

BULLETIN**JULY 2005****448**Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of the month,
February to December

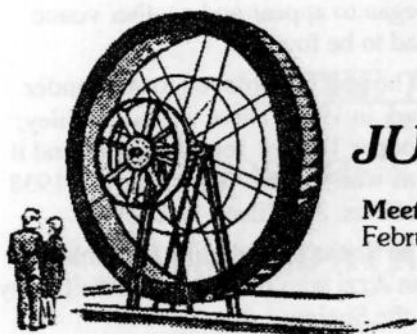
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**THE JULY
 HISTORY MEETING
 WILL BE HELD ON
 WEDNESDAY 13TH
 AT 8PM.**

**COMMERCIAL CLUB,
 Bridge Room,
 Dean Street, Albury.**

GUEST SPEAKER:**Heather Taylor,**

'Nanping, Albury's Sister City'
*History and Culture
 also*

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS*with Jan Hunter**topic*

**"Jacob Brann, North Albury
 Identity"**

**QUESTION OF THE
 MONTH.**

**WHAT DO WE HAVE IN COMMON
 WITH OUR SISTER CITY
 'NANPING'?**

*Membership for this year as risen
 slightly owing to rising costs.*

*2005-2006 Membership
 renewal forms are attached.*

**MUSIC TEACHERS IN
 ALBURY UP TO THE
 1950'S cont.**

Owing to the Annual General meeting

there was no guest speaker for the month of June, so President Doug Hunter read a letter he received from Natalie McLeod (nee Carey).

She writes: I learnt the piano from Miss Chubb from 1945 to the end of 1950, I then changed to Miss Roper from 1951-55.

Miss Vera Chubb taught in Olive Street opposite the Girl's Primary-School. She occupied two front rooms of a big boarding house. One room was a studio the other her bedroom. When I first started I must have had my lesson at 3pm because I can remember leaving class early clutching my "Magic Land of Music" book and walking from the Infants school across the two playgrounds.

I sat for my preparatory exam in 1946, then Grade 6 and 5 before the grades turned around to the order they have been ever since and preparatory become preliminary!

When I was in Primary School, 5th and 6th class I was asked to play a march on the piano some mornings after assembly. Miss Chubb was able to wander over and hear it. She then would comment on my mistakes and speed at the next lesson! At this stage I had a book of technical exercises which had to be practised daily, as well as pieces that I believe gave me a good technical foundation, but even then they were a bit old fashioned.

I can just remember playing some little pieces on 2AY's 5pm children's session in about 1945. There were three or four of us there. Later these were the Saturday morning Talent Quests as well as the Eisteddfods, at which we all performed. I played duets with June Draper and Ken

James and one year we three played a Trio at a church concert. I've never seen a trio like this one since.

Miss Chubb drove a big black car and before exams she would drive us to her friends' homes to perform our pieces – four of us would fit on the back seat of the car. Miss. Chubb was a big woman and in winter would sometimes wear a fur cape over knitted suits. When she sat on the piano stool, it was rather cosy. I can remember her talented pupils. They included Bette Mamouny, Jenny Tonkin and Annette Hulme.

At the end of 1950 Miss Chubb said that she wasn't going to prepare pupils for exams as she wasn't very well, so I changed teachers.

I went to learn from Miss Muriel Roper at the creeper covered cottage on the corner of Swift and Olive Streets – opposite the Methodist church, I don't know when Miss Roper arrived in Albury. I think that she had been in Albury for about two years, I know that she came from Coonamble.

When I went for my first lesson with her, I was so scared that I couldn't stop my fingers trembling. My book of technical exercises was soon dumped, but scales were heard every lesson and a notebook kept track of all that had to be practised.

Miss Roper was very organised and methodical and pieces were certainly learnt. However she was strict and very sarcastic. Her comments would never be tolerated nowadays. I learnt a great deal from her and passed many exams for piano and theory. She had a choral group in which I was a member I then accompanied it. I also played in her percussion group.

