

## ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# BULLETIN

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Next Meeting Tuesday, February 10th.

Member's Night. Bring your interesting objects, photographs and documents and tell members about them, or just talk to us about your memories of the district. Supper.

Annual General Meeting, December, 1980

Election of Office Bearers for 1981

President	Mr Robin Brown
Vice Presidents	Mrs Quiggin and Miss Staton
Secretary/Treasurer	Miss C Klinge
Minute Secretary	Mrs Davies
Research Officer	Mrs Holloway
Roster Clerk	Miss Staton
Bulletin Editor	Mrs Humphreys
Committee:	Mrs Aney, Mrs Boyes, Mrs Brown, Mr Burnham, Mr Hazelwood, Mrs Macdonald and Mr Royal

Subscriptions for 1981. Subscriptions have been raised to \$3.00 to help cover the cost of the publication of the Bulletin. They are now due.

President's Report, 1980. (Abridged)

Museum The Folk Museum has continued to be opened on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and more frequently during school holidays due to the tireless work of a small devoted group or attendants. We should all be indebted to the work of these people.

The dock from Albury Court House is one of the major exhibits at the Museum, however the Department of Justice has indicated that they would like to have the dock back in its original location. Negotiations took place during the year resulting in an offer of \$100 to the Society with the Department arranging removal of the dock. Actual removal has yet to take place.

Your Committee is very concerned about the restricted area available to the Folk Museum particularly as the number of artifacts and antique items continue to grow. For instance we have a buggy now stored in the Albury Show Grounds, and this year have been offered a Hart-Par tractor, Vintage 1916, and of course have no facilities to store such large donations. For this reason a sub-committee has been formed to investigate expanded facilities for the Museum either in its present location or in another one.

Archives Following enquiries made to the Albury City Council, the Upper Murray Regional Library has undertaken to receive all historical documents from the Society, catalogue them and store them so that they will be accessible for research purposes. Now that we have this facility it is hoped that some people will donate documents to the Society or directly to the Library, so this will become a major resource centre.

Preservation The Society took steps to ensure that renovation preparations for Albury Railway Station would be done in keeping with the age and character of the building. As a result, the State Railway Authority asked the Society to nominate colours for the Station and later even asked for details of the colour scheme. With the generous assistance of David Hoff and Associates, Architects, this scheme was provided to the Authority and is now being implemented. You will already see a great change taking place at the Station including complete refurbishing of the long platform awning which at one stage was to be demolished.

President's Report, 1980 (continued)

Preservation (continued) The Society provided some weight to the group of people concerned about the removal of trees from the Streets of Albury. We were concerned about the unsympathetic attitude of the Council towards the old trees that greatly add to the character of Albury, and to this end letters were written to Council.

As an extension of the Latona Report prepared for the National Trust, we have taken steps to investigate an area in David Street between Smollett and Hume Streets which is regarded as worthy of preservation for its value as a streetscape. More recently the question of preserving streetscape has arisen in Olive Street between Smollett and Hume Streets where it is proposed to demolish houses to make way for a Motel Development. Our views have been relayed to the Heritage Council of N S W who will take up the matter with the Council and the Developer.

It is recognised that if the Government were to make the costs of preserving valuable historical buildings tax deductible, this would greatly assist in preserving many of our historical buildings. We have written to the Federal Government in an effort to reinforce similar representations to the National Trust.

Railway Centenary The Centenary of the arrival of the great Southern Railway is fast approaching and will be celebrated on the 3rd February 1981. To coincide with this, the Government has renovated the Station buildings and as well the local railway staff and railway enthusiasts have formed a Committee to plan suitable celebrations. Because of the timing, this will be done in conjunction with the Twin Cities Festival. The Society is participating on this Committee and we have a direct involvement in the display of historical material that will be seen at this time.

Bulletin The Bulletin is the Society's most important medium of communication with the members, and for this reason it was resolved this year to maintain a monthly publication of the Bulletin. With the sad loss of Mrs Hazelwood, Colin McQueen took over as Editor for some months. More recently Mrs Lois Humphreys has become our Editor. However, as you all know it is not for the Editor to write the whole story and we would like to see regular contributions from members of the Society.

Publications Two members of the Society have published a very worthwhile book this year entitled "The Chosen City - the first 90 years". This book, written by Mrs Jean Macdonald and illustrated by Miss Beth Klinge is very interesting and readable and many copies have been sold so far. That indefatigable historian, Mrs Frank Boyes, has published "Murray River to Botanic Gardens" and "The Worth of an Historical Society".

National Heritage Week The Society participated in the Albury activities of National Heritage Week held in March this year. The major event organised by the Society was a "City Walk" in which Colin McQueen acted as a guide. Another Heritage Week is planned for March 1981, and the Society will investigate suitable activities which can be organised.

Hovell Tree Pilgrimage The Annual Hovell Tree Pilgrimage took place on the 14th November and a special effort was made this year to remember those men who accompanied Hume and Hovell on this expedition. A plaque was unveiled by the Mayor, Alderman John Roach, to commemorate these men, and 42 descendants of the explorers attended. A tribute should be made to Mrs Boyes for the tremendous effort she made in organising this important event.

Cemetery Search Significant celebrations are being planned for Australia's Bi-Centenary in 1988, and it was decided that efforts would be made to record the names of people buried in Albury Cemetery prior to 1888. Some of our members have begun the important work of recording this information.

Hume and Hovell Route It is of particular interest to the Society to learn recently that the N S W Lands Department is conducting research in an effort to identify the exact route taken by Hume and Hovell in their expedition to this area. Sections of their route adjacent to Tumut, Tumbarumba and Albury are being identified and will be marked as official walking trails for use by the public. I feel that this is a very important step in bringing the significance of our early history to the public at large.

Historical Tours The Committee would like in the future, to organise a number of tours to historical places in the region and will be taking steps to achieve this. This year, one tour was arranged in conjunction with the Wangaratta Historical Society to visit the Historical Gold Mining areas of Wooragee. A large number of our members attended and enjoyed a very interesting guided tour by Alan French who has for many years studied the history of that area.

Finally, I feel honoured to take over the Presidency from Colin McQueen, who during the year moved to Lismore, N S W. During his time as President he worked energetically and achieved much for the Society, and I hope that I can continue to do the same.

R F M Brown.

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ALBURY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, Dean Street.

A meeting was held on 21/1/81 among representatives of the Society, the Heritage Council, T.A.F.E. and the Riverina College of Advanced Education concerning additions being made to the facade of the Technical College in Dean Street.

The meeting followed a telegram sent to T.A.F.E. and the Heritage Council by the Society President. The Technical College is part of the Dean Street Precinct which has been Classified by the National Trust for preservation. The first arch on the S.W. has been enclosed to prevent wind entering the building. An architect representing the Society, Lester Sawyer, pointed out that it would have been easier and cheaper to have a "heat curtain" from the air conditioning unit at the door. A sum of over \$4000 has already been spent on the work which is in keeping with the present architecture of the building. Work has been stopped until the Heritage Council makes its recommendations.

Riverina College which will be using the building, did not need permission for the additions from Albury City Council which has no jurisdiction over work undertaken by the Department of Education. However, Council was approached by the Superintendent before work commenced, and the Society is of the opinion that Council should have pointed out the Classified nature of the building.

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GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY

1. From Ruby Kings North, 528 Macauley Street, Albury on 15/11/80:  
 Programme of Rural School Operetta (3 acts), 1923  
 Programme of the Opening of Shire Council Chambers, 1927  
 Booklet - "Greetings from Albury to our Kinsfolk overseas" to delegates to the Australian Scottish Delegation. 3/5/28  
 Booklet - Hume and Hovell Centenary number 'One and All' A School Periodical October, 1924  
 "Albury Illustrated" by Blake's Busy Book Bazaar.  
 2 copies Souvenir Albury's 1824 Celebrations - Hume and Hovell (1924)  
 3 Memorial Service for King George V - Parliament House, 1936  
 3 old photographs - Railway Bridge, Jingellic Broad Bridge and one of horsedrawn lorry taking tanned skins to Albury market. 4 small photos.  
 1 small photo of Tanner's Cottage, South Albury. Mrs North's father worked at the Tannery (pictures of her as a small child). Consignments of skins were railed to Melbourne for finishing off.  
 2 Postcards - one a function at St Matthew's.
24. From J D Bunter, Albury Bundle of newspapers (principally Border Morning Mail) 1929 and 1943
3. From St Vincent de Paul Op. Shop: Pair of carved emu eggs.
4. Copy "Ned Kelly" by Colin Cave

DONATION - From Mr and Mrs D Junor of \$10 in appreciation of a detailed research made by Mr Fielder, then our Research Officer, pertaining to the two organs which were built by George Fincham during the last century and erected in the Churches of St Matthew and St Patrick.

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CAN YOU HELP? Stuart Sharp, G P O Box 3157, Sydney, 2001

"I have been recently doing some research in regard to Albury Railway Station. So far as the brickwork is concerned, I note that Patsy Adam Smith in her book 'Romance of Australian Railways' (p.57) states that 'the red and white bricks were brought from Belgium...' I have found no evidence to support this. The State Rail Authority does not know if this statement is correct and I note in Bayley's 'Border City' that there is no reference to the brickwork. Would your Society be able to advise me in relation to the origin of the bricks used in the building? If they were imported, this would be the sole instance in railway station architecture in New South Wales in which local products were not used. Would you also be able to tell me whether Smith's reference to 'white bricks' is correct."

