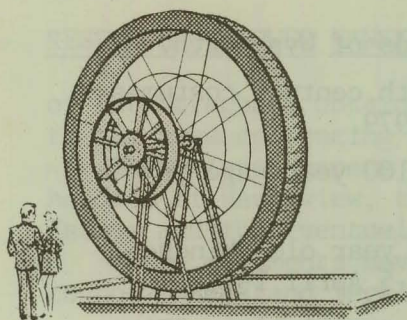


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Next Meeting    8 pm Tuesday 12th February at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

**"GOVERNOR MACQUARIE'S SYDNEY 1810 - 1812"**

**Illustrated talk by Alec Savidge**

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St. Patrick's Church, Hall and Presbytery

On 29th November 1987 about 150 people came for the guided tour of St Patrick's.

The tour started on land where the Presbyterian Manse was built in 1861. After a wander through St Patrick's Hall, the group stood in the Supper Room which was formerly the Presbyterian school hall.

The speaker waited while we gathered again, this time in the shade in front of St Pat's Presbytery where we heard that it was built between 1900 and 1905. Visitors filed through the ground floor of the building, grateful to Father Moylan for opening his house to us.

We were also grateful for the special arrangements made to allow visitors to see the church plate. The two chalices were of special interest. The smaller one belonged to Father Therry, a peripatetic priest with a huge parish, who was in Australia from 1821 until he died in 1864. Dr McAlroy was given £60 by the priests of the diocese of Goulburn to buy a chalice during his visit to Ireland in 1873, it is indeed a handsome one. Frank Higgins took great care to ensure that each group of visitors heard the history of these treasures.

When everyone was seated in St Patrick's Church, Frank told the story of Dr Michael McAlroy. He was the "builder" of this church and is buried behind the main altar. He served Albury as parish priest for twelve years until his death in 1880.

Gerry Curtis told the history of this church, a story which encompasses the history of many Albury families. Some of those commemorated in the church windows are Dr Keatinge, Kenneth McLennan, George Day, Eliza Kilfoil, Patrick Fallon, J T Fallon and Samuel Bowler.

The visit concluded fittingly with an organ recital by Graham Stocks.

We are most grateful to Gerry Curtis, Frank Higgins, Helen Livsey and Col Frauenfelder for the organisation and research which made this tour such a success.



**The Bring and Tell** in December was both varied and interesting:

Keith Orford - Ceiling joist and trimmer from a home in Carrington Street, 80 to 100 years old, mortise-and-tenon.

Charlie Merritt - Salmon gaff, for up to 32lbs, lent by Mr Edwards of Wyseworth.

Anne Davies - Photos of A. & D.H.S. committee and members in 19th century costumes at Robert Brown's commemoration in the Botanical Gardens, 1979.

Dick Fielder - Non slip paving brick and garden edge tile made 100 years ago in L Gulson's brick kiln, South Albury.

Henry Jochheim - a) Rosella seed extractor. b) "Pack-a-poo" 60 year old Chinese lottery ticket. c) Homestead selection receipt to O'Keefe, 5 April 1911.

Col Frauenfelder - Framed drawing of Frauenfelder family crest, translation: "Pious Souvenir for Joh. P. Frauenfelder, Master Shoemaker in Grof-Sachsen, this family achieved the honour of this coat of arms by its alacrity in the Heathen War 1683."

Jean Macdonald - Photostats of legal papers of land at Wirlinga, see "Donations" page 3.

Shirley Miller - Booklet and description of Bernard O'Reilly's "Green Mountains" guest house where she and Tom spent their honeymoon 50 years ago.

Gwen McAulay - a) Glass paperweight at least 100 years old, engraved "Coffill & Co, Carriage Proprietors & Funeral Directors" with a picture of 'Our Carriage Room' showing more than 9 hearses. b) Wesleyan Australian Missionary Society painted box.

Terry O'Keefe - a) American Mail Order Catalogue which came from Hunter & Stellings. Pacific Hardware, San Francisco, in use at turn of the century. Treasured & rebound. b) Book on Australian Furniture & Cabinet makers, John D Batson & W W Darke of Albury listed.

Alec Savidge - Optical glass fibre cable; a sample of the Atlantic cable laid in 1858 between Britain and U S A. See his description in the pamphlet file in Albury Library.

Mary Leithead - Photocopy of a letter written by her great grandfather from Vienna in October 1851 describing the new machine and lace-making techniques. He was James Richardson of Stapleford near Nottingham, England. There are four pages of small but beautifully even writing.

Howard Jones - played a portable gramophone found in an attic in Wales. 2 records: a) Gold disc i.e. sold 200,000 copies, "The Pub with no beer" 1957 and b) "The Flowers that bloom in the Spring" from The Mikado.

Kevin Esler - read from an illuminated address lent by E D Batrouney. It was to A. Slinger Esq. Senior, September 1920.

Holford Lempriere showed his great grandfather's shaving box and told some of his family history.

Gerry Curtis - wooden shingles from the first Presbyterian Church (St Patrick's Hall) given to Jean Reid by Norman Fraser.

Thel Musselwhite showed her own painting of the stables and loft which were next to Kia Ora in Townsend Street and behind Salmon & Edwards. Her father was Sam Brown who worked there and he told her that Cobb & Co used the stables. Those stables have gone and she painted from memory, but she took us step by step around the yard.

Hubert Odewahn - Pure gold watch. "This watch was presented to Bernard Carl Odewahn father of the late W M Odewahn by Sir Henry Parkes on behalf of the committee for the survey of the Culcairn-Corowa Railway line in appreciation of his services as Secretary 1892." (A W W Co Waltham)

Olive Odewahn - 2 photos taken by itinerant photographer. a) Jelbart family, 1917 in Buick car. b) "Working Bee" of more than 12 horse teams in a huge paddock belonging to her father. Locals brought their teams, worked up the ground and planted the crop. They came back and helped with the harvest and the wheat was sold for the War Fund.

**Question** Olive Odewahn's picture showed a Working Bee for the War Fund in World War I. What patriotic fund-raising do you know about for the first or second World Wars in country or town?



## DONATIONS

### RESEARCH OF LOWER HAWKSVIEW

In order to research the history of her previous holding at Wirilinga, Jean Macdonald, with the help of Pat Strachan, obtained photostats of the records of all land transactions pertaining to the area commencing with Elizabeth Mitchell's grant of Mungabareena.

These legal papers show the gradual fragmentation of the station, the various land-holders of Hawkview, the establishment of Soldier Settlement blocks on Hawkscote Estate and the eventual acquisition of riverside land by the Corporation.

These documents have been photostated for the History Room, and for those who cannot understand legal jargon there is appended a basic English translation by Pat.

Jean Macdonald.

Donation by Mrs P B Reed in memory of the Kennedy-Waite family:

a First Fleet Chart poster containing names of officials, seamen, marines and convicts - also provisions and livestock - details for each ship. These were Sirius, Charlotte, Alexander, Scarborough, Lady Penrhyn, Friendship, Supply, Prince of Wales, Golden Grove, Fishburn and Borrowdale.

Donations by Sister Helen (Shortal) of the Albury Convent of Mercy for the Museum:

Photograph of sisters Isabel and Ellen Oddie, a jardiniere and a small pen with nib and mother of pearl handle; also a glass  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint mug used at the Turk's Head Hotel when James Oddie was licensee 1886 -90. He had eight children. Isabel and Ellen ran tea-rooms in Kiewa Street from 1914. Previously Isabel attended a Technical College in Melbourne where she made a wooden chair with fine ornate carving which her niece Sister Helen, Ellen's daughter, has now given to the Museum.

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### **Congratulations**

to Keith and Lurna Burnham on the birth of their daughter  
Mikela Elizabeth, sister for Timothy and Kate.

and to Tom and Shirley Miller on their Golden Wedding  
and on a second honeymoon at "Green Mountains".

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A Play about the 1950s is being written by Mary Hutchinson - ~~see the notice enclosed with this Bulletin.~~ There will be notebooks for you to jot down what you remember at Albury Regional Museum and Albury & Wodonga Libraries. Or as Mary suggests, you could write to her or ring her about your memories.

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# Heritage Week 17th - 24th April

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### **ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Management Committee has been appointed by Albury City Council for the next four years. Members are: Mr John Alker-Jones, Mr Derek Beveridge, Mr Keith Burnham, Mr David Chitty, Mrs Anne Davies, Mrs Mary Furness, Mr Howard Jones, Mr Richard Leyland, Mr Bruce Pennay, Mr Robert Simmons and Mr Derek Woolcott. Also appointed are Alderman A J McLeish and Alderman John Emmerly. And what would happen to the Museum without its invaluable Director, Mr Martyn Paxton ?!



**FAMILY HISTORY GROUP** Happy New Year to all members.

Our Christmas break-up meeting was attended by 7 members and their families. We all enjoyed the meeting and Gerry Curtis' guided tour of Noreuil Park.

At the Show and Tell meeting in January, members showed - photos of great grandparents - some of their clothing - a hand carving of Bog Wood from Ireland - All were interesting.

Wagga Wagga Family History Group expect to host a Seminar by the Heraldry and Genealogy Society of Canberra on the weekend of 19/20 March 1988. The actual program was not available but will probably be Saturday afternoon and evening and Sunday morning. More details later.

Next Meeting: **The Use of Computers in Recording Family Research.** 8 pm February 17th in the Mormon church building, Wodonga Place, Albury. Committee meeting at 7 pm.

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**The National Trust  
of Australia (New South Wales)**

Dear Mr Esler,

Re: Albury - The Old Monumental Cemetery



I write on behalf of the National Trust's Cemeteries Committee to thank Mr Cliff Chamberlain and the other members of your Society who attended an inspection of the abovementioned Cemetery last weekend. The advice and information provided by your members was invaluable and will greatly assist the Trust in assessing the site for possible CLASSIFICATION and inclusion in the National Trust Register. I shall write to you again during next year to advise the outcome of the Trust's assessment.

The Committee was very pleased to receive this letter of appreciation from the NSW National Trust. Helen Livsey and Anne Davies had read about the visit in the Border Morning Mail, contacted Alderman Langford and were invited to join the gathering of Council staff and aldermen to meet the 3 National Trust cemetery advisers. The NT spent at least 4 hours inspecting the Cemetery. They were to decide whether to "Classify" the Cemetery and to advise Council on a conservation programme. Helen and Anne handed over copies of our Cemetery leaflet & other publications, hence we are now on the National Trust (NSW) mailing list. Mr Chamberlain does not belong to the Historical Society.

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The Howlong "**GRAPEVINE**" is edited by Andrea Sauerbier. In it, Pat Salmon writes about

**Annie Salmon**

No words could pay adequate tribute to Annie Salmon, and other women of her time; to those who went before her and to those Salmon women who followed her at Belguim, some born with the name and gave it away, and others who adopted it by marriage to the boys. Annie was the hub of the family after the death of Pat Snr in 1942. She was an unsurpassed wife and mother, who reared a large family by present day standards, and in the early days made most of their clothes, and all the jams, pickles and preserves to feed them. She also looked after the home, killed meat with nothing more than a coolgardie safe for storage, and if Cliff Dunstan was a little late in arriving, made a loaf of bread. She even preserved eggs, and may God forbid that anyone in the future be obliged to eat a preserved egg! She also made all the soap for use in the laundry, and although it was more fit to throw at a rabbit, it was all she used and saved many valuable pennies. She carted water in a kerosine tin to the wash house, fifty yards from the house and then carted the clothes another 100 yards to the clothesline. She was, however, fortunate in later years when Pat Snr made her a rotary clothes line out of an old sulky wheel and axle. This was over fifty years ago and must have been one of the first about. In her later years, with her family approaching middle age and grandchildren around, she was adviser, friend, arbitrator, baby sitter, loving and gentle. She was the Miss Ellie of Belguim.

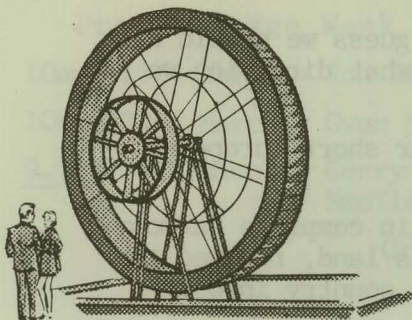
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**"SLIDES OF EARLY ALBURY" by Colin Frauenfelder.**

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Last Meeting "Governor Macquarie's Sydney, 1810-1821" was the title of a slide illustrated talk by Alec Savidge. Due to difficulty in obtaining enough illustrations which directly pertained to the period of Macquarie's Governorship, the scope of the talk was extended to cover historical highlights leading up to Macquarie's time in Sydney, then on until modern times. Through the medium of eighty slides and accompanying narrative, members were reminded of how we came to be a Penal Colony; the sufferings and hardships along the way; of the terrible conditions of the ordinary folk in England and Ireland; of the Corn Laws in England, that forced up the price of flour to seven shillings a stone (about 6kg), which would be equal to paying \$30 per kilogram of flour on today's earnings.

Among the selected illustrations were a reproduction of portraits painted by Thomas James Lempriere, grandsire of our esteemed member, Holford Lempriere; the portraits were of Captain Charles Booth and his wife, Elizabeth, which now hang in the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart.

Background music opened with aboriginal music from Arnhemland, through "Pomp and Circumstance", Elgar; Mozart's "Rondo"; "Tales from Vienna Woods", Strauss; "Clair de Lune", Debussy; "From the New World", Dvorak; "1812 Overture", Tchaikovsky and "Fingal's Cave", Mendelssohn.

A whole range of matters were highlighted, each one of which could be the subject of an extended talk in this our Year of Bicentenary.

Alec Savidge.

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Last month's Question was about Patriotic Fundraising in the two World Wars. There was no direct answer to the question though people remembered about making camouflage nets and being a "patient" in emergency ARP training.

This month's Question is on Albury Court House - what stories do you remember about it? And how did they get the prisoners from the gaol to the Court?



Bicentenary Message from the President, as given at the February meeting:

I would like to welcome members and visitors to the first meeting of this society for the Bicentenary year of 1988.

You have all seen something of the big party in Sydney, and I guess we should all reflect on what we have achieved in the past 200 years and on what direction we might take in the future.

Perhaps we should all try and acquire a better knowledge of our short European history and our much longer aboriginal history.

Aboriginal people lived here for tens of thousands of years, in complete harmony with the environment. In our short history, we have raped this land, removed the trees, polluted the air and the rivers and turned parts of the country into a quarry. If this continues, we will have a diminishing land.

Our heritage has been mainly based on the British Isles; but since the European Common Market, our future lies in the Pacific area. The next century will show the influence of Asian trade, an influence we cannot stop and must learn to accept.

Historians are rewriting history because in many cases we look at it differently now. I would urge you all to take a deeper interest in the history of our region and our country and thus become better informed members of our society. These are my personal thoughts for 1988.

Gerry Curtis, President.

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We were asked to identify a **BRIDGE** at our November meeting. Thanks to Bayley's History of Albury, we found that it carried Smollett Street across the Bungambrawatha Creek. near the Botanical Gardens. Now we have more information about the builder:

"Francisco Romero who built the Smollett Street bridge was born in Kingston, West Indies in 1830 and came to Australia in 1847. He died in 1905. He was married to Elizabeth Lee in Melbourne in 1854. She died in 1902. Francisco's parents were Francisco Romero and Sarah DeLeon." Our informant is Phyl Parnaby (Romero), his great grand-daughter.

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THE FAMILY HISTORY GROUP have a supplementary page this month to advertise their BEGINNERS'S NIGHT and because they have so much news.

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Jindera's Pioneer Museum will be 21 years old later this year. It was opened in 1967 in Wagner's Store. The story of the store is told in a Bicentennial book "**Jindera: A Town And Its People.**"

Peter Christian Wagner and John Herman Rosler opened the store in 1874. It was extended in 1906 and remained a focal point of Jindera until the 1960s. The shelves and counter were made by Leo Frauenfelder and the cellar was dug by Harry Woods and John Keighran, using wheelbarrows and horses and drays.

Mr Wagner was born in Germany in 1841 and was a baker by trade. He migrated first to London and to Melbourne in 1864, arriving in Albury in 1867. Mr Wagner and a Mr Heilman reputedly planted the first tobacco in this district - at Leneva. Mr Wagner was a founder member of Hume Shire Council in 1906.

\* The new book, price \$10, is available from the Pioneer Museum or by contacting Mrs Jean Lowndes (060) 26.3238 AH.

Howard Jones.

A few copies will be on sale at our March Society meeting as a friendly gesture to a neighbouring historical group.

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The Business & Professional Women's Club will be holding a ONE DAY SEMINAR on Saturday May 14 on WOMEN in the ARTS. 5 daytime sessions \$10 each or \$40 for 5. Speakers: Anne Fairbairn, Author, Poet, Painter; Anne Richards, National Co-Ordinator of Embroidery at the new Parliament House, Canberra; Nahama Patkin, Multi-talented Musician; Eve Laron, Architect and Landscape Designer and Audray Banfield, Director of the Albury Regional Art Centre. Dinner \$25, Keynote Speaker, June Bronhill. Register by April 16 with The Registrar, Albury B P W Seminar, Mrs Jean Wheeler, P O Box 313, Albury NSW 2640. Phone (060) 40 1555 BH or 25 4675 AH.



### ALBURY SCHOOL FOR SENIORS

Pre-Heritage Week Visits on Tuesdays in March to Albury Churches

10am, 15th March - Ron Braddy at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Kiewa Street.

10am, 22nd March - Gwen McAulay at Wesley Church, Olive Street, next to Police Station.

9.30, 29th March - Gerry Curtis and Frank Higgins at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Smollett Street.

Organist: Graham Stocks. All Welcome.

## Heritage Week 17th - 24th April

Sunday 17th April - 2 pm - ADHS **RIVERSIDE WALK** - with Gerry Curtis & Bruce Pennay.

Tuesday 19th April (3rd Tuesday) - Society meeting at a place not yet decided!

Sunday 24th April - **Wodonga Historical Society Bus Tour**

Leaves Wodonga Water Tower at 12.30 pm for **THE INDIGO VALLEY**. Commentary.

Afternoon Tea at Barnawatha. Possible visit to Gehrig's Winery. Back by 5pm.

Tickets/Bookings at ADHS meeting on 8th March - \$5 payable at time of booking.

### ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM - Heritage Week, 1988

Country History Festival at the Crossing Place

Thursday 21st April - 10.30 am Colonial Games and Sing-a-long

1.30 pm Whip Cracking Exhibition

2.30 pm Talk on Aboriginal Culture

Friday 22nd April - 10.30 am Talk on Herbs and their Uses

1.30 pm Talk on Riverboats

2.30 pm Walk and Talk along Riverside

8 pm to 12 - Dance Night on board P S Cumberoona. Live Music. Bar Service.

Smorgasbord. Dress: 1950s to 1960s. Cost \$22.00. Bookings 21 4550.

Saturday 23rd April - 10.30 am Stalls, Exhibits, Refreshments, LAZY HARRY

1.30 pm Fashion Parade from 1950s & 60s, Stalls, Exhibits

Thursday & Friday mainly for school groups, Saturday & Dance for the general public.

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**"Albury, Yesterday & Today, 1912 - 1972"** by Ella McDonald.

