European settlers to our most recent immigrants.

This Victorian Community History Award, sponsored by Information Victoria, keeps these true stories alive by (a) Developing awareness of community history across all of Victoria.

(b) Promoting excellence within historical research, ultimately benefiting all Victorians.

The award encompasses \$5000 First Prize ; \$1000 Category Finalists - Best

Collaborative/Community Work ; Best Print / Publication ; Best Audio - Visual / Multimedia ; Best Exhibit / Display ; Best Walk / Tour ; Best Community Research Register, Records.

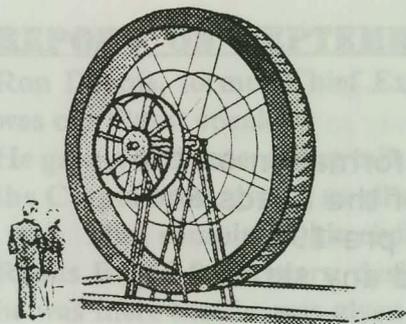
Entries close at 12 noon, 23 February 2001, with the awards to be presented on 28 April 2001.

Entries forms are available from - Information Victoria, Victorian Community History Award 2001, 356 Collins Street, Melbourne. 3000.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday October 10, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER Bruce Pennay will talk about "Federation on the Border".

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Who took the first Oath of Allegiance for the Commonwealth of Australia, and where ?

A HISTORY OF VANDALISM

A "tragedy" occurred in the Albury Botanic Gardens on Sept 24/25 when the statue of the Greek Muse of Tragedy, Melpomene, was apparently smashed by vandals. The statue was bestowed upon Albury in 1892 by Ald. Charles Schmiedt following an overseas tour.

Masons have advised that the "white lady" is beyond repair.

It is ironical that another monument, seats donated to celebrate the centenary of T.H.Mate & Co., destroyed in the gardens some years ago, bore the words

*It matters not how long we live,
but how.*

NEW PUBLICATION -

Authors Bruce Pennay and Howard Jones have been given the "green light" by the Historical Society, for the production of a new book.

Titled "Vanishing Albury : Heritage Lost and Reclaimed" it is expected to be available in November.

It will be a fine record of buildings mostly demolished in the name of progress, when there was little appreciation of heritage values.

The turn-around in attitudes of heritage buildings began in the mid-1970's, though we are continuing to lose old buildings.

The book will feature many photographs never before published.

RESEARCH NEWS**BUNGAMBRAWATHA CREEK BRIDGE**

The Society has received a request for heritage information on the Smollett Street bridge. The request is made on behalf of the Roads and Traffic Authority which has commissioned a study of 48 pre-1930 RTA-controlled metal road bridges throughout NSW, and any similar road bridges controlled by other agencies.

Your researcher has gathered information from Dr. Andrews' *History of Albury*, W.A. Bayley's *Border City*, Historical Society *Bulletins* numbered 58, 258, 261 and 268, and Howard Jones' *Border Morning Mail* article dated April 28, 1988. If anyone has any suggestions for any other information to be included please contact Helen Livsey (phone 6021 3671). The information is required in Sydney by October 25.

NO PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE HUME WEIR CAFE!!

No replies were received to the request in the August *Bulletin* for photographs of the Hume Weir Cafe and the Albion Hotel in the 1940s. It also seems there is no photograph of Reg King's gas-powered taxi.

ANTIQUÉ CASH TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

Since the articles appeared on page 4 of the September *Bulletin* your researcher visited Greens Gunyah Museum and Craft Shop at Lockhart. The friendly attendants there proudly demonstrated a Lamson Cash and Change System which was used in Hodgson's store in Lockhart and is now set up in the craft shop. It works with hollow wooden balls of various sizes as described for the system installed by T.H. Mate in Albury in 1890. The balls run in a cage on wooden rails.

Greens Gunyah Museum is on a corner at the western end of the main street of Lockhart - The Verandah Town. The Museum is open on various days (we visited on a Tuesday) and is attended by volunteers. To check the opening times phone the Museum during the day on 02 - 6920 5674. Lockhart, at 108 ks from Albury, is a pleasant drive via Jindera, Burrumbuttock and Walbundrie. The country is particularly colourful now that the canola is in flower.

