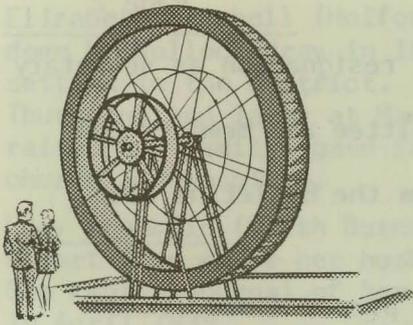


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Next Meeting Tuesday 11th February, 8 pm, C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

"WHAT KIND OF A PLACE WAS ALBURY IN 1938?"

Bruce Pennay has been fossicking amongst the electoral rolls and rate books to find out what Albury was like 50 years ago. Now he wants to check his findings against the memories of the people who lived in Albury in the late 1930s. All contributions will help to shape or sharpen a major local initiative in preparation for the Bi-Centenary in 1988.

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Last Meeting The President's questions about the War Memorial were answered by Clif Mott, Dick Fielder, Helena Prosser, Shirley Miller and other members and Gerry Curtis himself:

Louis Harrison was the designer of the War Memorial. He was working in Albury in the 1920s, had an office in the Beehive Chambers, lived in Olive Street near the present A B C building and he drove a Packard car. As well as the War Memorial, he also designed Anzac House, St Patrick's Hall, Rosetta and the Regent Theatre.

Thomas Bartleson built the War Memorial. He lived in Englehardt Street and in Kia Ora, Townsend Street, to which he added the verandah.

SOCIETY PLANS ARE BEING FINALISED FOR

### HERITAGE WEEK 1986, 13th to 20th April

THE HUME RESERVOIR - 1824 to 1936

Could Albury have been like Old Tallangatta - under the waters of Lake Hume? Our premier audio-visual display will make startling revelations. Be sure to be there. We'll tell you when & where.

Hume & Hovell Memorial Hume Shire Council are to be congratulated on the excellent restoration they have had made to the Memorial which stands near the Kiosk at Hume Weir village.

Do you know where the other two memorials are, near the Weir, and what is the wording of all three? Tell us at the next meeting.

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Congratulations to Tom Miller for the Achievement Award he received on Australia Day, and to Maria Green on the birth of her daughter Kelsey. Maria worked at the Museum on a C E P grant to the Society.

Letter from Jo Gordon to the Committee of the A & D H S.

Owing to a transfer to Mullimbimby, I regretfully tender my resignation as secretary of the Albury and District Historical Society.

I have enjoyed the companionship and enthusiasm of the Committee and members and will certainly miss you all.

I wish you well in 1986 in all you undertake and will follow the Bulletins with interest.

Yours faithfully, Josephine Gordon.

Albury Club The Society wrote to Albury City Council about the proposed demolition. The reply was that the demolition was approved because the building has no outstanding architectural features and that its removal would not have a significant impact on the streetscape.

The Society also wrote to the Heritage Council of N S W who cannot assist because the Minister has decided not to proceed with the permanent conservation of the property.

Members who paid their subscriptions at the Museum: Mrs M Green, D H Murray, Mr & Mrs McLean, Mrs Mary Furness, Mrs Jean Hogan, R Richards, Mrs I Trueman.

The Regional Librarian of the Upper Murray Regional Library has written to the Society:

The long awaited Victorian index of births, deaths and marriages prior to 1896 has at last been released and the Upper Murray Regional Library would like to purchase a set for the Albury Library. However, the price is \$200 per set, consisting of:

Index of early church records	1.1.1837 - 30.6.1853
Index of births	1.7.1853 - 21.12.1895
Index of deaths	1.7.1853 - 21.12.1895
Index of marriages	1.7.1853 - 21.12.1895

This valuable resource has great potential use by your members and I wondered if the Society would like to make a contribution towards the \$200 purchase price. A Burnett.

Your Committee decided to give the \$200 to the Library for this important research source.

CAN YOU HELP? Barry Hugenin, 40 Chartwell Drive, Wantirna, 3152 seeks information about Fritz (or Fred) Hugenin who died in Albury March 17, 1883. He was probably a watchmaker. His second wife was Barbara Rau and their son John Augustus was born in Albury in 1882. P J Mooney, 5 Havilah Street, Chatswood, 2067 wants to know the location of the grave of her/his great grandfather, Thomas Morris who was buried at Dixon's Swamp in 1878.

Legal Matters The Society is being Incorporated under the N S W Act.

Albury City Council undertook financial responsibility for the Museum in 1985, the legal transfer is being arranged. Mr Haydon Heath is the Society's Honorary Solicitor. Mr Graham Ortlipp is dealing with these two matters for him/us.

Donation from Mrs Jerryl Watson, per Sue Gray, an Albury & Border P.A. & H. Society 1898 Member's Ticket. (Incomplete)

ITEMS FROM MR & MRS W W FIELDER, delivered to Albury Regional Museum on Monday, December 23, 1985 by Helen Livsey.

Framed Photographs: Canonbar Station, "Miowera", August 1920. Dalgety's Showrooms with wool ready for inspection. Canon Acocks. Albury Town Band 1924, taken in Botanical Gardens; Albury Town Band, beside Mechanics Institute; Albury Town Choir. Interior of Waugh's Butcher's Shop. Mechanics Institute Committee 1932. Office Staff of Wilkinson & Wilkinson 1893. O & M Bowling Association members: J McGovern, A A Hart, E A Heath, D A Thompson. Hume Weir under construction.

Unframed Pictures: Fancy Dress Ball. "The Gondoliers" at Federal Theatre, April 9, 1906. Paddlesteamer "Woradgery". "Oh for the days of Tommy Horan, the Stonewaller. Albury 1-12-10". "B.F.C. 1912" (Football team). Floods at Albury 1931, 6 pictures.

Other Items: The Hammond Typewriter manual. Two Capstan cigarette cards. Hard cover book, Miller & Richards type, pricelist. Book: "Printing for Amateurs". 6 catalogues for Alston Windmills. 2 Metters' stove catalogues.

Last Meeting Members spoke on "Women who have earned a place in Albury's history"

Elizabeth Mitchell (Holford Lempriere) She was a widow with 11 children when she came down by bullock dray in 1842 to join her brothers Paul & Aimé Huon who had already settled in the district. She had the Mungabareena Run and lived first at Hawkescote, Thurgoona and later at Hawkview. She ran the station with the help of her young sons, raised her family, gave land at Doctor's Point to Dr Crichton and gave generously to church and hospital.

Lady Franklin (Keith Burnham) was the first tourist. She travelled to Sydney from Hobart Town where her husband, Sir John Franklin, was Governor of Van Diemen's Land. She kept a Journal of her travels which includes a vivid picture of the Crossing Place in April 1839.

Henry Jochheim told about Early Midwives from 1857-66 & named Mary King, Ann Riley and Mrs Keefe. Later there were up to 25 including Mrs Reis, Mrs Carsons & Helen Pabst.

Sister Mary Hugh. Ann Ferguson gave a very touching and admiring tale of Mother Hugh who was the Sister of Mercy who founded the Mercy Hospital. The first hospital (1945) was in "Shelvey" in Olive Street. She then organised the building of the four storey hospital which was opened in 1957 and still stands above Poole Street, Albury.

Sister Burt (Anne Holloway) Jessie Mary Burt was a bank manager's daughter; her fiancé died so she went to Sydney to train as a nurse. Her brother-in-law, Dr Robertson, encouraged her to establish Meramia private hospital early in the 20th century. Audrey Fletcher's sister Kit nursed there for many a year as did Sister Smith. Sister Lucy Staton was a relieving sister. Meramia was a "home away from home" & many people remember Sister Burt with gratitude. Photos were shown of staff and hospital.

Miss Grace Acocks (Anne Holloway) was a daughter of Canon Acocks. She was very well read & was librarian at the Old Mechanics Institute. Sometime after the Library Act of 1945 Miss Acocks started her own subscription library which was in Kiewa Street & later in the Beehive Buildings. She advised her readers and was helped by Miss Fellowes.

Ella Caspars (Howard Jones) She was known as Albury's Most Famous Daughter, She was a contralto who studied at the Royal Academy in London (1910). In 1915 she was a soloist at the Inaugural Concert of the Conservatorium in Sydney. She also sang at the Albert Hall, the Crystal Palace and with Malcolm McEachern. Her grandfather was W J Jones, Mayor of Albury 1877-78 also known as "Coffin Jones".

Mrs. Alf. Waugh. Mr C A Mott has allowed us to quote the whole of the script of his talk:

A year or two ago I was exhuming some boyhood memories and setting them down in the form of short character sketches. One of these was of Mrs. Alf. Waugh, to whom I'm proposing to introduce you tonight. Some will not need presenting.

My little memoir contains some elements that call for precise treatment, and so that the precision shall not be lost, I shall read, rather than tell, about this Albury woman.

Now, in my boyhood home there were certain rules to be observed in the preparation of meals. Beef was left under-done - very under-done - mutton and lamb were cooked. I took my turn in our family running messages, saddling up a pony and slinging a sugar bag over my shoulder for an errand. Alf Waugh, a butcher we dealt with over long spells, was Mayor of Albury for many years. But he was more alderman than butcher, and his wife took his place in the shop, the building now, as then, on the south-west corner of the Townsend and Smollett Streets crossing, but dominated today by the great Farmers and Graziers' woolstore and the even vaster K Mart. Meat was traded on the ground floor and the couple lived above. If it was beef to be bought, I was to specify "with fat". So I would say, "seven pounds of topside, with fat, please Mrs. Waugh" or "two and a half pounds of rump steak, cut thick, with fat, please, Mrs. Waugh." Mrs. Waugh had learned her trade well. She would lift a haunch from its hook on the high rail running round the shop, and then speed the knife over the steel that hung from the belt at her waist. The whetting was entirely automatic, requiring no direction from the eyes, which were fixed on the meat, searching for the point where the blade would enter. This decided, the knife would fall. The position might be adjusted slightly, once or twice, and then the cut would go through. On the scales the joint always weighed seven and a quarter pounds, the steak just over two and a half pounds, and both had a generous rim of fat.

Mrs. Waugh carried on for years. Later in life a hip ailment caused her to limp, but this did not stop her working.

For a long time the hospital auxiliary she presided over ran euchre parties one night a week, and she would remind card players by an advertisement in the paper. The night before the euchre Mrs. Waugh would hobble into the Mail Office and often I would be there to take her shilling advertisement. She never failed to ask for a receipt to place before her members, and though the office didn't provide a receipt book at night when only a reporter or a proof reader might be on duty, I would write the details on a sheet of copy paper, and she would limp off, content.

When the town was smaller we published the news in detail, and reporters would be at even minor meetings. One of many I attended was a small Salvation Army fair in the Army's hall in Kiewa Street, a few yards south of the Humeshire Offices. The Mayor had been asked to open proceedings, but unable to be there, sent his wife.

Mrs. Waugh sat on the small dais raised only six or eight inches from the floor of the hall, and I, in the first pew, straight in front, facing her, and only a few feet separating us. The Salvation Army officer presiding welcomed and blessed the gathering and then asked the Mayoress to speak. Mrs. Waugh rose slowly, favoring the hurting leg. As she straightened, I saw that her always pale face was flushed with nervousness.

Surprised by this discovery I took special notice. Dressed wholly in black, in garments she had used for years - long dress, shoes, lisle stockings, hat, handbag and gloves - Albury's Mayoress stood erect, slim, tall and dignified. She carefully and deliberately opened a folded sheet of paper held in her two hands, and stretched her arms full length to bring what she had written into the focus of her spectacles. The little adjustment took a moment or two, and in the few seconds it came to me that here was a woman of limited schooling, with no training in her task, and flustered by it, but who had a duty to discharge, and was resolved to see it through. Having smoothed the paper the Mayoress, speaking clearly, slowly and without faltering, read her short speech. It went something like this: "Captain ...., visitors and fellow citizens, the Mayor is engaged in another place today, and I am here to represent him. I am aware of your work in Albury and I congratulate you on it. I know the purpose of your fair today, and I am pleased to be with you and to declare it open. This I now do." Mrs. Waugh neatly folded her paper, replaced it in her handbag, and then eased herself down to her chair.

As I read tonight, I am looking back perhaps sixty years, and though I haven't the speaker's actual words, I know that what I have said is close to the original in its phrasing and in its formality, and truly records what the speaker implied. I have reported many meetings in my life, but I recall no opening speech that was better suited to its task and to its audience, or was better delivered.

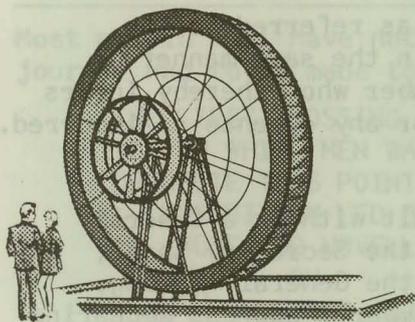
The Waughs left no children to carry on their work. They lie side-by-side, within a hundred yards of the gate that gives admission to the main lane of that part of the Albury cemetery that fronts Fallon Street; and behind their graves, to the west, the busy traffic runs day and night on the thoroughfare to which they gave their name - Waugh Road.

Around them crowd the city's dead, some whose names hark back to the very founding days of Albury - neighbours during their lives and neighbours still, in death. The Waughs are buried beneath red granite; about them all else is grey, in granite, marble or just concrete. But, saving the inscriptions, the color is practically the only feature that distinguishes their own double plot from the graves of their neighbors. They are, as they were in life, of the people. Of the two headstones, one carries the epitaph: "In loving memory of my dear husband, Alfred Waugh, died August 9, 1948, aged 78 years. Peace, perfect peace". Adjoining, almost severe in its simplicity, is the inscription: "In loving memory of Ellen Waugh, died Jan 27, 1956, aged 83 years." The widow had outlived her husband by eight years. Retiring, self-effacing, reticent, she saw to it that the wording on the two headstones should be formal, minimal and unrevealing, so that no hint should tell how man and wife had labored for the town, or that, in any sense, they sought or deserved a respect and a gratitude they spent so many years in the earning.

The above given as a talk to Albury Historical Society, Dec 10, 1985 by C A Mott.

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The next Society Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th March at C W A Hall, Kiewa Street.

It will be preceded by a Special General Meeting at 8 pm to deal with the Incorporation of the Society. Incorporation is essential to indemnify the Society and individual Office Bearers and Committee Members against legal action. The Constitution will need amending. Under Clause 34 "This Constitution may be amended or replaced by a three-fifths majority at a General Meeting, provided at least ten (10) days written notice of the proposed amendment or replacement has been given to all members."

### NOTICE OF MOTION ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1984

The present Constitution does not comply with all regulations under the Act, and we recommend that the amendments set out in detail below and on page 2 be put to a Special General Meeting for consideration by members:

Moved Gerald Curtis, President,  
Seconded Anne Davies, Vice President that the

1. Present Clause 14 be deleted.
2. New Clause 14 be adopted.
3. New Clause 14A be adopted.
4. New Clause 36 be adopted.

Present Clause 14: The Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time it determines and shall call a Special General Meeting upon the requisition of at least ten financial members.

#### New Clause 14:

- (a) The Committee may, whenever it thinks fit, convene a Special General Meeting of the Association.
- (b) The Committee shall, on the requisition in writing of at least 10 financial members, convene a Special General Meeting of the association.
- (c) A requisition of members for a Special General Meeting -
  - (a) shall state the purpose or purposes of the Meeting;
  - (b) shall be signed by the members making the requisitions;
  - (c) shall be lodged with the Secretary; and
  - (d) may consist of several documents in a similar form, each signed by one or more of the members making the requisition.
- (d) If the Committee fails to convene a Special General Meeting to be held within one month after the date on which a requisition of members for the Meeting is lodged with the Secretary, any one or more of the members who made the requisition may convene a Special General Meeting to be held not later than three months after that date.

New Clause 14 (continued)

- (e) A Special General Meeting convened by a member or members as referred to in clause (d) shall be convened as nearly as is practicable in the same manner as General Meetings are convened by the Committee and any member who thereby incurs expense is entitled to be reimbursed by the association for any expense so incurred.

New Clause 14A

- (a) Except where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a General Meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the Secretary shall, at least 10 days before the date fixed for the holding of the General Meeting, cause to be sent by pre-paid post to each member at the member's address appearing in the register of members, a notice specifying the place, date and time of the Meeting and the nature or the business proposed to be transacted at the Meeting.
- (b) Where the nature of the business proposed to be dealt with at a General Meeting requires a special resolution of the association, the Secretary shall, at least 21 days before the date fixed for the General Meeting, cause notice to be sent to each member in the manner provided in clause (a) specifying, in addition to the matter required under clause (a), the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution.
- (c) No business other than that specified in the notice convening a General Meeting shall be transacted at the Meeting except, in the case of an Annual General Meeting, business which may be transacted pursuant to clause 11.
- (d) A member desiring to bring any business before a General Meeting may give notice in writing of that business to the Secretary who shall include that business in the next notice calling a General Meeting given after receipt of the notice from the member.

New Clause 36

- (a) The Common Seal of the association shall be kept in the custody of the Public Officer
- (b) The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Committee and the affixing of the common seal shall be attested by the signatures either of two members of the Committee or of one member of the Committee and of the Public Officer or Secretary.