The 20 copies which Dr McDonald was able to spare us sold quickly and no more will be available. However, members may be pleased to find a hitherto unpublished chapter by Mrs Ella McDonald printed below:

#### **LIFE AS A CHILD IN THE COUNTRY** by Ella McDonald.

*I added this chapter after an Englishwoman said to me that life for country children in Australia must be a very lonely affair. With all due respect, I replied "Far from it".*

*From my experience, they are more alert to everything around them, and much more enterprising than town children who have to conform to the crowd. I will say, though, that it is almost another world.*

*Fortunately for us, our parents were old hands on the land, and things ran smoothly. They were strict parents, but we also had lots of freedom, and of course there were all sorts of outings.*



Life as a child in the country (continued)

After moving from The Glen, we had three small places, totalling in all about 3,000 acres, separated by 4 and 6 miles, we living in the centre.

Those of us who were old enough had ponies of our own which we looked after entirely by ourselves, and I suppose I, as the eldest, would offer to do all sorts of things.

The mail had to be collected twice a week from Walwa P.O., 10 miles away. I sometimes did this chore, and, if the Upper Murray Coach, from Wodonga, happened to be late - as it frequently was - I was caught in the dark riding home alone.

One of the hardest things I did was to search for one of our milking cows. I had no idea where she had gone but guessed she may have strayed to our place nearer Walwa. We hadn't long had this property, which we called Donovan's. (All paddocks seemed to be named after previous owners). I rode around the herd, and there she was, but I was unable, single-handed and young as I was, to separate her from the other cattle. I was acknowledging defeat when I saw a man who I knew in a milk-cart, returning from delivering milk to the local factory. I minded his cart while he rode my horse, and brought the cow to the main road, where I took over.

Another day, I wasn't so lucky. It was before the days of cars, and we kept our buggy horses in a lush little paddock, not far from home. It was my first and only attempt at this job of bringing the horses down a steep lane, then cutting them off to the left at the main road. Well, they were cunning, and beat me every time. Although I was a fair rider, I was never a venturesome one, and would never gallop downhill after stock. Father was just the reverse, but he never once chided me for my lack of courage. The family always said of me - jokingly - that as I hadn't had three falls, I couldn't qualify for horsemanship. I did, however, have one fall, and that was after a long morning mustering sheep. My thirsty pony rushed down a steep creek bank to have a drink, and, as the girth had become loose, I landed over his head into the water.

Shearing time, or when stock were coming on or going off the place, was always exciting for us children; we all took a part, or at least an interest.

At one time, the shearing shed was some miles from home, and, rather than drive, we would prefer to walk, to see how many birds' nests we could find in the bushes along the road.

No wonder shearers of latter years demanded better conditions in and around the sheds. When I remember ours - and others, for that matter! The bunks, etc, were awful, but I will say that our food was good, and served by a cook or from the house.

On one of our paddocks was a deserted house of a family who had left the district not long before. It nestled at the foot of The Bluff, in rather bushy surroundings. Each year, we children looked forward to gathering cherries and apples, as well as moss roses which I haven't seen since. The house had at least four rooms, slab, with bark roof, a verandah in front, and all floors boarded. Quite unique in size, I should say, and, although a family had been brought up to adulthood in it, it was in the best state of repair and cleanliness. The orchard and garden were closely picketed - apparently to keep out rabbits etc. It has always been a deep regret that I haven't revisited this house in the intervening years. I had no personal interest, apart from its eerie surroundings.

As for leaving the country; it was a wrench, but, because of my childhood, I can, perhaps, take more interest in other people's land and stock. It is a miracle, too, that I haven't run off the road on my many trips to the Upper Murray, when I was alone in the car, and gazing around at everything that came into view.

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## Family History News

### FEBRUARY MEETING:

In the absence of our planned guest speaker April Padbury explained the procedure for putting family information onto a computer. This computer program was designed for the family researcher and accommodates all vital information such as birth, death and burial dates and places as well as marriage details. April showed all the different print-outs that the computer produces such as alphabetical listings of all persons and marriages; a parent/child listing; a family group; a pedigree chart and a personal information sheet for one person. The average person would be able to enter about 20 persons vital statistics in an hour with typists and computer operators entering more. April showed us that computers are within the scope of us all.

For any members wanting to put their records on computer they should first complete the PERSONAL INFORMATION and MARRIAGE INFORMATION sheets as this will save considerable computer time. They then should contract Mr David Moon on (060) 21 2219 during working hours to arrange a convenient time to use HIS computer. The cost will be \$5 per hour for computer input time and 10 cents per sheet for any printing. Everyone will be required to have two disks to store their information. These will be available from David at a cost of \$1 each. One disk you take home with you, the other David keeps for a backup. There will be a limit of two (2) hours input time per session. All costs maybe subject to revision.

### WAGGA WAGGA & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY SEMINAR - 19/20 March 1988

"Travelling Road Show" by The Heraldry & Genealogy Society of Canberra.

Program:

Saturday 19th - 1.30pm Start

- 5.30pm Finish

- 6.00pm Meal

- Chat & sharing evening

Sunday 20th - 9.30am Start

- 1.00pm Finish

- Lunch and chat

There will be 4 sessions a day at a cost of \$5 per day including a meal.

Content: Irish, Early Australia, Shipping, Overseas, Canberra Records, I.G.I. - What next?, Wills and Land Records, Keeping Records

Unfortunately we were unable to find out if the sessions run in the order as stated. Billets can be arranged if required or a place to freshen up.

Please contact either Diana on 25 7030 AH or April on 21 8300 BH before Friday 11th of March if you wish to attend all or part of this seminar.

### COROWA HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR - 19th March 1988

Guest speaker: Commander W.N. Swan O.A.M., A.A.N., F.S.A.G., R.A.N. (Rtd).

Commander Swan will speaking on *Tracing Your Family History* with special emphasis on Why & How to set out tracing your forebears. Commander Swan will be bringing a boot full of memorabilia for display and books which may be purchased.

Venue: St. John's Centre, Federation Drive, Corowa (Next to Anglican Church)

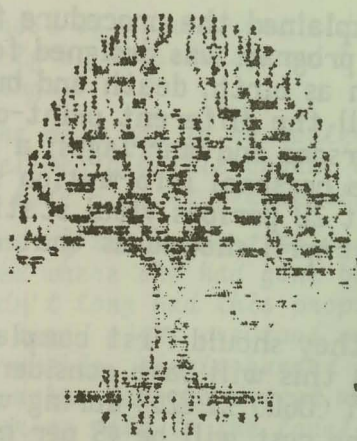
Time: 3.00pm Cost: \$1

Please contact either Diana on 25 7030 AH or April on 21 8300 BH before Monday March 7th if you wish to attend.

Congratulations to Kerryl and Josef HRUZ on the arrival of their daughter, Julia Jov-Ellen. We wish Bill Townsend a speedy recovery after a short stay in hospital.

Heleen Livsey, April Padbury & Gavan Brow





# Albury & District Family History Group

presents a

## Beginners' Night

Mormon Church building

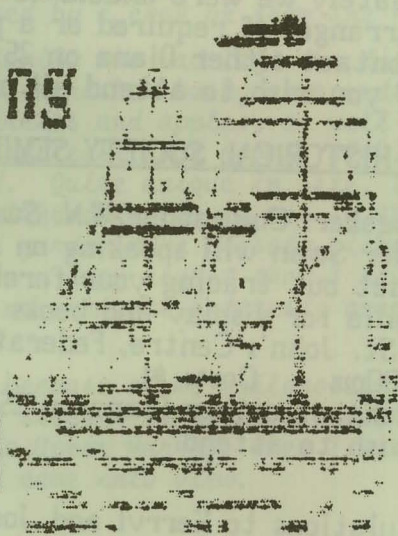
Wodonga Place, ALBURY

(next to Hume Inn)

8:00 pm Wednesday March 16

Learn about researching  
your ancestry in  
Australia & overseas.

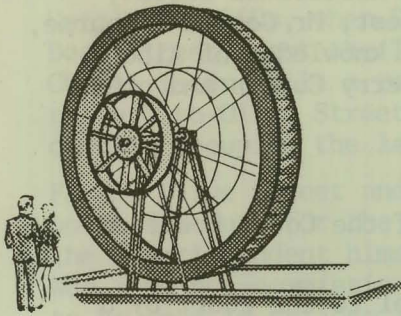
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## Heritage Week 17th - 24th April

Sunday 17th April

### RIVERSIDE WALK

Meet at 2 pm at the Hovell Tree, Hovell Tree Park, Albury  
for a short walk with historic commentary by  
Bruce Pennay and Gerry Curtis.

Tuesday 19th April

### (3rd Tuesday) HERITAGE WEEK MEETING

8 pm at **THE OLD COURT HOUSE**, Dean Street, Albury

Please arrive early so as to choose your seat in the  
Press Box, the Dock, Jury Boxes or Public Gallery.

Main Speaker: **Mr Col Becker**, Clerk of Petty Sessions on

### "THE HISTORY OF THE COURT HOUSE"

Others are invited to contribute to this history but are  
asked to step into the Witness Box. Bad acoustics have always  
been a feature of the Court House.

There will be \* An opportunity to explore the Court House building  
\* Tea or coffee and biscuits afterwards  
\* No Business Meeting

Sunday 24th April

### Bus Tour of the Indigo Valley.

Wodonga Historical Society have organised one 40 seat bus for  
this tour which will leave Wodonga Water Tower at 12.30 pm for  
the Indigo Valley calling at 'Koendida', Gehrig's Winery and  
then Barnawatha for afternoon tea. Commentary. Wodonga Historical  
Society have kindly allotted us 20 tickets which were sold at  
the March meeting - Any spare tickets will be for sale at our  
April meeting at the Court House. \$5.

It is the Society's intention to present a plaque during Heritage Week in recognition  
of the sympathetic restoration of an Historic Building. The owners of the former  
Farmers and Graziers Woolstore and Wool Show Room have accepted this year's nomination.



March Meeting Colin Frauenfelder's slides attracted an attendance of sixty-three members and visitors. Pictures of commercial and government buildings, church and school were shown and followed by illustrations of Historical Society tours to Towong Hill and Woomargama Homestead. A surprise guest, Mr George Osbourne, sat in front and enlightened the audience with his first hand knowledge of Albury. Information was also given by Clif Mott, Holford Lempriere, Gerry Curtis and other members of the audience.

The Question last month was on the Court House.

Henry Jochheim read the Border Post's report of the opening of the Court House on September 3, 1860 - see below.

Fred Heath remembered prisoners being transported from the gaol to the court by a horse drawn black maria.

Gerry Curtis read a comment from an 1871 Border Post about the noise from the lock-up near the Church of England which disturbed worshippers on Sunday mornings.

Clif Mott gave a description of what he remembered about the Court House and Police area and which he has written for us, see page 3.

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OPENING OF THE NEW COURT HOUSE, Sept 3, 1860      BORDER POST, Sept 5, 1860

On Monday last, at 10.30 a.m., the new Court House was opened by his Honor Judge Callaghan, and ere the proceedings of the Court had fairly commenced it was found that, although the terms of the contract for the building had been fully complied with, the arrangement of the fittings was open to much complaint. The reporters were compelled to apply for a change of position, the site of the box appropriated to their use being such that neither from the bench nor the witness box was a sound audible. The dock was voted useless, and the prisoners were allowed to sit on chairs immediately below the box of the Associate, who by the way, reminded us forcibly of the heraldic coat of one of the most ancient of our English families, (a leopard couchant, gazing through a trellis proper) and by the courtesy of the Judge, the reporters were accommodated with seats at the "professional table". Some idea appeared to prevail in town that the opening of the Court would be celebrated by some ceremonial, in anticipation of which some of the leading men in Albury presented themselves. We remarked especially the Sub-Collector of Customs, who looked, by the way, very pretty, in his dress with the gold lacing round the cuffs, and the uniform buttons.

His Honor at the termination of the first case addressed a few words of congratulation to those assembled on the opening of the new building, drawing a comparison between the old hovel, used as a Court House, and the present structure, very much to the disadvantage of the former erection. At the close of the proceedings, Mr. Allen the contractor, not having, as it appeared, received payment for the work performed by him from the Government, made an attempt to recover possession - the result of which was that the cantankerous contractor was ordered under the surveillance of the police for a short time, and finding it useless to kick against the pricks, we believe he resigned the keys. It is now arranged that certain alterations in the fittings will be at once effected. The present dock will be shifted to the site of the reporters box. The trellis through which the Associate was compelled to take an interrupted view of the Court on Monday morning, has been removed, and one or two other trifling alterations will be at once made, amply sufficient we think to remedy the inconvenience at present complained of. En passant, we may remark that the arrangements for the ventilation of the room are decidedly deficient.

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## COURT HOUSE AND POLICE BUILDINGS

Until the 1960s, when Dean Square expanded into Civic Square, Mechanics' Lane ran off Dean Street, past the Town Hall (Art Gallery today), and about where St Matthew's Church later built a red brick parish centre, turned 90 degrees to the right and ran through to Olive Street. This section was called Police Lane, for Albury's police complex occupied the land between it and Dean Square.

Facing Olive Street and a short step in from the building line, an ancient colonial-type house did duty for the offices of the District Superintendent of Police - a room for the superintendent himself and another for a sergeant and a trooper. Sergeant Wilson was the non-commissioned officer, kindly, courteous and soft-spoken, he was never to be seen in uniform in my day. His home was in Wilcox Street. The superintendent had the use of a large brick police house in Kiewa Street where the Albury Civic Administration building stands today.

Behind the simple offices of the police force's senior man were stables with stone-paved stalls and stout wooden mangers for a big troop of horses. Quarters for the troopers were provided on a floor above. The horses were replaced after World War I by motor cars and motor cycles.

Beyond the gravelled mounting yard fronting the stables was the lock-up, with cells, offices and quarters for a lock-up keeper and his wife. It was the wife's duty to cook for suspected law-breakers held in the cells.

Prisoners to appear in court were walked by the lane, through a gate behind the Town Hall to two cells at the back of the Court House, whither they were moved as required into the court-room dock. The cells are still there, and so is a two-story cottage where once the court-keeper lived.

The Court House, which is next door to the Post Office in Dean Street, is getting up towards its 130th birthday. Its main hall is the court room and in it, at the north end, is a high imposing bench with a wide wooden hood and on that in vivid contrast, the Royal Coat of Arms with its promise, Dieu et Mon Droit. From this dominating stand judges and magistrates dispense justice to prisoners in the wrought-iron and wooden dock. Elsewhere in the chamber are a witness' stand and boxes for deposition clerk, jury, reporters, "jurors-in-waiting", "witnesses-examined" and a long table for barristers, solicitors and police to defend or to charge. At the south end of the room, just inside the main entrance, are two small, steep galleries for public use. Offices surrounding the court room are provided for a judge, magistrate, clerk of petty sessions, sheriff's officer and the public. Two features in the building are worthy of notice. One is the ancient style and usage brought to England by the Norman Conquest, and typified by the coat of arms with crest still in its original French. The other feature is the quality of material and workmanship in chairs, benches, book-cases and in doors and their architraves.

A new courthouse in Albury was opened in 1987, and was at once roundly criticised for shortcomings in planning and style. Most of Albury's courtwork is now handled in this building, the old predecessor being kept for occasional overflow hearings and non-litigation duties.

C A Mott.

Note: William Bayley's 1954 edition of "Border City: History of Albury" has as its frontispiece an aerial photograph. It shows in the foreground the police area which Clif Mott describes.

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## SOCIETY NEWS

Congratulations to our foundation member Mrs Daintry Heywood for her Premier's Award.

This was given to her for services to Guiding and other community activities. These have been the Ladies Show Auxiliary of the Albury Show Society and church work at Thurgoona and St Matthew's Anglican Church, Albury.

The Society thanks Miss Beth Klinge for a most generous donation of \$70.



## O B I T U A R Y

**JOHN HENRY ANDERSON** was a retired country gentleman who joined the Albury Historical Society in its earliest formation and became one of its staunchest supporters until age and health curtailed his activities. Jack and his friend Dave Bryan attended the Turks Head Museum on duty regularly and could always be relied on for extra duties. Honorary Life Membership was conferred on him for devoted and continuous service to the Society and to the Museum. He was a quiet achiever, a good churchman and highly respected by all who were privileged to know him.

### FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

As advertised, our last meeting was aimed at the Beginner. We had a good attendance with many commenting after the meeting on its success.

The evening was broken up into 6 sessions.

- 1) Where to start.
- 2) Record keeping.
- 3) Sources - Books, Organisations and Government Offices.
- 4) Births, Deaths and Marriages - Australian and Overseas.
- 5) I.G.I. and Riverina Archives.
- 6) Magazines.

Each session was taken by one of our members and ran for about 20 minutes including a brief question period. Special thanks must go to Diana Hawsworth, Joanne Grant and Doug Holmes for their assistance in taking these sessions. It was a job well done. Several members of our group ventured to the seminar held by the Wagga and District Family History Group on the weekend of 19/20 March. From the report the weekend was a huge success and well worth the trip. The committee may organise a return trip later in the year, from Wagga to Albury.

Congratulations to Kathy and Rodney Wangman on the birth of their son, Steven James.

Next Meeting: 20th April 1988. Two computers will be available. You are invited to enter your family details and see the results.

April Padbury.

THE LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY - Publishers & Booksellers - is proud to announce the forthcoming publication of the definitive volume "THE FOUNDERS OF AUSTRALIA, A Biographical Dictionary of the First Fleet" by Mollie Gillen. It will be a Bicentennial memorial to the 1500 men, women and children who sailed with the First Fleet to establish the English colony at Sydney Cove in 1788. Pre-publication price before 30 June 1988 = \$45.00. Price after publication = \$60.00.

The Library's letter and brochure will be passed on to the Family History Group.

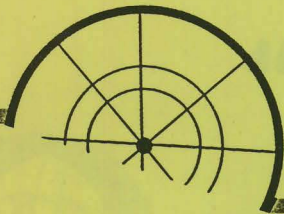
**ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM NEWS SHEET** is enclosed. Notice that the Museum has a very modest Director - Martyn Paxton has hidden himself among the other workers! He and Robyn work full-time and Cathy part-time. Mark, Christine and Nick are employed casually when they are not studying at The College, otherwise known as the Riverina-Murray Institute of Higher Education (Murray Campus) - what a mouthful!

Don't miss the Museum's Heritage Week activities.

Next Committee Meeting will be at 8 pm on 26th April at Xavier High School, Fallon Street North Albury - only a week after the Court House Society Meeting.

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# ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

## THE REGIONAL MUSEUM

There are some new faces and some new programmes at the Regional Museum and at this time we would like to introduce both to the Society members. Firstly the new faces; all of the staff are relatively new and for those members who have not met us all - here are introductions from all.

Mark Beard is from Sydney and is studying at the College. He is a keen musician and sportsman. At the Museum he is currently registering the very large McPherson collection.

Cathy Hall is from Lavington and recently won the 2AY Secretary of the Week award. Cathy does all the office and general administrative work. When not working at the Museum, Cathy can be found aboard the P.S. Cumberoona.

Martyn Paxton is from Adelaide and does the behind-the-scenes work.

Christine Shepherd is a College student from Sydney and is currently working on indexing the donations in the Historical Society Bulletins. Christine is an avid photographer with an interest in cooking.

Robyn Till is from the Mallee and is the Museum's Curator. The Museum will be without her services shortly as she and husband Captain Shane Till of the Cumberoona are expecting their first child.

