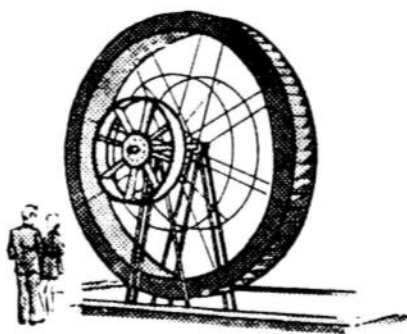


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NEXT MEETING

8pm **Wednesday May 12**
Commercial Club, Dean Street, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER - Geoff Kent

from *Albury Ambulance Station*: (Branch Manager, Albury Ambulance Service).



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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

When did the Albury Ambulance Station open?

FUTURE EVENTS

① Albury Regional Museum

May-December. Exhibition. *Reflections & Intentions* – The history & future of Albury Regional Museum.

May. Exhibition. *Albury City Staff Collections*.

② to May 16, **HERITAGE FESTIVAL WEEK** exhibitions etc,
"New Light Through Old Windows":-

③ to May 16, "*Decades of Fashion*",
Explore-A-Box costumes from
1880's, 1920's, & 1960's. Albury Regional Museum. \$10/day.
Ph 02 6051 3450.

④ to May 16, "*Heritage Afresh*",
Photography Exhibition, Albury Regional Art Gallery. Ph 02 6051 3480.

⑤ August 7th. *Introduction to Archives*: Felld timber Community Centre, Ritter Rd Wodonga. Register by 23/7/04, Ph 03 9348 5757 -*Laura Daniele*. (\$16.50)

REPORT ON THE APRIL MEETING

TOURISM & HISTORY

The Society was addressed by *Christine Stewart* O.A.M., President of the Albury Wodonga Regional Tourism Forum Inc., on the topic of "*Tourism & History for Small Regional Communities*".

Christine was originally from the north of Corowa & spent 22 years living in Sydney. Her great grandfather was one of the fathers of Federation. Small communities & heritage have always been a passion & the reason for her moving from Sydney back to the country. *Christine* believes that there are many opportunities for rural people to make a living from their existing assets whether it is their local heritage, their farm or natural environment.

Eight years ago *Christine* learnt there is a common interest that binds rural communities together & that is the pride they have in their heritage.

To showcase the heritage & other tourism opportunities in small communities she went ahead & co-founded the **Albury Wodonga Regional Tourism Forum Inc** in 1997. The main aim of the Tourism Forum is to increase the level of visitation to the region, there are now more than 100 members based in 13 shires. It is incorporated association in both NSW & Vic & is driven by its members in a voluntary capacity.



Chinese Ceremonial Structure at Albury Cemetery

Photo: M J Katalinic

TOURISM & HISTORY

Members participate in cost effective marketing campaigns including being in the **Albury Wodonga Regional Tourism Guide** – 200,000 copies have been produced so far. All members go to the website www.albury-wodonga-region.com.au. It is worth noting that the website gets up to 80 hits a day. Members also enjoy promotion of their business through having in-kind marketing support from radio 2AY. The Commercial Club in Albury, Lake Hume Resort & the City of Albury provide support for printing promotional material.

A 15 x 1 day tour itineraries brochure was produced to attract more groups to the region, visits to historic places are included throughout the itineraries. This brochure is being updated with more special interest tours being developed that have an educational component attached to them. This will increase the yield of the visit to people's businesses. Some farm families have now become successful with tourism with 1/3 to 1/2 of their income coming from hosting visitors. The Tourism Forum exists on membership subscriptions, sponsorship, plenty of in-kind support & grants.

To gain support & encourage communities to participate in promoting their heritage *Christine* holds **public meetings & gives everyone the chance to participate**. Groups have been set up, **oral history recorded & books published**. Several small communities didn't have a legal structure in place that made it difficult for them to apply for **grants & do heritage restoration work & create opportunities to create new income streams**. *Christine* has auspiced several groups until they are confident enough to incorporate in their own right.