The Constitution was re-written and printed in December 1981 and was sent out to members then. It was amended in December 1982 and November 1984. A copy of the Constitution may be seen in the Local History Room of Albury Library attached to Albury & District Historical Society Bulletin, Dec. '81. It is hoped to reprint the Constitution after these latest amendments.

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At the SOCIETY MEETING following the Special General Meeting on Tuesday 11th March there will be a BRING AND TELL - Bring an item of Historic Interest and Tell about it.

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Last Meeting It was disappointing not to join Bruce Pennay in discovering what kind of place Albury was in 1938. Mr Pennay had to have his broken leg re-set, we trust that it knits well this time and we wish him a speedy recovery. We look forward to his talk with us later in the year - in July.

We were most fortunate that Gordon Dowling was able to speak at such short notice. Mr Dowling joined the Border Morning Mail in 1936 and retired as General Manager in 1983. His talk was on A MAN AND HIS PAPER - Hamilton Charnock Mott & the Border Morning Mail. Mr Dowling spoke with authority and clarity about a man he so obviously respected and about the newspaper whose destinies H C Mott guided. He was a provocative editor, demanding, assertive, saying the unpopular thing simply because it just had to be said.

Mr Dowling generously allowed a copy to be made of his lecture cards. This will be placed in the Local History Room at Albury Library.

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Annette Power has agreed to become the Society's Treasurer and serve on the Committee. We are most grateful to her.

THE THREE MEMORIALS NEAR THE HUME WEIR - some answers to last month's questions.

Most people will have noticed the obelisk near the Store at Hume Weir, but a special journey had to be made to check the wording:

THE FIRST CROSSING OF THE  
RIVER BY WHITE MEN WAS MADE  
OPPOSITE THIS POINT BY AN  
EXPEDITION LED BY  
HUME AND HOVELL  
ON  
20<sup>th</sup> - NOVEMBER 1824,  
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF  
THE EXPEDITION BEING  
THOMAS BOYD, CLAUDE BOSSAWA  
HENRY ANGEL, JAMES FITZPATRICK  
WILLIAM BOLLARD, THOMAS SMITH

and near Ebden by the Tallangatta Road  
is a second obelisk with the wording:

HUME & HOVELL  
PASSED HERE  
21st NOVEMBER 1824

ERECTED NOVEMBER 1924

(& other words better not mentioned)

Both plaques are of whitish marble  
with engraved blackened lettering.

The third marker is on a low hill on the Bethanga side of the Weir on private property. A straight line drawn from the first memorial to the 3rd marker is said to cross the river bed at the spot where Hume and Hovell crossed the Hume(Murray) river. Similarly, a line from the 2nd to the 3rd is said to pass over the river bed where the explorers crossed the Mitta river. We have not climbed the hill to the 3rd marker yet.

Mr Clif Mott told of the very careful research in Victoria prior to the Centenary Celebrations in 1924. The obelisks mark as near as possible the camp sites of the Hume & Hovell Expedition. The Ebden one is the first in (what is now) Victoria, Staghorn Flat the second and the third near where the school was on Back Creek Road, Yackandandah.

Information from Alec Savidge, Anne Davies and C A Mott.

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION What do you know about Dr Andrews? When & where did he live? What did he do? Written answers should get into the Bulletin.

WANTED - A SECRETARY - typing an advantage, but not absolutely essential.

The work involves answering about six letters a month, attending meetings on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, collecting the mail from Albury Post Office and other small tasks which arise from time to time.

Remuneration: the pleasure of meeting and working with the Committee members of the Albury & District Historical Society.

This is an interesting & rewarding position about which further information can be obtained from Helen Livsey, (060) 21 3671.

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Jill McGroder, Lot 9, Hobson Street, Stratford 3862 about the Warton (or Wharton) family who lived at Albury and Black Range. Ernest was born at Black Range in 1877, the son of Thomas, a miner. Thomas' father was a carpenter named Joseph Warton.

Mrs N M Best, 4/49-51 Griffiths Street, Fairlight 2094. Her grandfather was Percival C K Rowe who died at Albury in 1898, aged 39. He was an architect and may have been working for his father. Mrs Best would like to know the date of a newspaper cutting which reports that Dr Muller cured Percy Rowe of anthrax poisoning which he contracted after handling sheepskins at the rooms of Burk, Francart & Co.

Mrs J E Woolven, "Ruspervale", Neville 2799 whose great-grandfather Cyrus Smith owned "Gravels Plains" & another relative, C H Douglas owned "Walla Walla".

n.b. Helen Livsey usually manages to send some information to those who write to us for help. However, it is hoped that other members also send what they know either direct or by Helen. Helen wishes she had more time for research.

# HERITAGE WEEK 1986, 13th to 20th April

Sunday 13th April Meet Gerry Curtis at 2 pm at the Fire Station in Kiewa Street for a WALK along Mitchell, Victoria, Bonegilla & Wyse Streets. The history of this central residential area will be discussed. Architectural information by Ken Young. Homes and buildings include the Drill Hall & Victorian Mounted Rifles area, former private hospitals, a hostel and the grand old homes, Bonegilla and Bellevue.

Saturday 12th April Don't miss the three early Albury Ski Club Films to be shown by Fred Griffith at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street.

Tuesday 15th April Society Meeting held a week late so as to be in Heritage Week:  
PREMIERE The BUILDING of the HUME WEIR  
An audio visual compiled by Alec Savidge  
Collection of early slides from Mary Thurling

Heritage Week Exhibition at the Regional Art Centre, April 1st to 20th.  
History of the Albury Art Prize



Lych-Gate, 15c. Boughton Monchelsea, Kent, England.

CEMETERY GATES The committee has been considering the shabby gates to the old part of the Old Albury Cemetery at the north end of David Street. This area was known as Kolb's paddock, Gerogery Road. Albury City Council, Albury T A F E and Ken Young have been interested. Something more imposing than the present gates would look good for the entrance to the Pioneer part of the Cemetery. There used to be a lych gate here. There is an old photograph which shows the roof but many people are obscuring the view of the gate(s). Lych is an old English word for a dead body. At a lychgate such as the one on the left, the coffin was rested on a wooden or stone table while the priest said part of the burial service.

More "Women who have Earned a Place in Albury's History" from Fred Griffith.

Sister Aitkins ran the Boortkoi Hospital for many years and you probably remember when she had old Billy Hughes as a patient after he crashed on what is now known as "Billy Hughes corner" on the Hume Highway near Table Top.

Sister Meg Griffith was the leading show rider in Australia about 1930 and she was unbeaten for about 5 years in both Sydney and Melbourne Royal Shows on her hack and hunter "Meccano" (by Little Toy). She was a matron in the Australian Army during the last war and was 2 i/c of the 24th A.G.H. in the Middle East and later in the Islands (and I think got to Borneo). She had a very distinguished career. She now lives at Wagga at 8 Osborne Avenue, Koorinal, 2650.

Mrs Olive Griffith (née Chenery) also earns a place in Albury's History. She held many public offices over a long period and was foundation president of the Albury C W A and her name is on the foundation stone in the C W A Hall. She is now a patient in Osborn House, Wodonga.

Spelling mistakes - sorry - the hospital in Olive Street was Chelvey and Albury's famous daughter was Ella Caspers. Did you see Howard Jones' excellent if sad article on her in Weekend Mail on 16/2/86? In the Border Morning Mail, of course.

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Going to Bethanga? Do go into the General Store. There is an excellent exhibit of Goldmining in the Bethanga District - most professional and Sue, who keeps the Store, did much of the research for the display. You can have a cup of tea or an ice cream, too. Well worth a visit.

ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR NINIAN STEPHEN  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
ON THE OCCASION OF AUSTRALIA DAY 1986

Nowadays our National Day, Australia Day, comes round each 26th of January as regular as clockwork, and just as familiar - an inevitable part of the Australian calendar. But compared to the span of almost two hundred years of white settlement, let alone the forty or fifty thousand years of black occupation of our continent that went before, Australia Day is very much a latecomer to the Australian scene.

It was to a part of what he knew as New Holland, and not as Australia, that Captain Cook had first come in 1770 and when he renamed the land he called it New South Wales, not Australia. The continent had to wait another forty-five years until, long after Captain Phillip's own arrival at Sydney Cove with the First Fleet, it began to be called Australia.

And then, of course, for the next 85 years, though there was a continent named Australia, there was still no Australian nation. The nearest we had come to any political entity being called Australia was a curious case. In 1887, old Sir Henry Parkes, the veteran Premier of New South Wales, proposed a name change for his own colony: he wanted New South Wales to be renamed Australia: the proposal died in indignant uproar and the derision of the other colonies. Even with the coming of Federation, at the turn of the century, the anniversary of Captain Phillip's landing continued for some time to be celebrated rather more as the beginning of white settlement than as our national day, with different names given to it in different States - Anniversary Day, Foundation Day, and so on, none of them bearing the name of our Australian nation.

It is only really in the last 50 years or so that, nation wide, we have celebrated today as Australia Day. Taking, as it does, its date from Captain Phillip's first landing at Sydney Cove, the pictures which form in our minds as we look back today on our nation's story will certainly include that first landing and all the hardships of that first white settlement on these shores. They are events which surely mark the time of the most profound change ever to occur in the whole long history of Man on this continent. And we are now all learning to look still further back in time, to remote centuries, the countless centuries before the white man came, when the black man lived here undisturbed. But nevertheless many of you may think that what we now truly celebrate each and every Australia Day is our nation's day; celebrating our nation of today, with all its history past, its living present and our hopes for its future, rather than just the anniversary of the arrival on these shores of that first strange fleet of convict transports in 1788, almost two hundred years ago.

If, then, our nation's day, Australia Day, is, by that name, a product of this century, so too, of course, is Australia the nation. It was only in this century, with the coming of Federation, that the people of the continent were able to begin to think of themselves as people of one nation, Australia. It is Federation that has made us Australians. Until Federation the peoples of the six colonies thought of themselves as British subjects and as people of the particular colony where they lived their lives, but seldom as Australians.

You see this climate of thought emerging clearly enough even among those men of the 19th century who were the very architects of our nation, the so-called Founding Fathers of the 1890s, who brought about Federation and who framed our Constitution. Incidentally, founding fathers they certainly were, with not a woman among them to shock the citizens of that still very Victorian era.

Politicians all, they gathered from the various colonies at conferences and conventions throughout the 1890s to hammer out a federal constitution which all could accept. Yet only the more visionary of them spoke in terms of the nation to be, of a nation for a continent and a continent for a nation. The rest, convinced as many of them were about the advantages of federation, remained, in sentiment and interest, bound to the particular colony they came from and whose spokesmen they were. Despite this, it was their creation, a Federal Constitution, acceptable to all the colonies, which not only made federation possible but around which has been created the new nation of Australia and one nationality for six colonial peoples.

If Australia Day is now a true national day, the day of the Australian nation, and if the nation, like the name, stems from Federation, our Federal Constitution, which made it all possible, is curiously absent, not only from our annual Australia Day celebrations but from our everyday thoughts. You might live your life out in Australia without ever setting eyes on its text; you probably have. It is only when there are complaints about its shortcomings or when the occasional referendum campaigns for some amendment of it occur that the Constitution ever even rates mention in the media.

Few but lawyers, and then only some few of them, ever have occasion to read much of it; no schoolchild ever learns passages of it by heart or looks to it for inspiration; Australian politicians do not quote it nor Australian soldiers fight for it, and no great Canberra Mausoleum houses it.

And of course none of this is very surprizing when you consider our Constitution's form and the circumstances of its birth.

Its form is that of a sober schedule to a British Act of Parliament, the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, and like most legislation, it makes for no very rousing reading; its language is largely that of the legal draftsman, with its 128 sections spreading over twenty-eight close-printed pages. It is scarcely made for declaiming on the rooftops or for inscribing in letters of fire.

Nor was there need for drama or for defiance when our Founding Fathers gathered in convention to frame the Constitution. The circumstances of its birth may have been protracted but they were undramatic.

Indeed one of the most remarkable things about our Constitution is that it was the very first federal Constitution in the world to be conceived, and Australia the very first federation to be achieved, without threat of war or fear of some great foreign neighbour as the spur. Instead, it was the home-made product of long deliberation by Australians and was ultimately accepted at referendum of the peoples of all the colonies of Australia.

By the 1890s Federation had already been in the air for close on fifty years and ever since the 1850s it had been left to the self-governing colonies of Australasia to decide for themselves if they would federate. So there was no revolutionary zeal required, no conspirators were abroad when the chosen delegates of those colonies set about their task of constitution-making.

Yet it was an immensely difficult task, this getting of agreement on a Constitution. You will know how difficult it has been in recent years to get agreement even on minor amendments to the Constitution. The delegates to the conferences and conventions of the 1890s faced a still harder task - to agree on an entire constitutional structure for a new federal nation while at the same time preserving what each saw as the vital interests of his own colony. It took the decade of the '90s to see it done. By 1898 a form of Constitution had at long last been agreed to by the delegates of five colonies. By 1900 it had been approved by the peoples of all the six colonies, shortly to become the six States of the Federation. In that same year the Parliament in Westminster made it law and in September 1900 the old Queen signed the historic Proclamation declaring that on and after 1st January 1901, the first day of the new century, the people of the six colonies should be united in a Federal Commonwealth under the name of the Commonwealth of Australia.

This narrative of the coming of federation, however shamefully compressed it necessarily has been nevertheless seems to me to be worth recalling on this our national day, Australia Day, along with other, more colourful and hence perhaps seemingly more memorable scenes, like that first flag-raising by Captain Phillip on the virgin shores of Sydney Cove in 1788. All are part of the Australian story, a story of struggle and achievement in the past; and a continuing story, the future chapters to be written by generations younger than my own and generations yet unborn.

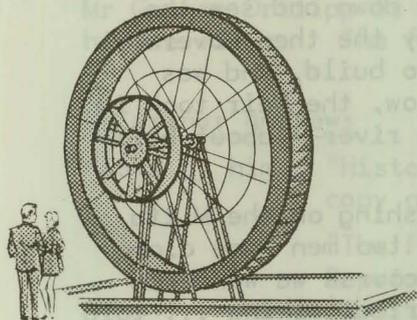
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The next Society Meeting will be held ONE WEEK LATER than usual on Tues. 15th April

### HERITAGE WEEK 1986, 13th to 20th April

Saturday 12th April Early Albury Ski Club Films. Three films (each about 20 minutes) to be shown by Fred Griffith at 8 pm C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Sunday 13th April Meet Gerry Curtis at 2 pm at the Fire Station in Kiewa Street for a WALK along Mitchell, Victoria, Bonegilla and Wyse Streets. The history of this central residential area will be discussed. Architectural information by Ken Youn Homes and buildings include the Drill Hall & Victorian Mounted Rifles area, former private hospitals, a hostel and the grand old homes, Bonegilla and Bellevue.

Tuesday 15th April Society meeting in C W A Hall, Kiewa Street at 8 pm with an audio visual about the Hume Weir, researched by Alec Savidge, with a collection of early slides by Mary Thurling.

Saturday 19th April Cemetery Walk at 2 pm with Cliff Chamberlain.

Sunday 20th April Cliff Chamberlain will lead a WALK around the "Golden Square" - Dean, Kiewa, Smollett and Olive Streets commencing at 10.30 am.

During the walk the Society will unveil a plaque on the recently renovated Carriageway building in Smollett Street, the former residence of the family of F.A. Selle.

Sunday 20th April North Eastern Victoria National Trust.

On Sunday 20th April the N.E. Victorian branch of the National Trust, and the Beechworth Committee of the Trust will hold a day at Beechworth. A very interesting programme has been arranged, mainly for the afternoon. People will make their own arrangements re travelling to and from Beechworth. Some will partake of picnic luncheons in the Gardens, others may choose to have luncheon in any of the several excellent restaurants and motels in which Beechworth abounds.

The National Trust Tour will commence at about 1.15 pm, from the Gardens - and promises to be very comprehensive and interesting. For further information, please telephone Mary Furness (Branch Secretary) on (060) 21 6360.

1st to 20th April at the Regional Art Centre - History of the Albury Art Prize.

The Upper Murray Regional Library will also have a display for Heritage Week.

THE WEIRfrom "Days Gone By" by Frank Boyes

In the early 1930's it was quite common to drive down and see the Hume Weir under construction. The first sod was turned by the then Governor General in November 1919. The Weir took seventeen years to build, and was opened by Lord Gowrie in November 1936. As most people know, the Weir took in the place where explorers Hume and Hovell first crossed the river - about half a mile below the junction of the Mitta and Murray Rivers.

Dad, Alf Bartel and I, round about 1916, were fishing on the Mitta River bank close by the junction. Whilst we were fishing, two men came along the Mitta bank; they had axes and were marking trees. Of course we wondered what on earth they were doing. They came up to us and started talking ... told us they were surveyors, and where we were now would one day be under water, as a huge weir taking in hundreds of acres and the rivers' junction, would one day be constructed. We couldn't believe what they said ... the land was such pastoral land. Finally, Alf Bartel said, "Well, it won't be in our day I guess - we won't see it." The surveyors replied, "Oh, it will be sooner than you think!" We left the spot, not believing a word! But we all - Dad, Alf and I - saw the works started and completed ... watched the progress for the 17 years from 1919 ... and saw the Weir opened. Dad, who was born in 1872 and lived to the wonderful age of 95 years, spent all his life in the district; and great wonder that the Weir was in 1936 and after, Dad could always tell of what the land was like before the Weir - right back to when he was a child in the 1880's.