Nicholas Trabant is from Bonegilla and is a student at the College. Nick will shortly begin cataloguing the objects collection. His main outside interests centre on his motorcycle.

Our programmes aside from everyday museum work include the following.

Conservation Clinic - we have limited facilities to provide a public service in doing basic preservation work on documents, photographs and a limited number of types of objects. When we cannot actually do the treatment we can provide a diagnosis and a referral.

Museum on the Move - everybody knows how small the Museum building is so we are sending exhibitions, and displays and performing demonstrations as well as giving talks wherever we can throughout the district. Watch for the revival of "Dr Barnett and the Irish Tiger" at Lavington Square in Heritage Week.

Dial-a-Display - it can be very frustrating for visitors who wish to view certain objects or have special interests not represented in our permanent exhibitions. To prevent this we will put on a mini-exhibition of objects and photographs from the reserve collection, with a hand-out and talk if possible. This is available to all schools and groups. Of course, any member of the public can use the pictorial archive or view the reserve collection. Simply ring for an appointment.

Extension Service - as an extension to our educational role we can provide lectures or short courses in a variety of subjects for other educational institutions or community groups.



Research Assistance - for those enthusiasts who wish to do their own research into particular topics we can help with our resources. We can also help in project design and by referring researches to other resources. No local history research project can be complete without a consultation with the Museum!

What else is happening at the Museum? Just telephone or call in and find out about other new projects which are being worked on - the staff are there to assist in any way they can. Watch these pages for information updates.

## ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

Activities during Heritage Week '88  
April - 23

Thursday 22: 10.30 Colonial games & sing-a-long.  
1.30 Whip cracking exhibit  
2.30 Talk on Aboriginal culture.

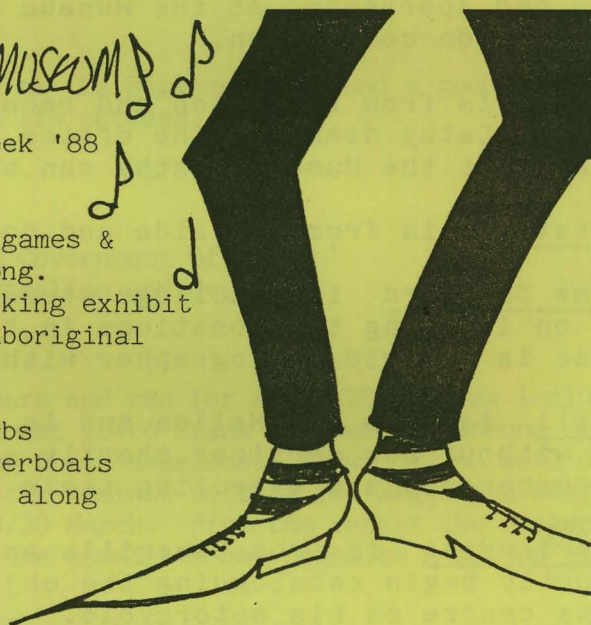
Friday 22: 10.30 Talk on herbs  
1.30 Talk on riverboats  
2.30 Talk & walk along riverside.

8 - 12 midnight  
1950s - 1960s **DANCE NIGHT** on board the P.S. Cumberoona.  
Smorgasboard dinner provided plus live music.  
\$25.00 p.p. Bookings: 21 4550

Saturday: 10.30 Market stalls, exhibits, miniature steam train rides, entertainment from Lazy Harry.  
1.30 **ROUTE 66** fashion parade compared by Stella Star Spangle.

refreshments available all day  
saturday.

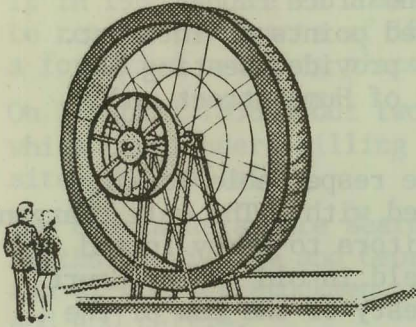
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**Next Meeting** 8 pm, Tuesday 10th May at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

**A DISPLAY OF ARTEFACTS arranged by ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM**

**which an expert panel will identify and discuss**

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**PLAQUE CEREMONY - 10.30 am On Monday 9th May, 1988.**

All members are invited to attend the Presentation of a Plaque by the Society to the owners of the former Farmers and Graziers Woolstore, Smollett Street, Albury. The plaque is to be presented in recognition of the preservation of the building.

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday 14th June 1988**

Rule 5 of the Constitution: The management of the Society is vested in a Committee of 12 members comprising President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Minute Secretary and Treasurer and six Committee.

And all of these positions need filling. **ESPECIALLY NEEDED ARE A SECRETARY and a TREASURER.** Or shall we close down the Society?

Nominations in writing signed by two financial members and the nominee need to reach the secretary by the committee meeting on 24th May.

Nomination forms and a few copies of the Constitution will be available at the Society Meeting on the 10th of May, or from the Society's Public Officer, Helen Livsey, 21 3671.

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**Next Committee Meeting:** 8 pm, 24th May at Xavier High School, North Albury.

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S.O.S. Gwen Brown usually folds the Bulletins and puts them into the envelopes which Helen Livsey has prepared. But Gwen will be away for a few months. Would two or three members offer to do this small but important task? It entails stapling, folding neatly and putting the Bulletins into envelopes. Please see Helen Livsey or Anne Davies.



**HERITAGE WEEK** was full of interest.

**THE RIVERSIDE WALK** was admirably organised by Gerry Curtis and Bruce Pennay. Bruce gave a historical framework (see page 3) and Gerry added points of interest. The microphone worked well and the tanalith horizontal poles provided seating for about 60 people a) near the Hovell Tree, b) at the river end of Hume Street and c) near the Cumberoona.

Passersby on Tuesday evening (19th) must have wondered at the respectable looking gathering outside the **COURT HOUSE** - what had they been charged with? The only charging happened when the door was unlocked to allow members and visitors to hurry in and choose their seats. The Heritage Week Society meeting was held in old Albury Court House - a building designed to uphold the importance and majesty of the Law of the land. More than 100 people heard five speakers: Gerry Curtis on Albury in the 1860s; Mr Col Becker on the History of the Court House; Police Sergeant Beacroft who explained the procedure for charging a person for Driving Under the Influence. (One and all the audience decided to avoid being in custody and having fingerprints taken!) The final speaker was our Patron, Mr Cleaver Bunton who was Deputy Sheriff for years and had heard many interesting addresses. He commented on two uses of the Court House of which he did not approve i.e. for a Naturalisation Ceremony and as an office for the Taxation Department. Finally, members explored the ramifications of the Court House building and found their way outside to the kitchen for tea and biscuits. Just as well it was fine weather.

The nine page History of the Court House from which Mr Becker read may be found in the History Room of the Library. A one page resumé by Marie Aney was handed to those present.

The Society is most grateful to Mr Becker for allowing this historic visit and to Mr Ross Schulz for the supply and installation of the sound system.

**The INDIGO VALLEY bus tour** organised by Wodonga Historical Society was fascinating.

Mr Jack Anderson shared a wealth of knowledge about the Valley with us; he was "born on the banks of Frying Pan Creek 85 years ago". We started by hearing an account of Barnawatha and the Valley written by Mr Percy Burrows when he was 100 years old.

We stopped at "Balmoral", so called because Mr & Mrs Dickson had worked for Queen Victoria, he as a gardener and she on the household staff. Later Mr Dickson had a Nursery Garden. The great trees on both sides of the road witness his plantings.

"Gorton", an old stone house built by Rapseys before 1880 was bought by Whiteheads and looks hardly altered. There were Chinese gardens at Rocky Flat for selling produce at Chiltern. Willow Valley was the home of the Plunkett family from 1908, they used to live at Willow Park at Bowna.

Again, we got out of the bus, at "Martindale", a 1100 acre property where we were welcomed by Mrs McLean. They run Herefords and Merinos. The old sheep dip and the original sheds & yards were under the willow trees by the creek. The best shearing shed in the district was burnt down in 1940. We looked over the house, the kitchen dates from 1860 and the high-ceilinged part from 1890. They found a big old fireplace and a bread oven in behind the present kitchen fireplace, but "the house moves" and it was not safe to leave the old fireplace exposed though we saw photographs.

And so to "Koendidda" which is a fabulous two storey 1850s house magnificently restored to Heritage standards by Mr & Mrs John Ingram. It has an eleven foot wide hall and spacious uncluttered rooms with antique furniture and wonderful curtains and bedspreads. The house has a Georgian symmetry and wide verandah and balcony. Indigo Creek runs through the gardens providing permanent water. New plantings and old trees make a pleasing setting for the house. The 10 acre grounds have been declared "Land for Wildlife" by the Department of Conservation, Forests and Lands.

We had spent so long on our trip that we had to miss out on Gehrig's Winery and went straight to a scrumptious afternoon tea provided by Barnawatha Anglican ladies.

The Society is most grateful to Wodonga Historical Society and its president Mrs Miriam Boyes for allowing us to share such an interesting historic tour.

Mr Burrow's "History of Barnawatha" and Mr Ingram's "Brief Description of Koendidda" may be found in the History Room at the Albury Library.

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This month's Question Where did Patterson's Curse originate in this district?



## BEGINNINGS OF THE CROSSING PLACE

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If in 1988 we are to come to terms with white settlement in Australia it is salutary to recall the events of 1838 that led to the foundation of the town of Albury as a fortified crossing place.

On 11 April 1838 about two hundred Waveroo aborigines attacked a party of fifteen white overlanders killing seven and wounding another at Broken River near the present site of Benalla.

The overlanders were searching for new sheep and cattle stations for the Faithfull brothers, William and George, and formed a small advance party comprised of convict and ex-convict stockmen, shepherds and bullock drivers droving about 3,500 sheep and 400 cattle.

For a few days prior to the attack they had remonstrated with the aborigines for pilfering stores and taking lambs. The party was preparing to move on the day it was attacked.

At least two aborigines were shot causing them to seek vengeance rather than plunder.

News of the attack led to panic amongst those whites who had recently arrived to take up runs south of the Murray.

Reprisals led to further skirmishes. A great fear spread. Servants absconded. Runs were abandoned.

The push of white settlement southwards faltered.

In Sydney Governor Gipps was urged to take action.

He considered several plans to establish armed posts on the route to the south so that travellers could be 'conveniently protected from the outrages of the savages and the depredations of lawless convicts'.

Government officials urged that towns rather than military posts be established and details were teased out in June 1838 to establish towns on Violet Creek, the Goulburn, Ovens, Murrumbidgee and Murray rivers.

Most town surveys, including one on the Murray, were completed by the end of 1838.

On the Murray at the place called Bungambrewatah by the natives, a rough slab hut with unglazed window openings and bark roof was built quickly within seventeen days in October.

Five mounted police were stationed there when the Governor was unable to secure an infantry detachment of nine to complement the party of three police that he had proposed.

In 1988 it is appropriate to recall the presence of those five armed men riding high on horses protecting the Crossing Place.

Force was required to take possession of the land. Towns such as Albury were established to secure that possession.

Armed police have to be added to the pictures of Albury's beginnings that hitherto have emphasised the roles of intrepid explorers, enterprising storekeepers and pioneer run-holders.

Bruce Pennay  
4 April 1988

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Donation: copy of an 1863 Shipboard Diary.

This recent acquisition for the Local History Room was written by George Rhynehart who left Liverpool on the "Vanguard" in July and arrived at Port Phillip November 1863.

His grandson, Leslie Rhynehart, was in Albury recently seeking information about George Rhynehart, an Albury draper, and another ancestor, George Sandford Dulley. Mr Dulley was Inspector of Nuisances (Health Inspector) in Albury, and in his later years was known as the "Sage of Riverview".

The copy of the Rhynehart diary was arranged for us by a Society member, Mrs June Shanahan.

Helen Livsey.



To mark the 150th anniversary of their arrival in Australia, the Paton family chose Easter 1988 for a reunion of the descendants of Andrew Paton and his wife Ruth (née McLaurin). These pioneers were part of a family party of 26 who sailed on the "Brilliant" from the Isle of Mull, Scotland, September 1837 and arrived at Port Jackson, January 20th 1838.

After a time at Parramatta and Wollongong, the family established itself in the Mitta Valley first at "Yabba" then "Noorongong" and later "Tallandoon".

On Easter Saturday, in glorious weather, over 400 members of the family arrived at the Tallangatta Showground to meet relatives known and unknown. Approximately three years of research by Rosemary Paton and Anne Holloway had located many relations unknown to each other. Amongst these were big clans of Heriots (Holbrook area) and Thomsons (Mitta). The family tree stretched about 50 metres on walls and art flats in a large pavilion. Photographs of Andrew and Ruth and their family of 8 together with their spouses looked calmly down from the walls as their descendants scanned the tree for their particular branch. On arrival everyone had been given a coloured name tag which matched their branch on the tree so identification was reasonably easy.

Photographs of Beith, Scotland which had been the Paton's home town so long ago were on display. One descendant who had visited Beith and talked with the Presbyterian minister around 1985 had written a short account of the Church of Scotland and the break-away sects. The Patons had been involved and when they sailed belonged to the Relief Church.

Parish maps were displayed showing the property boundaries in the Mitta Valley. A list of those buried in the family cemetery at Yabba and at Welaregang, Upper Murray were on the wall, together with many interesting cuttings about the various involvements of members such as church, council, politics, etc. Memorabilia included the original bible of Andrew and Ruth, silver dressing table ornaments and racing trophies, embroidered cloths, whips, picnic basket and pages from original Noorongong accounts book were on display.

Another pavilion displayed a wall of photographs in branch order emphasising strong family likenesses.

Talangatta service clubs fed the hungry day and evening also when people sat down in the large pavilion to eat, talk and reminisce. A bush band provided cheerful music to which the energetic danced. At one stage a piper stirred the Scottish blood.

On Easter Sunday the pavilion was packed to hear a service given by the Rev Aubrey Wilson aged 85, great grandson of Andrew and Ruth. This was regarded as the highlight of the weekend. After lunch, buses with local family guides toured the Mitta to point out Paton property of yore and of today, ending with afternoon tea at Noorongong.

Easter Monday found the stout of heart journeying to Welaregang in the Upper Murray (diagonally opposite Tintalra on the N S W side of the river). After a barbeque organised by the Upper Murray Paton relations at the Welaregang golf club, the cemetery was visited and then "Welaregang" homestead. This had been the home of Thomas and Martha Paton and son Norman until on his death it was sold. It is now held by Mr John Montague who very kindly allowed the Patons to view the house from the garden.

Both young and old enjoyed the weekend, especially the children who gained a sense of belonging to the clan.

Anne Holloway.

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**COOMA COTTAGE, YASS** home of Hamilton Hume the first Australian-born explorer, was officially opened on Tuesday 19 April.

Hamilton and Elizabeth Hume bought Cooma Cottage in 1839 and lived there until his death on 19 April 1873. A Bicentennial grant and the Amatil Gift to the Nation programme have provided the opportunity to restore and present the homestead as a museum. Contact: Alfred McCarthy (062) 26 1344.

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# ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

## TURK'S HEAD TATTLE

### Heritage Week

With a huge sigh of relief the Museum staff mopped their weary brows after their busiest week in their busiest month on record. We set up two exhibitions one in the Museum ("Aborigines in Sydney") and one at Lavington Square ("Dr. Barnett and the Irish Tiger"), installed a new (second hand "new" that is) computer system with new chairs and office furnishings and made an emergency trip to Melbourne to return two long overdue loans. By end of Heritage Week we had lectured, played with, sung to, modelled and conducted visits for over a thousand people. It was all tremendous fun but we are glad Heritage Week comes but once a year.

### How to Become a Museum Object

The Museum collects a great variety of objects to exhibit now and in the future and to add to study collections but an object must go through rigorous screening and extensive processing before achieving the status of MUSEUM OBJECT.

Firstly, it must be EVALUATED by the staff to ascertain whether it is an historically significant item and whether it fits within our Management Committee's Policy on Acquisitions. If the answer is yes in both cases a Certificate of Gift is filled out by the donor. This document ensures that the donor will always receive recognition for the gift. Then it goes to registration where details are recorded in the Register of the permanent collection and is assigned a number which identifies and links it back to the donor and the important information about it.

This information, with the number, and every known detail is then entered into the CATALOGUE. When being catalogued an object is classified, cross referenced under subject headings and placed on a number of indices. It is also assigned a storage location code so that whether in storage or on exhibition it may be immediately located.

Now a fully fledged museum object it proceeds to its storage location and from that time on may not be removed by unauthorized persons. Even when it is removed there is even more paperwork to be completed depending on the purpose of the removal. If it is to go out on loan a movement record is completed and a loan form made out. It is going on exhibition in the Museum and Exhibit form and movement record is completed. If it is going from exhibition into storage a Condition Report is made and a movement record completed.

There is much more paperwork in our line of work than even in the Public Service but the precautions exist to ensure that objects are never lost, damaged, stolen or separated from the information that makes them unique. People who borrow objects often think that either we do not trust them or that we just love to fill out forms. Neither is the case; but we are responsible for the preservation and care of the collections and it is up to us to ensure that proper procedures are carried out. After all, even a library book has to be stamped! This is why we ask for some notice before we make loans so that we can do the necessary back-up work in advance and cause less inconvenience to the borrower.



### Whats on

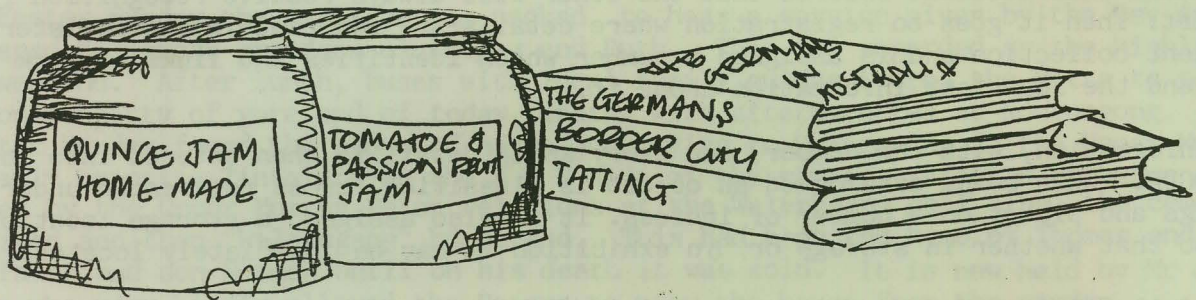
"Aborigines in Sydney" opens on Wednesday 27 April and will be available for viewing for a few weeks only. This exhibition consists of a collection of photographs by noted photographer Elaine Kitchener. The images are all brilliant and are well worth a look. It is on loan from the Australian Museum and admission is free.

Martyn will be attending the Museums Association conference in June at the end of the month and will be coming back with lots of news.

Robyn is only with us for a few more weeks after which she will begin her maternity leave.

The Museum would like to thank the Historical Society for their donations of our white elephant stall and their general support of our Heritage Week activities.

A PLUG: If you are looking for souvenirs, Australiana, good books or excellent jam why not try the Museum shop? We have a wide variety of products at competitive prices. A purchase from the shop is an investment in the future of your Museum.



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK.