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THE MUSEUM The Museum was closed during January awaiting renovations to the roof by Albury City Council. Possums were nesting in the roof and walls and exhibits were sullied

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CAN YOU HELP? Mrs D Simpson, 11 Pandanus Street, Sunnybank, Queensland, 4109

"James Hayes was a flour miller and owned a mill at Albury which was later passed on to my Grandfather Frederick Hayes. James was also a Member of Parliament for the area from 1885. He was M.L.A. for The Hume and The Murray and also a M.L.C. He was well known for his experience in the wheat industry. My father Maurice Hayes was born at Albury in 1893. His mother Lucy Ann (nee Perry) died at Albury in 1897 after the birth of her son in July. There was an explosion at the Hayes Bros. Mill in January 1899 which rocked the town. Have you any more information about this family or the flour mill."

Following our November Meeting when this letter was read, Mrs Helen Livsey has given us information from the memoirs of the late Mr Arthur Ray:

"At Hayes Bros Flourmill in Townsend Street there was a boiler explosion about 1900, which struck a shop facing Dean Street and killed a lad about 14 years old, named Newman. There was a piece of boiler thrown over the Club Hotel (later the Carlton and now the Travelodge) right down near the stables. I believe it weighed several cwt, it was there for many years."

Mrs Livsey adds that there is a picture of Hayes Bros. Patent Roller Flour Mills, Albury in the District Directory for 1901 - 2.

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#### THE STORY OF THE BOOMERANG GIRLS

taken from a Souvenir issue of Albury Daily Mail of Monday, October 6th, 1919 and kindly loaned for this purpose by Mr. Arthur Allen.

The Albury "Boomerangs" gave their initial performance in the Mechanics Theatre, Albury, before a packed house on November 15th, 1917 in aid of funds of the Red Cross Society. So great was the success achieved by this company of talented young ladies on their first appearance, that a not to be denied demand made for a repeat performance was given on the following night when the theatre was again packed and the Boomerangs scored another signal triumph. They leaped into popularity at one bound, and remained there, and from far and wide came requests for their assistance in connection with various patriotic movements. To these requests they acceded as far as it was possible for them to do, and whenever they appeared they were inundated with requests to return again.

Their next appearance in Albury was on May 9th, 1918 in aid of the Red Cross Day Fund, and they gave a repeat performance on July 14th following in aid of the funds of the Albury District Hospital. Both performances were repetitions of their former Albury successes.

Performances were also given at the following centres: Wagga Wagga (2), Tallangatta, Chiltern, Howlong, Brown's Plains, Lavington (2), Thurgoona (2), Holbrook (2), Culcairn (2), Henty, The Rock, Walbundrie, Walla Walla and Kiewa.

In all, 27 performances have been given by this talented Company, the members of which, since its inception, have travelled over 1,200 miles and succeeded in raising for patriotic and charitable purposes a sum of over £1,600. This is a record of which any similar organisation might well be proud.

It may be mentioned here that it is the intention of the Boomerangs to give a performance in aid of the funds of the Albury Town Band in October next.

The Company was formed in September 1918 and is composed of the following: Mrs A.D. Vivian and the Misses Thelma Houston, Florrie Wilkinson, Ethel Harber, Jolly Arnold, Josie and Nellie Carroll, Marjorie Seymour, Madge Mason, Gladys Davey, Jessie Maclure and Doris Gale.

Producer, Mrs. A.D. Vivian, Accompaniste Mrs. Percy Pogson, Secretary and Stage Manager, Mr A.D. Vivian.

The following were in the original company but have since left Albury: Mrs. D. Newman and the Misses Lucy Maclure, Ida and Doreen Allen. Miss Vera Chubb was also associated with the company when it was first promoted.

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Mr Arthur Allen also loaned the Society a photograph of "THE BOOMERANG GIRLS" which members may be interested to see at the next Society Meeting which as you will remember is to be held at 8 pm on Tuesday, February 10th at the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

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"RIVER BOATS" This is one of the topics for member participation. Mrs Quiggin will lead off by reading about the launching of the "Eurika" in 1853, then members can add their knowledge and show photographs about riverboats on the Murray River system. If you can't come to the meeting, what about sending your contribution to our P O Box - quickly. Supper.

February Meeting (Members' Night)

We were pleased to welcome new members. The meeting was entertained with a variety of stories surrounding artefacts and documents, and you can imagine from the following list that comments and questions flowed:

Readings were made from a butcher's accounts of 1896, from the "Albury Banner", and from World War I exploits of a submarine commander; blacksmith's tongs and the shoe of a draught horse, a chronometer, carved eggs, medallions of 1888 and 1936 and a powder flask all had their tales to tell; important for the archives of Albury - Mrs Thirling's collection of historical photographs; an all too brief account of the Griffith family in Albury; and last, but great fun, Mrs Davies did a Josephine Tey detection to date her grandmother's grandmother's brocade! Thank you to Lucy, Lila, Lois, Doug, Lorraine, Chris, Lil, Mrs Reynolds, Robin, Mrs Thirling, Fred and Anne.

Railway Centenary - Painting and renovations are almost completed and the station is looking grand, in readiness for the Twin Cities Festival, March 7th to 14th.

The newly renovated station and a display of historic photographs and model rolling stock will be formally opened on Saturday 7th March at 2 pm. This display will be held in the old Refreshment Rooms of the Station and will be open from 10 am to 5 pm each day for the Festival week.

For those who enjoy steam trains, the Tallangatta Railway Society will be running trips by steam train from Albury to Chiltern and return. The timetable will be published in the Border Morning Mail.

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From the Border Morning Mail Jubilee Issue, October 24, 1953

(Story by Mr W J Delaney about the celebrations of the rail link between Albury and Wodonga on June 14, 1883.)

It was a great day for the school children, too. I remember we were given a holiday from lessons and marched, with flags waving, to the banqueting hall.

We all stood goggle-eyed at our first glimpse of electric light. A plant to generate the "new fangled" lighting was brought specially for the occasion.

It was not until some 33 years later, in 1916, that the electric power came into universal use in Albury.

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## Thomas Mitchell Testimonial Luncheon

A rare event was celebrated on the 19th February; the 50th anniversary of a ski meeting held in Murren, Switzerland at which Australia was represented by Tom Mitchell, one of Australia's greatest skiers. In the early 1930s, Tom was several times state and national ski champion and at this event was the first to represent Australia abroad. However Tom is probably best remembered as the leading pioneer in the development of skiing in Australia, for it was his vision and leadership that led to the establishment of the modern ski resorts that we know today.

About 200 of Tom's friends and associates enjoyed a luncheon session full of fascinating stories and reminiscences of Tom's long and active involvement in Australian skiing. The Honorable Brian Dixon, Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation in Victoria, and many years a colleague of Tom's in Parliament, presented him with a Testimonial Plaque. The luncheon was arranged by a committee comprising several of Tom's old friends including Mrs Rosemary Boyes, who did much to make the event possible.

DONATIONS Lorna Ingram gave a copy of the citation at the awarding of the Victoria Cross to Lieutenant Borella.

Lloyd Holmes gave a copy of his book, "Albury's Railway Centenary". This book, which is very interesting and well illustrated, is available from Blakes, Angus and Robertson, Albury Newsagency and the Railway Bookstall, price \$2.

Albury Technical College, Dean Street. The additions to the façade are to be removed.

### Albury and District Historical Society Brochure

A brochure has been prepared for Heritage Week (23rd - 29th March) by the President. The brochure outlines the history of Albury, the work of the Society and provides a list of buildings in Albury which are Classified or Recorded by the National Trust.

The brochure will be distributed during Heritage Week and it is hoped that A.W.D.C. will include it in the folder for newcomers to the district.

Society members will be assisting the Community Affairs Officer, Mr Cliff Chamberlain, during Heritage Week.

Cassette Taping Meetings will in future be taped so that oral history is recorded for the archives. There is a lot more taping of the memoirs of district folk to be done but we need interested people to help!

TURK'S HEAD MUSEUM Museum facilities are still most unsatisfactory. We are writing once again to Albury City Council to ask that the roof be mended. In the meantime, the Museum remains closed.

"The Chosen City - The First Ninety Years" by Jean Macdonald with drawings by Beth Klinge is still available from the Society, from Mrs A L Quiggin (21 3830) or from Angus and Robertson. It's a most entertaining telling of how things happened around here - from 1824. Price \$4.

SUBSCRIPTIONS for 1981 are now due (in fact overdue), so please send your \$3 to the Secretary, Albury & District Historical Society,  
P O Box 514, LAVINGTON, 2641

We have in recent months sent out complimentary copies of the "Bulletin" to people or organisations who have expressed interest in the Society's activities. While we are keen to publicise these activities, our very modest annual subscription of \$3 barely covers costs. If you are interested in the Society and wish to receive a regular "Bulletin", please join us by sending us your subscription.

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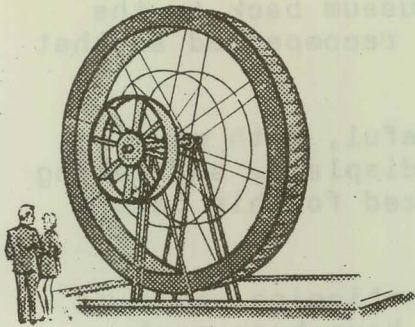


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Next meeting Tuesday, April 14th. Mr John Brien, senior, is going to answer questions about early Albury. Mr Brien is 94 years old and was concerned with newspaper publishing in Albury and elsewhere.

March Meeting More details of riverboat life came to light from Mrs Quiggin's reading of the launching of the "Eureka" in 1854, and from Dorothy Simmonds' paper. Dorothy undertook the reasearch for the production of "The Riverboat Show" put on last year by the Murray River Performing Group.

Chris Klinge Chris has resigned as Secretary of the Society due to ill health. Chris has held the position for 12 years and in that time has spent many, many hours in letter-writing and organisation for the Society. Thank you, Chris, for a grand job! Chris will be remaining as Treasurer.

Our new secretary is Doug Royal, an artist and native of Albury.