North East Victoria has an important **mining history & when the mining finished, people moved away, shops, hotels & many services went**. The historic mining communities of **Beechworth, Yackandandah, Chiltern & Rutherglen** have become successful tourism towns & promote their heritage well.

② There are many small villages (less than 100 people) that were mining communities that *Christine* has worked with including **Granya**. Granya being a small community that has a rich mining history & located along the Murray River 57kms east of Albury. Activities since the mid 1990's has seen many things achieved including the establishment of the **Granya Pioneer Museum**.

The Museum was previously a much-loved school that had closed but was used extensively by the community as a meeting place. Unfortunately during the Kennett era the Victorian education department wanted to sell the wooden school building & grounds. The community were given 3 months to find \$40,000 for the one class roomed school or it would be auctioned off. Strong lobbying took place & the school was purchased by another State Government department who now allow a local committee of management to run & maintain the school as a museum (*which is open 2-4pm on Sat & Sun or appointment*).

Two books have been published

by the Granya community including the social history such as the Granya publication entitled **"& Here's to Wallaby Jack"** (out of print) & **"Timber Tombstones"** (\$44) which talks about the impact on communities through changing the Murray River to create the Hume Dam & the pioneering

farming families. Some families have also gone ahead & done their own history & held the launch at the Granya Pioneer Museum. Granya has now added an extra building on the site, produced a brochure, restored a scout hut in the Granya State Park, held a heritage festival & a now holds a music festival each Australia Day. Work has also been done on the **cemetery**, & on the **15 May 2004** a launch to celebrate the completion of a lich gate will be held at the cemetery. (For further information contact Enid Warnock phone: 02 6072 9534).

At **Bethanga**, there was once the significant Wallace Smelting Works, *Christine* spent time documenting the site & its history hoping to have it listed on the National Estate Register. A waste transfer station was proposed close to the site, the community

averted this happening. Parks Victoria have now closed the site off, created a parking area & erected a billboard giving the history of the Works.

Christine encourages 'value adding' of existing community & government assets plus the natural environment & the existing ecology & geology. Two landcare groups have joined the Tourism Forum & both of these groups have **self-drive eco-tours** that showcase significant native vegetation at cemeteries, old stock reserves through to newly created **tree corridors** to attract more **birds** to the region & stop the die back of trees. She maintains that you don't need to build expensive infrastructure to attract people to communities. It is a matter of getting people organised, skilled up & committed to doing things for the good of all.

The following are some of the **other activities** that members of the Tourism Forum are involved with. The **Murray to the Mountains rail trail** has been established along disused railway lines. The **Hume & Hovell walking track** goes through the region. The **Wonga Wetlands** have been established west of Albury – the wetlands existed along the edge of the Murray River prior to damming to create **Lake Hume**.

Treated waste water from Albury is spread across the 80 ha site, the wetlands have now many **bird species** there & an **interpretative centre** & full-time manager provide educational tours for visitors. People like Clem & Dorothy Orton from **Murmungee** have coach groups visit their property where you will see an interesting collection of items that this couple have gathered over the years – Clem's humorous commentary is not to be missed.



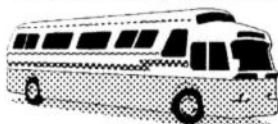
Dredge at Eldorado Vic.

Photo: M J Katalinic



③ Roslyn Webb's "Hawksview" tours (see Bulletin 432) are a good example of using a heritage woolshed & the property's history to create income; tours of the farm's wetlands will be a new income opportunity.

In NSW, the **Henty** community has produced a Historic Village Walk booklet. The small Hamlet of **Humula** stages a singalong for groups & displays beautiful costumes from yesteryear as well as a village tour. *Christine* helped to establish the Humula Community Development Network Inc so that the community could create a new future for themselves. The **Pioneer Women's Hut** near **Tumbarumba** attracted 55 paying coach groups last season; a men's hut is being established so that even more visitors can be attracted. At **Savernake Station**, Ann & Alex Sloane have eco-heritage tours of the 300 ha box pine woodland & the historic woolshed & shearer's quarters. They have produced books & video's on the property & its heritage. **Accommodation providers** are using old timbers (Gaddleen Grove Cottages), Baranduda Homestead (House & Lotties cottage), & restored old buildings are used extensively as B & B's in places like Beechworth. The region is home to many museums & also the history of **Ned Kelly** has become a new tourism drawcard.