Each year Miss Roper would organise a concert for all her pupils. They would performed solos, duets, plus there was a choir and band, they were all a great success. Complicated rehearsals were held before hand.

They would be attended by the Mayor Cleaver and Mrs. Bunton. The Certificates and prizes were handed out by Cleaver. If the certificates hadn't arrived from the Australian Music Academy, rolled up cardboard tied up with red ribbon was given.

Girls wore white dresses and boys wore white shirts, dark pants and bow ties. I played duets with Cecily Hillas for several years. Other good students were Judy Rosier, Wendy Lee, Lynette Cattlyn, Audrey Abikhair and Heather Barlow.

Miss Roper moved out to Young Street, Albury in about 1955 – I think the cottage in Swift Street was going to be demolished. She taught from her house in Young Street until the mid seventies, when she moved to Sydney.

In my last year with her, I got to know her very well, I came to see her in a different light. She was rather kind to me at that stage and encouraged me to go to the Sydney Conservatorium and become a music teacher myself.

We kept in touch for many years. I think she died in Sydney at the end of the seventies.

Miss Roper had an embroidered picture hanging on the wall above the piano – it read "Out of difficulties, blossom miracles." I often looked at it and longed for a miracle.

There were two other music teachers that taught the piano that I remember, they were Miss Ruth Seidel who taught in the CML building and Miss Lillian Boyes who taught upstairs in a building near Chubb's Sports Store. Miss Boyes taught speech mostly, but had a few pupils that learnt the piano as well.

ALBURY SHOW SOCIETY PHOTOGRAPHS.

The Historical Society has in their possession 2 sets of photographs of the Albury Show Society committee members in the early part of the 20th century.

We thank the Show Society for mak-

ing this resource available and **John Craig** and **Michael Katalinic** for doing the copying. The photos are to go to the Regional Museum after some biographical information has been compiled. If you would like to help with the research please contact the Research and Publications sub-committee.

The list of names are:

Dr. A. Andrews, C.A. Baker,
J. H. Balfour, T. Barnett,
H. Beardmore, F.J. Belbridge,
W.C. Bowen, H. Broomfield,
A.V. Browne, P.D. Burrows,
A.A. Burt, W.A. Chamberlin,
J. R. Chapman, J.C. Chenery,
Ralph Ellis, W. H. George,
G. Gordon, J. Grieve,
C.E. Griffith, H. Griffith,
T.H. Griffith, MLA, M.D. Gunn,
W.J. Hechle, J.J. Hore,
W.I. Johnson, C. Kierath,
J.D. Lankester, R. J. Leahy,
G.A. Mackay, J. Maclure,
R. A. McCallum, W. McIntosh,
G.A. Maxwell, A.S. Mitchell,
C.J. Morton, V. F. Nagle,
H.F. Ogilvie, W.M. Palmer,
T. Plunkett, E.F. Reid,
R.C. Riley, J.W. Roxburgh,
H.S. Shannon, R. W. Shipard,
S.R. Shipard, J. F. Shuter,
P. Sutherland, H.J.C. Terry,
G.A. Thompson, C.E. Wallder,
S. Watson, N. Welsh,
J. Wenke, J. Wilks
Dr. W. Cleaver Woods,
H.R. Whitehead, J.R. Whitehead,
W.E. Whyte, A.G. Young

If there is anyone out there that can provide us biographies on the above Show Society members, it would be greatly appreciated

EAST ALBURY GOLF CLUB.

The East Albury Golf Club was originally on the Vallambrosa Estate between Mount Street and maybe Chambers Avenue in about 1928.

Jack Saunders made a putting green in the corner, just opposite his land. It soon developed into nine greens.

Five years later roads and houses began to appear and another venue had to be found.

The golf club moved to Alexander Park in 1933. There was an Ashley; Cooper Trophy for Associates and it was won by Mrs. Winstanley in 1938 and Mrs. A. Wilson in 1939.

The Society would like to thank Garvan Azzi who recently gave the trophy to the Society.