### HERITAGE WEEK

The Cemetery Tour was very popular, with over 70 people following Doug round from grave to grave! Preliminary research had been carried out by Gwen Brown and Jean Macdonald who are doing a survey for the 1988 Bicentennial of all graves in Albury prior to 1888. (Did you see the excellent photo of thes two in the Border Monring Mail?) The graves chosen for viewing were the oldest (1874) and those of pastoralists and other historic figures. The Chinese Burning Towers and Chinese graves were of particular interest.

The maintenance of the cemetery will come up for discussion at the next meeting.

Bus Tours of Albury Only one of the three bus tours was a financial success. This could have been because of the afternoon events also arranged, or because people thought it was too similar to the previous "Walk Down Dean Street". Nevertheless, those who took the tours expressed appreciation. Thanks to tour guides: Robin, Lila, Anne and Lois.



Court House Dock The dock has now gone from the Museum back to the Court House. The Society is to be recompensed so that shelving can be bought.

Railway The Railway celebrations were very successful, with many viewing the now stately building and the displays, and taking rides on steam trains. Robin Brown is to be thanked for his part in making these celebrations possible.

The Museum The Turk's Head Museum is still not functioning while we await repair of the roof. Letters have been sent requesting extension of the Society's area at the Turk's Head.

Subscriptions This is the last Bulletin to go out to former members who have not paid their subscription for 1981.

Apropos of the Paper Mill at Ettamogah.

From John Evelyn's Diary, 24 July 1678

I went to see my Lord of St. Alban's house at Byflete, an old large building. Thence to the paper mills, where I found them making a coarse white paper. They cull the raggs, which are linnen, for white paper, woollen for brown; then they stamp them in troughs to a papp with pestles or hammers like the powder-mills, then put it into a vessell of water, in which they dip a frame closely wyred with wyre as small as a haire and as close as a weaver's reede; on this they take up the papp, the superfluous water draining thro' the wyre; this they dextrously turning, shake out like a pancake on a smooth board between 2 pieces of flannell, then presse it between a greate presse, the flannell sucking out the moisture; then taking it out, they ply and dry it on strings, as they dry linnen in the laundry; then dip it in alum-water, lastly polish and make it up in quires. They put some gum in the water in which they macerate the raggs. The mark we find on the sheets is formed in the wyre.

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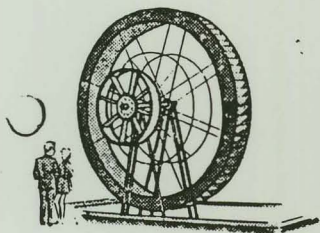


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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 12th

Mr Phil Webb of "Hawkesview" will talk on the history of the property. Arrangements have been made for a tour of "Hawkesview" and details will be given at the meeting.

APRIL MEETING:

RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

It was with regret we learned that Robin Brown will be moving to Melbourne and has tendered his resignation as President.

The seven months in which Robin was President were marked by renewed vigour of the Society. With his calm assurance, Robin was able to inspire confidence in members of the Committee who worked with him. Broad aims were clearly stated and work was progressing steadily in achieving these aims. As well, specific concerns were ably dealt with as they arose. Community awareness of the value of its own heritage was developed through publicity.

Robin has made a positive contribution to the Albury community by his work with the Society.

Last month we spoke of the work of Chris Klinge with the Society over the past 12 years. The achievements of the Society would not have been possible without Chris' support. Now Chris has been too ill to continue her work as Treasurer, and has tendered her resignation.

NIL DESPERANDUM!

Doug Royal has taken over the work of Treasurer, as well as Secretary.

Jan Campbell, a History teacher at North Albury High School has volunteered to act in Anne Davies' place as Minutes Secretary while she is overseas.

AND

NOMINATIONS WILL BE CALLED FOR THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT, AND ELECTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT THE MAY MEETING.

APRIL MEETING:

Mr George Ward, an architect from the A.W.D.C. spoke on surveys made of buildings and archaeological sites on land acquired by the Corporation. The historical buildings were a particular interest both in architecture and background which had been researched.

A.W.D.C. REVIEW COMMITTEE

A submission is being made to the Review Committee expressing approval and appreciation of the professional policies being adopted by the A.W.D.C. towards historical sites and preservation.

INCLUSION:

Included is a copy of the brochure prepared for Heritage Week.

COUNCIL'S POLICY ON STREET TREES:

The following is the reply by the Town Clerk, on the Society's query regarding Council Policy.

Dear Sir,

RE: STREET TREES IN ALBURY

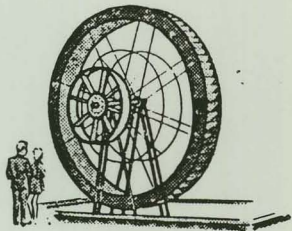
In reply to your letter of 27 March 1981, I advise as follows:-

1. Council has a policy and practice of preserving Albury's street trees wherever practicable. Although much public attention was directed to the two major and adjoining instances where removal was dictated by high road reconstruction standards and other problems one block from the main street, the fact that Council has been successfully "reconstructing around" the tree avenues in most of the streets has perhaps gone unnoticed.
2. Preservation as such naturally has a time limit where living things are concerned, and fortunately the essential replacement process has been excessively deferred in many instances, leaving the present Council with painful responsibilities. Quite apart from Council's other creative responsibilities on roads and underground services, an assurance of healthy tree avenues for future generations is not secured by a "preservation in all cases" policy for all presently healthy individual trees. Blind adherence to such a course could lead to permanently unsatisfactory road standards, evidenced as unacceptable to ratepayers generally, as well as ultimate loss of tree avenues.
3. It is most definitely not the policy or practice of the Council for removal of all trees presently beside the kerbline and the planting of small trees and shrubs. Like very large numbers already over the years, most existing trees will eventually die and become diseased and/or unsightly before then. Nevertheless, Council's major practice has been maximum preservation and the general pattern of its performance does not support your letter's suggestion.
4. Council has in fact moved to a policy making avenue or individual replacements with large trees as you suggest, despite the very high cost which effectively limits any higher rate of acquisition from available funds. However, the major impediment here is physical availability of such trees. In the longer term this will be overcome by an arrangement whereby large specimens are being grown in quantity for Council through the Development Corporation's nursery but it will be some years before required sizes are reached. The Swift and David Street tree-avenue restoration job will absorb most of those required so far from distant places and the coming planting season will see these in place.
5. Council is preparing a forward programme in an attempt to demonstrate what action, if any, will be necessary over foreseeable years in respect of trees in City streets that need reconstruction during those years. Both in terms of surface and traffic conditions on one hand and underground and overhead services on the other, circumstances would vary street by street. The survey involved for this programme will indicate how many, if any, streets might face circumstances comparable with Swift and David Streets, and how many can be handled by the methods more frequently employed. It should be mentioned here that on the route of the Highway the Department of Main Roads is the deciding authority and Council has already had discussions about tree preservation along these routes and these will certainly continue in the context of the particular conditions in each section.

Yours faithfully,

D.I. McLean  
TOWN CLERK





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Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 9th.

The "Ernie Hunter Story". As narrated by Claude Hazelwood. Mr Hazelwood is indeed one of the Society's most distinguished Life Member's and it will be our pleasure to listen to his story, being both factual and entertaining.

May Meeting:

Mrs.Quiggin took the Chair. Nominations were not called for the position of President as Mrs.Quiggin intended that the Constitution of the Society should be viewed on this point.

Wodonga Cemetery Society has been informed of the damage to graves in the Wodonga Cemetery, including the graves of the Huon sisters who died in 1876 and 1877. (The Huon de Kerrilleaus were the pioneering family of the Wodonga and many other runs).

Although burial traditions are altering to-day, local cemeteries are the evidence of the attitudes to death of the past, and of the class and religious structure of society. Moreover inscriptions on grave-stones can provide unique historical evidence. While cemeteries are untended, indicating a lack of value by the community, we would expect these areas to be similiary regarded by vandals. (Editor's Comment).

The meeting asked for further investigation to be carried out on the extent of the damage in the Wodonga Cemetery before action is taken.

The Museum Still no action has been taken by, or word received from Council regarding the maintenance of the historic Turks Head Inn, which is CLASSIFIED by the National Trust.

In the meantime, local people and visitors are denied access to the artifacts collected in good faith by our community. Many thousands of people have visited our museum since it was opened in 1967, evincing their interest in the way of life once lived in the Albury district.

The Society is also suffering financial loss, the entrance fees to the Museum having in the past subsidised the printing of the "Bulletin" and the hire of the C.W.A. hall for meetings. Its closure is detrimental to the functioning of Society, as well as its community service.

The situation will receive further attention at the June meeting.

Speaker Guests at the meeting were Mr, and Mrs.Phil Webb of "Hawksview".

Mr. Webb's talk concerning the original Mungabareena run, was of major importance to the study of local history. Mr. Webb used an extensive bibliography as well as information gathered from his family and others. The talk was not only concerned with land ownership from 1835, but included discussion of droughts, floods, bushfires, locusts, rabbits and gold mining. Most important were Mr. Webb's observations on the effects of European settlement on aborigines and the land, and the more recent effects of the weir and the growth centre concept. Slides were shown of features of the original Homestead of 1851. (Extracts from Mr. Webb's talk will be included in later "Bulletins").

## HAWKSVIEW VISIT

On Sunday, 17th May, 1981 about 25 members took up the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Webb to visit their Hawkswiew property.

The group gathered at Mr. Webb's home and from there walked a short distance to a small cottage adjacent to the main brick homestead. The cottage is of timber slab construction with a shingle roof. There are two main rooms, one with the original hessian ceiling and the other pine boarded. A feature that aroused considerable interest were the slots in the outer walls which were apparently used as gun holes to fight off attacks by hostile aborigines! The cottage is no longer lived in but houses an interesting assortment of antiques and bric-a-brac.