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Heather Brown, 33 Walmer Ave, Sanctuary Pt, 2540 with information about Robert (a brickmaker) and Elizabeth (midwife) Brown, early Albury settlers. They had 6 sons and 3 daughters. It is believed he made the bricks for the Railway Station.

Anne Carolan, 319 Eastern Valley Way, Middle Cove, 2068 who wants any evidence of her grandparents being in Albury ?1894-1911. They were Leslie Ernest (a solicitor) and Kathleen Marie Gannon. Kathleen may have been in an institution.

Mrs A.J. Murray, 182 Hudson Parade, Taylors Point, Clareville, 2107 about her ancestor William George Patterson's occupation of 'Cumberoona'.

Mrs Monica M. Clark, 28 Doig Street, Wentworthville, 2145 wanting to contact descendants of Owen and Susannah Daly of Mullengandra.

PRESIDENT'S QUESTION for the April Meeting: What do you know about Captain Hovell?

The question is posed this month in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the birth of the explorer on April 26, 1786.



MUSEUM NEWS Mrs Trudy Wright has been appointed Assistant to the Museum Director, Ms Constance Kordell. Her duties will include acting as a hostess to the greatly increased number of visitors, assisting with the Museum education programme and transferring the collections catalogue to a computerized format.

Entrance to the Museum will remain FREE on a trial basis in line with the policy of the Albury Regional Art Centre.

More volunteers from the Society are needed for the Museum weekend roster

POSITION OF SECRETARY - still vacant.

Sadly, no replies were received about the notice in last month's Bulletin not even an enquiry.

QUESTION from Lois Humphreys

Does anyone know if there were gypsies in or near Albury?

Last Meeting Members at the Special General Meeting passed the amendments to the Constitution needed for the Incorporation of the Society. Mr Graham Ortlipp is attending to this and is generously making no charge for his services. The fee to the Corporate Affairs Commission is \$78.

Dr Arthur Andrews Information in answer to the President's Question.

Books by him: "History of Albury 1824-1895" printed 1912 (Mrs Jean Read's copy given to her grandmother by Dr Andrews)

"The First Settlement of the Upper Murray" printed 1920.  
Reprinted in facsimile 1979.

"Fifty Years of the Albury Pastoral Agricultural and Horticultural Society" printed 1907.

Mrs Jean Read: Dr Andrews died at his residence 80 Murdoch Street, Cremorne 14th October, 1925. During the 45 years he practised in Albury he carried out many useful historical researches into the opening up and development of the district. Besides being President of the Albury Show Society and a number of other bodies he was founder of the Albury Museum, probably the best institution of its kind in NSW, outside the city.

From Mrs Ida Male "As told to me by my Dad, George Paige Wilson"

When the railway line was opened from Wagga to Albury in 1881, Dr Andrews gave a party to all the children in Albury and Black Range, the celebration being held in the Railway Goods Shed. My Dad was present and his age was 10 years, he remembered clearly, as it was the first time he had ever seen or tasted jelly.

When I was a child, I was taken by my Mother to Dr Andrews, his residence was in Olive Street. An iron gate (opp St David's Church) and a long path led to the consulting room.

From newspapers, Helen Livsey:

June 1874, Dr Andrews recently arrived, has entered partnership with Dr Cobbett.

He was previously resident surgeon at St Bartholomew's, London.

Jan 1890, Fire at Dr Andrews' vineyard on hill overlooking Railway line.

June 1919, Farewelled prior to going to live in Sydney

He died in 1925 aged 77 and was survived by his wife Caroline Mary, son Arthur John of Walla Walla, and three daughters Lina, Dorothy, and Muriel (Mrs North).

From Arthur Butt, who remembers the Doctor's vineyard at Doctor's Point.

About 1928 Arthur's grandfather took the grandsons shooting. They hid behind old vines to shoot rabbits. A few vines were alive having survived phylloxera. His uncles had worked as vinedressers in the vineyard. The Doctor's house was, not in Devil's Glen but, in the next small valley where two watercourses met, the house and cellar were on a mound above them. The wine was made and fermented on the flat lower down where there was a well.

From Dan Murray: Dr Andrews lived in Andrews Street (opposite where Mr Murray lives), and later in Olive Street.

The Doctor wore a frock coat and a Churchill or Boxer hat. He rode a bicycle with high handle bars.

In the old Albury cemetery the grave can be seen of Dr Andrews' first wife, Edith Emma, and two of his infant children.

Information given by Clif Mott, Jean Read, Mary Thurling (Ida Male), Connie Kordell, Anne Davies (Arthur Butt), Helen Livsey, Gerry Curtis (Dan Murray), and other members and friends.

BRING & TELL at last meeting

Colin Frauenfelder: Handbrace from Coles when it opened in 1929 with "nothing over 2/  
Chandlers Hardware catalogue  
From Terry O'Keefe: Hardware catalogue c1900, ex Hunter & Stellings.

Sue Gray from Dan Murray: An illuminated address to his grandfather Captain John  
Delappé Lankester on his resignation from the Glebe Company Volunteer  
Rifles. He received a grant of land at Ettamogah as a result of this service.

Shirley Miller: Cut throat razor which belonged to her father. He shaved without  
looking in a mirror.

Holford Lempriere: 1805 shaving and toilet cabinet from his great grandfather who  
was born in Hamburg, the son of an English banker.

Pat Strachan: Two paintings on glass. Pat asks, "Who was the artist who was in  
this area 50 to 60 years ago?" He is believed to be a German or  
Austrian trying to make enough money to return to his home country.

Alec Savidge: A petrified tree root.

John Mollison: A leather bound book dated 1725 containing the last will & testament  
of Thomas Guy, the founder of that great teaching hospital "Guy's".  
An Act of Parliament was passed on the day after his death endorsing his will  
because it was so valuable and contained so many bequests, as well as the main  
one to the Hospital.

Dick Fielder: Two sovereign cases, a silver one 80 years old containing a sovereign,  
and an oval gunmetal one for sovereigns and half sovereigns.

Alice Hayden: Her father's naturalisation papers, Johan Augustus Berg, and the  
marriage certificate of her parents.

Henry Jochheim: A wooden box-in-a-box carved by Alexander Morris aged 12 years, on  
the sailing ship Ellerslie which departed Glasgow 10th April 1862 and  
arrived at Moreton Bay 9th Aug 1862. 116 days sailing. Master: W Brown.

Gordon Spencer: Cast iron grister from London, for grinding wheat or chicken feed.

Howard Jones from Mrs Esler: Meat and Ration Cards from World War II for William  
Burgess, and an Identity Card for Muriel May Burgess of Tumberumba.  
Presumably Australian though it is not recorded on either card.

Anne Davies: Small reproduction of the portrait of T A Browne (Rolf Boldrewood)  
which is in the Melbourne Club, given her by Mr Browne's great grandson  
James Venner who lives at "Boldrewood", East Boldre, Hampshire in the New Forest.

Helen Livsey: Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the A & D H S held on Nov 8, 1960  
and the first Bulletin dated February 1961.

Mary Thurling: Oval plate from Schmiedt's Albury Hotel, Dean Street. Her grandfather  
Charles Frederick Stassen was a painter and decorator who painted three  
ceilings at the hotel for 2/6.

Gerry Curtis from Terry O'Keefe: A wooden mallet found during recent renovations of  
the Carriageway, Smollett Street, Albury.

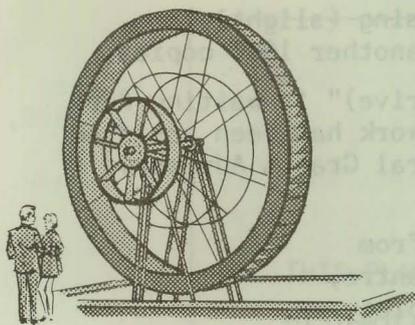
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Next Meeting      8pm Tuesday 13th May at C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

Speaker:      Captain Frank Tucker

"HISTORY OF MURRAY RIVER PADDLESTEAMERS"

### HERITAGE WEEK 1986

The Heritage Walk on Sunday 13th April led by Gerry Curtis attracted about eighty people. A leaflet was prepared by Gerry Curtis, Ken Young and Howard Jones with brief descriptions of the architecture and history of some of the buildings in Kiewa, Mitchell, Bonegilla, Victoria and Wyse Streets. Helen Livsey has written supplementary notes and both leaflets will be in the Local History Room at Albury City Library. The Walk and Talk were very interesting and listeners contributed what they remembered too.

### Society Meeting

1. More than a hundred people attended the April meeting for the audio visual on the Hume Weir. The text for this was prepared by Alec Savidge from his personal research and most of the slides were lent by Mary Thurling. It was most informative and created great interest. Among visitors were Mr Malcolm Pfahlert, Resident Engineer at the Hume Dam, and Mrs Pat Kitching who was one of the little girls who presented flowers to Lady Gowrie at the Opening of the Weir. The ceremonial spade, with which Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson turned the first sod on 28th November 1919, is in the Albury Regional Museum.
2. The Museum Director, Ms Connie Kordell, spoke on early Albury Museums - see "Museum News" on page 4.
3. The President's Question. Information on Captain William Hovell was given by Clif Mott, Gerry Curtis, Helen Livsey, Holford Lempriere and Mrs Frank Boyes BEM (the latter by post). While on the subject of Hovell, it was pleasing to hear at the committee meeting that Mr Neville Wran requested a copy of "Overland to Port Phillip Bay" from Mrs Boyes to add to his library.

Library Display A comprehensive exhibition on Captain Hovell to mark the 200th anniversary of his birth in April 1786 was prepared for Heritage Week. It is still on display, so if you want to know more about Hovell - sailor, explorer, diarist, settler, magistrate - go to Albury City Library and look on both sides of the exhibition boards.

A Plaque on the Carriageway, Smollett Street, was unveiled during Cliff Chamberlain's "Walk" on Sunday 20th April. See page 3.

More Society News

"ALBURY'S HISTORY" The Publications sub-committee has been revising (slightly) "The First 25 Years" and seeing to printing another 1000 copies.

The next leaflet "Wodonga Place, Albury, a leisurely walk (or drive)" is waiting for the final typing and should be printed before the A G M. This work has been assisted by funds allocated to the Royal Historical Society by the Cultural Grants Advisory Council of the Premier's Department of New South Wales.

All leaflets are for sale @ 20¢ each or 15¢ for more than 40 - from Society meetings, Albury Regional Museum, Albury Regional Art Centre, School for Seniors in Albury and the Hume Permanent Building Society.

Titles so far: The First 25 Years; Street Names; Railways; Gold Mining; The River Murray.

Hume Permanent Building Society have generously sponsored this project again, promising \$250 in 1986. Other sponsors welcomed at \$100 for a space of 8.5cm x 4cm.

LYCH GATE to Albury's Pioneer Cemetery

It is exciting that there is such whole hearted co-operation with all Council officers, Albury T A F E and Ken Young. Support may soon be needed in cash or kind! but the plans will be published first. Photographs or descriptions of the original lych gate would be very useful.

The June Meeting is the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 8 pm Tuesday 10th June.

Please consider taking a turn on the committee or as an office bearer, especially as secretary.

Your nomination, signed by two Society members as well as by you, needs to be sent to the Society by Monday 19th May, i.e. before the committee meeting on 20th May.

We shall need to elect a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Minute Secretary and six committee members. Nomination forms are enclosed.

Any Notice of Motion for the A G M agenda should also be sent to the Society's address in time for the committee meeting.

THE QUESTION this month is about streets in Albury and is from Colin Frauenfelder.

- A. Where is Castlereagh Street?
- B. What are the names of the longest and the shortest streets in Albury?
- C. What is the name of the street that has 7 intersections with a GIVE WAY or STOP sign at each one? So if you are in a hurry to travel the full length of this street proceed with caution.

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Obituary - quoted from "History News" of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

Mr Alan J Dunlop, B A. Mr Dunlop died on 3rd January 1986. He and his brother, Sir Edward Dunlop, C M G, O B E, were born on their parents' farm at Major Plains in the Benalla district. Alan Dunlop was a school teacher, and during the war he was an instructor in radar. He was one of those sincere, enthusiastic, high-minded scholars who laboured in comparative obscurity as country teachers. He is the author of four books: Benalla Cavalcade, Wodonga Over River and Plain, Wide Horizons and Little Sticks - The Story of Two Brothers.

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"The Council of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria feels that if the Society is to carry out its function effectively it needs to increase the number of its individual members throughout the State." And to help the Council of R H S V we enclose a copy of their membership form with this Bulletin. It details the many benefits of joining that Society. We are sorry that the form had to be reduced in size but it is still easy to read.

## THE CARRIAGEWAY

BUILT 1889 for F.A. SELLE

ARCHITECTS - GORDON &amp; GORDON

THIS PLAQUE WAS ERECTED BY THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY DURING HERITAGE WEEK 1986 IN  
RECOGNITION OF THE RECENT RENOVATION OF THE BUILDING.

During Cliff Chamberlain's walk around the "Golden Square" on Sunday, April 20 the Society unveiled a plaque on The Carriageway in Smollett Street, which has recently been restored by Mr Jeff Smith and Mr Colin Watson.

The Carriageway was built in 1889 by Frederick August Selle. Mr Selle was born in 1830 in Germany where he learned the coachbuilding trade. He came to Australia in 1862 and spent some time at Beechworth before coming to Albury in 1868.

He established a furniture warehouse in Kiewa Street in a building which later became the Court House Hotel. Within three years he moved to Dean Street and his other activities included coachbuilding, cabinetmaking, building and undertaking. By 1888 his premises covered three acres which could be entered from Dean, Olive or Kiewa Street and included the George Hotel in Dean Street. His land ran from Dean through to Smollett Street and the area which is now known as Coles Car Park was a parking area even then. Sheds, stables and water were provided here for the use of farmers coming into town.

Mr Selle married Martha Lena Brumm in 1871 and they had a son, Alfred and two daughters who married Dr Schlink of Wodonga and Dr Chenhall of Corowa. There was also a younger daughter and at least three other children who died in infancy.

Mr Selle died in 1890 aged 60 years. He was returning from a visit to Germany with his daughter but died when passing through the Red Sea and was buried at sea. Mrs Selle died in 1902, aged 51, at her residence in Smollett Street.

At the time of the Carriageway construction other buildings in the area included the present St Patrick's Church (1872), the first church (1858) which became the school, the front part of the Convent (1870) and to the south was Irish Town. The Presbyterian Church (1859) was in the vicinity of the present St Patrick's Hall, and George Reis & Co had a wine cellar on the south west corner of Smollett and Kiewa Streets. The Model School (1860) and the Girl's School (1882) were in Olive Street. Also part of Albury Public School was a two storeyed house (1872) which had belonged to Peter Cullen, the teacher of the Catholic School, but which was then the headmaster's residence.

The Carriageway, though built under one roof, was two separate houses, at some time called Mafeking and Verdun. Vaucluse and Pembroke Houses in Olive Street, also belonged to Mr Selle; they were two storey town houses with iron lace, now demolished. Mr Harry Selle's parents lived next to Pembroke House. Mr Selle's son Alf built the house in Riverview Terrace which is now the Lutheran Rest Home.



NEWS from the ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM and its DIRECTOR

1. At the Society's meeting in April, Ms Kordell spoke on early government funded or affiliated museums in Albury. In this preliminary report she quoted from Dr Arthur Andrews' History of Albury 1824 to 1895, William A Bayley's Border City: History of Albury, N S W (2nd edition) and from the archives of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Sydney.

It would be good to see this talk on the Albury Free Industrial Museum expanded into a fuller history of Albury's Museums encompassing the origins and development of the Turk's Head Folk and Regional Museums. Perhaps some of the Society's older members might have relevant information.

2. There is still time to see the temporary exhibition on 130 years of Music and Theatre in Albury Wodonga 1855 to 1985. It is due to go on tour to other museums in June.

## Dr Barnett and the "Irish Tiger"

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### Bicentennial Stamp Collection - New Holland - Cook's Voyage

Lieutenant James Cook's voyage along Australia's eastern coast in 1770 was notable not only for his charts of the newly-discovered shoreline, but also for the botanical specimens collected by Joseph Banks and his team of naturalists. Sydney Parkinson, the brilliant botanical illustrator aboard the Endeavour, completed over 400 sketches of Australian plants, from which illustrations and engravings were later prepared in England. Details from four of Parkinson's sketches are featured on the botanical stamps, superimposed upon the watercolour illustration of each plant. The two 33¢ stamps show Banksia serrata and Hibiscus merankensis and the 50¢ and 80¢ Dillenia alata and Correa reflexa.

Upon the expedition's return to England, it was Banks who was acclaimed for his collections. Recognition of Cook's achievements came later. The two 90¢ stamps show Sir Joseph Banks' portrait by Sir Joshua Reynolds and Sydney Parkinson's self-portrait.

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### Press Release - Microfiches

1. Library Catalogue.
2. Victorian Index to Births, Deaths & Marriages.

Library Catalogue Upper Murray Regional Library announces the commencement of its microfiche catalogue. Library users will now view on sheets of microfilm, listing of books recently acquired by the 'library service'. All library branches will now have the benefits of having their own copy of the catalogue.

While only new books are currently being listed, eventually the entire book stock of Upper Murray Regional Library will be available on the microfiche catalogue.