There is a full report on story of the East Albury Golf Club in the 1998 March Bulletin

Albury & district Historical Society Committee for 2005-2006

President: Doug Hunter
Vice President: Max Barry
Vice President: Ron Braddy
Secretary: June Shanahan
Minute Secretary: Jan Marsden
A/Treasurer: June Shanahan
Committee: Ray Gear

Howard Jones, Helen Livsey, Helen Pithie, Carole Whitbourn,

Bulletin Editor: June Shanahan
Proof Reader: Helen Livsey
Research Officer: Helen Livsey
Journals reader: John Craig
Library Accessions: John Craig

Bulletin Distribution: Ray Gear
Meeting Hosts: John Craig
Media & Events Officer:
Publication Sales: John Craig
Hon. Auditor: Kevin Higginson
Public Officer: Helen Livsey

At the June meeting a Certificate of appreciation was presented to the Commercial Club for the generous and co-operative support in providing a most satisfactory venue for our meetings.

Coming Event.

Sunday October 2nd is the sesquicentenary (150 years) of the arrival of the first paddle steamer at Albury. An event, possibly on the Cumberoona, may be arranged.

**Bulletin 448: Proof Reader- Helen Livsey
Distribution Ray Gear. Transcription and
Bulletin Editor – June Shanahan**

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL
SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY 2004 TO MAY 31ST
MAY 2005.

TABLED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE
8TH JUNE 2005.

Introduction:

The Albury and District Historical Society Inc., was founded in 1960 to play a part in the preservation of the History of Albury and District. During the year to May 31st 2005 I believe it has satisfied it's goals by continuing to encourage research into events, institutions, buildings and people which are part of Albury's history; it has been recorded the results of research through the Bulletin; it has met regularly to listen to and discuss Historical Research, findings and inquiry; and it has co-operated and liaised with other institution's including the Albury City Council, Albury Regional Museum and the Albury City Library.

In April this year we were greatly saddened by the sudden death of Ian Glachan who had been a patron of the Society since 1991. Our condolences were expressed to Helen and family.

Meeting format, speakers and venues:

Central to the Society's activities has been the monthly meeting. Early in the year we changed the format of the meetings to increase the historical content. Two types of meeting were instituted: History meetings, where, in addition to a main speaker, opportunity was given for members to report on their research, or speak on items of immediate interest; and General meetings where business was conducted and minutes recorded. Day to day running of the Society was undertaken by the Committee.

Main speakers were:

David Armstrong:	Albury's Pioneer Cemetery 'The Present and the Future.'
Gerry Curtis:	Showed slides on Albury in the 1920's & 30's
Norm Douglas:	History of the Hume Weir Trout Farm
Sam Goddard:	History of Ophthalmology in Albury.
Bruce Pennay:	Framing Bonegilla for the tourist gaze
Lindsay Poy:	History of the Poy family in Albury
Graham Stocks:	History of Church Music in Albury
Don Tynan:	History of Radio Ettamogah

Members who shared their research were:-

Max Barry:	Replacing the organ at St. Matthew's Church following 1991 fire.
Roma Freeman:	Farm life at Walla Walla in the 1940s;
Ray Gear:	Hotels in early Albury.
Jan Hunter:	Social history of Central Albury
Bruce Pennay:	Sources of Chinese history in Albury, also a report on the Royal Australian Historical Society Conference;

Helen Pithie: Some Acquisitions at the Museum;
 Audrey Summerill: The work of the Lavington Family History Group.
 Joe Wooding: Cricket matches in early Albury.

The December meeting combined a Christmas dinner with an evening of show and tell with a Christmas theme.

An Oral History Workshop was held at the March meeting where seven members shared experiences of the coming of post war migrants.

The venue for the monthly meetings has been the Bridge Room at the Albury Commercial Club. The club has provided this highly satisfactory venue free of charge as a community service. This represents a contribution in kind of more than \$800 and we thank the club for its cheerful co-operation and generosity.

