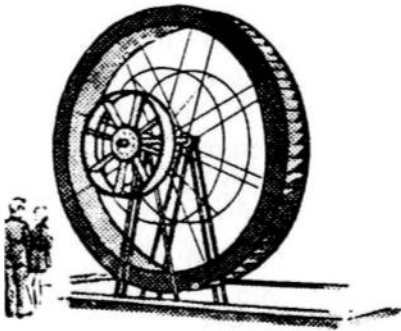


# BULLETIN



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## NEXT MEETING

**8pm Wednesday February 11**  
Commercial Club, Dean Street, Albury

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Ros Webb**  
from "Hawkesview" Hume Weir

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## FUTURE EVENTS

March – April 2004. **Exhibition:** Albury Regional Museum: **Reflections & Intentions** – The history & future of the Museum.



Once again an enjoyable **Xmas Dinner** was held at the Commercial Club on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

25 members & guests attended the night. Talks were given by various people during the evening.  
- June Shanahan.

**PLANNING TO SPEAK AT A MEETING?** Please remember to write it down and give it to the Chairperson or a Committee Member for the Bulletin Editor. Also, quote your sources.

**Anne Davies:** **Embroidery**, approx. 33cm x 28cm; colourful cottons on blue background, from Hmong stall at Salamanca market, Hobart. The Hmong are a hill tribe from Vietnam; they are a small people. From top right to bottom left, it depicts the story of their journey to Australia; a soldier fires at them & burns a hut. The people walk & walk until they come to a wide river & swim across. They arrive in another country, men in uniform welcome them. Finally, a two storey home & car.

**Anne Holloway:** A 'Beth Klinge' water-colour painting (approx. 18cm x 30cm) depicting hills, flat land, trees, & farm buildings at East Albury in 1920.

## REPORT ON THE DECEMBER MEETING

The following Society members responded to 'bring & tell' with the items described:

**Ron Braddy:** A rusty key 15cm long, found in the grounds of the old Albury Jail, built in 1861 by Thomas Allan, & demolished in 1949. St Matthew's retirement village is now on the site. Believed to be a key to a cell.

**Gerry Curtis:** 1. A portable wooden 'lap desk' for holding documents & writing equipment (a predecessor to the laptop computer). The lap desk is approx. 45cm x 28 cm x 15cm high & is made from Honduras mahogany & covered with rose wood veneer with double strung pine inlay. It has brass bound edges, lock & hinges. Inside are lift-out drawers, & now it has green vinyl lining.

It is 200 years old, from the Regency Period of 1800 – 1820 being the time of King George III. The lap desk belonged to Father Michael McAlroy, a Catholic priest. 'McAlroy' is inscribed on the lid. He may have purchased it before leaving England in 1854, or else when he arrived in Australia. He died in Albury in 1880 & his will was witnessed by Valentine Flood Nagle. A copy of the will is enclosed in the desk.

In 1922 Jack Nagle inherited the lap desk and, supposedly not knowing what it was, used it as a fishing box. Jack Nagle's initials are also inscribed on the desk. In 1994 a grandson, Mr Justice Nagle, handed the lap desk to Fr Moylan of St Patrick's Albury. The desk was incomplete & had undergone several repairs. The lift out tray & two uniting flaps were missing & the wrong hinges had been fitted.

The tray & two flaps are now made of Australian red cedar, polished with bees wax to resemble mahogany, & suitable hinges have been fitted. Restoration was by Gerry Curtis in 1994.

**Eric Wighton:** A spanner. In 1920 Keith & Ross Smith flew from England to Australia in a Vickers Vimy, taking thirty days. For this they won a £10,000 prize. They made a forced landing at Henty/ Culcairn. Eric's father was a blacksmith



Albury's Centenary Birthday Cake  
Hume & Hovell Celebrations

in Springhurst at the time. He rode his motorbike to the scene & assisted them. Mr Wighton was a pretty handy mechanic. For this, Mr Wighton was presented with this heavy spanner by the Smiths. He later had the word 'KEEPSAKE' proudly stamped into it. Eight years later the flight from England to Darwin was made by others in the time of fifteen days.