Other buildings viewed were the blacksmiths forge; the shearing shed; and shearers' quarters.

Mr. & Mrs. Webb kindly provided afternoon tea and the guests departed at 4.30 p.m., thankful that the threatening rain had not spoiled a most enjoyable afternoon.

The Society's thanks go once again to Mr. & Mrs. Webb.

## Proposed Tour - 21st June.

Committee member Keith Burnham, is our representative at the Wodonga Sub-branch of the N.E. Region of the Victorian National Trust. This Branch has arranged a viewing of "de Kerrilleen", Wodonga, for 2 p.m. on Saturday, 21st June, and Society members and their guests are invited. Cost of the tour and afternoon tea is \$5.00.

## The Two Robert Browns of Albury

Several committee members met with Mrs. Goodfellow and Mrs. Musselwhite to determine who were the Robert and Elizabeth Brown of their family photographs. From dates available, it was established that the photographs were of the Browns who settled at Brown's Lagoon in South Albury in 1856, rather than Robert Brown of the "Crossing Place" of 1835. The original house at Brown's Lagoon can still be seen.

## Donations:

### Mr. Hazelwood:

1. Photograph of Dean Street showing the Albury Hotel in 1900.
2. "The Ernie Hunter Story" Article.
3. Two albums of cigarette cards up to 1915.
4. Collection of photographs and documents from "Urangelina" Station.
5. Two facimile copies of "The Age", Vol.1, No.1, 1854.
6. Slides of local buildings given to the Society by Council.

## Errata April Bulletin.

The date of the oldest grave in the Albury cemetery should be 1847, not 1874.

## Protection of Historic Buildings:

There are currently three organisations in N.S.W. listing/classifying/ or recording historic buildings.

- These are:
1. The Australian Hertiage Commission
  2. The National Trust (N.S.W.)
  3. The Heritage Council of N.S.W.



## Protection of Historic Buildings con't

### 1. The Australian Heritage Commission

This body is a Commonwealth Government instrumentality.

Under the Australian Heritage Act 1975, the Australian Heritage Commission is required to compile a Register of the National Estate. This register is an inventory of 'those places, being components of the natural environment of Australia, or the cultural environment of Australia, that have aesthetic, scientific or social significance or other special value for future generations, as well as for the present community'.

There are no gradings between different categories. The Act requires Commonwealth Ministers to inform the Australian Heritage Commission if they plan to take any action which would adversely affect any place on the Register.

There is no control over the individual; local government or State Government under this Act.

### 2. The National Trust (N.S.W.)

Compiles a register, but inclusion of a place in the Register does not have any legal effect, but it is widely recognised as an authoritative statement of the significance of the place.

Places are listed in this Register in two categories:-

CLASSIFIED listing: This is given to those parts of the physical environment which the Trust believes are essential to the heritage of Australia and must be conserved. This category is denoted in the Register by the abbreviation CL.

RECORDED listing: This is given to those parts of the physical environment which contribute to the heritage of Australia and which should be recorded and their preservation encouraged. This category is denoted in the Register by the abbreviation R.

### 3. Heritage Council of N.S.W.

This is an instrumentality of the N.S.W. State Government. It provides the only statutory protection of the demolition of historic buildings.

The Heritage Act 1977 came into operation on 14th April, 1978.

A number of different measures to protect the environmental heritage are provided under the Act.

Conservation Orders (both interim and permanent) can be made.

An Interim Order remains in force for 2 years after which it has to be replaced by a Permanent Conservation Order.

Conservation Schemes cover larger areas and can be used to protect landscapes, urban areas or parts of urban areas.

Emergency protection can be made by the issue of an order under Section 136 of the Act. The Heritage Council then has 28 days to decide whether to place an Interim Order on the building.

ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETYBalance Sheet - Year ended 30/11/80.RECEIPTS.

Credit Balance B/Fwd. 1979		\$481.08
Members Subscriptions - Ord.	\$178	
Life	20	
Interest - C.B.C. Bank, Albury,		198.00
Postage		11.62
Donations		4.20
		9.60
Museum Collections		204.52
Book Sales: "Overland"	\$34 50	
'Hume Highway'	27.70	
'Robt Brown'	25.00	
'Capt.C. Sturt'	10.00	
'River to Gardens'	87.00	
'Albury Post'	.75	
	184.95	
'Chosen City'	4.00	
		188.95
		<u>\$1,097.97</u>

EXPENSES.

Rent - CWA & Apex Management - 1980	\$100.00
Printing & Stationery - Wilkinson Printers	36.00
" Bulletins - Gestetner	80.71
" Thomson's	10.00
Postage - Bulletins	85.21
Transfer to Savings Investment A/c	300.00
Advertising - Border Morning Mail Ltd.	72.40
Subscriptions	39.50
Petty Cash	20.00
Insurance - Public Liability Union Assurance	25.15
Cost - Post Office Box etc.	20.90
Donation - Aust. Stockman's Hall of Fame	20.00
	809.87
Credit Balance 1980	288.10
	<u>\$1,097.97</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 30/11/80.Liabilities

Excess Assets over Liabilities	\$4,420.36
	<u>\$4,420.36</u>

Assets.

Current A/c with C.B.C. Bank Albury	\$288.10
Savings Investment A/c	4,132.26
	<u>\$4,420.36</u>



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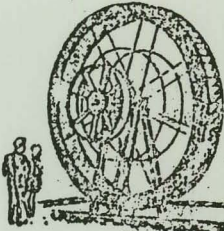
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Next meeting: Tuesday Augus 11t. (Please note no July meeting).

Mr Alan MacDonnell will speak on old Bowna. At present Mr MacDonnell is writing a history of Bowna so we would like as many members who can give Mr MacDonnell any information relating to Bowna's past to attend. Supper

### June Meeting:

The meeting confirmed the constitutional act of the committee in electing Mrs Lois Humphreys as the new President. Included immediately following is Mrs Humphreys Inaugural address.

### Inaugural Address of President 9th June 1981:

I am very honoured to be made President of the Albury and District Historical Society.

As a history graduate and a teacher of History at Albury North High School I am both professionally and personally interested in the history of Albury when I arrived here in January 1930. I came to the society seeking not the sort of knowledge that can be gained generally from books, but an empathy with members who hold a deep personal, family and community interest in the history of their district. In no time at all, I found myself being put to work on the Committee, appointed Bulletin Editor and even guiding a bus tour of Albury during Heritage Week.

I wish here to pay tribute to the foresight of the founders and long time members of the Society. It is only as time passes that other Australians are beginning to appreciate the invaluable nature of their heritage. Documents, artifacts and certainly buildings would have been lost to the Albury community without the work of these members.

I wish also to praise the work of our past President Robin Brown, who has assured me that he did not make those statement concerning the Society attributed to him by the press! During Mr Brown's Presidency, the Society was most constructive in housing the archives, in the restoration of the railway Station and in providing Community awareness through publicity.

What do I see as the future of the Society? Firstly while a few of us such as are here tonight enjoy what we are doing and think it worthwhile, then the Society will continue. Behind us there are one hundred other members who are in agreement with what we are trying to achieve and who are advised of this through the Bulletin. The community is aware of our presence as evidenced from letters and personal approaches made to us, while the press in the past has been most favourable disposed towards us. For the moment there are two pressing matters to be finalized: The first regards the Folk Museum at the Turks Head Inn. The second is the handing over of Archives to the library.

For the future, I see other constructive and necessary things to do which I hope will involve more members of the Society.

I would like to see a Tours Officer appointed. While meetings do not necessarily appeal to many members, and others are unable to attend, perhaps being outdoors with the family on a Sunday afternoon and finding our about local landmarks might well appeal. Here the long-standing members of the Society are invaluable for their local knowledge in suggesting sites and guiding members. Publicity needs to be given to such tours to encourage new membership.

Secondly there is more recording to do of our history based on changes in the way of life in Albury and District over the years. Now is the time for Society Members to tape or write down their memoirs which could form the basis of a Social History of Albury.

Similarly it is important that family histories are recorded and made available for Archives.

Histories of churches, schools, service clubs, business houses, grazing properties could be collected for archives and representatives to speak at meetings.

Records of local ownership and development could be collated. Whatever what is happening now in Albury in terms of development should also be systematically recorded for the future.

Regarding the preservation of historical buildings, etc, lists of these and the government instrumentalities concerned with them have been provided in recent "Bulletins". I think it is important that we extend these lists to avoid general, random and pragmatic comments which are not appreciated by those who have the responsibility for decision making.

Finally I would like to see a system of sub-committees set up from the members to report to meetings on present projects and possible future projects. It is up to the members to suggest possible avenues and directions that the Society could follow.

#### The Museum:

The full situation of the Folk Museum was placed before the meeting. A new Museum sub-committee was appointed; Mr R Cohen, Mr F Burnham, Mrs A Davies, Mr F Griffiths, Mr A MacDonnell. The committee is meeting at the Museum on Saturday June 21st to draft proposals. Mrs Davies offered to update the register of artifacts.

#### The Archives:

In preparation for the archives being handed over to the Upper Murray regional Library Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Brown and Mr Lempriere have volunteered to compile the register.

#### Albury Street Trees:

The committee is to write to council requesting a copy of their forward planning on this matter.

#### The Albury Banner:

The committee is investigating whether Monash University has a complete microfilm of all issues of the Albury banner. Mr Griffiths has offered to pay for copying if there isn't a complete set.

#### The Old Bowma Bridge:

The Society is writing to the H.S.W Water Resource Commission to ascertain the circumstances under which the historic bridge was badly damaged and also to request information regarding other alternatives in future.