The Wirraminna Environmental Education Centre on Howlong Road, Burrumbuttock, a Landcare Australia 2000 Award Winner, would have been a pleasant experience but we didn't fancy it after a week of rain. It features a large dam constructed in 1902 by Chinese labourers. Ponds and wetlands are linked by walking tracks between native trees, shrubs and grasses, and theme planting features tanning, medical, timber, native foods, and oil. Self-guided tours can be taken with the help of a map available at the entrance.

Helen Livsey

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER MEETING

Ron Dennis, former Chief Executive Officer of the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation, was our Guest speaker.

He gave a very interesting talk not only about his early work life, but also about his time as CEO of the Corporation, giving us all an insight into the responsibilities involved.

Ron completed his civil engineering course in 1957 and went to work with a The Country Roads Board for 3 years, designing and building bridges and associated structures. It was while he was there that he was given a second task to train shire engineers to design bridge works.

One of the Engineers he trained was from the Shire of Bulla - a small rural shire just west of Melbourne - and in 1960 he was offered a job to help with the first decentralisation project in Australia (apart from Canberra).

For the next 3½ years he worked on this project, and as a result this stirred his interest in town planning. He attended the Melbourne University (part time) to study town planning. He became a Shire engineer and ended up working with the Shire of Bright.

During his studies, he became very interested in decentralisation and new towns.

In 1989, when he was working with the Hooker organisation, it went into liquidation, and Ron was asked to stay on to help with the winding up process. About six months later he answered an advertisement for a Chief Executive Officer for the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation. Following five months of waiting, discussion and negotiation, he won the job.

Upon taking over as CEO, there had been a major review of the Corporation by a panel, and a number of changes had been recommended.

This meant that the Corporation had to become more commercial and needed to be a reduction in staff numbers.

A start was made on that process in 1990 and over the ensuing 10½ years Ron was with the Corporation, the staff was reduced from about 86 to 28; they repaid to the Government, including this years payment, about \$91m.

Ron personally didn't agree with the programme of selling off the farm. He believed that the Governments should have continued with their decentralisation project.

Australia desperately needs to get the population out of the cities, and in his view whilst the Corporation wasn't the best way to do it, there was nothing else on the horizon. He thought that the Federal Government had departed regional Australia, and State Governments aren't interested.

As far as NSW was concerned the State ended Wagga Wagga and Victoria ends in Benalla or Wangarratta and this area sits in the middle with no interested being shown.

With a population of about 90,000 and 120,000 to 130,000 in the immediate vicinity, Albury Wodonga would be a very large city.....if it was one city.

He spoke of the many obstacles associated with trying to run the Corporation, especially with two different Governments and also the local councils.

Ron stated that if our regional areas are to prosper, that something has to be done with decentralisation. The only way industry will come into the country is if the bottom line of the balance sheet shows a profit. They won't come if they get a one-off grant that will last for a year or two - it has to be a sustainable advantage for industry to come to regional Australia.

The Corporations policy of proving grants and assistance, State Governments 4-5 year payroll tax rebates, and various other forms of assistance were only really "band-aid" solutions.

Ron retired from the AWDC on July 5. 2000.

SEPTEMBER REPORT - CONTINUED

Author Rob Howe also addressed our meeting. The great grandson of James Howe, he felt compelled to write James' story after researching his ancestor for a family gathering. The novel titled "James" is based on the life of a Scottish migrant who arrives in Australia, and covers his early adventures including droving cattle from Sydney to Adelaide. James' property "Yarra" at Holbrook, was one of the first to feel the recruiting drive of the newly formed Amalgamated Sharers Union resulting in a riot. James' climb from a drovers boy to a wealthy land holder is full of adventure and romance and the story is based on his written memories.

ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH (SEPTEMBER)

Who were the original Albury Wodonga Deveopment Corporation members ?

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| G.F. (Gordon) Craig | Chairman |
| M.K. (Mel) Read | Deputy Chairman (Victoria) |
| L.T. (Les) Muir | Deputy Chairman (N.S.W.) |
| Cnr L.E. (Les) Stone | Part time member (Victoria) |
| Cnr J.A. (Jack) Kiley | Part time member (N.S.W) |

OOPS !!!

In last months Answer to the question of the month (page 2) - Geoff Hamilton's history of the ancient Olympic Games - stated that "Winners were crowned with droplets of wild olive..." it should have read - "chaplets of wild olive".....sorry Geoff. (Editor).