Victorian Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages Genealogy, the tracing of family members and drawing of family trees has become a major national pastime. It is now desirable to locate evidence of convict ancestry.

Local family historians have been able, for a number of years, to consult the N S W Index to Births, Deaths and Marriages, at the Albury City Library.

At last there is an equivalent series of indexes for the records of Victoria and they are now available for consultation at the Albury and Wodonga City Libraries.

These indexes have been made available with the assistance of the Albury and District Historical Society who donated that in the Albury City Library & the Wodonga Historical Society who made a donation towards the Wodonga Library copy.

For further information contact Louise Evans at Albury City Library (21 1122), Jo McPherson at Wodonga Library (24 2000) and Mary Swanton, Readers' Service Librarian, Upper Murray Regional Library (21 1122).



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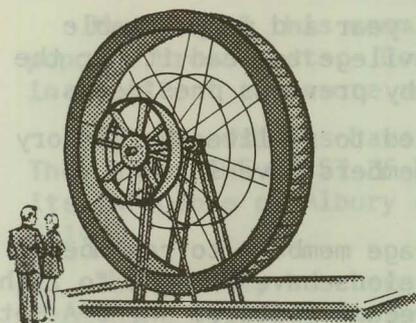
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8 pm Tuesday 10th June, C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.  
followed by an excellent audio-visual by Mr Jack Dallinger:  
"LOOKING BACK"

## AGENDA

### Apologies

Minutes of the previous A G M, 11th June 1985

Minutes of the Special General Meeting, 11th March 1986. This meeting was held to alter the Constitution where needed so that the Society could be Incorporated. Details of proposed alterations were sent to all members in Bulletin 236, March 1986. A few extra copies will be available at the Meeting to save reading out the 2 pages.

President's Report by Gerald Curtis - see page 2.

Treasurer's Report and audited accounts - Annette Power.

### Election of Office Bearers and Committee

Nominations have been received for the following positions from:

President	Gerald Curtis
Vice President	John Alker-Jones
Vice President	Anne Davies
Secretary	
Treasurer	Annette Power
Minute Secretary	Henry Jochheim

Committee: Marie Aney, Keith Burnham, David Chitty, Anne Holloway, Howard Jones, Holford Lempriere, Helen Livsey (Research), Bruce Pennay, Alec Savidge, Mary Thurling.

Business of which Notice has been given: Moved John Mollison, seconded Harold Mair that the order of business at ordinary monthly meetings of the society be changed to as to allow the principal speaker for the evening to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

General Business Setting of subscriptions for the year.

Closing of Annual General Meeting.

Ordinary Meeting Lych Gates at Old Albury Cemetery, David Street, Albury.

It is recommended that the Society undertakes the project for the erection of a Lych Gate as shown on the plans drawn by Mr Ken Young.

AUDIO-VISUAL

SUPPER

President's Report

The Albury & District Historical Society is now in its 26th year and many notable people have led the society in that time. It has been my privilege to lead it for the past 12 months and to try and continue the good standard set by previous presidents.

Having lived in Albury since my early childhood, I have tried to re-live the history of the 20's and 30's, a period of time of which many of our members have strong memories.

That thought prompted the "president's questions" to encourage members to remember, research and talk about those interesting days. Those discussions have brought to light many interesting and previously un-recorded facts about our recent history. Mr C A Mott is undisputed champion in this period.

Meetings have been well attended and membership is approximately 200 members.

MEETINGS: The year started well with the long awaited visit by Professor Blainey who addressed a full house in the theatrette. The committee, with wives and/or husbands, dined with Professor and Mrs Blainey at the Travelodge before the lecture.

At the invitation of Jack and Anne Dempsey, a monthly meeting was held in what is now Elm Court Motel but which was Higgin's Coach Factory when it opened in 1885. A most interesting evening disclosed many stories about life in Townsend Street and about the Chinese Camp.

Following the theme of local history, Col Frauenfelder spoke on Logan's Timber Yard which was then being demolished for the new M R C C building.

Jack and Bernie Mylon spoke on early days of transport in this area, Wodonga and Albury; Paddy Mylon started the service in 1906.

Jim Purvey spoke on old historical documents and our December meeting was devoted to famous ladies of early Albury.

Gordon Dowling gave an exceptionally well researched talk at very short notice on the Mott family. A night of Bring and Tell, always a popular evening, was held in March.

In April, during Heritage Week, Alec Savidge showed slides on the construction of the Hume Dam. A hundred people attended that function.

In May, Captain Frank Tucker spoke on Paddlesteamers of the River Murray.

TOURS: Society members visited the Wesley Uniting Church and heard its history from Graham Stocks who also gave us the history of St David's Church and played the organ.

A visit was made to St Matthew's Church following the re-discovery of the grave of an early rector, Rev Henry Elliot, in the Albury Cemetery. He was buried there in 1858.

A Walk and Talk in the area of Kiewa and Wyse Streets was a highlight of Heritage Week with a leaflet on the history and architecture as a reminder.

The Society is going through the process of being incorporated, a necessary step before we can negotiate a museum settlement with Albury City Council.

Committee meetings have been well attended. The monthly bulletin published by Vice President Anne Davies is outstanding and holds the Society together. Howard Jones has given us more publicity in the Border Morning Mail than ever before. Our society would not exist without the work of Helen Livsey who is research worker and in turn acting treasurer, acting secretary and occasional bulletin editor. Anne Holloway and the publications sub-committee have worked hard, their report is also in this Bulletin.

I wish to thank you all for your support and encouragement during the past twelve months.

Gerry Curtis.

Report on the Research and Publications sub-committee.

Members of this committee have continued to meet fortnightly to produce the popular broadsheets. Considerable work is entailed in the production of these sheets in an effort to ensure accuracy and interest.

Six broadsheets have been published since the inception of the committee. They are: THE FIRST 25 YEARS, STREET NAMES, RAILWAYS, GOLD MINING, THE RIVER MURRAY - its influence on Albury & district and WODONGA PLACE, ALBURY - a leisurely walk or drive.

The Society has been very appreciative of the continued support of the Hume Permanent Building Society which donated a further sum of \$250 towards this project in 1986 and also for its help in selling the broadsheets.

We have also been most grateful to our other sponsors, especially Mr & Mrs Frank Boyes who have helped sponsor several sheets. We hope that more people will offer sponsorship in 1986 and so take advantage of this advertising space.

As well as being sold by the Society, the broadsheets are available from the Hume Permanent Building Society outlets at Olive Street and Myer in Albury and at Lavington and Wodonga. They are also sold at the Albury Regional Museum, the Albury Regional Art Centre and Angus and Robertson.

Anne Holloway.

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May Meeting Captain Frank Tucker gave an illustrated talk on Paddlesteamers and has written a resumé for the Bulletin - see page 4. His book "Murray River Paddlesteamers and Bullockies" is available at Albury Regional Museum for \$9.95, less 10% to Society members. Frank is captain of the new Cumeroona being built by the Upper Murray Steamship Company.

Alec Savidge spoke about the safety of the Hume Dam. He gave high praise to the full investigations made by Mr Dick Foster, the principal design engineer of the N S W Water Resources Commission. Original documents which were found were re-assuring and showed evidence that the dam is sound. Work now in progress goes very deep and will re-inforce the structure. Alec was relieved (as are we all) that his fears were proved to be unfounded.

Colin Frauenfelder's Questions on Streets of Albury caused discussion. His answers were: David Street is the longest and Avro Street the shortest. It is Hovell Street which has the many interrupting intersections. Castlereagh Street is between Macauley and Young Streets near the flour mill. However, John Livsey, who is a taxi driver, says that it is at the bottom of Pemberton Street and east off Thurgoona Street - two expert opinions!

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BUS TRIP TO CHILTERN Guide: Holford Lempriere - organised by Albury School for Seniors. July 6th, \$6.50 (if 40 people). Book during June at 21 5254. Meet 10.30 am outside Wesley Centre. Leave from Chiltern at 4 pm.

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Captain Hovell's son is buried in Cooktown, Queensland. The inscription on his tombstone reads:

Sacred to the Memory of Albert Ross Hovell, Master Mariner  
Son of Captain Hovell who with Hume discovered the Murray River, N.S.W.  
Died 5th May 1888, aged 55 years. This tablet is erected to his memory by friend

This information was sent to the Society by Mrs Frank Boyes, B E M, who has a photograph of his grave.

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WANTED - A SECRETARY - typing an advantage, but not absolutely essential.

The work involves answering about 6 letters a month, attending meetings on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, collecting the mail from Albury Post Office & other small tasks.

Remuneration: the pleasure of meeting and working with Committee & members of Albury & District Historical Society.

## RESUME OF TALK BY CAPTAIN FRANK TUCKER TO ALBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 13/5/86

The pioneer steam navigator of the Murray River was William Richard Randell, and he received £300 from the Government of South Australia in recognition of this important occasion. William's steamer, the "Mary Ann" reached Moama, 1064 miles from the Murray Mouth on 24/9/1853, where the crew were received as if they were royalty.

Ten days after the "Mary Ann" had set out up the river, another steamer, the "Lady Augusta", owned by Captain Francis Cadell, set out from Goolwa. The two steamers met just up from the Murrumbidgee junction and arrived at Swan Hill on the same day, 17/9/53.

Governor Young of S.A. had Australia's first railway line built to link Goolwa with the sea. Horses were used to haul the carriages across the 7 miles of relatively flat country.

Captain Cadell made several agreements with the S.A. Government, one of them included bringing other boats up the river and opening up the Murrumbidgee and Darling Rivers. Two iron steamers arrived in sections from his father's shipyard in Scotland in 1855 & were put together at Goolwa. One named the Albury, was the first steamer to reach the town of Albury in October 1855. The other he named Gundagai after the town on the Murrumbidgee River.

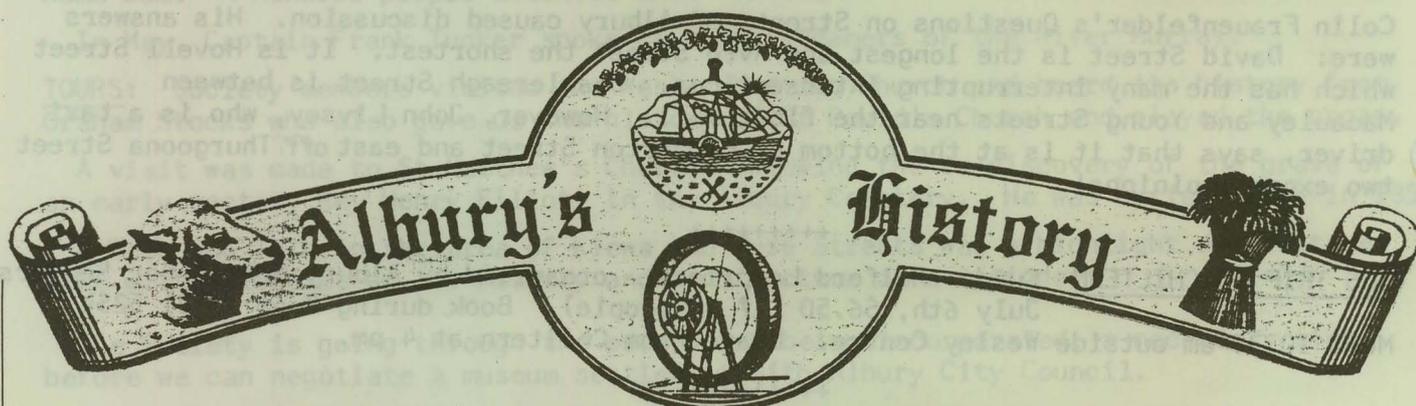
By the end of 1865, just 12 years after the first steamer on the river, there were at least 42 steamers which had operated on the Murray, along with associated barges.

The river trade grew quickly and for a period of about 50 years was the lifeline of the settlers of the Murray Basin, an area of about one seventh of the Australian Continent. The heyday of the river trade was in the late 70's up to the 1890's and the 1900 period. Rail extensions, the development of the motor car, better roads and new technology after W W 1 were the main reasons for the decline of the river trade. The 1914/15 drought was the nail in the coffin lid for the river steamers.

The last two commercially operating steamers on the Murray were withdrawn from service in 1952, when the company of Murray Shipping was liquidated. One being sold by tender for £500, the other not even receiving an offer.

Today there has been an upsurge of interest in the paddle steamers and restoration and the building of new paddle steamers is taking place right along the river. This time to service a new-era river trade, the tourist industry.

Frank Tucker.



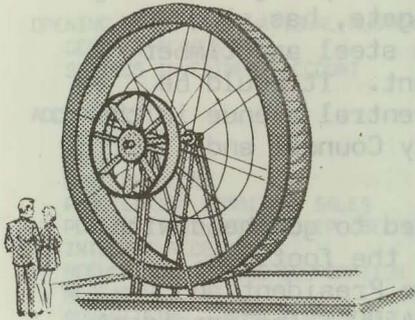
## Wodonga Place, Albury

The newest broadsheet is printed in time for the A G M and is sponsored by the Royal Australian Historical Society. The guide takes you for a leisurely walk or drive along Wodonga Place. This broadsheet might have been a River Bank Walk as we had stacks of research from the Walks the Society guided a few years ago - and - Helen Livsey had been noting plaques and memorials around Albury - so would you believe? "Plaque to Plaque" and "By the River" came together as a pleasant historic walk mostly along Wodonga Place. You will find some history of the Union Bridge, Albury Regional Museum, the Water Wheel, Noreuil Park, the Hovell Tree, the Sportsground, Olympic Pool, Bridge, Botanical Gardens, Albury Base Hospital and then away up to the Memorial Bowl and the Monument. That's a good 20¢ worth!

There is an excellent brochure of the Gardens prepared by Bob van der Weyde for Albury City Council which is a guided walk to species of horticultural interest.

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Next Meeting Tuesday 8th July, 8 pm, at C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

### "WHAT KIND OF A PLACE WAS ALBURY IN 1938?"

Bruce Pennay has been fossicking amongst the electoral rolls and rate books to find out what Albury was like 50 years ago. Now he wants to check his findings against the memories of the people who lived in Albury in the last 1930's. All contributions will help to shape or sharpen a major local initiative in preparation for the Bi-Centenary in 1988. This talk was to have been given at the February meeting but the speaker was unable to attend because of an injury.

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Last Meeting: At the Annual General Meeting:-

1. The President, Mr Curtis, gave his report and added thanks to those not on the committee: Mr Graham Ortlipp for working on the Society's Incorporation; Mr Brian Dunkley, auditor; Mr Ken Young, architect, for lych-gate plans; Mrs Gwen Brown for posting and delivering the Bulletin; Mrs Wendy Moriarty for accessioning at the Local History Room and Mr Colin Frauenfelder, keyman for the C W A Hall. Mr Curtis also thanked his wife Mary for her support and John Livsey and Roddy Davies for encouraging their historian wives.
2. The Treasurer, Miss Annette Power, gave her report which is printed in the Bulletin. Ms Kordell, Museum Director, contributed her audited report on the Community Employment programme grants; the Society takes this opportunity of thanking Ms Kordell for accounting for these monies on its behalf.
3. Election. Mr C A Mott took the chair and complimented last year's hardworking executive. He commended their devotion to the discovery of facts. Office Bearers and Committee were elected as nominated except that Mr Kevin Esler is the new Secretary and Minute Secretary. Henry Jochheim decided not to continue as Minute Secretary and instead offered to read and report on the many historical newsletters and bulletins which come to the Society.
4. Subscriptions: Adult \$8, Family \$12.
5. Meeting Procedure. Mr John Mollison was away sick and asked that his A G M suggestion be considered at the July meeting i.e. that "the order of business at ordinary monthly meetings of the society be changed so as to allow the principal speaker for the evening to speak at the beginning of the meeting."

Last Meeting (continued) After the A G M, the LYCH-GATE project was considered. Gerry Curtis explained the proposal to "Honour the Pioneers" by building an entrance gateway to the Old Albury Cemetery as a replacement for the original lych-gate dating from the last century. Mr Ken Young has a photo of the old lych-gate, has studied Heritage and National Trust designs and has drawn the plans for a steel and timber structure, similar to the original but, hopefully, vandal resistant. It would be built opposite the top end of David Street and in line with the central avenue in the cemetery. The earliest graves are in this area. Both Albury City Council and T A F E have been most encouraging.

Mr Young's plans were shown. After some discussion, it was decided to go ahead with the project. The Society authorised about \$200 for materials for the footings. T A F E apprentices were ready to lay these foundations. Then the President and Committee were to proceed as necessary. The estimated cost was \$4500. The President undertook to talk to service clubs, show the plans and ask for financial or other support.

Also at the last meeting Jack Dallinger's Audio Visual was as interesting and well-presented as you would expect from him. First he showed us a collection of early cameras and then slides of early Albury including Hume Dam, Mr Bunton, Botanical Gardens, Floral Festival etc; then to Sydney in 1953 with the illuminations for the Royal Visit; Melbourne; and back to Albury, Civic Centre, Valetta, Ettamogah Sanctuary, the Endeavour. There was a good commentary too. Thank you.

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WHO DOES WHAT? President: Gerry Curtis 21 3172  
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Bulletin Anne Davies Tours Holford Lempriere 25 6308

Archives Co-Ordinator Anne Holloway 21 2173 Supper Hostess Mary Thurling

Newsletter Reader & Reporter Henry Jochheim 25 2597 Heritage Week Keith Burnham

Publications & Research sub-committee Co-ordinator Anne Holloway  
Marie Aney, Anne Davies, Sue Gray, Holford Lempriere, Helen Livsey.