Membership & Attendance:

Membership for the year:	Corporate	4
	Hon. and Life	10
	Family	10
	Single	59

Attendance at monthly meetings has averaged 25 with 5 apologies.

Outings and other activities.

This year we conducted a Sunday afternoon river walk ending at the Regional Museum; and a visit to the Fallon Cellars at the invitation of the Albury City Council. Gerry Curtis conducted a busy round of presentations to Service Clubs and Groups; Helen Livsey answered in excess of 130 requests for information; Bruce Pennay spoke at the Albury Library during "Chinese Whispers" month. The society's details have been entered on the Albury City Council Heritage Web page and contacts and requests are increasing from that exposure.

Bulletins: The Bulletin has continued to be our main medium of recording local history. We are indebted to our Editor Michael Katalinic who revised our production methods and consequently reduced the associated costs. Michael's other commitments prelude him continuing with the Bulletin this coming year, but we thank him for the work he has done. Clare Simpson has maintained our membership and mailing list throughout the year and has dispatched the Bulletins each month. We thank her for her work over many years. Claire too has asked for a replacement this year.

A word about our bulletins for the year. The eleven issues ran to 54 pages containing about 25,000 words. I suggest there are few Societies recording that volume of local history annually. Most of those 25,000 words were transcribed from tape by June Shanahan and we thank her for her mammoth effort. I would also note we are getting value from the recording and transcribing equipment we purchased in 2004.

The Society has been involved in Albury's heritage issues generally and in four specific concerns: the proposed demolition of the Fallon Cellars, the

statue of Melpomene in the Botanical Gardens, the sale and conservation of Adamshurst, the the future of the DC2 aircraft commemorating the KLM aircraft Uiver which landed at Albury in 1934.

Fallon Cellars: Following protracted consideration by Albury City Council and the NSW State Heritage Council it has been resolved to demolish the cellars, but to preserve the redgum posts and beams for future use in an appropriate Albury structure. The Society made submission to both sides supporting the retention of the Cellars. Albury City Council made arrangements for members of the Society to visit the Cellars on 5 May.

Melpomene: The statue which was badly damaged by vandals in 2000 has been recast and replaced in the Botanical Gardens. The Society which contributed financially to the project, was represented at the unveiling of the new statue on 10 March, 2005.

Adamshurst: The Society made submissions Greg Aplin MLA and Greater Murray Health urging the preparation of a conservation management plan for this building. Mr. Aplin was supportive, and Greater Murray Health moved immediately to have a plan in place by the time the building was sold in April. The new owner, Garry Morgan & Co. Pty Ltd, has stated it's intention to "restore the building to it former glory." Final plans are to be made when the future use, probably commercial or professional rooms, is determined.

Uiver: Gerry Curtis is representing the Society on a working group which aims to find a way that the DC2 plane can be conserved to commemorate the 1934 incident, when the Dutch airliner competing in the London to Melbourne centenary air-race made a forced landing at Albury. The view of the Society is that the incident should be remembered as part of Albury's history, but we are not convinced the restoration and housing of the DC2, at a cost approaching a million dollars, is necessarily the best way to do this. It would appear this matter will take some time to resolve.

Finance, Marketing and Stock:

This year the Society has operated at a loss. Expenditure exceeded income by approximately \$1,000. Major expenses are insurance, \$900, and printing and postage of the Bulletin, \$1,600.

Our operating account ended the year at zero, but will be replenished by subscriptions. The society has \$15,000 on fixed deposit and we hold stocks of History sheets, Books and Videos to an approximate retail value of \$2,000. So, while the Society's overall financial position shows cash and stock to the value of \$17,000, the fact remains that our annual expenses have exceeded income for several years and this trend must be arrested to ensure the future of the Society.

Some remedial actions suggested are:

- *Send some Bulletins electronically to reduce printing and postage;
- *Raise Annual Subscriptions;
- *Increase the number of Corporate members; and

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*Improve marketing & sales of stock items.
The Society, in my opinion, is in sound condition.