Exciting times are ahead, over the past 4 years *Christine* has spread her voluntary activities further. She has gathered much material & interest & will work with her group to have more **special interest tours** that take in local Chinese history, military heritage, gardens, antique shops, historic towns & bird trails.

She believes that we need to work quickly in communities where land is being sold off to create new lifestyle blocks. She says that it is changing the culture & heritage of areas from being agriculturally based to lifestyle living with people working elsewhere for their main income stream. Any existing history needs to be recorded & collected so that the 'new' communities can learn about the rich cultural heritage of the area.

The future - *Christine* will be involved in bringing groups from **overseas** to visit the communities & businesses she has grown to love. Not only will heritage be on display but also new initiatives created through land management activities such as **landcare** where local rural communities have won national awards for their pursuits. **Three levels of presentations** will be offered to groups: **1.** Introductory (overview of the geology & farming practices), **2.** Intermediate (how to go physically about addressing environmental problems) & **3.** Advanced (scientific explanation on how to record & measure work/ changes). **The internet** will play a major role in marketing these tours along with partnerships with others including a travel agency. Farmers & local communities will be paid for hosting groups & it is going to be a serious attempt at creating long term sustainable futures for these communities.

Photo: M J Katalinic



Chinese Cemetery at Beechworth Victoria

Local people will be trained to be guides. Six **embassy cocktail parties** will be held in Canberra over the next 4 month period to promote these tours, the first one being held on 12 May.

Christine feels that if you don't know where you came from you will probably end up somewhere, she is pleased she has made the sea change back to where she came from

several years ago. In 1990 she was awarded the Order of Australia medal for services to abused & neglected children. The neglected heritage both natural & man-made are now her challenge.

- **Christine Stewart** 14/4/04

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REPORT ON THE MARCH PHARMACIES MEETING- IN ALBURY

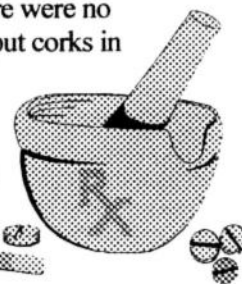
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The Society was addressed by **Jack Friedlieb** on the topic "The Early Pharmacy Days in Albury".

"This is how a prescription was made in the early 1930's". You would read it very carefully to make sure that the doctor hadn't made a blue with his dosage, if you could read it. You would have to ring up some of them up to find out what he was writing about. Then you copy them into a big prescription book, & only then you start getting your preparations together. It might

take you a quarter of an hour to get a couple of prescriptions or a bottle of medicine, or a bit longer for a complicated cream or bulk powders & different things like that, or liniments. You would check everything to make sure you didn't make any mistakes, then label them by hand in the early days before the typewriter. Fortunately, *Jack's* writing

was a lot better than it is now. There were no such things as screw caps; you had to put corks in the bottles, label them & then wrap them up in nice white paper & fold it over & seal it top & bottom with bottling wax. Then you would be ready to hand it over to the customer. It was very different to what it is now; I go in with a prescription for two or three items handed over the counter & I have it in ten minutes.



-**Jack Friedlieb** 10/3/04

PLANNING TO SPEAK AT A MEETING?

Please remember to write it down & give it to the Chairperson or a Committee Member for the Bulletin Editor.

Photographs (originals or small photocopies) are welcome. Also, quote your sources.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH (April)

What happened to the Chinese miners after the gold mining days (1850's) finished?

Max Barry – the Chinese became contractors, removing trees for farming, grubbing roots to 1-2 ft (30 – 60 cm) deep. They were also contracted to dig farm dams using a pick, shovel & wheelbarrow. Their work can be identified as having three steep sides & one sloping ramp side where they wheeled the dirt out.

Gerry Curtis – at Balldale, on a 2,500 acre (1,012 ha) property, the owner employed Chinese workers to clear all of the trees. They became "beasts of burden". They also got into the furniture industry. Furniture had to be stamped "Made by European Labour Only", because of the Chinese. The situation was similar in 1849 on the Californian gold fields. Because they brought no women with them (they remained back in China) they died out.