Committee member Alec Savidge, task not allotted.

Society committee representatives on external committees

Albury Regional Museum Management: Chairman, John Alker-Jones  
Keith Burnham, David Chitty, Bruce Pennay.

Bi-centennial: David Chitty 24 3129 Street Names Howard Jones 21 6589

Riverside Parks Keith Burnham 20 8634

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CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs M J Young, Apartment 45, "Gunyah", 29 Denman Parade, Normanhurst 2076 would like to contact descendants of Arthur Clark and Eliza (Johnson) who married in 1892. Their children were William, Walter, Anne, Amy and Jane. She also seeks descendants of Daniel and Hannah Clarke whose grandson George Adams married Mary Clarke at Wagga in 1865.

Does anyone remember Cornelius Galligan who was a warder at the Albury Gaol? He may have been living in Albury in 1947. Contact Helen Livsey, please, on 21 3671.

Mr Vic Hearne wants information about Charles John Pumpa, born 1873 in the Albury area. Please phone Connie Kordell at the Albury Regional Museum.

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Membership Forms are enclosed with this Bulletin. Subscriptions are now due unless you have paid already and received your BLUE membership card. Adult \$8, Family \$12. This is a minimum subscription, donations gladly accepted!

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31st May 1986

OPENING FUNDS WITH NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK	\$	\$	
GENERAL ACCOUNT		612.46	
SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		<u>7,686.13</u>	8,298.59
ADD RECEIPTS			
MEMBERSHIP		1,463.00	
DONATIONS		82.60	
SALE OF BOOKS		21.30	
PUBLICATION COMMITTEE SALES		301.40	
PUBLICATIONS SPONSORSHIP (SEE LIST)		900.00	
INTEREST RECEIVED		700.41	
REFUND, GAS & FUEL CORPORATION		143.51	
RESEARCH		13.00	
ADVERTISING - HUME PERMANENT		<u>250.00</u>	<u>3,875.22</u>
			12,173.81
LESS PAYMENTS			
BULLETIN - PRINTING AND POSTAGES		731.18	
ADVERTISING		60.00	
POSTAGES AND TELEPHONE		30.49	
STATIONERY		215.60	
PUBLICATIONS		<u>1,129.20</u>	
INSURANCE		150.00	
CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMISSION		78.00	
FINANCIAL AND BANK CHARGES		11.69	
SOUND SLIDE PROJECTOR		449.29	
MEMBERSHIP		65.00	
PROFESSOR BLAINEY LECTURE (NET LOSS)		44.09	
P.O. BOX RENTAL		39.00	
RESEARCH		8.00	
PLAQUE - CARRIAGEWAY		178.50	
DONATION		300.00	
MUSEUM SEMINAR		30.00	
HALL HIRE		160.00	
BULLETIN REFUNDS		<u>22.00</u>	<u>3,702.04</u>
			\$ 8,471.77
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CLOSING FUNDS WITH NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK			
GENERAL ACCOUNT			(28.95)
SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT			1,752.55
HUME PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY-SAVINGS ACCOUNT			748.17
TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT			<u>6,000.00</u>
			\$ 8,471.77
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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS SPONSORSHIPS			
READYMIX FARLEY	\$	100.00	
HUME PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY		400.00	
STATE RAIL AUTHORITY, N.S.W.		200.00	
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY		<u>200.00</u>	
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THE ABOVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS BEEN PREPARED FROM THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE SOCIETY.

IN MY OPINION THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st May 1986 EXHIBITS A TRUE AND FAIR SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR STATED.

*B.E. Dunkley*  
B.E. DUNKLEY, F.C.A.  
6/6/86

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
(Albury Regional Museum)

C.E.P. PROJECTS STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO 2nd June 1986

RECEIPTS	NCE 097	NCE 098	NCE 099	NCE 100	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
C.E.P. GRANT	9,457	7,813	20,911	8,548	46,729
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PAYMENTS					
WAGES	8,650	7,630	17,917	6,497	40,694
WORKERS COMPENSATION	54	48	62	76	240
MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT	753	150	850	1,280	3,033
ADMINISTRATION			250		250
SUPERVISION			1,410	695	2,105
	9,457	7,828	20,489	8,548	46,322
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	Nil	(15)	422	Nil	407
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ADD: INTEREST RECEIVED					111
					518
LESS: AUDIT FEE				400	
BANK & FINANCIAL CHARGES				84	484
SURPLUS OF RECEIPTS					34
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Above:  
Society accounts

Left:  
C.E.P. grants accounts

Joe remembers . . . My great aunt Jeannie lived next to us in David Street, just north of Hume Street. Hers was a slab home with two front rooms and a big kitchen with a colonial oven. The kitchen must have been 20 foot by 30. Our backyards were long - with quince trees at the bottom.

The other kids thought I was a bit different because I liked being with old people and hearing their stories. Aunt Jeannie'd had six children and only then found that her man was a bigamist. My father said it turned her hair white overnight. I used to sit in her kitchen and listen to her. The time I'm talking about was soon after the first world war. She said that when the blacks were on their way through, they camped under the quince trees. She'd give them tea and salt, sugar and flour and sometimes bake their damper in her colonial oven. They'd be a family, I suppose - there were piccaninies. She wasn't scared of them; she respected them and they respected her.

The blacks buried their dead in the sandhills west of David Street and south of the tennis courts but there's nothing to be seen now. It's just paddock, levelled and mown.

(Joe Spalding told Anne Davies when she asked about aboriginals in Albury)

This month's Question: Do you know of any other burial places for aboriginals or pioneers (before 1850) in or near Albury?

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Some of our members attended the lecture on Aboriginal Sound Instruments by Dr Alice Moyle, Honorary Visiting Fellow of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies. Dr Moyle has spent many years studying the music of the Australian Aborigines, has 5,000 hours of sound recordings of speech and all sorts of comments on their history. We learned that the "didgeridoo" is found only in the top end of the Northern Territory and was originally made of bamboo. It is usually played as an accompaniment to singing. It is the only instrument that cannot be copied by any other. Some instruments are played only in initiation ceremonies of Aboriginal men and are never seen by women, a bamboo whistle is sounded as a warning for women to keep away. Some of the instruments are made of trees, sea shells, animal skins, sticks, wooden rasps, "bee seed rattles" made from the scales of a bee, seed pods and dried leaves tied to the ankles of men dancers. Over the past forty years, guitars have become quite common with young Aborigines. Boomerang tap sticks can be found in Hall's Creek area, making varied sounds and rattles, they must be a matched pair and are very rare. The first sound recordings of Aboriginal instruments were made on wax cylinders and gramophone in 1898. In 1899, Mrs Fanny Watson Smith sang several Aboriginal songs she learned as a girl. They were recorded on cylinders.

We were able to watch an Audio-Visual of slides of Aboriginal Ceremonies, Dr Moyle taped the singing. Their music mostly depicts the birds, animals and fish of the region.  
Mary Thurling.

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"A STOCK AGENT REMEMBERS" written by Alec Watson - Riverina memories - \$6.50 from Joan Pym, 624 David Street, Albury. 21 4233

"MURRAY LOOK" (\$2.95) is a new magazine supported by the Murray Valley League.

The Winter "Murray Look" has articles on water management, tourism, history and anything to do with the River. Of particular historical interest are: "Hume Reservoir - 50 Years", "Peppin Heritage Centre, Deniliquin" and a review of Elyne Mitchell's "Discoverers of the Snowy Mountains" - Macmillan - \$24.95.

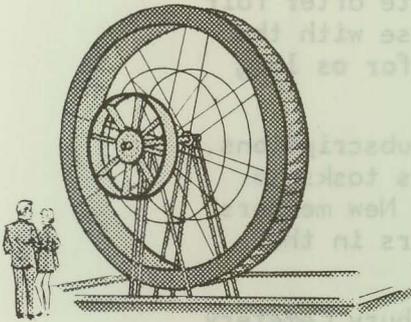
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A Saturday Museum Volunteer had a phone call from AMV4 "We may be a bit late for our interview with Dr Barnett." Hesitantly she remarked "There is an exhibition here on Dr Barnett and the Irish Tiger." "Yes, but we may not be there until 11.25." Would they be a hundred years late? ! Then people started arriving: 2 visitors from Sydney & their Albury hostess, AMV4 with clobber, Connie Kordell, a BMM reporter - all gathered in the Exhibition Room. Explanation: Mrs Sheila Clark, grand-daughter of Dr Barnett, and her son also a doctor but of linguistics had flown down to see the exhibition and to give some fascinating mementos. They included a miniature of Dr B. complete with flowing beard and smoking cap, a photo of 4 Barnett sons (middle aged) and a mounted oval photo of the doctor's house at Doctor's Point - a small house, with a verandah, almost hidden in trees. A.I.D.

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Next Meeting Tuesday 12th August, 8pm, at C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

DES MARTIN will speak about WODONGA, which was first settled 150 years ago. Des is a lifetime resident of Wodonga and has followed many pursuits including those of farmer, author and storyteller. Members and visitors are sure to enjoy a most entertaining evening.

### President's Question

What information is available about burial places for  
Aboriginals or Europeans (before 1850) in or near Albury?

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### Last Meeting

What Kind of a Place was Albury in 1938?

Bruce Pennay showed pictures from the Border Morning Mail and presented some of the findings he has made after examining the electoral roll and other records of the time. He indicated that Albury was a small but growing town of about 11,000 people. Its economy was related closely to the countryside it served. Commercially it appeared to be prosperous; the extent of new buildings in the town showed it to be economically vigorous.

In 1938 Albury was changing its shape. It was ceasing to be a walking town and was adjusting to the car. Portions of the town were developing separate identities and there was a growing segregation of the well-to-do from the rest of the community. There was concern about national security and expressions of anti-German sentiments that must have been particularly worrying to those of German heritage.

His guess was that feminist historians are probably right in doubting the warmth of the parlour in a society which had such sharply different expectations of men and women. Albury people regarded their town as being disadvantaged by its location on the border and expressed annoyance at the domination of capital cities.

For the comfortable, he concluded, life could be varied, even cosy, but not everybody was comfortable or cosy. Although the town was emerging from the depression by 1938 there was still a great deal of poverty and discontent. These were not the good old days.

There was quite a lot of discussion in which members drew on their memories to confirm or challenge what was put forward about the availability of cars and gas stoves, the kind of neighbourhoods that existed in some streets, and the leisure pursuits available to folk at the time.

Bruce Pennay would like to speak with people who lived in Albury or nearby in the inter-war years to expand further what he has begun to uncover about lifestyles and community outlook. He can be contacted at Murray Campus of Riverina-Murray Institute on (060) 230 800.

Meeting Procedure Mr John Mollison's suggestion to hear the guest speaker before the business meeting was put to the vote after fair consideration, and defeated. Most of the members want to dispense with the chores then relax and give the speaker their undivided attention for as long as he or she has the audience's interest.

Subscriptions Thanks to all members who have already paid subscriptions. Early renewal makes the membership secretary's tasks so much easier. A membership form was attached to the July issue. New members are always welcome. We hope to publish a list of financial members in the next Bulletin.

Lychgate The steel work for the lychgate at the old Albury Cemetery is being pre-fabricated at the Albury College of TAFE. Gerry Curtis is speaking to service clubs to solicit financial support for the project.

Albury Regional Museum is showing a new exhibition entitled "Early Motoring in Victoria" featuring an outstanding collection of large photographs taken from the Paynting Collection at the La Trobe Library, Melbourne. Also on display is a 1911 Bradbury motor cycle on loan to the Museum from Mr George Edwards of Albury. The exhibition will be on display 10.30am to 4.30pm until 14th September.

Free admission to the Museum has been extended to the end of the year.

Can You Help? Mr L.A. Cass, 29 Spring Myrtle Ave, Nambour, Qld, 4560 who believes his ancestor came from England with nuts, bolts and possibly timber for a bridge over the Murray River. A son, Charles Edmund Cass, married in Victoria in 1870 and was later a hotelkeeper in Albury.

Mrs Lyne S. Blacklow, C/- Post Office, Crescent Head NSW 2440 with information about her great grandfather John William Darby who was born in Albury c1861. His mother was a daughter of Luke Everitt. The family kept hotels in this area.

Baron Ferdinand von Mueller Thanks to our member Jim Batson, of Bendigo for providing for the Archives Room a copy of his research into the life of Baron von Mueller, botanist (1825-1896).

Secretary's phone number. We apologise for the error in the last issue. Kevin Esler's phone number is 20 5278.

Robert Brown Vonnie Wharton relates a story told to her by her great-aunts, daughters of Robert Brown, Albury's first settler:

At Collendina one day the workmen had come in for their midday meal, bringing a stranger. Family and workmen ate together. As one of the aunts was waiting at table, (Florence, I think) she noticed the stranger had a pistol in his belt. She eventually managed to let Robert (Brown) know. Later the stranger "invited" (I'm sure of that word) Robert to mount his best horse and to accompany him to the boundary. In imagination I can see the family waiting and praying. At the boundary the stranger told Robert he was Morgan (the bushranger) and he had come to Collendina to kill him, but after hearing the men speak so well of him and seeing for himself how he treated his men, "You will never have anything to fear from me, nor will the Sloanes of Mulwala". So, we need not wonder how Robert Brown was able to live in harmony with the natives at the Crossing Place (Albury) or elsewhere.

German Immigrants The following names are supplied to supplement the story on pp 3 & 4. Family names of those known to have settled in Albury were: Dick, Eck, Müller, Frauenfelder, Popp/Bopp, Reis, Weichsel, Zoeller, Dallinger, Kolb, Dreikluft, Brumm, Eberle, Eisenhauer, Gaber, Helm, Merkel, Ortlipp, Weidner, Gehrig, Ries, Knobel, Kalbrunner, Reinhardt, Eppel, Quatcher, Rau, Schubach, Schultheis, Stassen and Warzelhahn.

Some of those known to have settled in other areas include: Blattmann, Geiger, Friedenwald, Häuser, Hoffmann, Käffner, Kreuzer, Löllbach, Prell/Brell, Schliessmann, Arzt, Schröder, Schüssler, Zahnleiter, Lill, Zeisz, Ries, Schubach and Helm.

## GERMAN IMMIGRANTS FROM BADEN AND NASSAU

- \* Did some of your forebears emigrate from Germany?
- \* Did they mostly arrive in the 1850's and 60's?
- \* Did they come from the wine-growing regions of the Rhine (that is from Baden or from the Rheingau area of Nassau) rather than from northern or eastern Germany?
- \* Were they Catholics (or Evangelist-protestant with Catholic relatives) rather than Lutheran?

If so, they belonged to a large body of people whose story is still waiting to be fully researched and written.

The Macarthur family set the ball rolling in 1838 with the importation of six families of German vintners from the Rheingau to be employed in the development of viticulture on their property at Camden. The experiment was successful and five years later another group was recruited. By the time the contracts of this group were due to expire, moves were being made by a number of wealthy landholders in NSW to persuade the Colonial Government to pay bounties for the importation of foreign workers skilled in the cultivation of the vine, and in other fields where British expertise was not available. (1) The regulation of 7 April 1847 gave the government's authorization, and a list of persons to whom permission had been granted to import foreign workers under the scheme was drawn up. (2)

The Hamburg Consul in Sydney, Wilhelm Kirchner, was the recruiting agent for the first batches of immigrant families to come to Australia under this scheme. They came mostly from the Rheingau area of Nassau, however one family on the first ship was that of Johann Peter Frauenfelder from Grosachsen in Baden. The first two shiploads of 104 families sailed from London on the "Beulah" and the "Parland", and arrived in Sydney in April and June 1849 followed by a third group on the "Harmony" in September.

In 1850 Kirchner gathered up a number of letters written home to relatives and friends from people on the "Beulah" and "Parland", and included 16 of them in the second edition of his book "Australien und Seine Vortheile für Auswanderer" (Australia and its advantages for Emigrants), first published in Frankfurt two years earlier. (3) His aim was not only to encourage Germans to emigrate to Australia, but to direct business to the Godeffroy line of ships sailing from Hamburg to Australia. The letters themselves are a rich source of information about the immigration experiences of our ancestors, and deserve to be republished in translation. At present they are only accessible to a reader of German through the one copy of Kirchner's book in the Mitchell Library, Sydney. However the general content of the letters and their historical background have been described in an article by George Nadel. (4)

By far the longest and most descriptive letter in the book is that written by Peter Frauenfelder to his numerous relations in Grosachsen and other towns in the Mannheim-Heidelberg area of Baden. There is also a letter from Sebastian Schubach from Erbach in the Rheingau, and two from his wife, Maria Eva Schubach. These two families, together with that of Heinrich Rau of Erbach, spent two years working on the William Walker & Co property at Kyamba, after which they moved to Albury and settled there. They leased land and planted the first grape vines in the town, thus beginning an industry which became an important one in Albury before the turn of the century. In 1870 a group of townspeople honoured the three pioneers with a presentation of inscribed silver jugs in recognition of their contribution to the prosperity of the town. (5)

Encouraged, no doubt, by further letters from Peter Frauenfelder and his two associates, and perhaps with some local advertising by Kirchner on behalf of the Godeffroy shipping line, whose Sydney agent he was, a stream of families began to leave the towns of the Rheingau and north Baden for Australia, and a number of single people as well. On my ever growing list of emigrants from towns in the Mannheim-Heidelberg region the numbers of men (married and single) who left via Hamburg for

1. Historical Records of Australia, Series I, Vol 25, pp. 493-512.
2. Historical Records of Australia, Series I, Vol 26, p. 10.
3. W. Kirchner, *Australien und seine Vortheile für Auswanderer*. 2nd ed. Frankfurt, 1850. pp.59-158.
4. George Nadel. Letters from German Immigrants in New South Wales. *Journal of the Royal Australian Historical Society*, Vol. 39, 1953. pp. 253-266.
5. *Border Post*, 4 May 1870.