Strengths are: good attendance at meetings; many members engaged in research and recording of local history; active office bearers and committee; and the Society has a recognized presence in the discussion of Albury's cultural heritage and heritage items.

Weaknesses are: expenses exceeding income; low numbers of corporate members and high stock levels.

I believe there are opportunities to increase membership generally, to conduct more external activities such as heritage walks and tours. While finances are of concern, they should not be allowed to overshadow the positive contribution the Society makes to Albury. Finally, my thanks go to all who have contributed to and supported the Albury & District Historical Society for the year 2004/2005.

Douglas Hunter
President.
8th June, 2005

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JUNE 2004-31 MAY 2005

	2005 \$	2004 \$
INCOME		
Membership Fees	1765.00	1768.00
Donations	53.00	35.00
Sale of Publications		
Sundry Sales	51.00	25.00
CD Roms - Hume Weir	-	30.00
Videos	125.00	266.00
Research	175.00	-
Sundries	36.00	-
Interest on Investments	754.97	694.68
Advertising space - Bulletin	-	65.00
Christmas Luncheon	<u>520.00</u>	<u>580.00</u>
	<u>3479.97</u>	<u>3463.68</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Auditor	150.00	-
Bulletin Costs		
Printing & Travelling Expenses	1557.26	1267.16
Postage	494.85	613.65
Insurances	902.50	171.50
Slide Projector Repairs	39.95	-
Meetings Expenses	185.00	354.85
Photocopying - Financial Statements	13.20	24.00
Purchases - Videos - Hume Weir	-	330.00
Advertising Border Mail	32.00	33.88
Albury Regional Museum - Website Fees	-	1500.00
Post Office Box Rental	89.00	87.00
Membership Subscriptions - Royal Historical Society + Ins.	764.80	129.80
Filing Fees - Annual Return - D.F. Trading	40.00	39.00
Cassette Tapes	27.75	-
Purchase of Equipment	-	3697.50
Oral Historical Workshop	-	40.00
Christmas Luncheon	520.00	593.00
Christmas Party - Gifts	27.65	-
Carry Bag & Case	35.00	-
Ribbon & Markers	21.05	-
Photocopying - Uiver Research	2.00	-
Microphone Battery	<u>0.50</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4902.51</u>	<u>8881.34</u>
(DEFICIT)/EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>(1422.54)</u>	<u>(5417.66)</u>

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2005

	2005 \$	2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Hume Building Society		
All Purpose Account - 327006S10	142.17	1670.66
Petty Cash Imprest	<u>145.75</u>	<u>39.80</u>
	287.92	1710.46
INVESTMENTS		
Hume Building Society (Note 1)	<u>15001.01</u>	<u>15001.01</u>
	15001.01	15001.01
FIXED ASSETS		
Equipment - Insurance or Est.	<u>7461.40</u>	<u>7461.40</u>
Value etc (Note 2)	<u>7461.40</u>	<u>7461.40</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	22750.33	24172.87
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Membership Fees in Advance	-	-
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>22750.33</u>	<u>24172.87</u>

Notes to and forming part of the Accounts

Note 1:

Hume Building Society Limited:	
Account 327006 I1.1	5001.01
Account 327006 I1	<u>10000.00</u>
	<u>15001.01</u>

Note 2: Equipment comprises:

Canon Typewriter	451.00 (insured value - 451.00)
Pocket Watch	1800.00 (insured value - 1800.00)
P A System	120.00 (estimated value)
Slide Magazines (x2)	79.90 (at cost)
Kodak Slide Projector, Zoom,	
Carousel & Remote	1313.00 (at cost & insured value 1313.00)
Marantz Stereo Cassette	
Portable Recorder	1551.40 (at cost - insured for 1600.00)
Sanyo Desktop Memo scribe	900.00 (at cost - insured value 900.00)
Sony 8mm Digital Video camera	<u>1246.10</u>

7461.40 (Total Gen Property Insured \$6064.00)