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Welcome

THE ALBURY &
DISTRICT HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

MONTHLY MEETING
MEETING WILL BE HELD IN
THE ELIZABETH ROOM
COMMERCIAL CLUB DEAN
STREET AT 8PM
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER
12TH 2005

ALL INTERESTED ARE MOST
WELCOME TO ATTEND.

- Please note: When you enter
the club please check the
notice board in the foyer for
venue of meeting.

**Max Barry retired Veter-
inarian from the Albury
Pastures and Protection
Board will be our guest
speaker for the month
of October.'**

Question of the Month
What role did the
Pastures & Protection
Board play?

MAKING A CITY IN THE COUNTRY.

Our guest speaker at the
September meeting was Dr. Bruce
Pennay. Bruce is well known in
Albury & District, he is a member
of the Society, and held the posi-
tion as President in 2002

He spoke about his book 'Mak-
ing the City in the Country' records
an extraordinary period in the his-
tory of Albury and district.

He posed four questions

1. What was it like to live with
a growth centre
2. How was public involvement
sought?
3. How did people respond to
the National Growth Centre
Project?
4. What did the project mean
to the nation and to the
people of Albury-Wodonga?

The book has two focuses:

It's about a process - mak-
ing a city into a country -
and it's about a hyphen.

How did they go about it?

What did they do?

that's what the book talks
about, its about process.

It is also a magical hyphen, a
hyphen between the words Albury-
Wodonga, a hyphen.

It shows how people went about
making a place to attract econom-
ic activity and people from Mel-
bourne and Sydney. It is also
about a magical hyphen, a hyphen
between the words Albury-
Wodonga, a hyphen between New
South Wales and Victoria. How
did this hyphen come about? How

did the hyphen fair?

Gough Whitlam use to say
building a city is one of the most
difficult complex and majestic
things. We do it, in scale it comes
nearest to what God does in creat-
ing stars, mountains and forests.

The city makers had three major
tasks:

They had to encourage eco-
nomic development;

Manage physical development;
and foster social development.

They were helped with the co-
ordination of three levels of gov-
ernment.

That working together was de-
scribed as novel, experimental,
imaginative, brave, bold and
unique.

Bruce's writing instructions were
quite simple, focus on the project,
not the Development Corporation.
The Corporation proved stout
hearted in allowing a story to ap-
pear that was about struggle and
strife as well as achievement.

Bruce decided to focus initially
on the transition points, where
things changed that is when there
were redefinitions of aims and re-
views of what had been done.
However, like most histories he
began with the instigation of the
idea.

He found that there were people
in the community who welcomed
the idea of accelerated develop-
ment, and there were people who
were not too sure. Bruce mar-
shalled a variety of voices and
opinions on the project.

He outlined how the project
changed over the next thirty
years. It began as a

John Warnock from West Australia would appreciate any information concerning the Albury Airfield around 1938, also info about a pilot William Richards alias Satan Richards or Stan Sabben
You can phone Doug on 60 212835

National Growth Centre, but the population target was halved in 1977 and it became a model development in selective decentralisation.

That project was dismantled in 1988-89 and Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation shared responsibilities for regional development. In 1995 that too, was dismantled but the Corporation continued to develop and sell land. In 2005, it has changed again and the Corporation is now simply a land manager, looking after what remains of the huge land bank acquired to house 300,000 people at the beginning of the project.

Question of the Month:

What effect did the AWDC have on this area?

Jan Hunter: The planting of native trees and shrubs

Max Barry: The Govt. Investment brought outside money into the area.

Doug Hunter: The generation of Financial Investment

Roma Freeman: Resumption of farming land, meant farming families lost their heritage.

Joe Wooding: The hope of taking pressure off the cities, did not come up to expectation.

Harold Mair: Cuts in Govt. funding altered the direction of growth.

Gerry Curtis: With the influence of English Town Planners, Bike and Walking tracks were introduced.

Journals that can be read at the Albury Library.

1. Links 'N' Chains: Liverpool Genealogy Soc. Journal-August 2005.

Memorial Watch – List of Pioneer (1839) to Hahndorf South Australia of German and Prussian descent.

2. The Muster: Central Coast (Gosford F.H.S. Journal-August 05.

Lady Mary Teviot to speak at Society Seminar on 19th November, 2005.

3. Inherit: Heritage Council Victoria Magazine – Aug. 2005

- a. Risky Business – Places at risk program 2003-2005.
- b. New registrations to State Heritage register.

4. University of Third Age (U3A) Newsletters-Aug/Sept. 2005

- a. Semester 2/2005 enrolments going well, 227 to 2nd Sept 2005. Members of the public are invited to sit in and sample classes.

5. Richmond River H.S. Bulletin (Lismore)-September, 2005.

- a. Dunoon: The land of Duncan Currie
- b. F.S. Peppercorn on the Richmond River-1855

6. Argyle: Bulletin of Goulburn H.S. And F.H.S.-Aug. 2005.

- a. Tarago Railway Line opening.

7. Albury City Museum Newsletter-August 2005.

- a. Calendar of events, July/October 20/2005.

8. Hills Heritage News: The Hills H.S. Newsletter. August-2005

- a. The Christ Church – Rouse Hill.

9. Wagga Baggage H.S. Newsletter August/Sept. 2005.

- a. Sir Samuel McCaughey's role in establishing the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area.

10. History: Royal Australian H.S. Magazine Sept. 2005.

- a. Preservation action:-Heritage Activities of R.A.H.S.
- b. R.A.H.S. Calendar of events.

11. Vital Signs: State Records of N.S.W. - August 2005

Globalisation, Nostalgia and Cul-

tural heritage

12. Memento: News from the National Archives. Spring 2005

a. Juliana Toth (nee Sponga) Budapest Hero 1956.

by John Craig.

The Society had cause for two celebrations in the last month: On Sunday the 2nd October there was an reenactment of the arrival of the first Paddle steamer 'Albury' that arrived here at the river port 150 years ago.

At our monthly meeting members celebrated with a cake to mark the printing of the 450th bulletin.

Queries

Does anyone know the History of Pemberton Street?

The Albury Regional Museum holds a very rare patchwork Rug, thought to have been made by British Soldiers in the Boer War. Any information would be greatly appreciated

XMAS PARTY

The festive season is fast approaching, so bookings have opened for the A & D.H.S. Annual Xmas party that will be held in the Commercial Club Wattle Room on Friday 9th December at 7pm.

Cost of Carvery \$24.00 for bookings ring 60 25 1324

At the November Meeting there will be a lucky door prize for a free Xmas Dinner.

Financial Members list will be published in November Issue.

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COMMITTEE Meeting: 5.15pm Tuesday October 25th, 2005, at Albury City Library

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