Australia 1850-54 now stands as follows: from Kdfertal 38, Heddesheim 8, Grosachsen 9, Schriesheim 13, and from twelve other towns and villages 30 more; and a further search of the Hamburg passenger lists could add almost as many again. At the same time similar numbers were leaving towns in the Rheingau, such as Erbach, Eltville, Kiedrich, Oestrich, RÜdesheim, Frauenstein and others. (6)

Since the government bounties were only paid for married people and their families, a number of Baden couples (Catholic) married in Hamburg on the way through. (7) We know from Peter Frauenfelder's letter that ten couples were married by the captain in a single ceremony on board the "Beulah" during the voyage, and at the same time two babies were baptised. The bridal couples and the parents of the babies were presented with a bottle of good red wine from Madeira and a cake, and the whole shipload of immigrants and sailors danced and sang for the rest of the day, aided by a bucket of rum supplied by the captain at midday and again in the evening. This happy picture of shipboard life contrasts strangely with later tales of woe from German immigrant ships which were recorded by the Select Committee on German Immigration in 1858. (8)

When bounty money for foreign immigrants ran out, workers were still recruited by immigration agents under a scheme whereby the prospective employer paid for the passage and was repaid £18 by the immigrant from his wages over two years of employment. (9) Numbers of people from Baden and Nassau continued to sail to Sydney and Moreton Bay from Hamburg and Bremen under this scheme, going to employers in various parts of NSW and Queensland. Others paid their own fares from the sale of their farms in Germany. Among these were the many relatives of Peter Frauenfelder who sailed from Hamburg on the "Peter Godeffroy" to Sydney in 1852 and on the "Victoria" to Melbourne in 1854. They went at once to Albury where they leased land, applied for naturalization, and settled down to the business of farming, plying their trades and bringing up their families.

As a result of this wave of immigration Albury supported a large group of immigrant Germans more than a decade before the migration of Lutheran groups up the Murray River from South Australia began in 1867. (10) These Lutheran groups set up their settlements in the districts immediately surrounding Albury, in Jindera, Gerogery and Walla Walla.

Although there were some protestant families among the earlier group, the majority were Catholic. By 1857 so great had become the German attendance at the Sunday Mass, that the newly appointed Irish parish priest, Rev. Cornelius Twomey, decided that he ought to learn German. In October of that year it was reported in the Border Post in Albury, and repeated in the Empire in Sydney, that the reverend gentleman had just preached his first sermon to the Germans of Albury in their native tongue, after a study period of four months! (11) On 11 August 1858 the Border Post reported in German and English the first German ball in Albury on the previous Tuesday. Despite pouring rain and muddy streets, there was a good roll-up and the occasion continued with good food, wine and dancing till daybreak.

There is still much to be learnt about these Baden and Nassau people, especially those who settled in places other than Albury. The author would like to hear from any descendants of this group. A register of contact persons is being compiled, with a view to forming a special interest group, so if you, the reader, have anything to add to this field of knowledge- however small - please write.

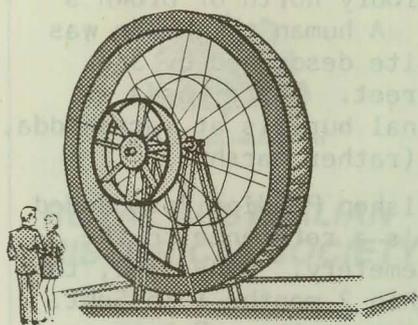
(Mrs) Jenny Paterson, 3A King Edward Street, Croydon, NSW, 2132

6. Hamburg. Auswanderungsamt. Auswandererlisten, 1850-1934.
7. K.W. Klüber. Badener Für Australien. Südwestdeutsche Blätter Für Familien-u. Wappenkunde. Band 17, Heft 12, 1984.
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9. Ibid.
10. Border Post, 3 Jul 1867 and 26 Jul 1889.
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Next Meeting: 8 pm Tuesday 9th September, C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

FRANK HIGGINS will speak on EARLY LAVINGTON . . .

people - mining - fruit growing - timber getting  
all before the 2nd World War

SLIDES BY COLIN FRAUENFELDER

Last Meeting The Speaker was Des Martin and his subject Wodonga and district.

An earnest student had asked him about his research. "In pubs" he replied "and notes on the back of betting slips!" Memories are not always accurate nor are written records. His main headings were: Pioneers, especially the Huon family; Transport, telling first about the Port of Wodonga at House Creek for steamers and then about travel by coach, railway, car and plane; Schools, which ranged from A.A.Huon's private school at Murra-Murran-Bong in 1837 to the first State school in 1857, the Catholic schools from 1876 to the Clyde Cameron College; Hotels - many!; Police Station and Court House; Shops (Mann's 1921) and Buildings; Religion; Medical; and Industry and Growth. It was a most comprehensive survey but members who wish to know more should read Des Martin's book "A Tale of Twin Cities".

Frank Higgins gave an enthusiastic vote of thanks and recommended strongly another book by Des Martin. "Many a Mile" is a story about real people.

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THE NAME HUON occurs not only around Wodonga but in south west Tasmania. Could there be any connection? The quotation below seems to deny it. However, Anne Holloway remembers Tom Mitchell telling her that Huon Kermadec was related to the French branch of the Huon de Kerilleau family. Tom Mitchell's great-grandmother was Elizabeth Mitchell née Huon; he had researched the family history thoroughly and had visited his relations in France.

From A Record of Tasmanian Nomenclature compiled by J Moore-Robinson, 1911:

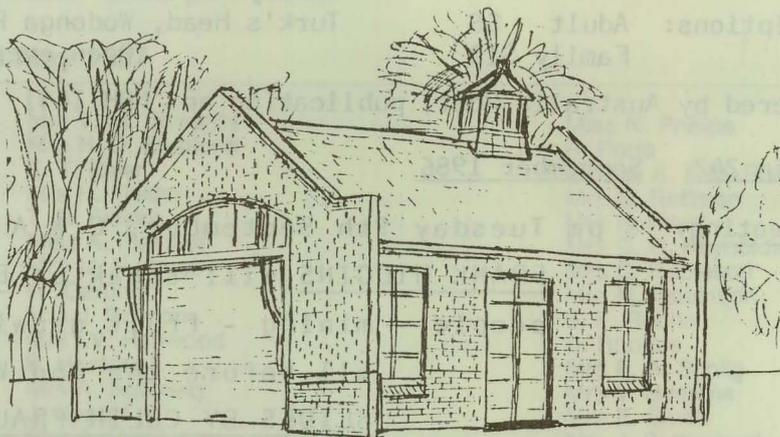
HUON RIVER, discovered and first charted by the French Admiral D'Entrecasteaux, in 1792, and named by him after Captain Huon Kermadec, his second in command. In 1794 Captain John Hayes sailed up the D'Entrecasteaux Channel, and, unaware of the Frenchman's visit, named the River "Adamson's Harbour". In the very early days a valuable soft wood was discovered in the vicinity, and called Huon pine. It is botanically known as "Dacrydium franklinii," and became famous primarily for shipbuilding, and later for all kinds of joinery. It was later found in many parts of Southern Tasmania. Some of the best known of the early colonial-built vessels were constructed of Huon pine, and on the Huon River. HUONVILLE. The name is obviously derived from the river, on the banks of which it stands, but the history of the name is obscure.

At the August Meeting answers about burial grounds in or near Albury before 1850 came quickly. "The Sandhills" were in South Albury north of Brown's Lagoon. There were only shallow burials & human bones came up. A human thighbone was found at 352 David Street. This was across the road from the site described by Joe Spalding as being south of the tennis courts & west of David Street. There was a Chinese cemetery at Ebdon Street. There is a record of aboriginal burials at Yarrowudda, a tribal name, north of Bridge Street below Macquarie Worsteds (rather marshy?).

Helen Livsey's research of newspapers showed that in 1858 Archbishop Polding "proceeded to the suburbs to consecrate the burial ground". In 1859 there's a reference to the "old cemetery". 1860, Dr Crichton was re-interred in the new cemetery. June 1862, the Town Clerk requested the removal of remains to New Cemetery within 2 months & in Sept. 1862, Thomas Allen advertised he would do the work at very moderate rates. But we are still uncertain of the date when the new cemetery was opened at "Kolb's paddock on the Gerogery Road".

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Gerry Curtis drew  
 this building  
 and asks  
 "Where is it?"  
 "When was it built?"  
 "What is it used for?"  
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News about members:

A Retirement Dinner was arranged by Hume Shire Council to pay tribute to Frank Higgins, its former Deputy Shire Clerk, for many years of exemplary service to the community. The Dinner was well attended by about 160 people including Gerry Curtis and Kevin Esler from this Society. The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Doug Sutherland referred to Frank's unequalled knowledge of plaques and tablets around Sydney. At the Presentation, a curtain was pulled back to display a roll top desk - a fitting tribute to an historian.

Larger Families for two committee members. Congratulations to Hazel and Howard Jones on the birth of their son Brendan David and to Lurna and Keith Burnham on the birth of their daughter Katherine Jane.

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THE LYCH-GATE Have you seen the Lych-gate framework standing boldly at the top of David Street? It's worth a visit. The T A F E apprentices have made a good job of it. Unfortunately, the fund-raising has not proceeded very fast as the Service Clubs approached are mostly supporting other worthy causes.

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CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs H B Hansen, 29/180 Laurence Street, Wodonga 3690 with a photo of herself and the cake commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Australia in 1938. The picture appeared in the Official Souvenir Programme for the Albury celebrations.

Mrs R Marquand, 112 Arundel Street, Benalla 3672. Johanna Christiane Koschel and her four sons Carl, Wilhelm, Paul and Reinhold arrived in this area in 1880 and purchased land at Leneva and later at Bethanga. Any information, please.

Peter North, 2/211 Macquarie Street, Dubbo 2830 wants information about James Henry Spence who married Catherine Conolly. Their son, also named James Henry, was born in Albury in 1860 and married Elizabeth Crisp in 1890.

Michael Starr, 36 Manoora Avenue, Wagga 2650 requires the date and place of death of George Carter. His wife Adeline (née Hipkins) died at Gap Flat in 1878. Their daughter, Henrietta Carter, married Johannes (John) Muller/Miller of Allans Flat.



VETERIS NON INSCIUS AEVI

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Register by 15 September.

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### BIENNIAL STATE CONFERENCE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

10-12 October 1986

DUDLEY HOUSE, BENDIGO

The programme for this conference, also on 10 - 12 October, includes: on Saturday, talks on "Local History and the Future" - "Bendigo Hotels of the Past" - "Letters from a German Pioneer"- "Uncle Ryland, Goldfields Schoolmaster" and "An unwritten History of Bendigo". There will be a visit and guided tour of Bendigo Art Gallery and a debate on "Local Historians or Professional Historians". On Sunday there will be a guided tour of historic buildings and lunch at Ravenswood Homestead.

Registration costs: complete conference = \$38, Saturday only including lunch = \$12, Saturday only including lunch and dinner = \$27. Accommodation extra. Registration by 20 September.

More information on both conferences will be tabled at the Society's September meeting or may be obtained from Helen Livsey, (060) 21 3671.

## Australian Archives

The Australian Archives is responsible for the broad management of the whole body of the records of the Commonwealth Government. It maintains a Central Office in Canberra with offices in all State capitals, Canberra, Darwin and Townsville.

With few exceptions the records held by the Australian Archives are those which have been kept by Commonwealth agencies in the course of their official business. Once they are no longer needed for day to day activities, these records are transferred to Australian Archives custody where they are either kept permanently or, in due course, destroyed under a formal disposal authority.

Generally speaking, records are stored in the Regional Office which is located in the same State or Territory as the agency to whose functions they relate.

Although most of the records in custody relate to Commonwealth activities since 1901, there are significant holdings of 19th century records which relate to functions transferred to the Commonwealth, or after Federation. These include aborigines, customs, defence, naturalization, patents, posts and telegraphs, and shipping and lighthouses.

A wide range of services is provided to Commonwealth agencies and to the public. In general, Commonwealth records are open to the public after 30 years.

Australian Archives Central Office, 216 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon, A C T, 2601

**BILL PEACH** would be most interested to hear from anybody with memories of his grandparents, Robert and Catherine Peach. Robert Peach (1863-1946) was born in Beechworth, came to Albury as a boy of 15, and worked for nearly half a century as a wheelwright in Higgins' Coach Factory, now Elm Court. He lived at 423 Olive Street, on the southern corner of the Catholic Church and convent block. (Was this area called Irish Town?) Robert was a good footballer in his youth, playing with a team called the Federals. Later he was a keen fisherman & a champion shot with the Albury Rifle Club.

Catherine Peach was the daughter of Patrick and Ellen Flynn, very early settlers in Albury. Patrick died in 1867, perhaps as the result of an accident. Ellen lived on till 1918, and with her son Jimmy operated a hansom cab service from an old house in Stanley Street, behind the Commercial Club, which was recently offered for sale. Are there any relatives of this Flynn family still in Albury?

If you have any information please write to Bill at 5 Cyprian Street, Mosman, 2088.

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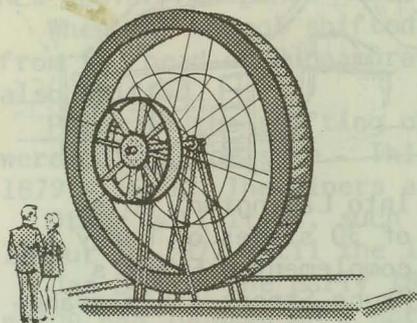
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It is encouraging that two thirds of our members have re-joined. Are you on the above list? Have you a blue membership card? If not, please re-new soon as this is the last Bulletin we can afford to send to non-members. Helen Livsey keeps the Mailing List up-to-date; after 19th September she will be typing and photocopying the postage labels ready for the next year - and the October Bulletin.

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8 pm Society Business for no more than half an hour.

8.30 Guest Speaker - Dr Allan Hogan on

"DR CLEAVER WOODS - and his pioneering work on X-rays"

9.30 15 minute video on the Proposed Development for Office Space  
of the Old Farmers and Graziers Building on the  
corner of Smollett and Kiewa Streets, Albury.

The President asks: "Who were the doctors of Doctor's Point?"

Doctor's Point is south of Eastern Hill, Albury above a lagoon.

### TWO TOURS

Sunday 19th October between 2 and 4 pm. Visit by MEMBERS ONLY to the site and old cellar  
of what is probably THE HERMITAGE VINEYARD at Doctor's Point, Albury.  
To get there, turn off Doctor's Point Road into Murray View Drive. Lot 24 is on the  
right hand side. Please park in Murray View Drive because of limited parking and the  
single lane driveway to the house. Walk up the concrete drive. Afternoon Tea.

Sunday 26th October. DAY TOUR TO WYMAH 11 am, meet at the Bowna Reserve which is on the  
right of the Hume Highway just before the Wymah turn-off opposite  
Lewry's Boomerang Factory. Tour Guides: Alan Casey and Holford Lempriere (25 6308).  
B.Y.O. Picnic for lunch in Holbrook Boating Club grounds. Talks by Alan Casey. Guided  
tour of early settlements including views of Cumberoona & Mugwee. Scenic views of the  
Upper Murray. Bring binoculars. More views than loos! Return journey could be by  
Wymah punt into Victoria and back across the Bethanga bridge.

### ALBURY CENTRAL HERITAGE STUDY

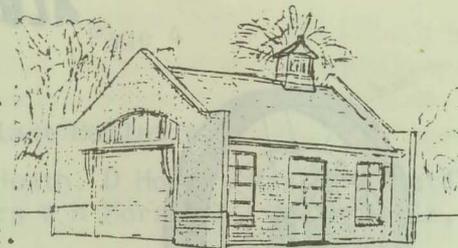
Albury City Council is conducting an Albury Central Heritage Study. The study aims  
to review the current conservation provisions of the Local Environmental Plan and to  
propose strategies for conserving environmental heritage in the Albury Central area.

The study will analyse the history of the central area; identify, analyse and record  
heritage items; review and evaluate previously identified items and areas; and recommend  
conservation objectives, policies and strategies.

The study team includes Ken Young (Architect), Alan Grant (Landscape Architect) and  
Bruce Pennay (Historian) from Albury - Jocelyn Colleran (Conservation Planner) and  
Jonathon Winston-Gregson (Historical Archaeologist) both from Canberra. It has received  
a great deal of assistance from our president G Curtis and is drawing heavily on the  
Society's records held at the History Room of the Library.

1. Last month's Question was about this building.

It was identified by John Craig. It sits in the corner of the Albury City Council depot at Smollett Street and Wodonga Place and houses the main sewerage pump station. It was built about 1916-1917 and has been in use as the pumping station ever since. It is built of fancy brickwork.