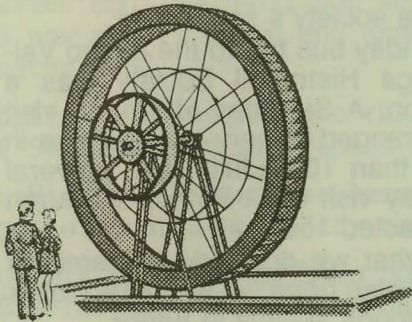
Teacher to Director: "My class is doing local history would it be any use if they come to the Museum?"

Director to Teacher: "Only if they want to learn something."



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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8 pm, Tuesday 14th June 1988 at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

The following members have accepted nomination to the Committee:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
President	Gerald Curtis	Anne Davies & Helen Livsey
Senior Vice President	Anne Davies	Gerald Curtis & Anne Holloway
Junior Vice President	John Alker-Jones	Mary Thurling & Helen Livsey
Secretary	Anne Holloway	Anne Davies & Helen Livsey
Minute Secretary	To be nominated at A G M	
Treasurer	Harold Mair	Gerald Curtis & Anne Davies
Committee	John Craig	Howard Jones & Helen Livsey
	Howard Jones	Helen Livsey & Mary Thurling
	Helen Livsey	Anne Davies & Bruce Pennay
	Keith Orford	Gerald Curtis & Helen Livsey
	Bruce Pennay	Helen Livsey & Anne Davies
	Mary Thurling	Anne Davies & April Padbury

### Notice of Motion

### Honorary Life Membership

We wish to nominate the following member as Honorary Life Member of the Albury & District Historical Society: Anne Davies.

Moved Lois Humphreys, (Past President)  
See supporting letter, page 6.

Seconded Keith Burnham (Past President)

Subscriptions The Committee recommends that the annual subscriptions remain at  
Family \$14    Adult \$12.

Now that the Society is Incorporated there is provision for Proxy Voting. The Proxy application, Appendix 1 to Constitution Rule 12B, (duly completed and signed) needs to be lodged with the Secretary 24 hours before the A G M. Forms may be obtained from Helen Livsey, 680 Keene Street, Albury. Phone (060) 21 3671.

After the business of the evening, there will be

### THE PREMIERE VIEWING of the HUME WEIR Video

It has been prepared by Gerald Curtis, John Dallinger, Howard Jones & Ian Harrison  
and funded by the Hume Permanent Building Society



## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

THE society is now in its 27th year and it is my pleasure and privilege to submit my third annual report as president.

Membership is about 220 and finances are in a sound position. The society is held in high regard in the community.

Our Pioneer Cemetery lychgate dedicated in April 1987 has drawn many favorable comments and the society can be proud of it. There has been a general improvement at the cemetery, both of the grounds and headstones.

Incorporation of the society is complete and a settlement with the Albury City Council on the Regional Museum collection is close.

Monthly meetings have been well-attended, averaging 52, but sometimes double that.

July: Conservation on the Move, by David Steen and Tony Amaneiro.

August: Museums in the modern world, by Martyn Paxton.

September: Slides on early Albury, by Mary Thurling.

October: Conservation guidelines on old buildings, by Ken Young.

November: Upper Murray Regional Library, by Louise Evans (at Library).

December: Christmas "Bring and Tell" with 18 interesting items.

February: Governor Macquarie's Sydney, by Alec Savidge.

March: More slides on early Albury, by Col Frauenfelder.

April: Heritage Week meeting at old Court House, by Col Becker and others (attended by 106).

May: Items from the Albury Regional Museum.

Name tags worn at meetings have been a great help, especially to the president, and fellowship is shared over supper after meetings.

We took some new directions this year.

The Hume Building Society sponsored the society's production of a video based on slides of the building of the Hume Dam, the first video we have produced.

This will take local history to the schools, tourists and interested groups, a new form of outreach for us.

During the year, we organised visits for the School for Seniors to the Wesley, St Patrick's and St Matthew's churches.

I personally think some weekend activities could improve the society's social side.

The recent Sunday bus trip to the Indigo Valley with Wodonga Historical Society was a delightful occasion. A Saturday afternoon visit to Old Bowna arranged at very short notice in May drew more than 100 adults, plus several children. A Sunday visit to St Patrick's Church in November attracted 150.

These show what we could do if members were interested. I also hope we will have closer ties with the Wodonga society in future.

Monthly committee meetings held at Xavier High School's north campus on the fourth Tuesday have been well-attended. Any member is welcome to attend as an observer.

Kevin Esler is resigning as secretary, having travelled 5000 km a year for two years to attend meetings.

We accept his resignation with regret — thank you, Kevin, for your good work.

April Padbury is taking maternity leave after 12 months as treasurer. We will miss her bright face and efficient manner — thank you, April.

April has also represented the Family History Group on the committee.

Last month, the group decided to become the Wodonga branch of the Genealogical Society of Victoria instead of being part of our society, and we wish them well in the future.

Helen Livsey's research work continues to help people all over Australia. She has written about 70 letters to people seeking information, mostly related to families. We thank Helen for her work, which has also brought in more than \$200 in donations from those helped.

The Bulletin edited by Anne Davies continues to hold the interest of members who cannot attend monthly meetings — we have members as far apart as Tasmania and Townsville!

I wish to thank all the committee and other members who make up such a wonderful team and make my task so much easier.

Finally, I must thank my wife, Mary, for without her support I would not be able to carry out my duties as president.

GERRY CURTIS.

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BOWNA REVISITED. The low level of Lake Hume allowed more than 100 people to view the site of Bowna village on Saturday, May 14. At full supply level the village is covered by several metres of water. Dick Fielder, Mrs Cis Hamilton (née Fielder) and Claude Mullavey were all born there. They were able to point to heaps of bricks that were once the White Horse Hotel, the Police Station and the Post Office. A group from Mullegandra Public School is compiling a map of the village, which was "drowned" in 1933. The former residents were able to add valuable information to this map. Howard Jones is preparing old photographs of Bowna for copying, and any other information. He works at the BMM in Wodonga, telephone (060) 24 5411, or 21 6589 AH.



## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Our 1987/88 year has been uneven with a period of several months in recess as Anne Davies and John Mollison were overseas for some time, Marie Aney had sick leave but is now a well woman and Anne Holloway was immersed in the Paton Family Reunion until Easter 1988.

Application was made to the Royal Australian Historical Society for a Cultural Grant of \$600 for indexing the A & D H S Bulletins but unfortunately this was not successful.

No History Sheets have been published this year. It is intended to re-print "Gold" and to mount a publicity campaign for all the History Sheets.

The big project has been how to publish a reprint of Dr Andrews' "History of Albury, 1824-1895". A new Index has been compiled by Helen Livsey. More research has been carried out on Andrews' original papers which were sent down on film from the Mitchell Library, this has enabled some information to be brought up to date. Nineteenth century photographs have had to be chosen and described with captions. Mr C A Mott has written a Preface for this edition.

Anne Holloway presented quotes and results of much investigation to the Society's Committee which decided to authorise publishing 1000 copies subject to a satisfactory contract with the printers. It is a major project and hopefully sponsorship will be forthcoming. There may be an opportunity of buying the book at a pre-publication price.

## FAMILY HISTORY GROUP ANNUAL REPORT

The Family History Group has had a very successful year in 1987-88. The Group has been going for twelve months and all suggestions/projects made at the first meeting have been carried out. However the Group has decided to go on to bigger and better things and disband from the Albury & District Historical Society to affiliate with the Genealogical Society of Victoria. The Inaugural Meeting of the "Wodonga Branch" of the GSV will be held Wednesday 15th June 1988 when a new committee shall be elected and an official title for the "Wodonga Branch" be selected.

Winners of our Family History competition are as follows:

Mr Dan Murray - Relative to have lived to the greatest age.

Mrs Joanne Woodland - Earliest Australian relative and Earliest arrival of a relative in Australia.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the three people who entered. The two prizes awarded by A & D H S were free membership of the Society for the year 1988/89.

Next Meeting: 8 pm, 15th June at Portable (classroom) No. 8, Wodonga High School, Woodland Street Entrance, Wodonga.

April Padbury.

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At the May Society Meeting an expert panel discussed some artefacts. Martyn Paxton showed items from the Museum Collection and observed them from the point of view of display and conservation. David Chitty showed pieces from his own collection and advised on collectables. Angela Day brought some silver and explained hallmarks. Each expert commented on the items as they were shown.

**Martyn Paxton**, Director of the Albury Regional Museum. Japanese teapot 1950s. Porcelain biscuit barrel (for serving biscuits, not storing them). Model of a Coolgardie safe. Jelly mould. Long wooden pincers for holding leather when making reins etc, 1910. Scottish horn spoon or porridge ladle, 1890s.

**David Chitty** of Chitty's Antiques, Beechworth. Lady's three piece dressing table set of Continental silver, 1895-1910, mirror, hair & clothes brush in Rococo style. Lalique glass ornament. Australian pottery jug by Phillipa James. 1850s Daguerrotype <sup>likeness</sup> on copper in folding leather case. Serviette rings of kangaroo and emu design made in Melbourne from the 1870s. A 1918 signed engraving.

**Angela Day** of Angela's Antiques, 573 Dean Street, Albury. Hallmarked silver: tablespoon, cigarette case, soap container, sugar tongs. Lady's kneehole writing desk of Huon Pine with burr walnut inlay on drawers. Bavarian beer stein.

**The Mystery Object** proved to be a folding (travelling) boot jack, neat and practical.



## MEMBERS' NEWS.

Sympathy is extended to our Honorary Life Member Mrs Rosemary Boyes BEM on the death of her husband Frank. He was known as a kind and gentle man. He came of a pioneering family and farmed at Leneva. He served and was wounded in World War II so the RSL was his especial interest. He backed his wife in her historical work and was a generous financial contributor to this Society.

Sympathy is also offered to Tom and Shirley Miller on the sad loss of their daughter Julie Jean Gugel and to Julie's sister, Wendy Moriarty.

Congratulations to David Rhodes - at the Australian Forest Industries Woodwork Exhibition in April, his Long Case Clock was Highly Commended and his Cedar Bedside Cabinet was Commended.

Congratulations to Olive and Hube Odewahn on their Golden Wedding. They were married in 1938 at the Olive Street Methodist Church, Albury.

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The Heritage Week Plaque was unveiled by the President, Gerry Curtis. It was awarded to the owners of the Old Farmers' and Graziers' Building in Smollett Street, Albury. John Alker-Jones organised the occasion and congratulatory messages flowed from & to John, the owners, architect, builder, planners, users, etc. What was the plaque's message? Why not go and read it?!

The original building has <sup>had</sup> a number of different uses when it was known as the Exchange Buildings, ranging from hotel, retail store, stock and station agency before conversion into a wool store and wool show rooms. Major extensions were made in 1929 and 1933 as Albury developed as an important wool selling centre.

Whilst the original architect is not known, Albury architect Mr David Hoff undertook detailed research and design work with the Albury City Council and the NSW Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning. The building is listed under the current Albury City Council Local Environmental Plan. The building is owned by Mr L J & Mrs L C Colquhoun and Mrs M Zweck and has been converted for use as the regional taxation office.

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## HERITAGE ITEMS

The Society's committee has supported the Australian Heritage Commission's recent decision to place the following items on the Register of the National Estate:

- (1) The Bungambrawatha Bridge in Smollett Street (1887)
- (2) Railway bridge over the Murray River in South Albury (1884)
- (3) Howlong's River Murray Bridge (1908)
- (4) Bonegilla Migrant Reception Centre, Block 19 (built World War II)

The Commission's decision is a recognition of the important place these bridges and Bonegilla hold not only in Albury-Wodonga's history but in those of the nation.

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This month's Question. Where was the first cantilever awning in Albury?  
And when was it put up?

Last month's Question was on Patterson's Curse. Replies at the meeting were inconclusive. One story was that it spread from Mannus near Tumbarumba but more usually it is supposed to have been introduced as a garden plant on Cumberoona in the 1890s by Mrs Patterson. However, her grand-daughter, Miss Alice Wallace, wrote to the BMM in 1958 denying this. She wrote that her aunt, Mrs Broome, who was a keen gardener had never seen the plant in her mother's garden at Cumberoona and Mrs Wallace agreed with her.

The Question sparked a letter from Fred Griffith and we print his interesting memories of the Patterson Homestead and that area.

Editor's note: I agree with Fred Griffith that Patterson's Curse is a Bugloss but I think he will find that it has been identified as Purple Bugloss, *Echium lycopsis*.



F.C.Griffith,  
519 The Village Glen,  
ROSEBUD WEST, 3940.

The Secretary,  
Albury and District Historical Society  
P.O.Box 822  
ALBURY 2640.

15th May 1988

Dear Sir,

In reply to the query in this months Bulletin, "WHERE DID PATTERSON'S CURSE ORIGINATE IN THIS DISTRICT?" I am in a position to supply most of the facts.

It started as a garden plant at the Patterson Homestead which was situated about a mile south west of the Cumberoona Stock Reserve on the Jingellic Road. This must have been about the end of the last century as I remember as a boy about 1920 driving out with my father to see acres of purple flowers as we drove past the Bowna township towards Pat Hore's Cumberoona property - coming over a hill the whole country was a solid mass of purple.

I helped establish the "PLEASURE ISLAND" water ski resort for the Holbrook R.S.L. Club. I had picniced and water skied for a number of years from Gordon Drummond's property "Inverloch" with my family. This was directly opposite to Pleasure Island over the Fowlers Swamp Creek.

I had a bridge built by the Albury P.P.Board over the creek to give access in case of bush fires and this enabled people - mainly from Holbrook - to come in with their boats for fishing and water skiing. I had my bulldozer at the Weir for 2 years clearing about 2000 acres of standing timber to make it safe for water skiing.

The old Patterson home was on an island just out from the Club House the R.S.L. built. The house was derelict but the main feature was an old brick bakers oven and a clump of "Tree of Heaven" suckers.

About 1960 the level of the Weir was raised by about 25 feet and this completely submerged the Patterson house. It became a hazard to water skiers as the top of the house was just under the water and I hit it on several occasions. Over the years, it was flattened by club members and it is now only a flat mud island.

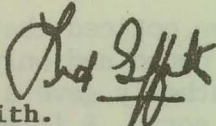
As the Weir is now very low, it would be a good idea if the Society made a trip out and took some photos and observation. I would be willing to come if someone could help in getting me up from Melbourne.

For the record the botanical name is VIPERS BUGLOSS or ECHIUM VOLGARE.

The C.S.I.R.O. have located a grub which attacks Patterson's Curse but the bee keepers have been lobbying (successfully so far) to prevent its release.

Patterson's Curse is a wonderful source of honey and each year when I was on Toonalook, bee keepers from all over Australia used to come with their hives and ask to site them on Toonalook.

Yours faithfully,



Fred Griffith.

P.S. Four years ago, I did a 30,000 trip around Australia and everywhere we went, we saw traces of Patterson's Curse - along the west coast of Western Australia and even at Alice Springs. Apparently the seed is carried in the dung of cattle on motor transport.



Letter from Mrs Lois Humphreys, 48 Buronga Drive, Lavington.

Dear Mr Esler,

As I will be overseas at the time of the Annual General Meeting I would like the following statement to be read at the meeting in support of my nomination of Anne Davies as Honorary Life Member of the Society. I should also like the statement published in the Bulletin if that is possible.

Since 1970, when Mrs Davies moved to Albury, she has been an active member of the Society. While her main interest has been the establishment of a worthy museum for Albury, she has always been willing to support any activity which will foster the Society.

Thus it was Anne who thoroughly detailed our museum collection in 1982, \* prior to having a Director responsible for the Museum. To do this she visited other museums, attended seminars and purchased books on conserving and management. She assisted in the collection and storage of artifacts when it became possible for the museum to expand; for this expansion to take place she interviewed Council officers and attended Museum Committee meetings, sometimes twice a month.

In 1981 and 1982 Anne was Minutes Secretary, a position involving two meetings each month, as well as time devoted to meticulous entry and typing of minutes.

She has been willing also to accept the positions of Junior and Senior Vice-President, and since 1983 has been our invaluable Bulletin Editor. We must appreciate the time she spends gathering reports, writing, laying out and typing. For many years she was also obliged to photo-copy two hundred copies! Anne enjoys attending Society functions which she reports, but she also goes out of her way to represent the Society at historical ceremonies of interest in other towns, and bring reports of these to readers.

Anne appreciated the urgency of making oral history tapes, and was the Society's representative in seeing that this was achieved.

She has had an eagle eye on legality, visiting solicitors to ensure that our Constitution was unambiguous, and met all our requirements. Similarly, it was Anne who recognized the need for Incorporation, and who vetted the detail of our Archives Agreement with the Library.

In the period of the transition of the Society in 1981, Anne gave her support in every way possible, enabling a solid foundation for the present important role of the Society in Albury's life.

Anne is now a member of the Research and Publications Committee, Bulletin Editor, and the Society's representative on the Museum Board of Management. It is fitting that her efforts on the Society's behalf should be recognized by bestowing upon her Honorary Life Membership.

Yours sincerely, L. Humphreys, Past President.

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\* Note by Anne Davies: I listed items in the Society's Collection which were not in the Museum but stored in garages & in or under members' homes, etc. I am embarrassed by Lois Humphreys' kind exaggerations.

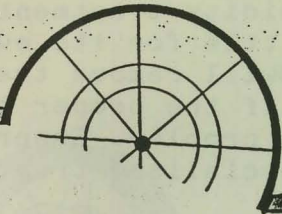
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The Editor apologises to Mr Bob Weatherly. Members may have noticed that in the Court House report in the May Bulletin, five speakers were noted and only four described. The typist/editor left out a sentence. "Mr Weatherly gave a most witty and informative talk from a lawyer's point of view." Very sorry, & it was such a good speech.  
Anne Davies.

Next committee meeting: 8 pm 28th June 1988 at Xavier High School, North Albury.

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# ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

## TURK'S HEAD TATTLE No.3.

### WHAT'S ON.

April, 1988, was the busiest month on record, 2263 people visited the Museum with even higher numbers visiting "Dr Barnett" at Lavington.

#### Museums Association.

The Southwest Chapter met at Junee last month with delegates from as far as Albury in the South and Parkes in North. It was decided that the Museums in the southern area would become an independent Chapter. Although it was quite sad to think that we will have very little to do with the other museums there have been so many set up in our region that we had very little alternative.

#### Conservation Clinic.

Our Museum offers one of the few regional conservation services in Australia and certainly the only one available in a local history museum.

Currently we can provide treatments for a number of objects and shortly we will be adding paper to our repertoire. Conservation in this day and age is a highly developed science requiring intensive training for its practitioners. It is often confused with restoration but is actually vastly different. It is also sometimes called preservation. To clear up the differences it might be best to explore each term individually.

Restoration involves cleaning and repair with the aim of making an object look like new. Sometimes this approach uses techniques that are harmful to the preservation of the objects and may destroy their authenticity and integrity. This may occur particularly when objects are cleaned using ordinary materials such as metal cleaning fluids or wood polishing solutions bought in supermarkets. These can often do more harm than good. Restoration is basically a cosmetic technique and is a very dubious practice for historical objects.