#### Guest Speaker:

Once again we were indebted to Mr Claude Hazelwood a stalwart of the Society for his talk on the experiences of Mr Ernie Hunter an Albury lad who went on the land near the turn of the century. The reminiscences covered the period between 1892 and 1929, and were being written in 1957. For those present it provided a glimpse of past of a social history which has passed. We are fortunate that it has been both written and recorded for our archives for future generations to enjoy. Our thanks again to Mr Claude Hazelwood for his presentation.

#### Book Launching:

A dual launching of important books relating to the history of the district will be held on Wednesday the 24th of June 1981 at the Provincial Hotel Wodonga. The books are: this function has been arranged by Mrs Frank Boyes  
"Corryong - The Land of the Man from Snowy river"  
by Mr Tom Mitchell

A tale of Twin Cities - "The rounding Years"  
By Mr Len Martin

#### Canns Money Changer:

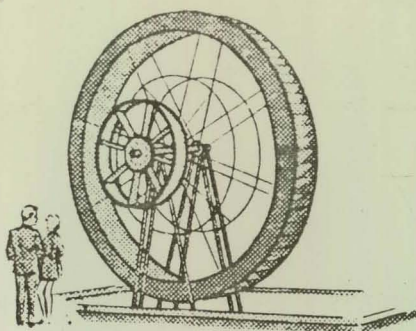
Mrs Quiggin reports that the new owners of Canns shop intend to keep the Money Changer as a feature of the shop.

#### Stop Press:

#### The Museum:

Although Council has informed the Society that it cannot have more room at the Parks Road, the Properties Officer has been asked to find the Society new quarters. Not only this, but Council has offered to box and store artifacts belonging to the society which are now held in member's homes. Our thanks go to Council.





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Mr. Alan MacDonell will speak on Old Bowna. At present Mr. MacDonell is writing a history of Bowna so we would like as many members who can give Mr. MacDonnell any information relating to Bowna's past to attend. Supper.

What's Been Happening in July?

Answer: Much water (flood) has flowed under the bridge (Bethanga?).

The Museum

The new Museum Sub-Committee viewed the Railway Institute and surrounding land as a possible site for the Folk Museum. The advantages seen in this location were:

- a) A larger building than our present site.
- b) Background of the historic and grand railway station and stationmaster's house.
- c) The historic nature of the Railway Institute as an early avenue of worker education and training.
- d) Parking facilities.
- e) Situation on the Hume Highway.
- f) Central town position.
- g) The surrounding land can be used for outdoor display.
- h) Possible landscaping of Railway Place by Council in conjunction with the State Rail Authority.
- i) Minimal cost of renovation.
- j) The building as a museum complements the station and platform as a tourist attraction.

The site was recommended to your Committee who, after inspection, wrote to Council seeking their assistance in leasing the area from the S.R.A.

Also, our local Member, Mr. Mair, was approached concerning the site and he is making representations to the Minister.

The Committee has requested that Council effects repairs to the building. As a result of this request the Chairman of the Works Committee, Alderman Mick Ried, and Alderman Derek Skues and Jim Patterson met with members of our Committee at the Railway Institute on Tuesday afternoon, 21st July. Also present were Cliff Chamberlain, Community Affairs Officer, our new Stationmaster, Les McLean and his wife, Hebe, and Chief Health and Building Surveyor, George Swinson.

Mr. Swinson's report is to go before the Council's Works Committee on Monday, 3rd August.



Committee Members also visited the Management Committees of Jindera and Holbrook Museums on Sunday, 25th July, to compare details of management structures, funding, etc.

The Committee feels sure that Society Members will be gratified that, after 20 years, the Society's artifacts and photographs which have never been displayed due to lack of space at the Turk's Head Museum, might at last be shown.

#### Roster for the Turks Head Museum.

The Museum Sub-Committee considers that, until new premises are available, the museum at the Turks Head should be re-opened. This will require a working bee to clean the museum following the infestation by possums.

A new roster needs to be drawn up, and for this purpose, there is a Tear-Off Strip at the end of the Bulletin, which we would like members to return to the Secretary, either at the August Meeting or by post before August 24th. All members are NEEDED to place their names on the roster, so that each turn doesn't come too often.

The Committee is also considering that some members would accept a small Ronorarium to have the museum open for four hours during week days in the school holidays.

#### Exploration Artifact!

We have been finding and organising the many things so kindly kept by members in their garages, under houses, etc. Albury City Council have offered to store them for the Society. We have requested accessible storage for the "Reserve Collection" so that we can change at least one exhibit at the Museum from time to time.

We have looked with interest, and sometimes puzzlement, at many objects, among them:

A PEN GATE used in the great woolshed at Urangeline. This gate is made of box saplings and nailed together by nails probably made at the smithy on the station. It is still in sound condition though made before the 20th century.

The MORTUARY CART which looks like a lengthy wheelbarrow. It was used in Albury when the hospital was still at Thurgoona Street where the Council flats now are. It wasn't only used for the dead; Miss Station remembers her mother being hurried down Pemberton Street on it for an appendix operation at the hospital. The cart has been repaired and is in excellent condition but the wheels are in pieces. Please, does anyone know of a working wheelwright?

ZAY's early BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT and hundreds of other things, some part of the history of Albury and District, some just old fashioned; pictures, crockery, clothes, harness, tools & machinery, spectacles, kettles & pans, a hip bath, etc. etc.

#### The Register of Documents.

The registering of documents has proved to be most fruitful. To date over one thousand documents have been recorded for the coming presentation to the Local History Room at the Library! Some documents of interest include:

Sundry Receipts of Joseph Box c. 1870 from local retailers giving shop keepers names, addresses & prices of goods.

1888 Centenary of N.S.W. Vol. 2 which lists prominent people and industries in each town including Albury.

Hume's Overland Journey. 3rd Edition, 1874 by Hamilton Hume which includes Henry Angel's account of the journey, 1824. Bears Hume's autograph.

Letters to Dr. Arthur Andrews from the Department of Public Instruction and an M.P., 1895-96, concerning grants for the museum in the Model School. (Sounds familiar!)

Personal Invitation to Heugh McCutcheon inviting him to attend the opening of the Commonwealth Parliament in 1901.



Exercise Book of recipes and poetry, hand-written by Mrs. James Oddie of the Turks Head Hotel. This also contains a press-cutting of the death of Mathew O'Leary in Albury. He was born in Cork in 1794 and died at the age of 103, the oldest man in Australia at the time of his death.

Centenary of Hume and Hovell, 1924, including a newspaper cutting of the cycling programme during the celebrations in Albury, with Hubert Offerman riding at scratch.

AND SO WE COULD GO ON.....

#### The Society's History.

As the register of documents was being compiled, many of the Society's own records came to light. There is one complete set of Bulletins from 1960 excepting Numbers 2,3,6 and 10. If any member can assist by donating these or lending them for photocopying, it would be appreciated very much.

#### Society Files.

The Secretary is in need of a filing cabinet for the re-organized files. Can any member assist here?

#### Submission to the Australian Heritage Commission.

Keith Burnham has drawn up a submission for the recording of the Albury Public School Precinct. A copy of this will be available at the August Meeting.

#### Photographs of Cann's Shop.

Doug Royal took photographs of Cann's shop before it closed. Special photographs were taken of the money changer which was to be auctioned.

#### Memoirs of Members.

Marie Aney has volunteered to tape record the memoirs of members as the beginning of our collection of oral history. Phone 25 3618.

#### Young Trust Visit to N.E. Victoria.

The Young Trust of the National Trust of N.S.W. visited Albury in June. The booklet produced for their members as shown to Doug Royal contained an excellent overview of historical areas in the region.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

) The firm of Hughes, Trueman and Ludlow has asked for information on underground water storage and wells constructed in the district before 1900. The address is: 33 Atchison St, St. Leonards. 2065.

) Does anyone know where NED'S CORNER is for Jean MacDonald, possibly near Wirlinga? Phone 43 1231.

#### Donations.

The Society is again indebted to Claud Hazelwood for the following items:

1. Extracts from, 85 Years in Australia by Archibald Crawford, giving his peregrinations in Australia after emigrating from Scotland in 1838.
2. A sailor's cap band from H.M.S. "Hood", a British battle cruiser which was sunk by the German battleship, "Bismarck" in 1941 with the loss of 1400 men.



" 'Bowna' run----- A small run embracing the lower end of the Bowna creek.

Was formed by Mathew Smith very early, possibly 1837. He did not live long and died in 1840 and was buried near Hawksview bridge.

Thomas Shelley took charge and lived on Shelley flats. Shelley was lessee in 1847 after which the run disappears from the official list. Although 'Shelley's Dairy Station' and close by 'Calder's Sheep Station' as mentioned. "

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"Early in 1837 Charles Huon purchased Mungabareena run from Ebdon and when Elizabeth Mitchell became a widow transferred it to her.

Her Eldest son Thomas took charge of the run.

He was 19 years old and with the help of one man must have worked hard, because on the 14th Aug. 1839, two and a half years after the licence was gazetted the Crown Lands Commissioner visited him and found slab huts built, 25 acres cultivated, 480 head of cattle and four horses.

The run covered 6 sections, and included the present town of Albury.

The bark hut was superceeded in 1839 by a new dwelling 2 or 3 miles upstream at Thurgoona (a rocky bar across the river, known to the natives as "Thurgoona").

Thomas was joined by Edward, Elizabeths' second son.

The third son, John F.H. Mitchell took over in 1851 and it was he who immediately built a new homestead on the Western slope of Mt. Hawk, overlooking Hawdons Lagoon and the Murray River flats.

This is the site of the present homestead.

It was named HAWKSVIEW.

By this time the town of Albury had been cut out of the run.

The "N.S.W Gazetteer" (1866) described the estate of "Thurgoona" at the time held by Mrs. Mitchell as being an area of 3727 acres, about 4 miles from Albury, and that the neighbour-hood was taken up in "small allotments". The nucleus of the spreading settlement which eventually became the village of Thurgoona. "

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#### MUSEUM ROSTER

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NO.:

Would you be available for 2 hours hours on a Saturday

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Sunday

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Weekdays

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Would you accept an honorarium for working five days per week?