MEMBERSHIP LIST

(continued from our September Bulletin)

CORPORATE MEMBERS

- Jindera Pioneer Museum
- Albury Regional Museum

FAMILY MEMBERS

- Bob & Joan Dick
- Frank & Dot Higgins
- H & H Jones
- Steve & Carol Judd
- Narda Reid & Luke Rayner
- Mick & Marie Ryan
- Carole & Peter Whitbourn

SINGLE MEMBERS

- Marie Bollenhagen
- Jackie Bullivant
- Margaret Cottrell
- Sue Gray
- Dawn Lindner
- Peg Morrison
- Ruth Nagle
- P.E.Owen
- Bruce Pennay
- Douglas Royal
- Lucy Staton

WHERE WERE YOU ON ???

A diary entry by Society member Roddy Davies noted that on Sunday September 10, 1989, the Great Fire of Albury started at 6.55pm.

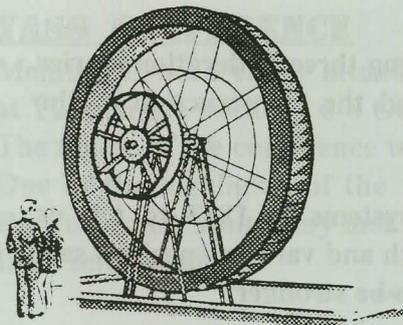
He was at the 2REM-FM Studio ready to present his regular "Classical Sunday programme", when a huge flash of lightning set Albury Sub-Station on fire, and wrecked two big transformers. (The Sub-Station was located in Union Road, Lavington).

The damage bill was estimated at two million dollars.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday OCTOBER 24 . 2000, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday November 14, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.
MEMBERS - A PLATE OF PARTY FOOD FOR SUPPER PLEASE

CELEBRATE OUR 40TH BIRTHDAY

with the release of the Society's latest publication

"Vanishing Albury : Heritage Lost and Reclaimed"

The book will be launched by Mr Justice John Nagle.

Co-authors Bruce Pennay and Howard Jones have spent many months selecting photographs for this picture book, which depicts a record of buildings demolished, or reclaimed, in the name of progress.

The forty-eight page book features many photographs never before published, and will retail for \$16-50 book. Members will pay a reduced price of just \$13-00 a copy, and they will be available at the November meeting.

Members are invited to bring a friend, and invitations are extended to foundation members, former members and also to neighbouring Historical & Family Research Societies to attend our celebrations.

COROWA CELEBRATES FEDERATION

The Corowa District Historical Society Inc, extend an invitation to "The Centenary Recognition Banquet" to be held on December 2. 2000 at the Corowa Sports and Citizens Club, commencing at 6.30pm for the official welcome prior to dinner.

The banquet is a commemoration of a banquet held in the Corowa School of Arts Hall on Nov.30, 1900 in recognition of the part that Edmund Barton (later our first Prime Minister) and John Quick (later Sir John Quick) played in bringing about the Federation of the colonies.

There will be a charge of \$20 per person. Enquiries to Val on (02) 6033 2189.
For catering purposes reply by November 18.

REPORT ON OCTOBER MEETING

At the October meeting Bruce Pennay spoke about his work in unravelling three Federation stories - Albury, the Federal City, Railways and Australian Federation, and the Construction of the Border between New South Wales and Victoria.

He began with the celebration of the junction of the two railway systems in 1883 to tell us something about each of those stories. These celebrations were lavish and various speakers saw the occasion as the precursor of federation. The colonies should unite to be stronger.

Bruce told us how the idea that Albury could be the federal capital of Australia was first advanced by Henry Parkes in 1856. Whenever he came to Albury thereafter Parkes would be reminded of his prediction. A great boost to Albury's claims on the site was given in 1876 when the Governors of Victoria and N.S.W. met in Albury. Sir Hercules Robinson, the Governor of N.S.W., made a much publicised speech about the need for "one Australian dominion".

There were many other contenders for the capital site, particularly as the movement towards federation grew stronger in the 1890's. After the referendum of 1898, the Premiers agreed to site the capital in N.S.W. as long as it was more than one hundred miles from Sydney. This brought forward many more challengers.