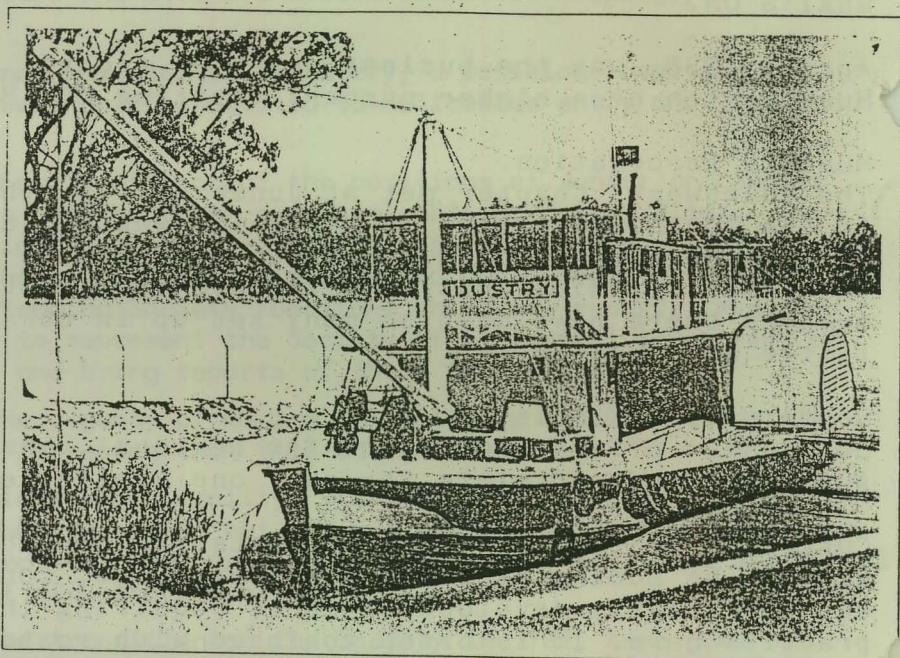
Preservation is not a treatment as such. It is like putting a bandage on a wound because it tries to prevent damage to artifacts by protecting them from harmful elements. It is an extension of the maxim "prevention is better than a cure".



Conservation is applied when an object is deteriorating. Objects can get "sick". Wood may be dessicated and require humidity treatment, metal may be rusted or corroded or paper may be too brittle for its own good. In each case treatments have been developed which will remove the problem by halting the process of deterioration. If the proper treatments are not available it is usually best to leave the problem. Expert diagnosis is required, and sometimes extremely specialised treatment can only be obtained from one or two institutions. If you have possessions that you would like to preserve for posterity and do not wish to donate them to a museum you are welcome to contact the Regional Museum for a diagnosis.

#### ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM GOES INTERNATIONAL!

We recently received news that Martyn has been appointed to the International Committee for Regional Museums which is a department of the International Council of Museums and advises UNESCO on matters relating to regional museums throughout the world. The news is very exciting but the question is, will he be able to afford to attend the next meeting - in Russia?



#### NEW ASSOCIATION FORMED

PS. Industry at Renmark. Note the derrick crane and wheelhouse.

Robyn and her husband, Shane, travelled to Renmark S.A. for a meeting of Murray River captains. The journey was a 16 hour round trip but a good time was had by all who attended. The group was made up of river captains and their wives or partners ranging in ages from 30 to 90. On Saturday night there was a dinner onboard a floating restaurant where old and new river yarns were told some short and others very tall! The following day was a B.B.Q. on the river bank and a captains meeting. It was decided at the meeting to form a Murray River Skipper's Association (M.R.S.A.). The M.R.S.A. will meet again next year in Swan Hill at the invitation of the Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement.

#### ON THE SCROUNGE

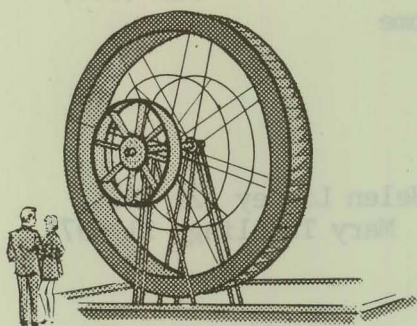
We still need old sheets and rags to keep the dust of the reserve collection and to clean it. More rags are needed for the printing press. Strangely enough we also need used toothbrushes to use in conservation treatments.

#### STAFF NEWS

Robyn will shortly be taking her maternity leave and we are all quite sad by her departure. Not just because we will miss her bright personality but also because now all her work will have to be shared out! However we wish her all the best for the happy event.



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**Next Meeting** 8 pm on Tuesday 12th July at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury  
Two of our members will be speaking to the Society:

Gwen McAulay: **"The Story of the Ikin Family who came to Sydney Town  
with the Second Fleet"**

Kel Williams: **"Horse Power over the Bonnet" or "Happenings in Swift Street"**

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## **Last Meeting**

Ian Glachan, Member for Albury, presided at the Society's electoral change-over and said that a thriving Society such as ours is important in Australia. He enjoys our meetings and is interested in history and the past. His family came via New Zealand from Cornwall where his forbears had been farmers for 1,000 years on the same farm. It was a great thrill for him when he stayed in the farmhouse.

Those nominated in the June Bulletin are the new committee, see page 2.  
The President's Report was received as were the Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts.  
The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is part of this Bulletin.  
Anne Davies became an Honorary Life Member.

Annual Subscriptions remain at \$14 Family, \$12 Adult and are due now. A subscription form is enclosed for those who have not yet re-joined. Your new membership card will be a blue one.

The President, Gerry Curtis, thanked retiring Committee members: Kevin Esler, April Padbury, Holford Lempriere, Henry Jochheim and Martyn Paxton. He welcomed the new Committee, especially new members: Anne Holloway, Harold Mair, Frank Higgins, John Craig and Keith Orford. Also thanked by speech or letter were: the Honorary Auditor, Brian Dunkley; the Honorary Solicitor, Haydn Heath; School for Seniors (loan of equipment); Supper ladies; Gwen Brown for folding, enveloping and posting Bulletins and Colin Frauenfelder for setting up for meetings and helping to clear away.

The Hume Weir video was enthusiastically viewed. It was very well put together and will be an asset to the Society. David Schulz was thanked for the Hume Permanent Building Society's generous offer of paying for the video.

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 Minute Secretary Frank Higgins 25 1607  
 Treasurer Harold Mair 26 5226  
 Public Officer Helen Livsey 21 3671

**Committee** John Craig 25 6041, Howard Jones 21 6589 AH, Helen Livsey 21 3671,  
 Keith Orford 21 2973, Bruce Pennay 23 0800 BH, Mary Thurling 21 6975

**Research** Helen Livsey **Bulletin** Anne Davies

**Publicity** Mary Thurling **Tours** Howard Jones

**Supper Hostess** Mary Thurling **Heritage Week** John Alker-Jones & Bruce Pennay

**Helpers at Meetings** Col Frauenfelder 21 8482, John Craig & Keith Orford

**Newsletter Reader and Reporters** Frank Higgins and Henry Jochheim

**Research & Publications sub-committee** Convenor: Anne Holloway. Marie Aney 25 3618,  
 Anne Davies, Sue Gray 21 2460, Helen Livsey, John Mollison 21 5046

#### **Society's committee representatives on external committees**

**Albury Regional Museum Management:** Chairman John Alker-Jones  
 Anne Davies, Howard Jones, Bruce Pennay.

**Street Names** Howard Jones **Riverside Parks** Gerry Curtis

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**Donations,** for which the Society is most grateful, from

**Mrs Daintry Heywood.** Transcript of a recording of a Talk to the Society about Hawksview on 12/8/1963 by her husband, Captain Heywood. There is interesting information on re-building the homestead in the 1920's, on sites of old cottages which probably dated back to before the 1880's when the property was fenced and on the shearing shed, shearers' quarters and other buildings. Later research has unravelled the names and dates of previous owners of which he was unsure. A copy of the cassette is with the Society and the transcript may be found in the Local History Room, Albury Library.

**Mrs Erica Holmes.** 1976 cassette of interviews with Anglican parishioners which marked the Centenary of the Opening of the Extensions to St Matthew's Church, Albury. Those interviewed were Mrs Lankester, Mr & Miss Stelling and Mrs Nell Heath, Mr Noel Snare, Canon Boddington, Fred Griffith grandson of Canon Bevan, Mrs Marshall and Miss Carter.

It was in 1876 that the building of the east end, the chancel and transepts, was completed. The nave remains in Blakett's simple Norman style. In 1976 the small spire was set on the tower base at the NW corner of the church.

**Miss Constance Chambers** has given the Society a copy of the book which she and Olive Shearer wrote entitled **BUNGOWANNAH** "The Dividing of the Storms" 1863-1987.

The Preface states "The aim of compiling the history of Bungowannah was to preserve the names and deeds of the earliest settlers whilst there still remain persons who can remember them, or were told the stories of what happened in earlier times."

The book is good value at \$10. It is available from our July Society meeting or from Miss Constance Chambers who lives at The Cedars, Bungowannah, phone (060) 26 6130. Postal address is R M B 355, Albury 2640. The book weighs 320g, so if you are ordering by post, add \$1.50 for sending to N S W or Victoria, \$2.00 to other states.

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The next committee meeting will be held at 8 pm on 26th July at Xavier High School, Fallon Street, North Albury.

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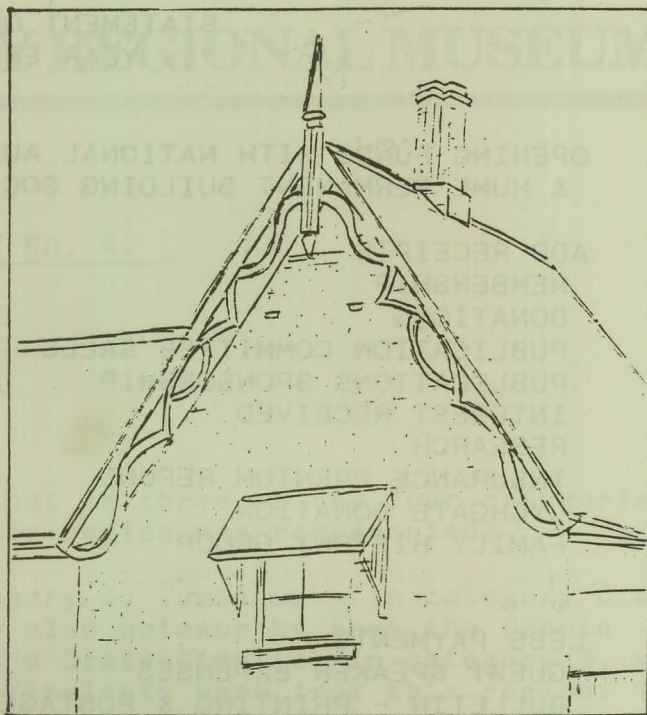
**This Month's QUESTION.**

Where in central Albury is the building on the right to be found?

**ANSWER to Last Month's Question**

The first cantilever verandah in Albury was erected by T H Mate in their Dean Street store in 1916 after the fire of 1915. It was cantilevered by steel rods from the wall above and is still the same today though now the cantilever is continued round to Kiewa Street. The Regent Theatre (now Cinema Centre) was next in 1926 followed by C M L in Dean Street, S M Abikhair in Olive Street and Anzac House in Dean Street. Council building laws required such structures in Dean and Olive Streets because angle parking by motor vehicles was knocking down verandah posts.

Gerry Curtis remembered these facts and also consulted Wally Abikhair and Dan Murray.



**Mention of Mate's Store** brought this reminiscence from Clif Mott:

Thomas Hodges Mate was an attentive businessman. He would meet shoppers as they entered his store, pass the time of day and discuss the season. The well-to-do he might even serve himself. One morning he sold a man a saddle, but before he could make out the docket was beset with customers. The rush over he could not name the man who bought the saddle. After a full day's worrying Thomas Mate had a plan. He sent accounts to six big graziers in the Upper Murray. One denied liability, five paid.

In the leisurely ways of doing business long ago, months passed before the true buyer could be isolated and the others recompensed.

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**Congratulations** to April and Neil Padbury on the birth of their son, Andrew Deane, on Thursday, 16th June. All are well.

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**The Family History Group** has ceased to be a sub-committee of this Society and is now: The Wodonga & District Group of the Genealogical Society of Victoria. Membership of G S V is required. The single annual membership is \$25 plus \$10 joining fee. Meetings are to be at 8pm on the 3rd Wednesday at Portable Classroom 8, Wodonga High School, Woodland Street entrance, Wodonga. The Secretary is Doug Holmes, 25 3191 AH. This Society is pleased to have helped the Group to get started and wishes it well.

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**British Philatelic Bureau** have published "Links, Australia and Britain, 200 years of Heritage in Stamps." It is well illustrated and is written by an Australian for Australia Post. The contents are: British Heritage, Place Names, For King & Country, The Emigrants, Australian Wildlife, The Distance Narrows, Parliamentary Democracy, The Royal Family, Equal before the Law, Cricket and Tennis, Commonwealth Games, Football and Water Sports, Theatre Music and Dance, Pop Music, Cinema and Television.



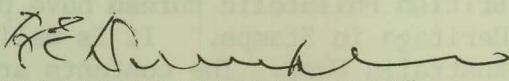
## ALBURY &amp; DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1988

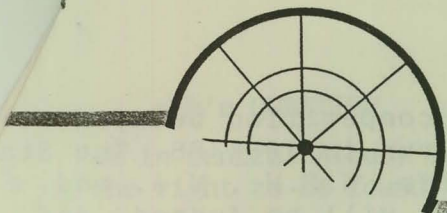
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OPENING FUNDS WITH NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK & HUME PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY		5,997.45
ADD RECEIPTS		
MEMBERSHIP	2,062.00	
DONATIONS	110.60	
PUBLICATION COMMITTEE SALES	266.25	
PUBLICATIONS SPONSORSHIP	50.00	
INTEREST RECEIVED	836.68	
RESEARCH	213.60	
INSURANCE PREMIUM REFUND	179.55	
LYCHGATE DONATION	20.00	
FAMILY HISTORY GROUP	39.10	3,777.78
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LESS PAYMENTS		
GUEST SPEAKER EXPENSES	50.00	
BULLETIN - PRINTING & POSTAGES	1,262.81	
POSTAGES & TELEPHONE	50.96	
STATIONERY	336.60	
PUBLICATIONS	107.52	
INSURANCE	215.00	
MEMBERSHIP	100.00	
RESEARCH	24.00	
PLAQUE	282.90	
DONATIONS	230.00	
HALL HIRE	200.00	
SLIDES/PHOTO EXPENSES	50.00	
BANK FEES & DUTIES	30.44	
PRESIDENTS EXPENSE	20.00	
REPAIRS - TYPEWRITER	76.00	
REGISTRATION & INCORPORATION - BULLETIN	53.39	
MISCELLANEOUS	29.60	-3,119.22
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CLOSING FUNDS - HUME PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY		
ALL PURPOSE ACCOUNT		1,656.01
TERM INVESTMENT (MATURES 12/8/88)		5,000.00
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THE ABOVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS OF THE ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS BEEN PREPARED FROM THE BOOKS & RECORDS OF THE SOCIETY.

IN MY OPINION THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1988 EXHIBITS A TRUE & FAIR SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS.

  
B.E. DUNKLEY 10/6/88  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT





# ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

TURK'S HEAD TATTLE NO. 4.

## MUSEUM OF THE YEAR AWARDS - 1988

### Border District Nominees

It is quite interesting to note that in three of the four categories of Awards at the Federal level this region was represented.

Albury is in the running for category B, Tumbarumba in category C and Yackandandah in Category D. It is also noteworthy that the Peppin Heritage Centre at Deniliquin was a State finalist in category B, which meant that two out of four state finalists were from this region. The other two being in Sydney. This is a wonderful showing and although the Federal competition is stiff, we of the Border feel we have made our mark. As this is so it might be worthwhile to give some details on the Awards.

### Background

The Australian Museums Association chose to begin making Awards after seeing the success on similar programmes in Europe. They were first held here in 1981 and are conducted by most State Branches of the Associations. The first Federal competition was held in 1983 and this year is thus only the second time that the Awards will be presented at a national level. The Awards do not mean any financial assistance but they do give winners more bargaining power. They also focus public attention on museums in general and hopefully will stimulate community awareness and support.

The Museum Community is divided as to the value of the Awards but there can be no denying their publicity value and all winners are naturally proud of the honour. After all, in our work, a pat on the back is a very rare occurrence.

### The Nominees

We have listed the nominees in the various categories to show how stiff the competition is, (and also because we are proud of the ranking). Martyn is in somewhat of a quandary because his old Museum is in the running for the same Award as Albury this year (this should test his loyalty!).



### The National Awards

In 1988 the National Awards are essentially a competition between winners in the States where State Awards were run in 1987/88. The States involved in this part of the Awards are Victoria, N.S.W., W.A. and S.A. There are four categories in which museums will be judged, and they are as follows:

1. Best Museum, Category A - museums employing more than 2 professional staff.

The entrants are: Warrnambool Art Gallery - Victoria  
South Australian Maritime - S.A.  
Museum, Port Adelaide

2. Best Museum, Category B - museums employing 2 or less professional staff.

The entrants are: Dharnya Centre, Barmah - Victoria  
Migration Museum, Adelaide - S.A.  
Albury Regional Museum, Albury - N.S.W.

3. Best Museum, Category, C - museums with voluntary staff only.

The entrants are: Queenscliff Maritime Centre - Victoria  
Millicent National Trust - S.A.  
Museum.  
The Pioneer Women's Hut, Glenroy. - N.S.W.

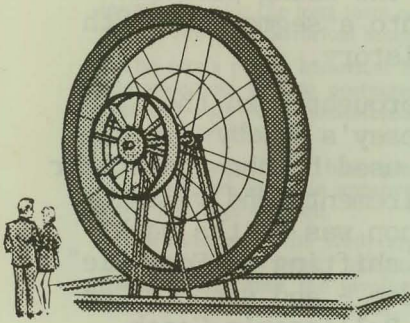
4. Best Special Exhibition or Museum Project.

The entrants are: "The Local Community in Time of War", Bank of  
Victoria - Victoria.  
Naracoorte National Trust Museum - S.A.  
"Dig the Past" Boyanup Primary - W.A.  
School and King Cottage Museum  
"Futurescan", Powerhouse Exhibition Train- N.S.W.



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**Next Meeting** 8 pm, Tuesday 9th August at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

**Speaker: Mr Haydn Heath on Early Solicitors of Albury**

**George Toutcher Fleming commenced practice in Albury on 8th October 1863**

**This is the 125th Anniversary of their firm until recently**

**Fleming, Henderson & Gardiner, now Fleming \* Muntz \* Summons**

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**Reprint: "History of Albury 1824 - 1895" by Dr Arthur Andrews**

The Society is both grateful and proud to have received a letter from Mr Ian Thompson of Australian Newsprint Mills enclosing a cheque and saying:



"My Company will be happy to sponsor this venture.

We believe that it is a significant contribution to the life of Albury and is especially appropriate in Australia's Bicentennial Year."

The Society's copy of Dr Andrews' History has gone to the printers Renwick Pride. It will be printed facsimile but enlarged 10% and have 20 illustrations and captions, a huge index, a 1988 Preface by C A Mott and a copy of that 1881 street plan of Albury with upstanding buildings which will make a splendid cover. It should be ready in October. A N M's generosity has removed anxiety about cost of printing but now we have to tackle how to promote, market and sell the book.