Yes

☐

No

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September Meeting: Tuesday, 8th September.

Mr John Haberfield will be speaking on "Fifty Years of Dairying" in the Albury District. As a very special supper Haberfields are providing cheese tasting specialities.

August Meeting

The August meeting was well attended with over thirty persons present.

A New Home In Sight

Mr Keith Burnham was delighted to report that Council had accepted Mr Swinson's recommendations to purchase or lease the Railway Institute on our behalf as our museum. Council also accepted renovations to the cost of twenty to twenty five thousand dollars, and responsibility for maintenance and landscaping. Council will apply for a one-for-one grant from the Department of Cultural Activities. The Society has optimistically applied for similar funding for display equipment and cataloguing.

Static Displays of Artifacts

Two enquiries were made for the use of Static Displays from the Society's collection. Clyde Cameron College would like to display Dame Mary Gilmore's Table and Chair later in the year in association with a fuller display of her works. Mr Phillip Drew, the Vice-Principal of the College, outlined Dame Mary Gilmore's association with the Trade Union Movement. Albury North High School asked for five photographs of early Albury to be displayed on Open Night.

It was resolved that in conjunction with the bye-laws relating to Static Displays in the Society's Constitution a formal letter should be signed by the recipient stating duration and insurance cover for the items.

Railway Clocks

The Society will write to Rotary congratulating them on the new clocks now filling the previously empty sockets of the tower which have gaped since the station was built in 1881. The clocks now complete the renovation of this grand Albury Landmark.

ARCHIVES FOR ALBURY

Our First Pile of Documents are at the Library!

Piles of documents, books, photographs and maps were taken to the Library on Saturday, August 22nd, and sorting began. It will take another day of

sorting on Saturday, August 29th. Then we can assist the Librarians with the cataloguing.

#### Grand Opening of Local History Room

The Grand Opening of the Local History Room in the Library is set down for Thursday night, September 24th. All Society members are invited to attend at the Opening and are requested to bring a plate. The Library Committee will be providing the liquid refreshments. Mr Keith Swan, the well known local Historian, will be the guest speaker.

#### Documents - Mr Wattie Fielder

Mr Wattie Fielder, the Society's Archivist until this year, has been cataloguing the large collection he has had in keeping for the Society ready to go into the Library.

These are some of the important documents for local History.

Letters from Victorian Pioneers, 1898

T.F.Bride

Strzlecki's Ascent of Mount Koscuisko

Clues

The Australian Irrigation Colonies, 1888

Published by Chaffey Bros; many illustrations.

Reminiscences of David Reid

typed and bound, presented to the Society by Mrs Ralph Ellis, daughter of David Reid

History of Bathurst

B.Greaves

The Cradle of Australia; A History of Parramatta

James Jervis

Victorian Metropolis

two volumes

History of Cessnock

A.A.Bloomfield,

First Pres. Albury Hist. Society

History of Chiltern

by Robert Ashley

Diary: Records of Mining Industry in Yackandandah (Handwritten in Carpet Ledger) donated by Mr Y. A. Permezel

Album of Albury "Telemackus" donated by Mrs Ernie Hore

Address by Stuart Hume "From Brittany to the Murray"

Press Cuttings relating to the formative period of the Albury High School, prepared by Basil Patmore, Former Vice Pres.

#### A Tribute to a Foundation Member Mr Walter W. Fielder by Mr C.C.Hazlewood

Mr Walter Fielder has been constantly in office since the foundation of the Society in 1960 until 1980. He has filled the following offices with distinction, Secretary, Treasurer, Research Officer, Archivist and as a Committee member. This Society deeply appreciates the work done by Wattie, and the example he has set for those who have followed him.

#### Reopening of Turk's Head Museum

Did you see the picture of the two hardworking members in the Border Morning Mail? The eight other willing workers who kept busy while the photographer was there achieved a remarkable transformation to the musty, dusty interior of the museum. One morning's effort however wasn't enough to get rid of all that dust and grime so Lucy's mob was in action again on Saturday, August 29th. The Turk's Head Museum will be opened from 2-5 pm. each day from Saturday, August 29th, for the whole school holidays, and then each weekend.

The Committee has decided that the following admission fees will apply, subject to future review.



Adults	50c and accompanying children free
Unaccompanied children	20c
School Groups	20c each.

We will certainly need the funds we collect from the museum if our plans for the Railway Institute are to be fulfilled. Seventeen volunteers have offered to join the roster. However more are urgently needed. An occasional afternoon at the museum can be fun and there are plenty of interesting people to meet, so fill in the tear off strip in the August Bulletin and post it to the Secretary!

Publications of Mrs Boyes and Mrs Macdonald on local History will be on sale.

#### Those Wheelwrights

Amazingly enough a wheelwright has volunteered to repair the wheels of the Mortuary Cart. He is Mr Bert Winstanley. Another offer has also been received.

#### DONATIONS

1. Mr Don Logan, formerly of the hardware and building firm Logans Ltd., has presented to the Society for our Archives approximately fifty plans together with photographs of buildings constructed by Logans at the turn of the century in Albury and outlying regions. Included are early photographs of the timberyards.

2. Maps

The Society has the parish maps of Bowna donated by Mr Frank Higgins.

#### OLD BOWNA

##### The History of the Mullavey Family by Cheryl Ryan

Peter, Patrick and Rose Mullavey arrived from Cavan, Ireland via the Californian goldfields and New Zealand goldfields. Oral traditions tell of meetings with friendly Maoris, and of eating koala meat when provisions were scarce on arrival in the Bowna area late in the 1860s. Other families from Cavan, Ireland also settled in the area then known as Twelve Mile Creek (eg. Devine Family). Many of these early settlers graves are in the old portion of the Albury Cemetery.

Peter Mullavey married Margaret Hickey in 1872, Patrick married Mary O'Donnell in 1869 and Rose married John McBrine in the same year. Peter had ten children, three of whom took up further land in the Mullengandra-Bowna area. Patrick had eight children, seven girls and one boy. This line of the family name will soon be finished as there are no males to carry on the name.

The land which was taken up by the Mullavey family has now been sold, and I am keen to hear from the many people who have stories and facts on the family and the development of the area.

Address: Cheryl Ryan,  
519 Marshall St.,  
LAVINGTON. 2641.

Poem titled, "Bowna" by Mr.J.C.McLean, written 1st October, 1934.

Not being certain of the latest copyright laws which could apply, the following is a summary of the poem. It was written to recall the pioneers, families and famous characters of Bowna's History at a time when the old township

was about to be covered by the rising waters of the Hume Weir. (eg. names associated with the district such as Mullavey, Devine, Keogh, Olgvie, the Coleman Brothers are mentioned).

Mr. Haisman, the Hume Weir Engineer, is organizing the compilation of land ownership and personal Histories of the region that was flooded by the Hume Weir from the archives of the Water Resources Commission.

#### The Library of Australian History

The Library of Australian History has asked us to sell copies of their publications.

1. History of the Upper Murray (Andrews)
2. The Border Post Almanac 1878

More details of these will be given in later Bulletins. However the following interesting extracts from the "Border Post Almanac, 1878" gives reference to Bowna.

Bowna - "A post town situated 12 miles to the north-east of Albury, on the Sydney Road. Mr J.Millson is the Postmaster. Two churches - one Roman Catholic and one Presbyterian. One Public School. Head teacher Mr Nihle; scholars attending 30. There is a flour mill, public house and store. Local J.P. is Mr J.H.Kirkpatrick."

"The Methodists of Wagga Wagga and District" by R.E.Wade. This interesting book is available from Mr John Mueller, 15 Messoure Ave, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650. Cost: \$9.95 and \$1.75 for postage.

#### Albury and District Lapidary Club

Society members are invited to attend an illustrated lecture by Dr Peter Bancroft entitled "Great Gem and Crystal Mines of the World" on Saturday November 21st at 8pm at the Continuing Education Centre, High Street, Wodonga.

Dr Bancroft is an author, collector and photographer from the U.S.A. The cost of \$1.00 for the evening should be sent to: The Secretary of the Albury and District Lapidary Club P.O. Box 677 Albury 2640 by Sept. 16th.

#### Albury Banner

Our search is now taking us to the Latrobe University. More anon.

#### Australian Stockmens' Hall of Fame

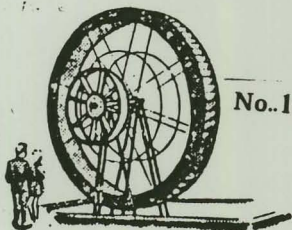
Members are invited to attend a meeting to launch the building of an "Outback Heritage Centre" at 5.30pm 10th September, Astra Hotel, 34 Campbell Parade, Bondi Beach Sydney. R.S.V.P. The Secretary, Australian Stockmens' Hall of Fame, G.P.O. Box 1, Brisbane QLD. 4001.

#### Ticketwriter Required.

To replace old artifact labels at the museum. A volunteer is needed urgently to assist in this regard.



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October Meeting: Tuesday, 13th October.

Mrs Anne Holloway will speak on "The Upper Murray Regional Library and the Historical Collection". Mrs Holloway is the Chief Librarian of the U.M.R.L. and the Society's Research Officer. Her topic is most pertinent.

### Two Outstanding Developments - Which One First?

1. Members experienced great pride in the opening of the Historical Room and the local history display on September 24th. The display was extremely popular among the seventy members and citizens who attended and has since aroused great interest from people using the library.

The collection in the library is a vindication of the devoted stewardship of members who have held the documents for the Society during the past twenty years: Claud Hazelwood, Elma Schilg, Lucy Staton, Beth and Chris Klinge and Lila Quiggin.