An official investigation in 1900 decided that, given the agreement to have the site in N.S.W, Albury qualified literally, but was far too close to Melbourne. That did not stop local advocates parading the charms of Albury to visiting parliamentarians selecting a site over the next few years. Critics of Albury's hot weather were told this was always a one blanket town. No matter what the time of year was, you always needed a blanket on the bed in Albury !

Albury was still a contender as the federal capital site right down to the final debate in 1908 but it was quickly eliminated, and the greenfields Canberra site selected instead.

The border changed with federation and has been changing ever since. The imposition of border customs duties had made the border a barrier which frustrated local people on both sides. Border people hoped to rid themselves of the nuisances the border caused with federation. After a time the border customs did disappear. However, it still remains a checkpoint and an occasional barrier, principally for health reasons.

ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH (OCTOBER)

Who took the first Oath of Allegiance for the Commonwealth of Australia, and where ?

On 1 January 1901 at an official ceremony in Centennial Park, Sydney, the Governor-General the Earl of Hopetoun read out the Proclamation for the Commonwealth of Australia, authorised by the new Federal Constitution.

The Governor-General appointed Edmund Barton, who had worked long and hard on creating Federation, to form a government until the first election which was held in March 1901.

The first Federal Parliament was opened by the Duke of York (Later King George V) in the Exhibition Building on May 9. 1901.

(Queen Victoria signed the Act to constitute the Commonwealth of Australia on 9 July 1900, giving the Australian Federal Constitution royal assent. The official proclamation was made on 17 September 1900.

The British Parliament appointed the Queen's Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Hopetoun, to be the first Governor-General and commissioned him to supervise the transfer of power from colonial governments to federal.)

YASS CONFERENCE

Member Bruce Pennay attended the annual conference of the Royal Australian Historical Society at Yass on the weekend 6-8 October.

The theme of the conference was "Communities : the building blocks of history".

One of the highlights of the weekend was an afternoon trip to Galong to visit what is now the Redemptorist Monastery and what was formerly Ned Ryan's Castle about which there was a large Irish settlement.

OUR DECEMBER MEETING

Traditionally our December meeting is "Bring and Tell".

This is just a friendly reminder to members to start having a look for any "goodies" that would be of interest for this meeting, as December will creep up on us all too soon.

HERITAGE PROGRAM SEMINAR

The Department of Infrastructure will be conducting a seminar on Heritage Programs in North East Victoria at the Shire of Indigo Town Hall in Beechworth on Friday November 17 at 11am. The seminar is intended to provide an overview of heritage-related funding programs and other initiatives in the region, undertaken by the D.O.I and Heritage Victoria.

They include the Public Heritage Places program and the Local Government Heritage Studies/Heritage Advisors programs. Officers of Heritage Victoria will also make presentations on the Victorian Heritage Strategy and the forthcoming Gold 150 anniversary.

The afternoon will be dedicated to local issues, with a focus on local heritage studies currently underway or recently completed.

Throughout the seminar there will be opportunities for questions and discussion.

Quiries about seminar - contact Leah Smith, D.O.I. Benalla on 5761 1822 or Anita Brady, Heritage Victoria on 9655 9766.

One Hundred Years Ago

SEPTEMBER - Gold was discovered on **Huon's Hill**. The stone subsequently yielded 2 ounces to the ton.

OCTOBER - Deaths were recorded of **John Blackie**, chemist, and **Alex Frew**, a builder and contractor. His most extensive undertaking was a contract for the completion of the railway from Albury to the Victorian border.

Banjo Paterson, returned Boer War correspondent, lectured at the Albury Mechanics' Institute on "Australians in Action" and a good house listened. The foundation stone was laid for a new **Catholic Presbytery** in Smollett Street, Albury. However work did not proceed immediately and the building was opened in 1905.

NOVEMBER - A letter in the *Sydney Morning Herald* stated, "... the most important border town in the colony will be selected, viz., Albury, whose delightful climate and superior water supply, and its other unique advantages entitle it to be the chosen place for the **federal capital**."

BUILDINGS PAST AND PRESENT

A new slide presentation has been put together by Gerry Curtis and Howard Jones on buildings in Albury 1860-1900. The first showing of the programme was a joint venture between the Albury Regional Museum, the Historical Society, and Charles Sturt University which provided the venue at the Henry Nowik Theatre on September 30.