2. Frank Higgins gave us the benefit of his years of research into Lavington. His "Address" is printed below. Colin Frauenfelder's presentation of 30 slides of Early Lavington was excellent in quality, interest & commentary. It complemented Frank's informative enthusiasm. Col showed his grandfather's house in Prune Street & his grandfather, John Frauenfelder who was manager of Murray Valley Association's Vineyard; the Vineyard & the Pioneer Cup. J.F. planted prune trees (hence Prune Street), apple trees & vines - we saw pictures of prunes drying in trays & the inside of the packing shed. Also shown were Schools; Literary Institute; 1932 Groups of people; Wood Day; Water Celebrations & Reservoir; Cricket & Football teams; Churches & Blacksmith's shops.

LAVINGTON TO 1939 (excluding East Lavington - Fallon's)      Address by Frank Higgins.

#### LAVINGTON (BLACK RANGE) AREA.

Lavington is situated about 5 - 10 kilometres (3 - 6 miles) from the centre of Albury. It is located north of Union Road, encompassed on the west and south by the Black Range with the Great Southern Railway on the east, comprising an area of about 50 square kilometres (20 square miles). The undulations in the area form Union Road Valley (Black Springs Creek); Hamilton Valley; Urana Road Valley (Lesters Creek); with these feeding into the main drainage channel, the Bungambrawatha Creek. It was said, "when it rains on the Black Range, it floods in Albury".

A central flat area falls from north to south, which along Prune Street falls about 20 metres (70 feet).

The Black Range and Bungambrawatha Creek first lured the land sailors with the promise of gold, later to anchor them with other activities. The land ordered the pattern of settlement and, unlike Albury, the Lavington land survey came after settlement. The early "V" shaped main arteries of Urana (Jindera) Road and Wagga Road helped influence the future location of some roads with their "V" intersections.

#### BLACK RANGE (LAVINGTON) - ISOLATION FROM ALBURY.

Black Range (Lavington) was isolated from Albury because the Sydney Road passed through Thurgoona and Bowna. Further, Albury Permanent Common of 1087 acres, dedicated 19th May 1868, and the Temporary Common of 7000 acres, notified 26th June 1868, (previously the Black Range Goldfield) was a land barrier, as well as being Albury's land bank. The major part of Lavington would be surveyed out of the Temporary Common.

#### G O L D - BLACK RANGE CENTRE AROUND PRUNE STREET, JUST NORTH OF KAITLERS ROAD.

Discoveries in the Black Range & of alluvial gold were reported in 1852, but other goldfields held greater attraction. A Gold Reward Fund reached \$3100 in 1857 when Teeke a Cornish miner began sinking in the Black Range to seek a lead for the reef. He must have been unsuccessful because in 1860 when fossicking on the Black Range was flourishing another Albury Gold Reward Fund was established. The reward was never claimed. By 1865 there was in excess of 600 working on the field. The Lavington Quartz Mill Company on the 29th November 1865 had Mrs Blackmore, Mayoress, officially name a crusher "The Lavington", with luncheon supplied by Messrs Jennings and Davis of the Lavington Hotel. The Empire Hotel (A G Sinclair) is also shown as licensed on the Black Range diggings. Jennings and Davis dissolved partnership in 1866. Black Range Hotel was up for auction in June 1866, and in 1868 Geo. Willliott was authorised to move the licence from Black Range to Jindera.

A school was opened on the 16th October 1865 in a wooden building on the north-west corner of Prune and Murphy Streets. Mr William Swindlehurst, 22 years old, was appointed teacher with an enrolment of about 27 pupils. The school, like the goldfields, fluctuated in its activity (school closed September 1868, re-opened April 1874).

The names of the gold deposits within the vicinity of Lavington were; Portuguese Gully mine; Border City mine; W Jones and party; May Day; Wealands; One Tree Hill reef; Ethiopian mine; China claim; Black Range Deep lead; Albury Common deposit.

Some of the miners were: Wealands, Goldsworthy, Livermore, Carsten, Polkinghorne, Strang, Moffat, Osborne, Norris, Meredith, McGrath.

## NEW CENTRE FOR BLACK RANGE (LAVINGTON) - COMMENCEMENT OF STABILITY. POPULATION ESTIMATE

When the school shifted down in 1883 to the corner of Hague & Prune Streets [600-700] from the head of Bungambrawatha Creek, then the centre of Black Range (Lavington) was also shifted.

Prior to the shifting of the school, 2 acre portions of land in the Parish of Mungabarina were put up for sale. This was followed by a land survey out of the Temporary Common in 1879 - 1880. The miners and their families were starting to settle down permanently.

Other activities, such as tobacco cultivation revived at Black Range with Chinese labour in 1877 until the 1890's.

Jas Box in the early 1880's followed Affleck & Howard in sericulture at Lavington which was located on 2 acre blocks at the western end of Union Road near the new cemetery.

P Buchhorn early in the 1890's moved from Albury to Lavington and commenced planting an orchard. Others such as Schneider and Zerbst were to follow him out to Lavington, who no doubt were encouraged by the new opportunities and the regular land sales.

James Colquhoun, with the help of his wife Annie, operated the post office from May 1889. The Progress Association commenced in 1893 and the Lavington Literary Institute opened in 1894.

Henry Hague impressed his influence upon Lavington when in 1897 he commenced his thirty years as headmaster at Lavington School.

The laity were the ones active in the various churches, with churches being erected in about 1900, St James' Church of England; 1902, Methodist; 1904, Catholic.

## STABILITY 1906 - 1939 HUME SHIRE 1906. POPULATION. 700 to 1300 ESTIMATE.

219 were enrolled for Black Range in 1905, when enrolment was not compulsory. 90 (40%) females had their occupation recorded as domestic duties. The occupations of the males were: 39 (18%) miner; 33 (15%) labourer; 12 (6%) farmer; 8 (4%) contractor; 5 (2½%) woodcarter; 4 (2%) blacksmith 3 slaughterman; 2 carpenter; carrier; brickmaker; the balance were different occupations.

It is worth noting that there is not a single orchardist, although fruit growing was becoming firmly established and would provide the main source of income by the end of the 1st World War and the Lavington Agricultural Bureau was formed in 1912. It represented those most active in the community.

Lavington had settled down and must have looked magnificent when the blossoms broke in Spring. About the residents, it was felt that there was just something distinctive which was possible highlighted through their football team.

Lavington played Walla in the 1939 Grand Final at Burrumbuttock. Clive Bohr was centre umpire with Jack Schneider one of the boundary umpires. All, except about six, were reported, when one of the Walla players bounced the ball practically the length of the field to kick a goal. The Lavington player eventually caught him and kicked him in the backside. Virtually it was the final act of Lavington's rampant independence before the kissing had to stop and Australia was at war.

After the war Lavington joined the "community of nations" and it was a different team that won the grand finals this year. Possibly a remnant of the Lavington spirit still lives in the Lavington Bush Fire Brigade.



## TWO ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM EXHIBITIONS

"TELECOMMUNICATIONS AT THE CROSSING PLACE"

A Working Exhibition of Equipment from the Albury Exchange 1935-1985 which includes a graphic history of telecommunications in the region from 1856 to 1985 prepared by the Communications Section of Telecom.

Opens officially October 22nd - Speaker, William Stirling, Regional Manager.

Note: "The Works" will be explained to Museum Attendants before visitors arrive!

"SILVER, IVORY AND OLD LACE" from the Museum's costume and textile collection.

Opens in the South Exhibition Room on November 5th at 7.30pm.  
Speaker: Albury Designer, Mrs Mercedes Wolfenden.

Special Viewing, prior to "Setting Up", for Historical Society members especially long-time members, to help identify clothes and accessories. Probably 27/28 October between 10.30 and 4.30. Ring the Museum, 21 4550, for further information.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Membership List continued. Subscriptions received since last Bulletin.

Members R Brown, A Butt, Mrs L Carey, C.W.A. Albury, F W Heath, D Horne, Mrs H Kahwati, L Kupke, Miss G Langlands, H Mair, Mrs E Moore, Mrs W M Morrison, Mrs K Ortiz, B Pennay, L L Rigg, D Royal, A Savidge.

Families of S Judd, Bill Marsden and A Scott.

AVIATION IN THE BORDER DISTRICT Des Martin gave Gerry Curtis 2 sets of notes on Aviation when he spoke to the Society at the Aug. meeting. There are 10 and 4 typed page stapled together. Gerry can't find them anywhere. Have you seen them? or collected the accidentally from the President's table? Please return them to Gerry Curtis, 682 Holmwood Cross, Albury or to the October meeting.

A History of the Baptist Church in Albury has been written by Howard Jones. Photocopies available, price \$1.50. Phone Howard on 21 6589.

Mrs Jean Read, Mr Wattie Fielder and Mrs Joyce Livsey have been in hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Deaths. Members Mr and Mrs F R Steward were killed in a car accident at Coonabarabran. Sympathy is extended to family and friends.

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CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Pauline Graves, RMB 215A, Oxley Highway, Huntingdon, NSW, 2446 seeks information about, and descendants of, Thomas, Alfred, and Frederick Langlands. Thomas taught at Brocklesby, Woomargama, Bowna, Yattayattah and Cookardinia Schools between 1904 and 1936 when he retired.

## Lychgate Appeal

EVERY cemetery is an important part of the community. Most of us have relatives or friends buried there.

Albury's old cemetery in David St is one of the city's most historic treasures. It contains not only a wealth of family history, but also many tombstones of artistic or architectural merit.

The cemetery was opened in the 1860s, but contains remains of some earlier inhabitants originally buried in South Albury.

Occupations listed on the tombstones record the growth of Albury over more than a century.

Inscriptions are in English, German, Latin, Latvian, Serbian and some other European languages, and there are some with Chinese characters.

The society is honoring the pioneers buried in the cemetery by erecting a lychgate. Ken Young's design is based on an earlier lychgate long since disappeared.

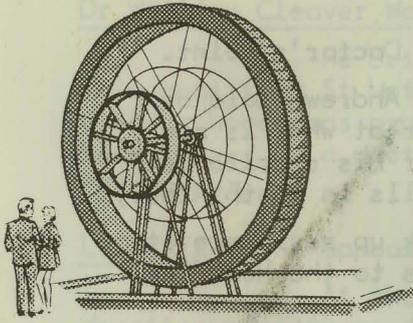
Can you help us raise the \$4500 needed for this heritage project? The City Council supports the project but cannot commit ratepayers' funds. Albury TAFE College has generously supplied trade apprentices to do most of the labor.

If you wish to share our civic pride in our unique cemetery, send a donation to The Albury and District Historical Society, PO Box 822, Albury 2640.

**GERRY CURTIS, President.**

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### HUME WEIR JUBILEE

To commemorate the Official Opening of the Weir which took place on 21st November, 1936, the Society presents an evening of slides and anecdotes from the construction site.

As well as the engineering story, this presentation will deal with the human interest: the men who worked on the project, the two villages, the social life, the tragedies. Among the eighty slides will be many rare photographs, some never before seen in public.

The President asks: What was it like living at the Hume Weir and Mitta Junction townships during the construction of the dam? What was available in the way of leisure facilities, sports, stores and what private enterprise existed?

WYMAH TOUR Although the date set for our day at Wymah turned out to be a lovely spring day, the days before had provided a deluge which made it necessary to postpone the trip. The new date for the tour is Sunday, 23rd November. Meet 11.30 am at the Bowna Reserve which is on the right of the Hume Highway just before the Wymah turn-off opposite Jeff Lewry's Boomerang Factory. B.Y.O. picnic for lunch in the Holbrook Boat Club grounds. Alan Casey and Holford Lempriere (25 63) will tell us about the properties along Fowlers Swamp Creek Road. From Cumberoona Bridge we will pass "Old Toonalook", Corrigan's Gap, "Wollindina" and "Fairmont" before arriving at the Wymah Store. It is alleged that Patterson's Curse originated on Cumberoona. The Wymah Punt has been out of operation for servicing, but will resume its function prior to our visit

OBITUARY. Christina Priscilla Klinge. The Society has lost a valued member with the death of Miss Chris Klinge on 16th October.

Until her health failed she was secretary and treasurer for over twenty years, and always ready to share in the Society's activities, for which she was awarded Life Membership in 1981.

She was a gracious lady who will be missed by her many friends, and to Beth, her twin sister, we offer our sincere sympathy. The bond of love between Chris and Beth has been an example and inspiration to all who have known them.

HERITAGE WEEK 1987 5th to 12th April.

Suggestions for activities, functions or visits would be welcomed by our co-ordinator Keith Burnham, phone 24 0257 bus.hrs. Heritage Week is not exclusively for historical societies and there are many organizations who may like to participate and organise special events. These could be publicised through the Bulletin and on the posters supplied by the National Trust, who co-ordinate the national Week of Discovery.

October Meeting

The President's Question was about the Doctors of Doctor's Point.

In "The First Settlement of the Upper Murray" Dr Andrews told us that Dr CREIGHTON was allowed by Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell to reside at what is now Doctor's Point. He lived there, greatly respected and loved for his charitable disposition, until he died in 1847 and was buried at the Sand Hills in South Albury.

Dr Jeffrey James KEATINGE arrived in 1847 and took up residence at Doctor's Point. Two years later he occupied some brick additions to the Hume Inn, and later built a house in Townsend Street. He died in 1876.

Dr Joseph Knight BARNETT arrived in 1858, and could be consulted at Botterill's Medical Hall. In 1863 he bought John Roper's house in Kiewa Street and by 1866 had a property at "The Point". In 1874 Dr Barnett was practising in Young, but owned the Hermitage Vineyard "about two miles in a South Easterly direction" from Albury. It was "partly on the fertile plains which skirt the River Murray, but chiefly on the hillside which rises in some places at an acivity of about one in ten, trending northerly". The property covered 108 acres, portions of which had been used for agricultural purposes. However, in 1874 "operations were confined to the vineyard and orchards only".

The cottage where the owner had resided was in a romantic position on the brow of a tiny ravine with views of "the ancient village of Belvoir". The building had four rooms, brick walls, and a galvanised iron roof. Immediately to the rear was a kitchen, only detached by a few feet. Beneath the cottage floor was a clean, cool and dry cellar.

Dr Barnett was involved in the formation of an amateur dramatic club and was stage manager and scenic artist for some productions. He was first president of the Albury Volunteer Band in 1864. His first wife was Katherine, daughter of Police Magistrate Capt. Brownrigg. They had at least three children before she died in 1868 and the Doctor married her sister Maria in 1869. There were at least three children of the second marriage. Dr Barnett practised at Tintaldra for some years before his death in 1885. He is buried at Corryong.

We have every reason to believe that the remains of the cellar at Doctor's Point which some members visited on 19th October was the one referred to in 1874 as belonging to Dr Barnett.

(Helen Livsey)

DOCTOR WILLIAM CLEAVER WOODS was the subject of Dr Allan Hogan's address at the October meeting.

Dr Woods, who was born in 1852, spent his early years in Ballarat and in 1876 enrolled at Edinburgh University School of Medicine, there being no Australian School then. His medical career was outstanding and he graduated in 1882. In 1886 he obtained a doctorate for his thesis on the association between dogs, sheep and hydatids, although it was not until 1930 that the nature of the cycle became known. In 1901 he received a doctorate from the University of Melbourne for another thesis on hydatids.

In 1896 he was a pioneer of diagnostic x-rays and the first in the world to use x-ray therapy for cancer. However, the Albury Hospital board was not impressed and asked him to remove his infernal machine. The Ballarat School of Mines produced the first x-rays in Australia and possibly Cleaver Woods was aware of these.

Arthur Conan Doyle, a very sporty masculine type, also enrolled in Edinburgh School of Medicine in 1876. He is thought to have based his detective, Sherlock Holmes, on a lecturer, Joseph Bell, but he also made him a sensitive musician, possibly influenced by Cleaver Woods who was a good musician and supported himself during his course by playing the organ for functions. "The Boscombe Valley Mystery", which was based on a gold coach travelling from Ballarat to Melbourne, used many peculiarly Australian terms although at that time Conan Doyle had never visited Australia. Among Albury Base Hospital memorabilia is an x-ray dated 1901 of a fractured tibia of a Musgrave of Holbrook. In 1902 was published the Conan Doyle story "The Musgrave Ritual" set in a small village where sheep and cattle grazed some 30 miles north of a thriving market town.

After graduating Cleaver Woods returned to Australia practising for a time at Beechworth. He married Margaret Grieve of Bungowannah in 1889 and four of their children were to practice medicine.

Dr William Cleaver Woods. (Continued)

He built Valetta in Swift Street in 1898, was twice mayor of Albury, an organist at St Matthews Church and foundation member of the masonic lodge. Cleaver Woods was probably responsible for the popularity of the first name Cleaver in Albury. As a doctor, grateful patients may have wished to name their sons in his honour.

(Marie Aney)

LYCHGATE - the appeal so far

At the September meeting Gerry Curtis opened the appeal with a donation of \$100 to defray the costs of the building which will beautify our sacred and historic old cemetery. Since then the following donations have been received: \$100 Lester & Son, Mr & Mrs F. Boyes, \$50 Mr & Mrs W.W. Fielder, Dick Fielder, Jean Read, \$5 Mrs M. Cutler, \$200 Norm Douglas, \$10 Mrs D. Robinson, K.D. Williams, \$20 Annette Power, Mrs Musselwhite, Mrs A. Hayden, J & H Livsey, Sister Helen Shortal, and H.D. Mair.