It is also a tribute to the many members who spent hours in collecting, registering, sorting and displaying items. Jean Macdonald, who led all this work, entered over two thousand seven hundred documents in two registers.

We were very pleased to have such good publicity from T.V. (twice) and from the "Border Mail" to spread the word that the collection is available.

### and 2. We Did It! The Railway Institute for a Museum.

A delegation of members awaited the arrival of Mr Peter Cox, Minister for Transport, when the new train came to Albury.

Mr Cox was aware that we wanted the Railway Institute from representations made to him by Mr Mair, and straightway said, "Yes'." !

Our delegation presented Mr Cox with three photos of the opening of the Railway Station in 1881, to be hung in the foyer of the station. The photos were framed at very short notice and without cost by "Get Framed" in Kiewa Street. Thank you to Mr Dave Roy!

### Next Moves

We await Council Estimates for 1982 to be completed before renovations of the Railway Institute can commence. We are also awaiting the results of our application to the Premier's Department for funding.

Four members of the Museums Association have visited Albury and met with members of the Committee. Their advice on various matters has been most helpful. They suggest seeking paid advice when the time comes to set up the museum.

Visits of the Management Committees of Holbrook and Jindera Museums have indicated that funding would not be available unless the structure of the Society and the final "winding-up" clause were changed. Our new Honorary Solicitor, Mr H Heath, will speak to Committee Members about this on 6th October and recommendations will be put to members before the Annual General Meeting or before a Special General Meeting.

Turk's Head Museum Report by Jo Turner. Mrs Turner has agreed to join the committee and has taken over the duties of Roster Clerk so well performed previously by Lucy Staton.

Over 150 people (adults and children) have visited the Museum since its re-opening. Interest has been increased with the publicity through the media and the glossy posters already placed in strategic positions around the district. A school party of Year 9 students from Albury North High School visited on September 30th and we thank Mrs L Quiggin for her kind offer of assistance.

Tickets on exhibits are to be re-written and articles considered for better display at a working bee to be held on Saturday morning, October 3rd. Incidentally, the museum is really sparkling clean after the spring cleaning effort.

Here is a publication of names for roster duty. This will be discussed and amended at the next meeting, if necessary.

<u>ROSTER</u>	<u>Saturdays</u>	<u>Sundays</u>
1st	Helen Livesy, Mrs Thurling	Lila Quiggin, Mr F Griffiths
2nd	Jo Turner, Marg Sheekey	Mr Lempriere, Jack Anderson
3rd	Hebe McLean,	Mr/Mrs Humphreys, I Campbell
4th	Gwen Brown, Mrs Cavey	Mrs Reynolds, Miss Fletcher
5th	Doug Royal, Lucy Staton	
<u>Reserves</u>	Mrs Hunichen, Robert Cohen, Keith Burnham, Mr/Mrs P Drew, Marie Aney, Frank Higgins, Robert Hodda, Ian Spencer, Anne Davies.	

A roster for the Christmas holidays will be drawn up by consultation with members.

#### Mrs Frank Boyes B.E.M.

Committee Members and other friends were invited to a dinner by Mrs Frank Boyes on 1st October. It was a generous private function presented impeccably by Mrs Boyes. Excellent colonial food and congratulatory speeches made for a happy occasion. Now that our attention has been drawn to our 21st birthday the Society must have a cake at the Annual General Meeting!

#### Artifacts

Council have suggested (subject to confirmation) the use of two garages at the Airport in which to store the Reserve Collection at present housed in member's homes, or under them.

#### Can You Help?

Mr Ken Summons is preparing a Local Environment Plan for Hume Shire. He has asked members to suggest buildings in the Shire which should be preserved. You are asked to provide a short background history of the building. Mr Summons is working in the Hume Shire Chambers and will be our Guest Speaker in November.

#### Donations received with thanks:

Mrs Daintree Heywood "Fifty Years of Guiding"

Mr Wal Fife Tape recording of "God Save the Queen"

Fifty Years of Dairying by John Haberfield. Mr Haberfield was our guest speaker at the September meeting.

Haberfield's Model Dairy was established in 1931 by Jock Haberfield and Annie Gray, John's mother and father and is still owned by the family.

Mr Haberfield spoke of the early history and then proceeded to recount developments in technology and marketing up to the present day. He then read an account by his father of life on the land, of his marriage and of his wife's background.

Mr Haberfield brought 3 kinds of cheeses for members to sample.



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November Meeting: Tuesday 10th November.

Mr Ken Summons will be speaking on "Preparing a Local Environment Plan for the Hume Shire". Supper.

October Meeting.

Our Guest Speaker: Mrs Holloway.

Mrs Holloway traced the growth of the Upper Murray Regional Library and its own collection of Historical documents. She gave advice and interesting insights into methods of preservation of documents.

"Local History Room" at the Library.

(i) Mrs Jean Macdonald reported that archives formerly held by Mr Wattie Fielder have been placed in the Local History Room and at the moment are in the process of being registered.

(ii) Mr Stuart Hume has sent a revised edition of his paper "From Brittany to Australia" the story of Huon de Kerilleau in Australia. This edition is to be placed in the Local History Room.

(iii) Mrs Laycock has donated documents from the estate of the late Mr Percy Burrows. These documents will also be placed in the Local History Room.

(iv) A motion of thanks was passed to Mrs Jean Macdonald in recognition of all her hard work with the archives.

Museums

(i) Mrs Jo Turner reported that the Turk's Head museum roster has been functioning well. However, more members may be needed for the Christmas holiday roster; Mrs Turner's home phone number is 21 4363.

(ii) Six thousand leaflets have been printed advertising the Turk's Head Museum. It is planned to display these in motels, shops etc prior to the Christmas holidays. A sample of the leaflets was circulated and made available for distribution at the meeting.

(iii) An application has been made to the Albury City Council for a part-time curator to be employed in cataloguing in the Library and in preparing the Railway Institute for the Society's future use.

Solicitor

Our honorary solicitor, Mr Hayden Heath is preparing a revised constitution to take into consideration a new wind-up clause, some general wording and provision for trustees. As well he is preparing a document to be signed by all donors of artifacts and documents to the society, safeguards for loans made by the society for static displays and a statement of conditions under which our documents have been included in the library.

Insurance

The meeting voted in favour for the committee to investigate insurance cover for Voluntary Workers, General Insurance and insurance of particularly valuable items. At present the society has only Public Liability as a cover.

## October Meeting (continued)

### Sales Tax

Due to the recent budget announcements Sales Tax has been widened to include all stationery items. This has resulted in an increase in costs to the Society. Mr WalFife is to be contacted to ascertain whether the society can be excluded from the sales tax provisions.

### Nominations for the 1982 Committee.

Nominations for the following positions on the committee are now being called and are to be in the hands of the secretary by Monday, November 23rd: President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Minute Secretary, Research Officer, Publicity Officer and six Committee members.

### Gallipolli Map Display.

Stimulated by the excellent Australian film "Gallipolli", a display of maps featuring that region (from our collection) has been put up in the library.

### Power House Museum, Sydney.

The first stage of the Tech. Museum's move to larger premises is now completed; a steam train and station may be viewed at the new Power House Museum near the old Tech. Museum in Harris Street, Ultimo. Entrance: Mary Ann Street. Parking: at old Ampol Service Station.

"CAN YOU HELP?" Mrs Stan Wise with information about her husband's great grandfather William Wise (Wyse) or his family.

Mr and Mrs Wise will be in Albury on 15th November hoping to visit places connected with the family and to meet anyone who can help with its history. Their address is 18 Epacris Place, Rivett, A C T, 2611.

Volume II of "THE CHOSEN CITY" by Jean Macdonald illustrated by Beth Klinge is called "Destiny Foreseen" and will be launched soon. It will be available from Mrs A L Quiggin, 721 Forrest Hill Avenue, Albury, 2640 - phone 21 3830 or from Angus and Robertson.

### The Albury & District Historical Society 21 years 1960 - 1981 by Mrs Frank Boyes BEM

To celebrate the 21st Birthday of our Albury & District Historical Society Mrs Frank Boyes BEM has compiled a record of the Society's achievements during that period. The following is a brief review of the publication: "Mrs Boyes is to be congratulated on her precise account of the progress and achievements of the Society from the first inaugural meeting on the 26th October 1960 to the present. Through its pages the reader can recall the milestones such as the first Historical Exhibition in 1963 at the Albury Trades Fair, the beginning of the now traditional Hovell Tree celebrations in November 1963, the opening of the Turk's Head Museum in December 1967, the Captain Cook Bi-centenary celebrations during 1970 through to the realization of obtaining the Railway Institute in the immediate future as a new folk museum. As a record of the society's history this publication can be commended. Our thanks again to Mrs Boyes for her achievement."

### Abercrombie House, Bathurst.

Members are cordially invited to visit Abercrombie House which is situated approximately 4 km from Bathurst on the Ophir Road. Built on land granted to General William Stewart, Lieutenant Governor of NSW it has been restored and refurnished & features many items of historical & architectural interest.

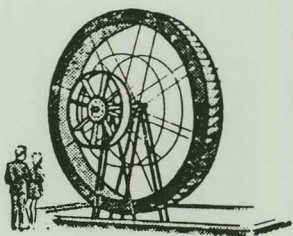
### WILL HUME AND HOVELL COME IN PERSON ??????????

All members and friends are invited to the Hovell Tree by the River Murray, in the Hovell Tree Reserve, Albury at 4 pm on Saturday 21st November to join the MURRAY RIVER PERFORMING GROUP for a re-enactment. So, come to the Hovell Tree (with a rug or chair) join the Expedition and move over to Australia Park for a picnic B B Q (bringing your own provisions, of course!)

Any changes in plan will be announced at the November Society Meeting.