The audience was taken on a tour of hotels, churches, schools, rectories, banks, bridges, police and railway buildings, cellars, flour mills, pools, shops, and houses - high and humble. Gerry spoke of builders, architects, undertakers, doctors and picnics.

MOTOR RACING AT ALBURY

Motor Racing Australia magazine (No. 53. Oct. edition) featured a 5-page article, with photographs, on the Wirringa Motor Racing Circuit. Ray Bell traced the route of the rectangular track from Orphanage Lane (St. John's Road) along the Riverina Highway to Old Sydney/Bowna Road to the Thurgoona Hall then west to rejoin Orphanage Lane.

At a time when road racing was starting to take off in Australia the four-mile track saw events for three years 1938 to 1940. The meetings were organised by the Riverina Sporting Car Club. The main race of 150 miles, on sealed as well as gravel roads, was named the Albury Interstate Grand Prix held on March 19, 1938. The gate takings were £600. In 1939 the feature event of 76 miles was named the Albury and Interstate Gold Cup. Speeds varied from 74 mph in 1938 to 90 mph in 1940. Drivers came from near and far and the article names many of them, and their cars. Motor cycle events were also on the programme. Local residents contributed to the author's information following a letter to *The Border Mail* in July 1999.

CIVIL WAR VETERANS IN AUSTRALIA. New book by Roy W. Parker

Twenty years research has resulted in 220 A4 pages of documents and photographs of American Civil War veterans, and monuments to those who lived and died in Australia and New Zealand. The Society has received a list of the 100 veterans including those buried locally: William Cardwell, Mitta Mitta; Jacob Hoffman and James Riley, Beechworth. William Speakman Potts who is buried at Blayney, NSW, was an architect who married Matilda Pembroke at Black Range (Lavington) in 1873.

Enquiries about the veterans' names can be directed to Helen Livsey (6021 3671). The book is available at \$30, including postage, from V. Crocker, 3/1224 Pacific Hwy, Pymble NSW 2073.
Ph 02 9449 6554. email crockers@ozemail.com.au

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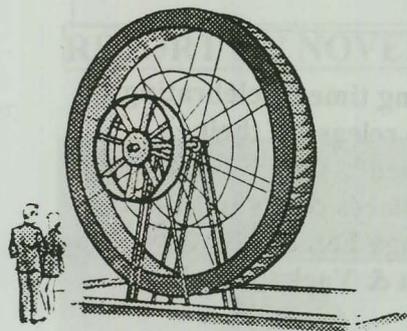
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8pm Tuesday December 12, Commercial Club, Dean Street, Albury.

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Continuing our tradition, the men are asked to bring and serve supper at our Christmas meeting.

BRING AND TELL

As December is always a BRING & TELL meeting, we request members to bring something interesting and/or historical, and talk about it.

It would be of tremendous assistance to your *Bulletin* Editor if you could please provide a brief written description of our item/s, for inclusion in our next *Bulletin*.

You are especially invited to bring along a family member or friend for this meeting.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Unless otherwise advised, meetings will be held on the following dates next year

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

June 12

July 10

August 14

Sept. 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

Please mark these dates on your calendar, or in your diary.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month

***To all our Society members,
A Christmas Wish is extended from the Editor and Committee .***

***Wishing you every happiness that this lovely season can bring
And a hope that the New Year brings you the best of everything.***

REPORT ON NOVEMBER MEETING - CONTINUED



Following the book launch, members & guests were treated to a surprise, in the form of a special "40th Birthday Cake", which was made & decorated by Jan Marsden & Dorothy Hamilton, respectively.

President Geoff Hamilton read out a list of 70 foundation members of the Society. He noted that only one of the original members was in attendance to celebrate the anniversary, that being Gerry Curtis.

The Honour of cutting the cake to celebrate this auspicious occasion went to our Patron and member, Harold Mair, O.A.M.

Harold is pictured shaking hands with President Geoff Hamilton.

(Photo courtesy of Janice Lynch)

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL hosted a "Farewell to Olive Street Albury with an open day at the former St Joseph's College and Convent on Saturday, November 25. Catholic education commenced on the site with the arrival of the Sisters of Mercy in 1868. The sisters vacated their convent and moved across the road in 1993.