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**The Membership List** for the year 1988-89 will be published in the next Bulletin. We do hope you will all re-join. The September Bulletin will be the final one sent to those who have not paid this year's subscription. The new card is a blue one.



## JULY MEETING

The two talks by members were an admirable foil for each other, one being personal memories of a small locality in Albury and the other research into a segment of 18th and early 19th century Australian, or rather New South Wales, history.

**Kel Williams** was born in Albury. He and his twin brother were brought into the world by Dr Arthur Andrews, the Albury historian, at Sister Dempsey's Rokeby hospital. Kel's father had a house and shop built in Swift Street - later used by the undertaker John Birnie. But when first built, the shop sold artist's requirements and wall-papers etc. His father employed a team of painters whose workshop was at the back of the house. We heard about some of the twins' pranks such as shifting a "For Sale" notice from a vacant block to the front of Dr Cleaver Woods' house - and standing on a chair to reach the new wall-mounted and forbidden telephone. Dallinger's Coach Building was on the NW corner of Swift and Olive Streets. Dallingers made first class horse drawn vehicles. On Albury Show Day, the procession of buggies, sulkies and wagons all bright and shiny was a sight to see. Kel followed his father into the painting business and continued there until he retired in 1973. Great changes he has seen in Albury were (1) when the gas mantle gave way to the electric bulb, (2) when the sewer was laid in the main part of town and which banished night carts and typhoid and (3) when the four legged variety of horse power gave way to the under-the-bonnet bottled-up sort.

**Gwen McAulay's** great great grandparents, Obadiah and Sarah Ikin and their elder children came to New South Wales with the Second Fleet. Information for her talk was taken from the book "The First Fleet Marines 1786-1792" by John Moore and from the history of her maternal family "The Story of a Shropshire Soldier and His Family in Australia". Gwen detailed the desperate conditions on the small sailing ships, bad for the soldiers and their families and appalling for the convicts. Conditions in Sydney Town were not much better due to food shortages. Sgt. Ikin and his family were sent to Norfolk Island where he guarded convicts. When they returned to Sydney, Obadiah received the first of several land grants. In 1803, Obadiah decided to become a free settler instead of returning to England and the Ikin family and their descendants have helped to build up the Australia which we have today.

Scripts of both these talks may be found in the History Room of the Albury Library.

### ANSWER to Last Month's QUESTION. Did you identify the drawing?

Suggestions were a Railway House or the old Model School in Olive Street but Mr and Mrs Mott and Anne Davies rightly settled for St Matthew's Anglican Rectory.

John Craig and Helen Livsey brought Border Post articles about the Rectory. John's was about the laying of the foundation stone. A bottle was buried underneath containing coins and copies of the two newspapers, and afterwards, money and I O Us were placed on the stone. Helen's article of Sept 1, 1869 described the Parsonage as having a very neat and attractive appearance of 4 or 5 rooms downstairs and 4 very convenient rooms upstairs. The whole of the fittings such as doors, sashes, skirtings and architraves were worked in cedar, the flooring being Murray Pine. The front had a beautiful scroll fascia board. The estimated cost of the building was £1,100.

**This month's QUESTION** is "What do you know about the house at 356 David Street?"

Recommendation 20 of the Heritage Study (see page 3) is "That Albury City Council recommend to the Heritage Council of N S W that Interim Conservation Orders be placed on the following properties:

House - 356 David Street, Post Office - 570 Dean Street,  
Beehive Building - 637 Dean Street and "Kia Ora - 473 Townsend Street."

**Next Committee Meeting** 23rd August, 8 pm, at Xavier High School, Fallon Street North Albury.



## PRESERVING ALBURY'S HERITAGE

**T**HE Albury Heritage Study lays the foundations for the long-term conservation of Albury's historical assets.

The city's prime historical buildings and precincts will be protected under planning controls administered by the Albury City Council.

Demolition of the best pieces can only proceed with the approval of the NSW Heritage Council.

The authors of the study argue that stronger council power will streamline planning and limit the involvement of other government authorities.

They want the council to forge a new era in conservation by preserving the buildings that contribute significantly to Albury's architectural character.

The study has been a long time in the making.

A team of six started the huge project of analysing the city's conservation area in 1986.

Funding constraints — which saw historian Mr Bruce Pennay complete the thematic study for nothing — and competing projects have taken their toll and delayed its release.

But the study will go on display in the council chambers on Monday.

Public comment is being sought over six weeks before the council makes its final decision on the 27 recommendations.

The brains behind the report are forward planner Mr Peter O'Dwyer, conservation planner Ms Jocelyn Collieran, landscape architect Mr Alan Grant, historian Mr Pennay, archaeologist/historian Mr Johnathon Winston-Gregson and architect Mr Kenneth Young.

From The Border Mail, Saturday July 23, 1988. This introduction was part of an excellent two page spread of pictures and descriptions.

Report on the Study by Anne Davies - and does the editor ever have some tasks!  
The introduction from the Border Mail sums up the Study admirably.

The Draft of the Albury Central Area Heritage Study is very comprehensive. Bruce Pennay's History makes enlightening and fascinating reading. I got lost in the academic style of the "Physical Evidence" chapter. Alan Grant writes clearly about landscape, trees and shrubs in and around the city. The two planners have developed the conservation policy and suggested how to put it into practice. The 27 Recommendations (page 40) are vitally important to the City of Albury and to us as citizens. The many lists of buildings in the Appendices leave me hoping that SOMEONE is going to simplify them.

This Study is a collection of reports with no overall page numbering, indexing or even a noticeable table of contents. So I've made one out to help us.

### Contents of DRAFT OF ALBURY CENTRAL AREA HERITAGE STUDY

- A. A Thematic History by Bruce Pennay - Historian.
- B. Physical Evidence Report by J H Winston-Gregson - Archaeologist/Historian.
- C. Landscape Analysis by Alan Grant - Landscape Architect.
- D. Conservation Policy and Implementation Report  
by Jocelyn Collieran - Conservation Planner and Peter O'Dwyer - Town Planner

This includes **27 Recommendations** to Albury City Council.

### E. Appendices:

1. Conservation Area. Map. Buildings listed under Schedules 7 and 8.
2. Effect of Schedules 7 and 8.
3. Brief for this Heritage Study. (Ken Young, architect, was the sixth member)
4. Heritage Council of N S W List.
5. National Trust (NSW) List of "Recorded" and "Classified" places and buildings.
6. Australian Heritage Commission List.
7. Draft Albury Local Environment Plan and Schedule 13.
8. Burra Charter - International Charter for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites.
9. Heritage Study Inventory.
10. R A I A (Architects) List of 20th century buildings.

**DO GO TO THE FOYER OF ALBURY CITY COUNCIL** where there is a display of colour photographs of buildings and vistas - good and bad - and a brief description of this **Heritage Study**. There are two of the Draft books pinned to the table. If it's too much to read at a sitting, copies may be bought from A.C.C. for \$20. The Society has a copy but as it is recommended reading for the committee, it may not be available to members yet.



# CLASSIFICATION OF CEMETERIES by The National Trust of Australia (N.S.W.)

Members of the National Trust's Cemeteries Committee visited burial grounds in this district late last year. They made comprehensive reports, on the strength of which the National Trust has Classified the following cemeteries.

Copies of their **Reasons for Listing** are reproduced below.

## Reasons for Listing

Albury General Cemetery is an outstanding item of environmental heritage which boasts an exceptional range of monuments with both representative and unique designs, in a wide variety of materials. Many pieces are fine examples of monumental sculpture; others display rustic craftsmanship or idiosyncratic ingenuity. This fine collection is appropriately sited in a formally laid out site, which includes major elements such as avenues of trees, boundary plantings and an elegant lych gate. Many memorials demonstrate aspects of the area's history and social development (war graves, Chinese areas, nationalistic motifs etc). The inscriptions record the history of Albury for more than 150 years. The cemetery remains an important local landmark as evidenced by the continuing interest of the community and the extensive available promotional material.

## Reasons for Listing

Bungowannah General Cemetery is representative of the standard rural cemeteries in the Albury area. The cemetery is sparsely populated, possibly suggesting optimistic settlement expectations, and is lacking in any major landscape design - a pattern which is repeated throughout the district. The monuments are crafted in a variety of materials and show a range of designs from the very simple to the highly ornate. The cemetery has an attractive rural setting.

## Reasons for Listing

Howlong General Cemetery displays a very broad range of funerary elements crafted from many different materials. Monuments, which include some of the earlier examples in the area, are crafted in a variety of stones and in timber. There are also numerous metal and wooden elements including numerous different iron and timber grave surrounds covering more than a century. The formal cemetery layout is clearly discernible from the planting which remain.

## Reasons for Listing

Gerogery was a notable centre of German settlement in southern New South Wales, and this history is evident in the style and inscriptions of the monuments in St Peter's Cemetery. Several monuments (including a timber stele, which has weathered to leave the inscription in high relief) are particularly noteworthy. The cemetery is an important element of the church precinct which is enhanced by the panoramic views behind it.

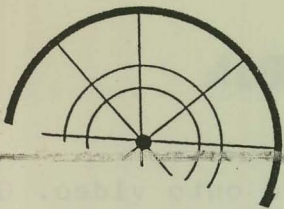
## Reasons for Listing

The Jindera cemeteries together provide a comprehensive social document which records the history of this rural township. The cemetery elements, monuments and inscriptions provide tangible evidence of the extensive German settlement in the area during the nineteenth century. The Wagner family mausoleum is an item of considerable historic and social interest which strengthens the significance of the cemetery. The Wagner family were noted local identities. Their large neo classical mausoleum contrasts with the virtually empty cemetery, providing another interesting facet of the site.

It must be emphasised that the inclusion of a burial ground in the REGISTER does not mean that the Trust is wanting the controlling authority to provide any additional access to the site.

Classification by the Trust does not have legal force. It is however, recognised as an authoritative statement of the historical and/or landscape importance of the place, and by listing such items in its REGISTER the Trust hopes to advise the public of the value of Australia's national heritage.





# ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

## *turk's head tattle*

### BAD NEWS

Some of our friends have already heard that we have had a theft at the Museum. It occurred on a Thursday during opening hours. The offender prised open a perspex shell and removed six bronze medallions. We were ~~very~~ lucky that they didn't take the Webster cup which was also in the same shell. The medals are listed below. The police have all the details and we have written to all local antique dealers and to all the numismatic dealers in Australia.

Items missing:

1. Bronze Medallion awarded to James Mitchell of Tabletop at the Calcutta International Exhibition 1883-84 for Merino Wool.
2. Bronze Medallion awarded to James Mitchell of Tabletop in 1877 by the Agricultural Society of NSW for best ewe.
3. Medallion awarded to James Mitchell for Devon Bull 1895 Royal Melbourne Show.
4. Medallion awarded to James Mitchell for Devon Cow 1895 Royal Melbourne Show.
5. Sectional Medal Cootamundra Show - 1884.
6. Two medals awarded to James Mitchell Royal Melbourne Show 1895.

### "ABORIGINES IN SYDNEY"

This exhibition has now closed and gone back home to the Australian Museum in Sydney. Incidentally authorities at that Museum have just told us that we cannot have next year's travelling exhibition because our building is too small! This is the second time that we have missed out on good exhibitions because of lack of space.

### COLLECTIONS

We have now catalogued 3720 objects since work began on 3 September 1984. That makes an average of 960 objects per year. Since we have about 8,280 more to go it looks like we will be finished by 1997 at the present rate. We obviously need a full-time Curator!



### VIDEO FOR LOAN

We recently had two of our own films transferred onto video. One is of Albury in 1966 and features the Mechanics Institute and a number of other fine buildings. The other is of the Albury Air Pageant in 1932. Anyone who would like to borrow it overnight can do so if they ring up and book it. The two together run for about 12 minutes.

### COLLECTION CARE CENTRE

Work has begun on our old cottage and we hope to open it very soon. It includes a modern storage room large enough to hold the entire collection held in the Turk's Head. When we relocated this collection it will be on open storage so everything will be able to be inspected by the public.

We will also have a laboratory where Martyn will be able to work with his smelly chemicals without making everyone sick and Robyn will be able to do her design work without cluttering up everybody else's desk too!

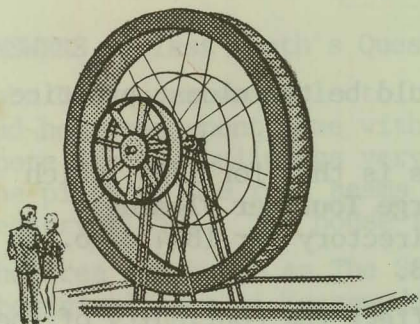
We are grateful for the grant the government gave us to do this but we think they should have given us MUCH MORE!





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

**TO AUSTRALIA UNDER SAIL Speaker: Mr Clif Mott**

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**Last Meeting Haydn Heath**, who is the Society's Honorary Solicitor, gave an address on early solicitors of Albury under the headings:

1. Albury's Oldest Law Practice
2. Albury's Oldest and Next Oldest Law Firms
3. Family Relationships in Albury Law Firms and Practices

Mr Heath named those in law practice from 1858 and gave as an example of an old Albury law practice the re-combined Nagle-Belbridge practice now known as Belbridge, Hague and Co.

He has kindly given the Society the notes of his address, see page 2 of this Bulletin for "Albury's Oldest Law Firm" which is quoted in full. He followed this by telling of the second oldest law firm, founded by A.A.H. Emerson in 1875, now Tietyens. He finished by detailing some family relationships of Albury solicitors including Harold Angel and his daughter Patricia Strachan, Albury's first lady solicitor.

## THE HISTORY of ALBURY

The 1988 edition of Dr Arthur Andrews' History of Albury, 1824-1895, is at the printers. The Society plans to release this edition before the end of October. Price: \$10 per copy, less 10% to members - plus cost of post & packing if appropriate. More news next Bulletin.

**WANTED URGENTLY** Any information about descendants of Dr Arthur Andrews.

Please contact Anne Holloway (060) 21 2173 or Helen Livsey 21 3671.  
Names and up-to-date addresses are needed as soon as possible.



# FLEMING ♦ MUNTZ ♦ SUMMONS

BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS

## ALBURY'S OLDEST LAW FIRM

**Fleming Henderson & Gardiner** (now **Fleming Muntz Summons**) would be the oldest practice continued by solicitors linked by partnership.

The first Law Almanac to contain a list of country Attorneys is that for 1864, which shows **Blackmore; Miller;** and also, for the first time, **George Toutcher Fleming** (8 October 1863). He appears for the first time in Sands Directory for 1864 also. He apparently commenced practice in Albury on 8 October 1863.

**Fleming** entered into some early partnerships which do not affect the continuity of the firm; **Fleming & Bradley**, with **George Fullerton Bradley**; and **Fleming & Chauncy**, with **W.S. Chauncy** (23 September 1876), who in 1895 moved to Wagga Wagga. About 1898 **Fleming** entered into his well-known partnership with **Walter George Henderson** (3 June 1893) as **Fleming & Henderson**. **Fleming** appears to have died in the early 1910's.

**W.G. Henderson** continued the firm as sole partner until in 1920 he joined with **Mr Gerald Methuen Stedman** (a Victorian solicitor admitted in N.S.W. 19 November 1920) the firm then being called **Fleming, Henderson & Stedman**. Upon **W.G. Henderson's** retirement **Mr Stedman** in turn became sole partner until in 1948 **Mr Stewart Gore Brett** (1 August 1935, Solicitor, N.S.W. & Victoria) joined the firm. At the date of its Centenary, 8 October 1963, the firm's name was still **Fleming, Henderson & Stedman**, and the only partners (**Mr Stedman** having retired) were **Mr Brett & Mr Thomas Pressy Gardiner** (14 March 1958) who continued practice as **Fleming, Henderson & Co.**

On 29th March 1969 the firm **Fleming, Henderson & Co** (**Brett & Gardiner** - partners) purchased the Corowa practice of "**W.M. Strong & Son**" following the death of the late **John Henderson Strong** and continued to conduct that practice as a branch practice until 1st October 1971 when **S.G. Brett** took over the Corowa practice on his own account and retired from the **Fleming, Henderson & Co** partnership of Albury.

The name was changed at this time to **Fleming, Henderson & Gardiner** and was continued by **Thomas Gardiner** as sole practitioner until 1st July 1973 when **Haydn Heath** and **Garry Bryant** were admitted to the partnership and continued the practice under the same firm name. **Thomas Gardiner** retired on 31st March 1981 and on 1st July 1988, the firm amalgamated with **Muntz Summons** (formerly **Dynan McLachlan & Co** and originally **McKenzie McHarg & Moran**) to become **Fleming Muntz Summons**, with partners of **Haydn Heath, Garry Bryant, Paul Muntz** and **Bill Summons**.

It is clear that **Fleming Muntz Summons** is Albury's oldest law firm and it will be 125 years old on 8th October 1988.

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**Clif Mott** thanked **Haydn Heath** for his interesting address and asked him to comment on **Peter Stuckey Mitchell's Will**, **Edmondson's Paddock** and the **Angel family**.

**Peter Stuckey Mitchell** of **Bringenbrong** had a special Will drawn up by **Walter Henderson**. He left his whole estate to locate and reward the "Perfect Specimen of Australian Womanhood" and the "Perfect Specimen of Australian Manhood". The qualifications he specified were so stringent that no-one could match them. The Will was too involved to be settled and went as far as the Privy Council for a decision. For more information see the Australian Encyclopedia.

**Edmondson's Paddock** was bought and sub-divided by the **Stedman** and **Griffith** families and became known as **Forrest Hill**.

The **Angel family** was descended from **Henry Angel** who was assigned to the **Hume & Hovell Expedition**. After his pardon, he did well in the Western Riverina and raised a family of the highest integrity. Years later, an uncle in England confessed that he had framed his nephew and that **Henry Angel** was innocent of the crime for which he was transported.

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**DONATION**, for which the Society is most grateful, from

**John Dallinger** of **Foto Supplies** of \$300 towards the Society's funds.



**PRESIDENT'S QUESTION** What political event of national interest took place in Albury in the 1940's?

**ANSWERS** to last month's Question about the house at 356 David Street.

John Dallinger was able to tell us what he remembered. His grandparents lived there and he often spent time with them. His uncle, Len Evans, lives there now. There are two buildings very close together and there was a separate kitchen. The pitch of the roof seems the same as the Model School (1861) and St Matthew's Rectory (1859). The house is in bad repair now, John has taken photographs as a record. The area was known as The Sandhills of South Albury and was sometimes called by the aboriginal name of Yarrawuddah. Dr Crichton was buried here, but re-interred in the David Street Cemetery. Sand and soil have been removed (see Bayley's Border City page 58) but the house is on a slight rise which appears to be the original level. Gulson's Pottery was located in the vicinity, on or about the site of the first cemetery.