**Mary Thurling:** A copy of a picture of W. Malcolm Passtrycooks 'Albury Centenary Cake' of 1924; also large paper cupcake trays from Malcolm's. Malcolm's was in Kiewa Street, adjacent to Quinns bootmakers, which also appears in the photograph.

Gerry Curtis noted that the Albury Centenary of 1924 was 100 years from the discovery by Hume & Hovell. Marking this event was a children's display by students from Albury High School. The students each received a piece of the cake (which was 2.74m high, 454kg) in a tin – and some of these tins still survive.

**Howard Jones:** 1. A copy of an 8 page supplement to the Albury Banner & Wodonga Express of September 15<sup>th</sup> 1896. It features photos & text (much concerning local buildings etc., including the Exhibition Building in Dean St, now site of the State Office block) on glossy paper, & was obtained from Charles Stitz Bookshop.

2. A handwritten receipt on Border Morning Mail notepaper dated November 21<sup>st</sup> 1924 with a 2d. duty stamp. Receipt was for £10 deposit to buy the Albury Daily News. Howard recently wrote a history of the Border Mail; in 1924 there was three



Malcolm's Hall, in Kiewa Street, on right. (BMM 23/11/1957)

newspapers. Mott bought the Albury Daily News for £1,000, which had to be repaid at £100 per month.

3. An original **legal deed** re. purchase by H.C. Mott & Co of goodwill of the Albury Daily News. Dated 24 Dec 1924 & signed by Alf Waugh, James Stephen, Hamilton Mott, J.A. Brian & E. McLachlan (solicitor). The purchase price was £1000. Associated with this, concerning the sale of printing machinery, it stipulates that the new owner (Wilkinsons) could not set up a new printing business within 75 miles (120 km) of the Border Mail in Albury (the seller).

4. A sepia **photograph** by Mr Oakley Photographer. This photograph, c.1910-1920 is of Swain & Son funeral directors, Townsend Street, Albury, ph 222. It shows a street scene with hearse with two horses, & several people.

**Helen Livsey:** Two items formerly owned by the late Miss Olive Fellowes, daughter & sister of two curators of the Albury Botanic Garden:

1. A 'Mutax' **dry cleaning brush**, manufactured in Pendleton, Manchester. This bristle brush is about 10cm long, chrome finish, with a reservoir for Mutax Non-Flam Spirit, & a button to release the fluid onto the bristles. It is in the original box with instructions. Instructions are to brush with short, sharp, twist movements, lifting the dirt out of the material & sweeping it to the end of the garment. For use on suits, hats, feathers, gloves, silk ties & scarves, carpets & upholstery.



2. A **Cross-Fox hook** for picking up stitches & knitting up ladders in stockings. Approx. 10cm long.

**John Craig:** 1. A **brass pig tape measure** (approx. 3cm long). The 40" tape winds up inside the pig.

2. A pair of **cotton socks & white booties**, to suit a 1 year old, purchased early 1930's. These were John's first footwear, & were returned to him by his mother about 30 years ago.

**Helena Prosser:** Items from a tour of Borneo & Asia.

1. A **scarf**, of pure silk, from Iraq. It is

blue/grey, with decorative edging & patterns.

**Max Barry:** 1. A French **medal** from the D-Day landing of 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1944.

William the Conqueror, who was not married to his wife, provided both a men's abbey (Abbey Aux Hommes – built by William) and women's abbey (Abbey Aux Dames – built by William's wife), in Caen, to placate Rome. Abbey Aux Dames is now an administrative building for Normandy, where the medals were presented.

Max noted that at the recent Lancaster Bomber meeting in Canberra, that several people had these medals.

2. A small commemorative '**caterpillar**'. During WWII Max was a rear gunner in a plane. On one mission on the night of June 6-7<sup>th</sup> 1944, an engine caught on fire; then another engine failed; then a 3<sup>rd</sup> engine failed. The crew bailed out; the bomb-aimer first, then the engineer, the navigator, the wireless operator, & last of all the gunners bailed out from the back of the plane. The crew were equipped with the 'Irving (silk) parachute'. Whenever the Irving parachute saved a life, the Irving company awarded those saved a tiny 'caterpillar'.

## GENERAL NOTICES

1 **Report on the November Meeting;** Please note that the RAAOC Museum Bandiana was started by Col. Bob McLean Area Commandant.