In 1982 St Joseph's (girls) High School and Aquinas (boys) College combined to form the Co-educational Xavier High School with Years 7 and 8 at the North Campus in Fallon Street and Years 9 to 12 at the South Campus, Olive Street.

Efficiency and economy have determined a single site at North Albury and the construction Of additional buildings will allow the move for the start of 2001.

The fate of the historical Olive Street buildings is yet to be determined.

HOW ALBURY CELEBRATED FEDERATION. January 1, 1901

The sound of church bells gave notice of services at St. Matthew's and St. Patrick's, both of which were well attended. The street decorations were not particularly lavish. The main feature was an arch of greenery decorated with flags thrown over Dean Street from the post office to the store of T.H. Mate & Co. In front of the Council Chambers floated the Union Jack donated by the Mayor. Many of the shop fronts in Dean Street were ornamented with flags and evergreens, and there was a bold display of bunting from the balconies of the Globe and Albury Hotels. Several flags were also hoisted from a pole at the summit of Messrs Mate & Co's stores, and others were suspended from lines across Dean Street from the Market Hotel to the Telegraph Office. The public buildings were not decorated, and the general effect scarcely so brilliant as might reasonably have been anticipated, having regard to the importance of the occasion.

The chief item of the day's festivities was a monster picnic of the school children. When the procession formed up at 2pm in Dean Street there were not more than 500 children in attendance, however, ultimately about 1500 put in an appearance. The procession, headed by the Town Band, marched to the Forest Hill paddock which had been placed at the disposal of the committee by Mr W.N.M. Edmondson. Here marquees had been erected, shady retreats provided by stretching tarpaulins among the trees, swings put up, and race tracks marked off.

Among other amusements was a Punch-and-Judy show, seen no doubt for the first time by many of the spectators. The drama, it is satisfactory to note, was reproduced with conscientious accuracy. Nothing was omitted from the original text, nothing was added, and as a consequence everyone was delighted. Why this should be cause for satisfaction the writer is unable to say. The plot of the story is most immoral. Punch ruthlessly murders his own innocent offspring, his faithful wife, his medical adviser, a harmless Chinaman, and a Government official. He shows no remorse, but actually "chortles" most offensively at the consummation of each individual villainy. Finally, after meanly tricking the hangman he cracks ribald jokes over the dead bodies of this victims, and treats the remains with contumely. Yet for ages this person's career, his unseemly resort to personal violence at the smallest provocation, his general all-round disreputability, have been the joy of the average British boy and girl. Besides Punch and Judy there was an exhibition of performing dogs which also proved an abundant source of delight.

In the evening a number of business places and private houses were illuminated. At the office of this journal a transparency suggested a new flag for Albury. The white ensign formed the base of the design, the white ground bearing an arch covered with a trailing vine. Through the arch was seen a glimpse of the river, with vineyards and cornfields surrounding the domes and minarets of the Commonwealth capital. Underneath were the lines-

"The federal city in the elder state,
The vine-clad portal at the southern gate."

The theme was artistically carried out by Mr Dunstan from a crude sketch placed in his hands a few days before. The Globe, Albury, George, and Town Hall Hotels displayed effective designs in gas. The upper windows of the post office were illuminated, and Mr Puttman had a very pretty illumination in front of his shop in Townsend Street. At the Bank of NSW a capital result was achieved by the disposition of Chinese lanterns among the trees in the gardens.

The most effective display in the town was at the residence of Dr. Andrews in Olive Street, where various loyal emblems were carried out in fairy lamps of various colours. The Municipal Council did not attempt anything in the way of illumination at the Council Chambers beyond lighting the two lamps outside the building. The arch at the post office crossing was, however, set off with a number of Chinese lanterns. Here the Town Band during the evening played an excellent selection of high-class music.

Of the picnic generally it may be said that it was a phenomenal success. The entire responsibility in connection with the water supply devolved upon Mr Grinton. Mr Daniel, as secretary, was here, there, and everywhere. A telegram was received from the Mayor expressing regret at his unavoidable absence. The complete report, including results of sports events for boys and girls aged 6 to 14 years, was in the *Albury Banner* of Jan. 4, 1901.

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 7.30pm. Because of building extensions being undertaken at Xavier High School in North Albury, an alternate venue will be found. Committee members will be advised