Charles Brackenridge – The Chinese came here for only four years, then returned home; they then sent more from their families. This went on for about 25 years. When the Chinese were buried, the tombstone was placed at their feet. Otherwise, if it were placed at their head, they wouldn't see their God coming to take them to heaven.

John Craig – The Chinese also became market gardeners.

GENERAL NOTICES

1 **Carole Whitbourn** supplied copies of the ACC Heritage Week events brochure (to 16/5/04, Ph 02 6023 811 for info), & showed the "Explore-A-Box" from the Museum (to 16/5/04), featuring historic Australian costumes. (Ph 02 6051 3450).

2 The A&DHS Committee is arranging for copies of back issues of the Bulletin are to be supplied to local Senior Schools & Colleges.

3 **Jean Whitla** from the Wodonga HS said the Wodonga Library was exhibiting Ned Kelly's Jerilderie Letter & a pistol from explorer Robert O'Hara Bourke.

4 RAHS annual elections voting form was tabled.

5 Many passenger train services to Albury have ceased – replaced by 25-30 buses which are much cheaper than the XPT train. –*Geoff Hamilton*.

6 **Gerry Curtis & Ray Gear** presented a talk on "The Buildings of the Gordons", (Architects 1868-1913) on 28th April. About 60 people attended & enjoyed the presentation, display & supper. An illustrated book (80p.) of that title has been produced by **Gerry Curtis, Ray Gear, Jean Whitla, & Uta Wiltshire** (\$20, or \$15 for members of the Wodonga & Albury Historical Societies). Also, a video was recorded.

7 A&DHS members wishing to learn how to use the Society's slide projector, tape recorder, remote control play-

back machine, & video camera, for the presentation, recording & transcribing of **oral & pictorial history** should contact **Helen Livsey** Ph 02 6021 3671. (Conditions apply).

8 **Howlong History Book: WANTED** - a copy of "The Howlong Selection", published 1988, which is no longer needed. A Qld relative of the Lester family would like to purchase a copy. Please write to the A&DHS, or phone **Helen Livsey** on 02 6021 3671 if you can help.

NEW BOOKS

1 "Researching Australian School Records, A Guide" by Dr Geoffrey Burkhardt. \$20 posted. G & J Burkhardt, 11 Larakia ST, WARAMANGA, ACT 2611 Ph 02 6288 1939.

2 "Index to Queanbeyan Newspapers, 1860-1861." \$27.50 posted. Archive Angels, 18 Moreton St, RUSSELL VALE, NSW 2517

3 "Family History Companion" by Wendy Eldridge. \$23 posted. W Eldridge, 1087 Great Western Highway, Lithgow NSW 2790. Ph 0411 539 182

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. March 2004

1. German Migrants to Eastern Australia on Ship "San Francisco", 1852. Part 4.

HISTORY: ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Magazine. March 2004

1. Hazelwood Brothers Nurseries, Epping 1908-1976.

2. Annual Report & Ballot Papers for 2004.

INHERIT: Heritage Victoria Feb. 2004

1. Strategic Projects & Registrations.

MINISTRY OF THE ARTS (NSW) Booklet.

1. Guidelines for NSW Premier's History Awards 2004.

MRS "ROLF BOLDREWOOD'S" THE FLOWER GARDEN IN AUSTRALIA: Parts II & III by Dirk H R Spennemann.

PARRAMATTA PACKET: F H Group & Historical Society Newsletter. Mar. to Jun. 2004.

1. History of Schools in Parramatta.

2. In God's Acre.

REDISCOVER: Albury Library Newsletter – Autumn '04.

1. Meet John Marsden (Author) – an Evening Event, 29 May 2004.

RICHMOND RIVER Historical Society Bulletin. (Lismore)
1. A Stone for Every Situation. From Aboriginal Use to the Building of Dry Stone Walls in the Richmond River District.

UPDATE: Information Victoria Newsletter.

Mar./Apr. 2004

1. Info on Broad Range of State Government Activities.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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