#### **ELLA CASPERS' CENTENARY**

- 1888 Born in Albury on August 28 to Eleanor and Henry Caspers, music teacher.
- 1895 Ella's mother dies and the girl is sent to Goulburn Convent School.
- 1901 Sings at Sydney Town Hall at 13 years old.
- 1905 Enters Garcia School of Music in Sydney and trains as a contralto.
- 1909 Albury, Goulburn and Sydney people collect funds to send her to the Royal Academy of Music in London.
- 1913 (approx) Sings before King George V and Queen Mary.
- 1914 Returns to Australia with the titles of 'The Golden Voice' and 'Albury's Most Famous Daughter'. Wins praise from Dame Nellie Melba.
- 1915 Soloist at opening of Conservatorium of N.S.W.
- 1919 Continues international career with great orchestras and conductors in London.
- 1920's Fame spreads through gramophone recordings.
- 1932 Deafness ends Ella's career. Later she marries A.A. Maloney and retires to Taree.
- 1987 Mrs Ella Maloney dies in Mosman, Sydney.

#### **CAN YOU HELP?**

Our researcher, Helen Livsey, has answered many and varied questions during this year. Most relate to family history as did the <sup>one</sup> about **Carnsdale**. The **Carne** family had land in the **Brocklesby** area and their name appears on the parish map. It has been confirmed that **Balldale** was formerly called **Carnsdale** but there is no family information available. Does anyone know when the area was first called Balldale? And why?

A relative from Queensland has written to enquire about the **Curd/Kurd** family. Two of the Curd children were baptised at Albury by Rev Fr. Lovat in 1845. Three children, surnamed Kurd, were attending the Albury National School in 1850 when Henry Rich was the teacher. The children's parents, Richard Curd and Mary Anne (née Sexton) were buried at Beechworth. Richard was a gardener. It is interesting to surmise who employed him in Albury in 1845, or whether he was self-employed.

Two other queries were about the meaning of the name Bowna and about the Ashcroft family of Urana. Arthur Ashcroft, proprietor of the Border City Hotel, Albury at the turn of the century, may have been a relative.

If you have any information relevant to these enquiries, please phone Helen Livsey on (060) 21 3671, write to Box 822, Albury, 2640 or come to a Society meeting and tell Helen.

**Next Committee Meeting:** 8pm Tuesday 27th September at Xavier High School,  
Fallon Street, North Albury.



MEMBERSHIP. Thank you to those members and family members listed below who have paid their subscriptions for the year June 1988 to May 1989. The October Bulletin will be sent to the names on the list and those whose subscriptions are received by September 20. A membership form was attached to the July Bulletin.

Early receipt of subscriptions is appreciated due to the amount of work involved in typing names and addresses of all members, in alphabetical order, and photocopying the labels in time for posting the next Bulletin.

If there are any errors in the following list, or if the address on this month's Bulletin is incorrect, please contact Helen Livsey, phone 21 3671.

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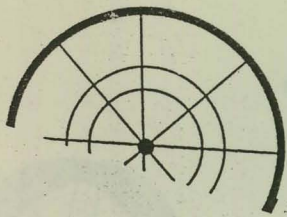
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# ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

## *turk's head tattle*

No. 6.

### IT'S A BOY!

The biggest news of the month is the birth of Wyatt Wilson Till to Captain and Mrs Till at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday 16 August. Mrs Till is of course Robyn, our Curatorial Assistant who has been on maternity leave since June. Mother and son are doing well, in fact the baby was 9 1/2 pounds, so he is very healthy. Congratulations to Robyn and Shane and welcome to Wyatt.

### NEW PUBLICATIONS

We have introduced a number of new titles which we are selling at reasonable prices. They include;

- "Australian Farming through 200 Years" by Paul Ashton.
- "Australian Women through 200 Years" by Margaret Adamson.
- "Australian Transport through 200 Years" by Brian Carroll.
- "Australian Children through 200 Years" by Suzanne Fabian and Morag Loh.

These all retail at \$6.95 and are full of really excellent photographs, particularly the last one which is delightful. For the more up-market buyer we have Paul Ashton and Kate Blackmore's "On the Land: A Photographic History of Farming in Australia" for \$17.95. This is an excellent work full of great photographs and fascinating information.

### NEW ACQUISITIONS.

This month we have acquisitioned some very nice pieces. From Historical Society member John Craig a photographic print of the Border City Hotel, plus seven glass negatives and prints of the Rieff house and occupants. Two of these are internal shots which are very rare, as they date from the late nineteenth century.

Another photographic print was brought in by a visiting descendant of the Wightwick family. The print features members of the family outside Wightwick's Australian Hotel.



## EXHIBITIONS.

We are currently working on our new exhibition "Unmentionables" which will feature our comparatively large collection of under-garments. We are desperately in need of corsets, bustles and crinolines. If anyone can help please telephone Martyn. Wendy Hucker from Tumbarumba will be co-curating this show which we hope will be up soon. Watch this space for more details.

## MYSTERY

Who was the volunteer who catalogued Martyn's gloves by accident? They might look old but they are actually quite new! It looks like you cannot leave anything around the Museum for fear it will be put into the collection!

## THE MISS MUSEUM AWARD

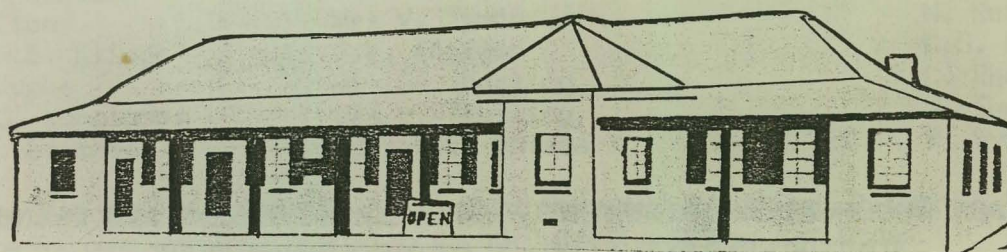
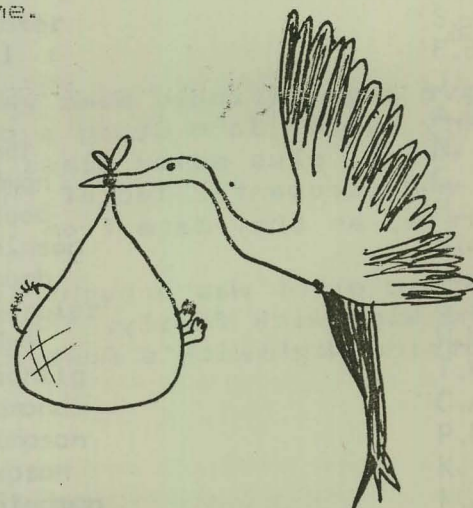
The three judges visited the Museum and gave it a rigorous "going-over". They interviewed Martyn and Mr Mark Yeo (Assistant Deputy Town Clerk) for over ninety minutes. They prodded and poked and worked their way into every nook and cranny in the place. When they finally left we felt like we had just gone ten rounds with Jeff Fenech! The results will be out in October.

## GREEN THUMBS AT WORK

The Horticultural Society are kindly laying colonial gardens at the northern end of the Museum. The finished product will beautify our premises considerably, enhancing the Victorian charm of the buildings. A significant feature of the gardens will be the inclusion of the Bicentennial Time Capsule which is soon to be laid.

When all this work is completed the Museum will be in a very lovely environment which will hopefully provide relaxation and enjoyment for generations to come.

*a future  
curator?*

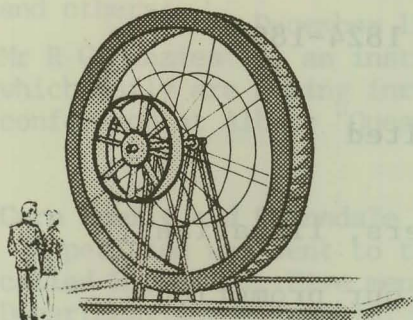




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Next Meeting: 8 pm, Tuesday 11th October at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

FEDERATION FURNITURE, Slide show and talk

Mr Kevin Hall, President of Corowa Historical Society

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### INVITATION

We hope everyone will come to our Afternoon Re-Union which is to honour those members who have worked for the Society over the years. Invitation cards have been sent to them.

This will be an opportunity to see the Society's two projects in the Bicentenary Year:

- \* The fifteen minute video of the Building of the Hume Weir.
- \* The reprint of Dr Arthur Andrews' "History of Albury 1824 - 1895" with its expanded index, 20 photographs and a preface by Mr Clifton Mott.

When: 2.30 pm on Sunday, 30th October 1988.

Where: The C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Please bring some party food.

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From the Publications sub-committee: We had an advance copy of Dr Andrews' History for the Bicentennial Time Capsule and we are thrilled with the production.

The 10% enlargement of Dr Andrews' original text makes it much easier to read. The cream paper and brown print is very distinguished. The cover has an 1880 map of Albury where you can pick those buildings which have survived a hundred years, the vineyards which have not and the two churches which never did have spires! Helen Livsey's index is a boon and we are proud that Mr C A Mott has written the preface 1988.

The book will be for sale after the Official Launching at \$10 a copy, \$9 to members. Or see dodger/order form attached.



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of the 1988 Reprint  
Dr Arthur Andrews' History of Albury 1824-1895  
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This occasion is for local dignitaries, booksellers, librarians, committee and such-like and will be the start of our promotion campaign.

It will also be an opportunity to thank Mr Ian Thompson for A N M's financial and other support.

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The Society's Committee has expressed congratulations to the publications sub-committee for the fine effort of that committee in arranging and carrying through the publication of Dr Andrews' History of Albury, 1824 - 1895". The Society is appreciative of the work done by those of its members involved in the project. A good job well done.

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### September Meeting

In a talk to the Historical Society members at last month's meeting Mr. C.A. Mott spoke under the title, **To Australia by Sail**. He said that after the discovery of the value of sails to ships, and the improvement of navigational instruments, the Atlantic was crossed, the Americas discovered, Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope were rounded, and the Indian and Pacific oceans were explored. Portuguese, Spanish, English, Dutch and other navigators were led on in the search for the Great Southland that must, they believed, be in the Southern Hemisphere as a counterweight to the huge land masses in the Northern Hemisphere. But for sail Australia would not have been discovered by European mariners for centuries, and then, it might have become the possession of a country other than England.

In the second part of his talk Mr. Mott gave an account of an experience he had in 1932-33, when, as a seaman, he worked his way on the Finnish four-masted barque, Parma from Copenhagen to Port Victoria in the Spencer gulf of South Australia. With the help of a model of a sailing ship and maps provided by society president, Mr. Gerald Curtis, he told of events aboard the Parma during 100 days at sea. Parma was one of a small fleet of sailing vessels that once a year came by way of the Cape of Good Hope to South Australia, took on cargoes of wheat, and sailed home to Europe by way of the Horn.

C.A.M.

**MEMBERSHIP** Since the Membership List was compiled for the September Bulletin subscriptions have been received from:

Albury C W A, Mrs M Comitti, Mrs T Cottrell, Mrs M Cracknell, Mrs M Furness, G Hamilton, Mrs L Handson, Mrs J Hauber, Mrs L Kerr, Misses A & M Power, Mrs J Shanahan, Miss L Staton, Mrs P Strachan, Mrs J Sutherland, Mrs D Switzer, J Wightwick. **Families** of: J Alker-Jones, E Batrouney, B W Esler, C Frauenfelder, G Jones, S T Judd, R J Payne, A G Scott, R Ward.



The **Answer** to last month's Question "What political event of national interest took place in Albury in the 1940's?" was given by Gordon Mackie, Kevin Esler, Tom Miller and others:

In December 1944, the Liberal Party of Australia was launched by Mr R G Menzies "as an instrument to combat Communistic and Socialistic influences which daily are making inroads into the lives of the people". There was a three day conference at Albury "Queen City of the South".

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#### **Carn Family and Carnsdale**

Helen Livsey

A petition was sent to the P M G in 1876 requesting a Post Office in the district called Richmond. Five men signed the petition including John Carns, grazier. The Department was agreeable, provided another name was suggested. William Nugent, who was to become the postmaster, suggested Carnsdale or Carnsmere. The Carnsdale office was opened in 1876.

P H Carne, a solicitor at the office of Fleming and Bradley, was the Secretary of the Albury Cricket Club in 1879. From 1908 John and Catherine Carn lived at "Oldersloe", Henty. A John Carns was married at the Church of England Corowa in 1877.

**Balldale.** Helen Livsey's research led her to ask when the township of Carnsdale was re-named Balldale and why. (Clif Mott said at the September meeting that Balldale was called after the Honorable R T Ball, M L A, member for Corowa.) Carnsdale Railway Station was opened in 1892 and its name changed to Balldale in 1905. R T Ball was member for Corowa and was responsible for getting the railway spur line from Culcairn to Corowa.

The above information has been supplied by Lee Howard, Deirdre Izon, David Nicholson and "Flow Gently Past" by Brian Burton.

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#### Letter to the Editor.

Bearing in mind that, in 50 years' time, anything printed now in the Historical Society's Bulletin will probably be regarded as historically correct, I believe that we have a duty to see that it is historically correct. For this reason, I would be obliged if you will, in the next Bulletin, make it quite clear that, while Henry Angel no doubt has very many descendants, the Albury Angel family are not of their number.

Harold Angel and his family are descended from Reuben Angel, the son of James Angel and Catherine Angel (nee Skevington). Reuben Angel was born at Henlow, England on 22 April, 1852. He migrated to Napier, New Zealand and might have lived there for the rest of his life, if it had not been for the great earthquake. That convinced him that New Zealand was going in only one direction (i.e. straight down) and he came on Australia. He married Elizabeth Jane Rake in Wagga on 21 October, 1885. Their five children were born at Wagga, Sydney, Albury, Melbourne and Albury. Harold Angel was the youngest of the family and he was named by Mrs Griffith, Senior of "Woodstock" after her favourite grandson, Harold Dewhurst Griffith.

Both Harold Angel and his brother, Charles, served in the 1st A.I.F. While in England, they both visited their Grandmother Angel, who was then living with a daughter in Edmonton, a suburb of London.

Reuben Angel had nine grandchildren, of whom only one was a male - my brother, also Harold Angel, who was District Telecommunications Manager at Wagga for a number of years, before taking up a similar position at Canberra. My brother has met a number of the descendants of Henry Angel and has been struck by the strong resemblance. When the Hume and Hovell celebrations took place in 1974, my sister and I had quite a long conversation with Ron Angel, a descendant of Henry Angel, who came from Craigieburn for the celebrations. Ron mentioned that Henry Angel had two brothers, William and James. There may be a connection between Henry Angel's brother James and my great-grandfather, but it hasn't been proved.

For the time being, the only claim to fame that the Albury Angels can make is that, through Elizabeth Jane Rake's grandmother, Elizabeth Grace, they are related to the greatest cricketer of all time.

Yours sincerely,

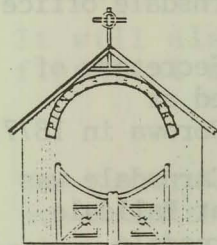
Pat Strachan.



**Mr Ray Porta.** It is with regret that we noted the death of Mr Ray Porta of Stonleigh, High Street, Wodonga. Mr Porta was a long time member of this Society. He was born in Spain and settled in Australia in 1923. One of his main interests latterly has been compiling his wife's family tree (Gillman). Mrs Porta passed on about two years ago and it would be true to say that he was only half himself since then.

Members may remember a notable visit to his home in July 1982 when he showed copies of the original title deeds. The land on which the house stands was a grant to Daniel Rhodes in 1854. The house was built of stone and originally contained 3 or 4 rooms with a cellar and detached kitchen.

After looking through the house, members saw Mr Porta's extensive collections including many bottles and the tools for making mudbricks in the traditional Spanish manner.



There is a plan by Albury City Council to restore graves in the Pioneer Cemetery.

As there is concern at the state of some graves, any relatives of the deceased should contact the Town Clerk of Albury City council.

**Did your ancestors come from Somerset in south west England?** Pat Strachan recommends a library book (H 929.3 CHU), "The Somerset Years" by Florence Chuk, about the Government assisted immigrants from Somerset & Bristol who arrived in Port Phillip 1839-1854.

### **The Bicentennial Time Capsule.**

Martyn Paxton has not had time to write his supplement to the Bulletin, "Turk's Head Tattle", for this month as he has been so busy organising the Time Capsule.

He says that it contains well over 200 pieces - nearer 400. They are mostly documents, there weren't really enough objects. There were photographs of family groups and of buildings, and reports from Service Clubs of their activities in 1988. Albury North High and Albury High Schools put in particularly interesting school projects of illustrated anthologies of their lives in this year. Other things included a policeman's uniform, Lee Jeans and a four-year-old boy's sneakers. The motor vehicle tyre had to be cut down. The crude oil won't leak (says Martyn).

This Society buried an advance copy of the reprint of Dr Andrews' History of Albury 1824 - 1895 with the inscription "The Albury & District Historical Society Inc, is depositing this special unnumbered copy of its principal project for the Bicentenary Year".

Martyn only wishes he could return in a hundred years to watch the faces of the museum staff as they unpack the astonishing collection.

### A Brief Visit to Albury in 1880

*I returned for night to Camden to pick up my box ... and then was picked up by an express train and stowed away on a shelf in a real Pullman car. We reached the end of the rails at eleven next morning, and I was crammed into an omnibus with thirty other persons, and with nine horses to drag us. The party were all most good-humoured and the country was richly cultivated, with orchards and corn. It was Sunday, and they deposited us at a place called Albury, where there was a considerable scramble to find rooms. ... My respectability was established and I got a room. Albury is a neat little town, with blue hills behind and hedges of pink and white roses, with white robinia trees (Robinia pseudoacacia) planted in its streets for shade, now covered with bloom and looking like snowballs.*

*"Some Recollections of a Happy Life - Marianne North in Australia and New Zealand"*  
edited by Helen Vellacott. 1986.



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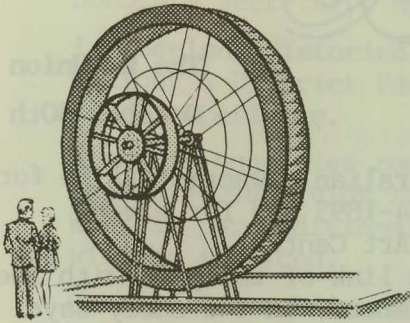
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## **Commemorating the Crossing-Place, 1838 - 1988**

A hundred and fifty years ago what we now know as Albury-Wodonga became the official Murray River Crossing-Place. A police station was established to guard the crossing and the town of Albury was surveyed and named.

As the year which marks the nation's Bicentenary draws to an end, **Bruce Pennay** asks if we have enough puff left to blow out our own hundred and fifty candles.

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This month's **Questions** - hopefully to be answered by members at the November meeting.  
"Who in Albury made the stone bottles for Sharpe Brothers' ginger beer?"  
and "Where were the Temperance Hotels in Albury?"

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Dr. Arthur Andrews'

# THE HISTORY of ALBURY

The Book Launching

October 28th

The Re-Union

October 30th

1824 - 1895

The Society is immensely grateful to Mr Ian Thompson and Australian Newsprint Mills for sponsoring the re-print of Dr Andrews' History of Albury, 1824-1895 and for giving a Launching Party in such a gracious setting as the Regional Art Centre.

Mr Thompson said that the Society was a remarkably active link of the past with the present and instanced the Turks Head Museum and the paddlesteamer. In the early days the city was shaped by individuals of strong personalities such as Dr Andrews whereas now it was shaped by groups like the Mill who felt they had a responsibility to the community. So he was pleased to support the Society & was honoured to Launch the Book.