It is unfortunate that the service clubs have been unable to contribute towards the cost of the building materials, as they are directing their funds to other worthy projects.

In addition to Ken Young, architect and the TAFE apprentices, thanks are due to Wighton Hire for the use of a portable generator, which constitutes a donation of \$42. Paint for the structure will be donated by Pascol Heritage Paints through their agents, the Paintbox Color Centre of Young Street. It is their picturesque advertisement which has appeared in the Border Morning Mail together with a photo of the Albury Railway Station, and other historic buildings for which they have supplied paint.

A total of \$795 has been received, and, as the Society would like to complete the project in the near future, donations towards the \$4,500 cost would be welcomed. They may be sent to the Society's P.O. Box 822, Albury, brought to the meeting or arrangements made by phoning 21 3172 or 21 3671.

The Committee would like to thank the above donors for their concern about the appearance of the last resting place of our forebears.

NEW MEMBERS Our membership list continues to grow with renewals received from A.G. Batson, Miss M. Gibson, Mrs S. Gray, C. Kordell, Mrs C. Scammell, R.C. Ward, and C.E. Bunton (Family Membership).

We welcome new members A. Griffin, Mrs M. Hodda, Mrs J. Maxwell, and Mrs W. Nelson. Mr & Mrs Ian Glachan are Family Members and Haberfields Milk have joined as Corporate Members.

WODONGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY played a prominent role in celebrations marking the Rural City's 150th year of settlement.

At the Society's request, City Council invited RAEME Training Centre to exercise its right to Freedom of the City in a spectacular parade on Friday, 3rd October. A huge crowd lined Jack Hore Place and schoolchildren were prominent among those who saw the Mayor, Councillor Malcolm McEachern, take the salute in High Street. Then, in the Civic Centre, Cr McEachern, in a brief but interesting ceremony, unveiled the plaque commemorating Charles Huon's arrival early in 1836.

The cairn on which the plaque is mounted was built from stone ruins of Huon's first "De Kerrilleau" homestead, later used as a coach house. The materials were donated by the Watson family who have held the historic property for well over sixty years. Old friendships were renewed at the civic reception which followed.

Wodonga will not rest on its laurels and views the establishment of a lookout on Huon's Hill as a project worth pursuing, provided that all parties concerned can reach a satisfactory agreement.

(Bon Phefley)

OUR DAILY NEWS Congratulations to the Border Morning Mail on taking out the F.J. Meacham Award as the best Regional Daily in Australia for the sixth time. The Wool Barons series was certainly deserving of the high praise and commendation it received and will serve as a rural history to be enjoyed by many future generations.



THE PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE is pleased to announce its new history sheet Vines and Wines and with it a new advertiser - the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation.

The advertising, sales and sponsorship, which these sheets have attracted have allowed us to publish them without recourse to Society funds apart from the first printing of "The First 25 Years". Mrs Boyes has released a new booklet entitled "Captain Hovell, His Australian Years". \$100 from the proceeds of pre-publication sales was presented to the Society to assist with the production of another History Sheet.

New advertisers, or sponsors are always welcome.

COMMUNITY RADIO 2REM-FM need funds to upgrade their transmitter. A Radiothon will be conducted from 7th to 9th November with an open day at the station in Borella Road, Albury Saturday, 8th November. As with other radio stations, 2REM provide a community service which allows us to publicise our meetings at no cost.

ABOUT PEOPLE The Society has acquired a list of some 800 names of Albury business people and other residents of the town in 1920. These were published in the massive "New South Wales Post Office Directory 1921". a copy of which was lent to us by the Woolpack Inn Museum, Holbrook.

It also lists Bowna, Holbrook, Howlong, Thurgoona and there is an extensive "Pastoral and Agricultural" list of farms and stations with occupants and acreages. These lists are invaluable guides for family history and occupations, and we thank Mr John Lynch of Holbrook for his help. Does any member know of any other similar directories?

RESEARCH Our new member, Anne Griffin, 62 Shaftsbury Parade, Thornbury, 3071 will undertake research into Victorian Public Records at a cost of nine dollars per hour, plus photocopying and postage. She will search Victorian wills, Port Phillip shipping arrivals to 1890, newspapers held at the State Library, the I.G.I., and Griffiths Valuation of rateable property in Ireland.

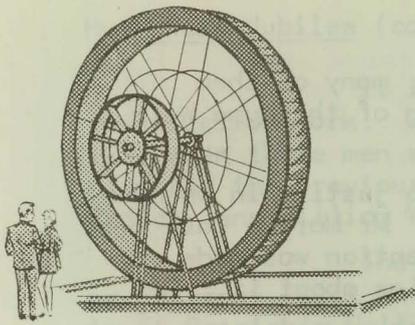
The Society has found it necessary to impose a research fee of ten dollars per hour plus photocopying due to the large number of requests received. Many enquirers do not even include the return postage when they write for information, and any enquiry takes at least an hour's work. If research takes more than an hour it is usually well worth the twenty dollars or more for the information that can be provided.

PRESERVATION The Department of Conservation Forests and Lands, Astra House, Hovell Street, Wodonga wants to know about the house beside the Victorian end of the Union Bridge. Information is needed urgently to prove the historic value of the house, otherwise it will be demolished. The Department estimates that the house is between 80 and 100 years old and it has a long history of unlicensed occupation, as no lease or license has been issued for its occupation.

Its proximity to an earlier bridge would indicate that it was relevant to the bridge or the state border. Information can be phoned to Mr B T Evans 24 2788.

ALBURY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY celebrates its centenary this year. It was formed on October 2, 1886 with a committee of J. Walker Jones, W.S. Chauncey, J.H. Wood, J.H. Turner, H.J. Burton, T. Affleck, G.C. Thorold, J. Box, J.H. Matthews, F. Simmons, G.H. Billson, G. Reis, T.A. Brunner, E.C. Bowyer-Smijth, A.H. Emerson, W.M.N. Edmondson and Captain Battye.

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## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL BRING AND TELL EVENING

Bring something old and tell us about it in a few words.  
If you have something with a Christmas flavour so much the better.

What makes the evening special? The men are bringing and preparing the supper.

A PLEASANT DAY AT WYMAH. Eight car loads of visitors enjoyed a pleasant day touring the Wymah area on 23rd November. After lunch at the Holbrook Boat Club grounds, which is truly a Pleasure Island, Allan Casey directed attention to the area where the Cumberoona homestead stood before the waters of the Hume Weir covered it. Cumberoona and Mugwee were on the NSW side of the river, opposite Keith Drummond's Talgarno Park.

John Hore (1813-1895) bought the lease of Cumberoona and 1,500 cattle from Henry Calder for £12,000 in 1859. The annual rental in the 1860's was £38 but the property was later converted to freehold. John Hore and his wife Elizabeth (nee Waite) had no family and they both died in Melbourne in 1895. The property of 3,000 acres passed to John's nephew, John Joseph Hore and his children. John and Elizabeth's brothers and sisters and their children, who assisted in clearing and developing Cumberoona, all benefitted under the will, many descendants still working properties in the area.

The convoy followed the River Road past Rotherfield where there was a goldmine about fifty years ago, to Toonallook and Old Toonallook where the herefords completed the picturesque pastoral scene.

The old Wymah Cemetery has only one grave visible. Wollindina was the Gain property for 98 years and received its name from the birthplace of Gains in Scotland. The first punt across the Murray was built by Baker Vincent to assist customers in getting to his store and Victoria Hotel.

There are an unusual number of people buried on properties in this area including a Chinese at Fowlers Swamp, two boys named Gray who drowned are buried at Willow View, and Baker Vincent and his wife lie near the most recent school at Fairview. James Chrisp was buried on his property Waterfall which is now part of Wollindina. His son, William, was a foundation member of the Hume Shire Council, and a grand daughter, Mary, nursed for 32 years at the Base Hospital.

Our party made the homeward journey either via Dora Dora or over the punt and the Bethanga Bridge. Holford Lempriere and Allan Casey are to be commended for planning a most successful day tour - even the weather was perfect.

## HUME WEIR JUBILEE.

At the November meeting about seventy people, many of them visitors, heard Gerry Curtis relate stories about the building of the Hume Weir to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its completion.

He stated from the start that he could not do justice in an hour to something which took seventeen years to bring to fruition. Mr Martin Cain represented the workforce and added to Gerry's commentary. Mention was made of the late Tom Doran who worked on the dam and wrote short stories about it.

The River Murray Commission was formed in 1915 and it was decided to build a large dam at the headwaters of the Murray, and 26 other weirs and locks (not all of which were built). It was necessary to start the work early to absorb the people returning from the first world war. Of the 28 sites inspected the closest to Albury were at Cumberoona and Bungowannah. However, granite foundations were not found at less than 140 feet below the surface, so 158 bores were sunk on the present site and granite found at an average depth of 40 feet.

By 1919 the surveying and engineering was done on the largest engineering project in the new Commonwealth. The State Rivers and Water Supply Commission of Victoria decided to build an earthen dam as they had done at Eildon. The NSW Public Works Department had to build a concrete structure as their part included the spillway and valves, and they had used concrete in the Burrenjack Dam.

On the NSW side there was only a road as far as Wirringa with a bit of a track to Hawkview, so a road had to be built. To do that a quarry had to be opened up with crushing and generating plants. The concrete structure which now overlooks the Bethanga Bridge is part of the crushing plant.

Two towns were then needed, the Victorian one being at Mitta Junction where the school building still stands. There were at least a thousand workers between the two towns of Mitta Junction and Hume Weir.

ACCOMMODATION for the single men was a room shared by two at 1/- a week each which included the use of a wire stretcher. Married men got a lease of an allotment of land 60 ft by 40 ft and if they desired, they could build a house with the cost of materials deducted from their wages. A lot lived in boarding houses, some of them in Albury. Wages were about £3 to £4/10/-.

TRAVEL. Many men rode bikes from Albury or Wodonga to their work, and some went by bus. Mylons bought a T-model Ford bus in 1922, a tray back with seats - fully airconditioned.

WORKING CONDITIONS. A 48-hour working week was later reduced to 44 hours. Preference was given to returned servicemen, then to married men, but if you were on the NSW side and played Australian Rules Football that over-rode everything else. Dismissal was instant if you looked the wrong way - there was always someone waiting for the job. Once when the men on the Mitta side went on strike they were sacked. During the depression 300 men were put off.

At knock-off time on the NSW side a steam whistle blew, and the horses would stop work and head for home at the sight of the steam and before the sound could be heard. If you weren't on the horse when the steam appeared you had to walk back.

FACILITIES. There were schools, halls, a billiard room, tennis courts, football and cricket ground (also used for two-up on Sundays), a 9-hole golf course, and there was a doctor on the NSW side.

At the Saturday night dances, if it was a real good turn, a collection would be taken up for the power house operator to keep the generator going for an hour after the usual close-down time of 11pm - that extra hour cost 1/-. Films were shown indoors in winter and outside in summer.

The workers drank at the Border City Hotel in Townsend Street (why did they bypass the Newmarket?) and on Sundays a nine-gallon keg of Thurgoona wine would be consumed by those who didn't go into town.

Hume Weir Jubilee (continued)

It is believed that five deaths occurred in connection with construction work. The greatest disaster happened on Tuesday, 25th October, 1921 when three men were killed in the explosion of blasting powder which had misfired the previous Saturday. They were Jacob Gehrig, aged 55, George Pearce, and William Wakeford, aged 17 years.

The official opening of the Reservoir took place at 10.30 am on Saturday, 21st November 1936. The previous evening a ball had been held in St Patrick's Hall, Albury when the following debutantes were presented to Lord and Lady Gowrie: Linda Hall, Burrumbuttock; Betty McDonald, Thelma Reid, Lillian Baxter, Doris Marshall, all of Albury; Joyce Rapsey, Bonegilla; Heather Porter, Hume Weir; Stella Victoria McDonald, Bonegilla; Stella Mitchell, Ebdon; Constance Chambers, Bungowannah; Margaret Padman, Albury and Thelma Read, Albury.

The construction story has been well covered by the Border Morning Mail and this report is confined to those little details not usually included in the history of mighty buildings.

The Society thanks Joe Dempsey and Martin Cain for sharing their memories with us, Ron James for providing the pictures which were shown in the form of slides, and our President, Gerry Curtis, for the many hours of time and study he put into preparing such an excellent presentation.

OBITUARY

Sadly we record the death of another member Mrs Jean Dutton Laycock, daughter of the late Mr Percy Burrows. Mrs Laycock lived at Killarney Vale, NSW and passed away on 14th November.

The last communiqué we had from her was about a year ago when she asked us to assist in locating the electricity switch used by her mother, Mrs Burrows, the Mayoress, when switching on Albury's electricity in 1916. The switch was known to have been at the Town Hall in Dean Street, but has not yet been located at the present Council Offices.

Albury is fortunate in having a copy of a letter written by Mrs Laycock to her father on his 100th birthday in 1979. It can be read in the History Room at the Albury Library and is a loving recollection of all the stories told by Mr Burrows to his family over the years. It records their personal achievements and business undertakings.

To Mrs Laycock's family we offer our sympathy.

CAN YOU HELP?

Mr Ian L. Auhl, 24 Connie Street, Modbury, S A, 5092 with information about the AUHL family who may have settled in this area in the 1860's or 70's. Henry Auhl was killed by a falling limb at House Creek, Wodonga in 1888. His children were August, Johann, William, Edna, Emma, Anna, Adolph and Emma.

Mrs Margaret King, 10 Lee Street, Condell Park, NSW 2200 wants to know about the BREUST family at Albury and Jindera. Francesca Breust married Henry James Elliott in Albury in 1881.

Mrs Wendy McSweyn, "Bungulla", Wollan, NSW 2850 wants to know the parents of Arthur Irwin JOHNSTON(E), who married Wilhelmina MICHAELIS at Saint Matthew's Church, Albury in 1880.

All the above correspondents have given a donation to the Society for research and, if members can assist, any information would be appreciated.

RESEARCH FEE.

Due to the number of requests, the Society now has a research charge of ten dollars per hour, plus photocopying.

BICENTENNIAL NEWS.

JINDERA BICENTENNIAL BOOK.

Subscriptions are now being taken for a book which will be available on 1st January, 1988. Considerable research is going into making this a valuable record of Jindera, from its beginning until the present day. Enquiries should be directed to the Committee Secretary, Mrs Jean Lowndes, phone 26 3238. The cost of the book is \$10 and cheques may be sent to Jindera Bicentennial Book Committee, P O Box 111, Jindera, 2642.

THE AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHICAL and GENEALOGICAL RECORD.

The first volume of this series is already available and others will be published progressively up to the Bicentenary.

Series 1 is to contain pocket biographies of people who lived in Australia before 1842. These are published at no cost to the contributor.

Series 2 will be for biographies of people who arrived or were born in Australia after 1841 and who are now deceased. The cost of the entries varies according to size and whether a photograph is included.

The A B G R has received no Bicentennial funding although it has involved more individual Australians than any other Bicentennial project. Information and entry forms can be obtained by writing to the Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record, P O Box 1788, North Sydney, 2060.

PHOTO SEARCH.

The State Rail Authority of NSW is anxious to compile a photographic history of railway activities in Albury.

Anyone who has photos which could be of interest to the Bicentennial Co-ordinator of the State Rail Authority, Mr Owen Johnstone-Donnet, could write to him at G P O Box 29, Sydney, 2001 or phone (02) 290 4455.

COOMA COTTAGE READY FOR 1988.

The NSW Bicentennial Council has committed \$150,000 towards the final stage of the restoration of Cooma Cottage, Yass, the home of pioneer settler, Hamilton Hume. Further funding is being provided through the sponsorship of Amatil Limited. Cooma Cottage is one of thirteen projects Australia-wide being supported by Amatil as part of a Bicentennial gift to the nation.

The original colonial bungalow known as Cooma Cottage was built in the 1830's by the pastoralist Cornelius O'Brien and is believed to be the site on which the explorers Hume and Hovell camped on their epic overland journey to Port Phillip in 1824. Hamilton Hume subsequently returned to the Yass property and made it his home in 1839. He lived there until his death in 1873.

When restoration of the property is completed by the National Trust, Cooma Cottage will be presented as a museum on the life and times of Hamilton Hume.

MEMBERSHIP.

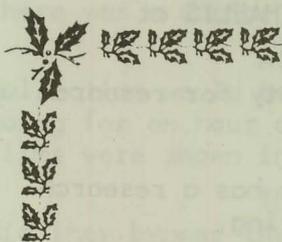
Subscriptions have recently been received from Mr & Mrs J.R. Braddy (Family membership), and from Mrs W. Nolan, Miss C. Simpson, Mrs G. Simpson, and Miss L. Staton.

LYCHGATE.

Thank you to the following who have contributed:

\$50 Mr & Mrs L. Jacobs, Mr & Mrs Lucas, \$10 Miss L. Staton, \$5 Mrs E. Wightwick, \$20 Mr & Mrs T. Miller, C. Mott, Mrs M. Leithead, F. Higgins, C. Frauenfelder, J. Craig, Mrs I. Male, K. Esler.

A total of \$1070 has now been received towards the \$4,500 cost of the structure.



*Wishing you the very heart of Christmas...*  
*its spirit of love, its message of hope,*  
*its promise of peace.*