2 **Helen Livsey** noted that the **demolition** of a section of the back of one of the oldest houses in Albury has been approved by Council. The house is 'The Frauenfelder/Gabel' at 791 David Street.

3 **GIFTS received with gratitude by the Society;** From June Shanahan; a book on The History of the Butter Factory at Eskdale.

4 **Members** are asked to consider changing the monthly meeting time from 8pm to 7.30pm.

## ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

The 'afternoon tea' on 10/12/03 was attended by many. The new Museum + Library agreement



with the A&DHS was handed over to the AC Council; exhibits obtained from the A&DHS which are later found to be not required by the Museum would be returned to the Society.

## **JOURNEYING THROUGH THE JOURNALS**

*-compiled by John Craig*

This list has been compiled to help members find items of interest.

These journals can be viewed at the Albury City Library – History Resources Room.

ANCES-TREE: Journal Burwood-Drummoyne F.H.G.  
November 2003

1. German Migrants to Eastern Australia 1849-50. Part 3.
2. Report of NSW/ACT Association of FHS State Conference.

ARGYLE BULLETIN: Goulburn H S & F H S  
Journal November 2003

1. Ghost of Gallows Hill.
2. Richardson Place

BORDERLINE NEWS: Wodonga F H S Newsletter  
November 2003

1. Report on Bendigo Trip – FOI Laws Apply!
2. Notice of Clan McKenzie Gathering in Albury, 28/29/30 May 2004.

CHICK FAMILY PICNICS: Booklet Containing Photos with Captions & Comments, Kindly Donated to the Society by the Chick Family.

ESKDALE BUTTER FACTORY CO. LTD., Booklet  
1903 – 1968.  
Donated by June Shanahan.

HERITAGE: N S W Heritage Office, Spring 2003

1. Healthy Find – Archaeological Dig on Old Hawksbury Hospital Site at Windsor.
2. Nissen Huts – The 'Huts' Were The True Birthplace of Our Multiculturalism.

HILLS DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Newsletter November 2003

1. Program of Activities, Feb. – Mar. 2004, Celebrating Bicentenary of Castle Hill Rebellion & Battle of Vinegar Hill.

HISTORY: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Magazine. December 2003

1. Ephemera – The Collecting of Printed Material Designed for Short Term Use. EG. 'Junk Mail &

Earlier Advertising Material".

2. Calendar of Events, Nov. 2003 to Mar. 2004.

INSITES: Historic Houses Trust NSW, Summer 2003

1. Events & Exhibition Calendar for 2004.
2. Conservation Rescue – Craigmores House, Hill End, 1875.

LINKS 'N' CHAINS: Liverpool F H S Journal  
November 2003

1. The Link Between Meredith & Allan Families.
2. Basics on Australian Divorce.

MUSTER: Central Coast (Gosford) Family History Society Journal, December 2003

1. Report on Conference of NSW/ACT Assoc. Of FHS 2003.
2. Copyright Issues.

PARRAMATTA PACKET: F H Group & Historical Society Newsletter Nov. 2003 to Feb. 2004.

1. Information Required on Names Listed Prior to Anniversary of Vinegar Hill Battle, Feb. 2004.

RICHMOND RIVER Historical Society Bulletin.  
December 2003

1. Sister Frances Kelly, 1935 – 2003.
2. Visiting Richmond River District 1893.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Newsletter, December 2003

1. Suffrage Work in NSW, by Margaret Hodge & Harriet Newcomb.
2. Claiming the Dead – Great War Memorials & Their Communities.

STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME December 2003

1. Tributes to RM Williams & Slim Dusty.
2. Many Letters to Editor & Outback Poems.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A)  
Albury/Wodonga Newsletter, December 2003

1. Course Brochure – Semester 1, Feb./June 2004.

UPDATE: Victorian State Government Newsletter  
Dec./Jan./Feb. 2004

1. Calendar of Events, Dec. 2003/Jan. 2004.

WAGGA WAGGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Newsletter Dec. 2003/Jan. 2004

1. Snippets From The Scrapbook of Jack Ellis
2. Continuing Spotlight on the Collection.

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday February 23, 2004, 5.15pm, at  
ALBURY CITY LIBRARY.