Mr Curly Humphreys, a member of our Society, acted as M.C. and introduced speakers with expertise "Old friends and new" he said "and we hope the publicity will help sell the book.

Mr David Loosey of Renwick Pride, Printers, presented the Society with ten case-bound copies of the History. They are a pleasure to hold and read for they open out so well. This is a quality binding, the gold lettering showing up against the brown cover. The Society has given a copy each to Mrs Gray and Mrs Betz, descendants of Dr Andrews.

It has been easy to deal with Renwick Pride for each member of the staff has been so helpful. The publications sub-committee has had to learn the language of printing, what they take for granted and what we have to specify. The printers have been startled to deal with 3 or 4 members at a time because no one available could bear to be left out.

Mrs Anne Holloway condensed our history of Printing the History, the traumas and now this exciting and proud moment, the culmination of 12 months work. She introduced Mrs Patricia Gray, a grand-daughter of Dr Andrews.

Mrs Gray said that he was a kindly man with great energy always doing something useful. He led a busy life, visiting patients by horse or bicycle and as well had many interests: The Base Hospital, the Museum, Histories of Albury and the Upper Murray, the Show Society, numismatism and amateur cabinet making. He died when she was ten. Her last memory was of seeing him sitting up in bed, of his long white beard, the white sheets and coloured beads. He always had to be "doing" and this time had a wooden frame and was weaving a necklace of tiny beads. It was woven like a wide ribbon and would have a tassel or ornament where the two ends hung down at the front - presents for his daughters. He was a much loved man.

Gerry Curtis referred to another Launching, though less successful, to be found on page 89 of Dr Andrews' History "The Government .....

**The Afternoon Re-Union** was very well attended by about 80 people. The committee was especially pleased to welcome 22 honoured guests who had worked for the Society in many ways over the years. Frank Higgins read the Minutes from the first meeting of the Society, naming identities. Marg Gibson gave us the benefit of an item she had prepared for the Eisteddfod 1988. She spoke clearly and with expression a brief biography of Banjo Paterson and recited quotations from his poems. Anne Holloway told about re-printing Dr Andrews' History and introduced some of the doctor's descendants. Cleaver Bunton was pleased to say a few words commending the Society which has functioned worthily and well. Peg Boyes congratulated the Society on the two projects and noted that Mr Bunton was a Foundation member. And then we saw the video "The Building of the Hume Weir". It is a most interesting production. The building covered a span of many years and employed hundreds of workers in Victoria and N S W. Many thanks to those who provided and served a sumptuous Afternoon Tea. Flowers were given by Keith Orford, John Mollison and Lucy Staton and arranged by Anne Davies and Anne Holloway.

**The Descendants.** It has been a great pleasure to meet Dr Andrews' grand-daughter, Patricia Gray and her husband Harry, the doctor's great grand-daughter Robin Betz and her husband Andy and the charming great great grandchildren Andrew, Jo and Jessica Betz. We are honoured that they came to Albury for the occasion of the Launching and the Re-Union. Patricia Gray said "The book is beautiful & I'm thrilled to meet grandfather's friends."



**Correspondence** Two letters about archives and research will be tabled at our Society meeting in November or may be seen on application to our honorary secretary, Mrs Anne Holloway.

**1. Geelong Historical Records Centre** is now offering a research service by mail on Geelong & District People, Places & Events using two research assistants with 15 years experience.

Specific enquiries requiring up to one hour of research cost \$10. More complex enquiries involving two hours research cost \$20. Research time over 2 hours will cost \$5 per additional hour. Enclose \$10 with letter: additional costs, if any, will be invoiced.

Contact: Mrs Dianne Hughes, Research Co-ordinator, P O Box 104, Geelong, Vic, 3220. or phone 052 21 7007.

**2. N S W State Archives.** The Archives Authority of New South Wales has decided that the practice of transporting State archives from its repository at Kingswood to the Archives Office at The Rocks will cease on 31st December 1988. From this date it will be necessary for readers to travel to where the records are stored to use them: either at the Office at The Rocks or the Kingswood Repository.

Kingswood is 30 km from Sydney on the Great Western Highway, nearly as far as Penrith.

The address of the State Archives & Government Records **Repository** is O'Connell Street, St Marys, N S W, 2760 and the phone number is 02 673 1788. (St Marys and Kingswood are adjoining suburbs so presumably the Repository is located somewhere between them)

The completion of the Services Building extension at Kingswood in 1987 has provided the Repository with a reference staff and a Search Room comparable to that at The Rocks. Fortunately most of the heavily-used State archives - passenger lists, convict records, land grants, licences, etc - have been copied and are available at both locations. A leaflet on the Repository's Reference Services may be requested.

The N S W Archives **Office** is at 2 Globe Street, The Rocks, Sydney and the phone number is 02 237 0254.

**The Mitchell Library**, Macquarie Street, Sydney holds a large collection of Parish maps. Phone: 02 230 1414. Be prepared to have your credentials checked.

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**October Meeting.** Mr Kevin Hall, President of Corowa Historical Society gave a well-prepared talk on Australian furniture.

He detailed a glossary of terms used to describe furniture such as balloon backed, birds-eye, bobbin turning and many more.

An understanding of styles is needed to date furniture. In Australia the main periods were: Early Colonial 1788 - 1830, Colonial 1830 - 1837, Early and Late Victorian, and Edwardian 1901 - 1910. Influences were the Arts & Crafts Movement and Art Nouveau and also the revivals: Jacobean, Queen Anne, Chippendale and Sheraton. Furniture made between 1890 and 1910 is also known as Federation.

Over 130 local timbers have been used but in the Victorian period everything was likely to be stained dark. There are many beautiful woods, some used were blackwood, cedar, Queensland maple and kauri, hoop and Huon pine.

Popular cottage chairs were often made with designs such as "Kangaroo" and "Emu" impressed across the back.

The Australian climate is hard on furniture. Mr Hall recommended keeping a saucer of water in air-conditioned room to add humidity.

Mr Hall's talk was illustrated by slides of furniture which he had restored. Photographs of "Before and After" showed his two skills, that of recognising antique quality in battered and broken pieces and the knowledgeable restoration which re-assembled the parts into admirable furniture.

The President, Gerry Curtis, in thanking Mr Hall mentioned that some of his work could be seen at the Kiewa Street markets.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING. So is the search for suitable gifts. Let us solve your problems! Send copies of Dr Andrews' History as your presents. When you order, enclose gift card(s) with your cheque. But PLEASE write on the card(s) not only your message but also the full name and address of the lucky person to whom it is to be sent. Books \$10 a copy (\$9 to members) plus post and packing for each book, \$2.50 to N S W & Victoria, \$3 to other states. Happy Christmas.

### ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

1. UNMENTIONABLES What are they?! They are those garments which create the shape under fashions - yes - underclothes. And they'll be on show at the Museum after November 6th thanks to the Museum staff and the management of the Pioneer Women's Hut at Tumbarumba.

The Exhibition will be opened by Shar Jones, President of the Museums Association of Australia (N S W) on November 6th.

2. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Martyn Paxton desperately needs volunteers on Thursdays. The Museum is open from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm. The shifts are usually divided into 3 hour sessions: 10.30 to 1.30 and 1.30 to 4.30. The volunteer's job would be at the front desk to welcome visitors, deal with public enquiries, sell books etc and to try and notice that visitors don't walk off without paying for the goods or worse still with museum objects! It's an agreeable, chatty job, you can take your knitting or your letters or you can get involved in museum tasks. PLEASE look in your diary and see if you can help on November 3rd, 10th, 17th or 24th or on December 1st, 8th, 15th or 22nd, morning or afternoon. Ring Martyn Paxton on 21 4550 - and be prepared to leave a message on the Ansaphone if need be, for Martyn to ring back. Don't be fussed by the machine, just say something like "This is Annie Smith speaking, please will Martyn ring me on .. .... about volunteering on Thursdays".

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### THE HOWLONG SELECTION

The Howlong Selection is the title of a delightful 80-page well-illustrated volume published to mark the township's recent 'Back-To' celebrations. It was edited by one of our members, Mrs Andrea Sauerbier, who also edits 'The Grapevine' newsletter. Like all good local history books, its emphasis is on people and pictures. It contains reminiscences by Mr Pat Salmon, Mrs Hilda Dunstan, Mrs Evelyn Hamilton, Mr Harry Drew, Mr Herb Pressnell, Mrs Elsie Neave and others, as well as a history of the State school and the former St Brigid's School. Several articles on Howlong history from the Border Mail and the Grapevine are re-printed, including a history of Howlong Football Club originally published in 1962.

THE HOWLONG SELECTION, price \$10, is available from the Howlong Newsagency, McCormack's Store or by contacting Andrea at 26 5524.

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**Membership Renewals** Mrs M Lambert, W H Odewahn  
families of: K Burnham, R W Simmons and F & L Welch.

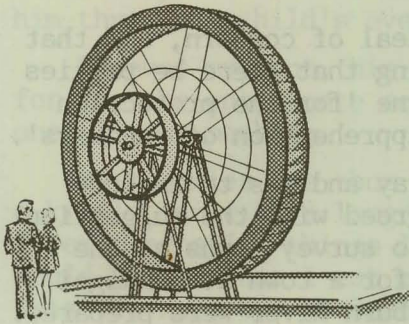
**Next Committee Meeting** 8pm 22nd November at Xavier High School, North Campus.

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**Next Meeting 8 pm Tuesday 13th December at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury**  
**BRING AND TELL. Bring a historic item and Tell about it.**

If you would like it recorded in the Bulletin, please also bring a written description to give to the editor, Anne Davies.

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## 1988 ENDS WITH TWO MAJOR BICENTENARY PROJECTS HAPPILY COMPLETED.

The video of the **Construction of the Hume Weir** has already been seen by several groups. Photographic sources were: NSW Department of Water Resources at Hume Dam courtesy Malcolm Pfahlert, Wodonga Historical Society, Murray Darling Basin Commission, Mary Thurling, Howard Jones and Martin Cain. John Dallinger made slides from pictures; he gave time, expertise and money to the project. The slides were set in order and viewed by Gerry Curtis and Howard Jones; Gerry then told the history from which Howard wrote the script. This was spoken and recorded by Ian Harrison. The final reproduction of slides and sound was done in Melbourne. The project was sponsored by the Hume Permanent Building Society to whom this Society is most grateful, as well as to the individuals and groups involved.

**The History of Albury 1824-1895** by Dr Arthur Andrews has been reprinted in facsimile with a foreword by Mr Clif Mott, twenty contemporary photographs and a greatly improved index. The Society's sincere thanks are due to the Australian Newsprint Mills Limited, who generously sponsored the project. The Publications Sub-Committee, Anne Holloway, Marie Aney, Anne Davies, Sue Gray, Helen Livsey and John Mollison laboured for many hours over eighteen months to reach the culmination of their efforts in the launching of the book at the end of October. They are grateful to the printers, Renwick Pride, whose first local book this is; they were most patient and co-operative with amateurs lacking experience of book production.

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**Donations**, for which the Society is most grateful, from

**Mr Ian Thompson, Australian Newsprint Mills Limited Albury** of a video recording of the Launching of Dr Andrews' History on 28th October at the Albury Regional Art Centre. It is a most professional production and a reminder of an historic occasion. He has given us the commercial original as well as a home video size and has sent copies to those of Dr Andrews' descendants who were invited to the Launching.

**Mrs Patricia Gray**, grand-daughter of Dr Andrews, of photocopies of Andrews' family documents. We expect to list them in the next Bulletin.



Bruce Pennay outlined the events of 1838 that led to the establishment of Albury-Wodonga as an officially designated Crossing-Place.

He explained that the Faithfull massacre caused a great deal of concern, and that Governor Gipps responded to a newspaper criticism by suggesting that there be parties of mounted police stationed on the route from Yass to Melbourne 'for the protection of the Colonists frequenting the route & to provide for the apprehension of runaways'.

The largest of the military posts was to be at the Murray and was to include three mounted police and nine infantrymen. Governor Gipps agreed with the suggestion of the Deputy Surveyor General that it would be a good idea to survey towns at the selected locations to secure the route. By April 1838 plans for a town at Gundagai and Mitchell's Town, seventy miles from Melbourne on the Goulburn River were prepared. By 26 January 1839 surveys had been completed on a town at Violet Creek and a town on the Murray to be called Albury. Another intermediate 'post of protection' at the Ovens River had not then been surveyed. By October 1838 a crudely built police hut was erected on a knoll behind the present day swimming baths. This police hut established this town site as an official Crossing-Place.

In 1988 it seems appropriate to recall that this place had its beginnings as a military post established as part of a strategy to secure inland Australia from black resistance.

Bruce Pennay went on to explain how the Crossing-Place subsequently developed as a buffer zone between two different colonies, then states, which had different regulations about customs and immigration. He told some of the stories involved in restricting the passage of people and goods across the border.

He concluded by explaining how the Crossing-Place developed as a recreational site principally on the suggestions of former mayors, Alf Waugh and Cleaver Bunton.

The Society looks forward to the brochure Bruce Pennay is developing on the Crossing-Place precinct for the Wodonga Bicentennial Committee.

B.P.

Twin Cities Post, 23.11.88  
reporting on  
Albury City Council

● Albury will celebrate its 150th birthday and 130 years of local government next year.

The council is considering forming a steering committee to consider appropriate celebrations and to raise community interest in the two milestones.

**Answers** to last month's Questions - or rather, there was no answer to Mary Thurling's Question "Who in Albury made the stone bottles for Sharpe Brothers ginger beer?" though Keith Orford said they were marked "Sharpe Brothers Australia & New Zealand" with no other place names.

A **Temperance Hotel** sounds a contradiction in terms but it seems that they were accommodation hotels away from the noise of drinkers. Frank Higgins, Helen Livsey and Marie Aney gave information and see Dr Andrews' page 72.

Trust Helen to find this splendid advertisement! & to bring a written contribution:

In 1874 tenders were called for a Temperance & Family Hotel in Dean Street for Mr R M Wilcox. It was probably the building which was opened as the Albury Club in 1875. By 1878 F Matthews was operating a Temperance Hotel in Swift Street, the building was owned by J T Fallon and was opposite Fallon's Cellars. It was burnt out in 1879 and within 4 months Mr Matthews was back in business with a Temperance Hotel and private boarding house - location unknown. In 1885 E Cass was operating the Albury Temperance Hotel in Townsend Street, opposite Mate's Store.

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Mrs Holloway has asked me to tell you briefly a little about my grandfather. I was only ten when he died so my memories of him are not very clear and I only saw him through a child's eyes.

However my aunt, his youngest daughter Dorothy, spoke of him often and, fortunately for us, she once wrote some notes about him. I think this was done for Mr W W Fielder, one of your members.

My memories are thus scrappy and mixed up with her stories. I remember him as a kindly man with a long white beard who was always good to his grandchildren. I remember silly things like the fact that when I stayed with them in Cremorne he would insist that I eat my wholemeal porridge with salt and no milk and sugar. This was hard but no doubt good for me.

In Auntie's notes there are details of his early career when he was resident physician at Bart's where he had trained and of his fairly extensive travels in Europe when he went to study in Vienna. I have brought a copy of these notes for you so the details are all there.

It was in 1874, when he was 26 years old that he embarked for Australia in the sailing ship "Yorkshire" and, after a four month journey, he went straight to the country and about 1876 to Albury where he remained for forty-three years until his retirement in 1919.

My chief impression of him was his energy and the necessity always to be doing something useful. As a country doctor he was obviously dedicated in times very different from today. He attended his patients on horseback, in a carriage drawn by two horses and on his bicycle. Auntie often told me how she would hear him returning from calls in the middle of the night.

This must have been a busy life yet he found time to hold various positions in the town. e.g. Govt Medical Officer and Visiting Surgeon to the Gaol, Deputy Sheriff under the Dept of Justice; he was always a member of the Albury and Border P.A. & H. Society and its president many times. He was chairman of the School Board and president of the Parents and Citizens' Association. He worked for the hospital of course and was also responsible for founding the Museum. Auntie often told me that he was known as "The Father of Albury" and she said that his picture hung in the Town Hall. I am now told that it was the Museum and that it is still there.

He put an enormous effort into stamping out typhoid which was then rife, and also worked to avoid a smallpox epidemic, holding vaccination clinics. He fought against diphtheria being a great believer in immunisation.

In spite of all these demands on his time he had many interests, one of the main ones being his researches into the history of Albury and the surrounding districts. This interest has led to this wonderful project you have carried out culminating in his ceremony. As well as this book you have reprinted so beautifully he wrote "The First Settlement of the Upper Murray" and other papers on the history of the district.

I have brought with me a copy of the letter written to him from the Mitchell Library in Sydney when he presented them with a copy of "The History of Albury". I have a copy of this first edition inscribed to my parents.

He was a keen amateur cabinet-maker and we still have in the family some beautiful examples of his work. He collected coins and was the first president of the Numismatic Society in Victoria and later in N S W. His beautiful collection was housed in cabinets made by himself. In his retirement the collection was sold and the purchaser donated it to the Mitchell Library where it still is. The Library asked him to catalogue the collection and this he did, most meticulously, and the book was published under the title "Australasian Tokens and Coins". A most beautifully bound copy of the book was produced by the Library and presented to him. I have brought the manuscript of this book which is fantastic in its thoroughness and detail. I thought some of you might like to see it. All this book was written during his retirement.

My last memory of him was of being taken into his bedroom when he must have been bedridden towards the end. There he sat, propped up by pillows with, on his knee, a wooden frame he had made himself on which he was weaving a necklace of tiny beads in a beautiful pattern. He was a man who just had to be occupied.

From all I have heard of him, I am sure he was a much loved man. Thank you.



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Dr Andrews' History may also be purchased at Society functions and at

- \* Albury Regional Museum, Wodonga Place
- \* Art Gallery, Old Town Hall, Dean Street
- \* Albury Newsagency and \* Angus and Robertson in Olive Street
- \* Riverina Bookshop and \* Blake's in Dean Street
- \* Shoestring Bookshop, Wangaratta

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V I D E O	"THE BUILDING OF THE HUME WEIR"	V I D E O
\$30	Authentic photos & excellent commentary	\$30
Copies from the Society, P O Box 822, Albury, NSW, 2640		
or at Society occasions		
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MERRY CHRISTMAS from the President and Committee  
 to all members & friends.

**RESEARCH.** The Society offers a service at a cost of \$10 an hour, plus photocopying and postage. Research currently being undertaken includes:

1. **Carl Gorte**, a partner in the Albury Tannery business of Kreuger and Gorte and later an orchardist at Wodonga.
2. **William Anderson**, believed to have had a market garden on 2 acres at N/E corner of Dean and David Streets. He died in 1910.
3. **James Barling** who died in 1874. His son, James, lived at Bungowannah.

**Membership Subscriptions** received since the November Bulletin:

Mrs E Allan, J Anderson, Mrs M Bott, Mrs L Conway, P Culhane, Mrs S Hill, H Lempriere, Mrs T McEachern, Mrs K Ortiz, Mrs M Robinson, B Wiggins, Miss P L Wilson and Yackandandah & District Historical Society. Families of H Gray, J Love & T P O'Keeffe.

**Next Committee Meeting** 8pm 24th January, Xavier High School, North Campus.  
 This is also the deadline for copy for the February Bulletin.

**First Society Meeting in 1989:** 8 pm 14th February, C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.  
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