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Next Meeting 8th December 1981 8 pm C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & supper, members a plate, please.

Notice of Motion for the adoption of a new Constitution. A motion will be submitted to consider and, if thought fit, to adopt a new constitution for the Society in lieu of the present rules of the Society. Copies of the new constitution are enclosed. Mr Hayden Heath hopes to attend the A G M to advise on the proposals.

Notice of Motion: that the meeting confirm the awarding of Honorary Life Membership to former secretary/treasurer Miss Chris Klinge. Moved Miss Staton, seconded Mrs Brown.

Notice of Motion: that honorary life membership be awarded to Mr W W Fielder for outstanding service to the Society. Moved Mr Royal, seconded Mrs Quiggin.

Notice of Motion: that honorary life membership be awarded to Mrs Lila Quiggin for outstanding service to the Society. Moved Mrs Macdonald, seconded Mrs Turner.

Notice of Motion: that honorary life membership be awarded to Miss Lucy Staton for outstanding service to the Society. Moved Mrs Quiggin, seconded Mrs Davies.

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November Meeting Mr Ken Summons spoke on "Preparing a Local Environment Plan for Hume Shire". Mr Summons needs members of the Society to recommend suitable buildings for preservation within the Shire.

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Hovell Tree Pilgrimage In a delightfully relaxed atmosphere, ninety citizens and about forty children sat under the trees at the Hovell Tree and watched the re-enactment by eight members of the Murray River Performing Group. Alderman Don Jefferson was the guest speaker and master-of-ceremonies was Doug Royal. A barbeque in Australia Park ended an entirely pleasant celebration.

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Hume Shire Celebrations 5th December. Don't forget to partake in the interesting programme being conducted at Jindera and the inspection of Old Table Top Station from 1- am to 1 pm.

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### ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### ANNUAL REPORT, 1981

The Society has had a busy and constructive year during 1981, its 21st. year.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The number of financial members in 1981 was one hundred and sixty.

#### CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEE

Robin Brown moved to Melbourne in March, having served seven months as President. Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Lila Quiggin took the chair for two months and Mrs. Lois Humphreys accepted the position of President from June.

Owing to ill-health Chris Klinge resigned as Secretary in April and Treasurer in May. Doug Royal accepted both positions on the Committee.

Mrs. Frank Boyes and Mr. Claud Hazelwood resigned from the Committee in October.

Ian Campbell and Jo Turner joined the Committee, Ian to become Bulletin Editor replacing Lois Humphreys and Jo to help Lucy Staton in organizing the re-opening of the Turks Head Museum.

MUSEUM SUB-COMMITTEE: Mr. Burham (chairman), Mrs. Davies, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Griffith, Mrs. Humphreys.

ARCHIVES SUB-COMMITTEE: Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Lempriere.

#### THE OPENING OF THE HISTORICAL ROOM IN THE UPPER MURRAY REGIONAL LIBRARY, SEPTEMBER

Authors and researchers, formerly lamenting the paucity of primary source material, can now have a field day (or field years) in the Historical Room.

The Society's archives, numbering over 3,000 items, complement the library's own collection which had previously not been available to the public.

For members of the Society, the work involved in making the archives available included: collection of documents housed in members' homes, transporting these to Jean MacDonald's house for registering, then back to the roof of Gus Purstitz's Gallery for temporary storage, checking each document in the library and preparing a photographic and item display, and negotiating a legal agreement for the acceptance of the Archives by Council.

The room was officially opened by Alderman Gould and the Guest Speaker was author Keith Swan. We must note here the outstanding contribution made to the ideals of the Society by Anne Holloway, fellow Committee Member and Chief Librarian of the U.M.R.L. Anne has given positive encouragement, professional guidance and infinite patience to the efforts of members.

In such a short time, the collection in the Historical Room has only been broadly classified, and members' assistance will be needed in cataloguing.

#### A NEW MUSEUM

In September, Council agreed to renovate the Railway Institute at a cost of \$25,000, subject to 1982 Estimates, and the Minister for Public Transport, Mr. Cox, promised that Council could lease the building and surrounding land.

To arrive at this point the Museum Sub-Committee considered possible sites, the help of the Station Master, Les McLean, was enlisted, Council Officers viewed the site, the aid of our local M.L., Mr Mair, was sought, aldermen were interviewed and invited to view the building, applications were made for grants. Mr. Cox was presented with 3 photographs of the opening of the station in 1881.

The Society joined the Museums Association and arranged two meetings in Albury with Executive Members. The Management Committees of Jindera and Holbrook Museums were visited in October to exchange notes.

Much work is entailed in setting up the new museum in 1982 and the committee has suggested that Council apply for a grant for a part-time professional curator.

#### TURKS HEAD MUSEUM

The Museum was shut from January to August awaiting repairs to the roof. Working bees were held before the August school holidays to clean up the possum dirt, and a roster of eighteen members was drawn up. Posters advertizing the museum have been positioned in the town and dodgers prepared to place in motels etc. before the Christmas holidays. Re-ticketing of exhibits has been commenced by Anne Davies and Jo Turner.

#### STORAGE OF ARTIFACTS, NOVEMBER

Council agreed to store artifacts which have been housed by members in the past. Smaller items are now in a room in the Council Chambers (shelved and air-conditioned) and larger items in a garage at the Airport. The artifacts have all been registered by Anne Davies with the assistance of members at many working bees. The storage space will be maintained for our Reserve Collection when we have the new museum so that displays can be changed.



Nine general meetings have been held in the C.W.A. Hall (January and July were excluded because of extremes of weather.)

Speakers included: Phil Webb - "Hawksview", Dorothy Simmonds (paper) and Lila Quiggin (reading) - "River Boats", John Haberfield - "Fifty Years of Dairying", Claud Hazelwood - "The Ernie Hunter Story", George Ward - "Preserving Historical Building and Archaeological Sites in the District", Anne Holloway - "The U.M.R.L. and the Historical Collection", Ken Summons - "Preparing a Local Environment Plan for Hume Shire".

Personal items of historical interest were displayed at a "members' night" in February.

As average attendance at meetings has been 25, it is hoped that in future, meetings will alternate with tours or other activities.

#### THE BULLETIN

The Bulletin has continued to be published each month, although some experimentation has taken place with its format since March when Robin Brown left us. Various voluntary efforts at printing or photo-copying have been made with greater or less success, as well as professional printing at a very high cost. Doug Royal has suffered all of these to get the "Bulletin" out, while Carol Devine has typed 160 envelopes each month and a team led by Doug has folded the "Bulletin". Doug also deals with Australia Post.

#### RAILWAY CENTENARY, MARCH

The Society, through the President, Robin Brown, was instrumental in bringing about the renovation of the railway building, which, with the clocks donated by Rotary, is without doubt the grandest building in Albury. Members manned the photographic display and attended the Centenary Dinner. Lloyd Holmes produced a booklet, "Albury's Railway Centenary" to mark the occasion.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Three new books on the district's history written by members have been published this year:

- "A Tale of Twin Cities" by Des Martin,
- "Corryong - The Land of the Man from Snowy River" by Tom Mitchell, and
- "Albury-Wodonga - the Chosen City" Volume II (1914-1972) by Jean MacDonald.

#### KEEPING ALBURY BEAUTIFUL

(1) Following representations by the Society, the former Telegraph office and Technical College now has a permanent preservation order.

"Elm Court" in Townsend Street, a building recorded by the National Trust, has also been given a permanent preservation order.

(2) Council has specified to the Society its policy on street trees and we have asked for details of forward planning.

(3) A submission has been made to the Heritage Council for the Albury Primary School complex to be declared an historic precinct.

(4) The functions of the Heritage Council, the Heritage Commission of N.S.W. and the National Trust have been clearly set out in the Bulletin by Keith Burnham.

(5) Representations were made to the Water Resources Commission regarding the destruction of the Old Bowna Bridge.

(6) Photographs were taken of the interior of Cann's before the shop closed.

HERITAGE WEEK, MARCH

A walk around the cemetery proved most popular, with Doug Royal acting as guide, and Jean MacDonald and Gwen Brown the researchers.

Bus tours of historic buildings in Albury were conducted by Robin Brown, Lila Quiggin, Anne Davies and Lois Humphreys.

HOVELL TREE CELEBRATIONS, NOVEMBER

The Saturday afternoon timing was successful with over one hundred and thirty citizens and children enjoying the re-enactment by the Murray River Performing Group. Doug Royal was the interviewer, gleanng historical facts in a most digestible form. The day was perfect for the barbeque which followed.

DONATIONS

Donations of artifacts and/or documents were received from: Stuart Hume, Mrs. Laycock, Claud Hazelwood, Mrs. Ruby KingsNorth, Daintree Haywood, Lorna Ingram, Lloyd Holmes, J. D. Bunter, Colin Cave, Don Logan, Frank Higgins and Wal Fife, M.H.R.

PUBLICITY

Publicity Officer, Marie Aney, has advertized our meetings and activities through community access on radio and in newspapers. Excellent coverage has been given to all Society activities in the Border Morning Mail and on radio and T.V., both A.B.C. and commercial.

HONORARY SOLICITOR

The assistance of our new Honorary Solicitor, Mr. Hayden Heath, has been invaluable in giving the Committee confidence to undertake its responsibilities. A new Constitution, a document of conditions for the archives to go into the library, a statement to be signed for donations to the Society, and a statement for loans made by the Society have all been drawn up.

GUS PIRSTITZ

A special thank you must go to Gus Pirstitz as his gallery is often overrun by members on working bees. Of late, too, the gallery has been used for Committee meetings, and our filing cabinet stands hidden behind that illustrious curtain. Gus has always made members feel welcome and has gone out of his way to assist us.

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I hope that 1982 will prove as successful a year as has this year.

*Lois Humphreys*

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PRESIDENT