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Welcome to the September Newsletter

Morwell Historical Society Annual Dinner

Date: Tuesday, October 16th - 6.30pm for 7.00 start

Venue: Morwell Club - 136 Helen St. Morwell

Cost: \$20 per person (Two courses, alternate serve – drinks at bar prices)

Our guests will be Glen and Gloria Auchterlonie, who will speak to us about the Auchterlonie family, pioneers in the Narracan district, and the *Dad's War Stuff* Collection of Australian Light Horse history and memorabilia, which is housed at *Airlie Bank Gallery*, Morwell.

All members and their friends are welcome. Please let Elsie McMaster know, on **Tel: 51341149**, by **Monday October 8**, if you will be attending.

Memories of Yallourn.

Thanks go to our member, Prue McGoldrick, for donating a copy of her latest book, *Jaberanda & Co*, to our library. Prue and family lived in Yallourn from 1951 until its demise in the late seventies when they moved to Paynesville, taking their house with them!

This is a book guaranteed to revive nostalgic memories.

Heritage Walks.

We are planning to develop an illustrated brochure (or perhaps more than one) to guide people interested in historical walks in and around Morwell.

We welcome any suggestions for places of interest which could be included in these brochures. It is hoped that, at some time, we may be able to set plaques into the footpaths to mark the sites of interesting features of Morwell's past.

Invitation

Members are invited to the **Inaugural Annual Luncheon** of the *Maffra & District Historical Society*, Thursday, **October 11th** at the Tinamba Hotel, 12 noon. Luncheon **\$15 per head**.

Guest Speaker will be **Professor Weston Bate**, distinguished social historian, who will present the RHSV's **Award of Merit** to Maffra H.S. member and founding president, **Flo Pearce**. Please book before **Friday, October 5**

Tel: 51471683, 51451045, 51471827 or P.O.Box 321, Maffra, 3860

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18 – 7.30pm – 21 CHURCH ST

HAZELWOOD POWER - PRESERVING THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Hazelwood Power is currently conducting an archaeological examination of its land holdings to establish their cultural heritage.

Cultural heritage refers generally to places, objects and archaeological material which demonstrate past practices, customs, achievements, artistic development and lifestyles of a particular group of people. Hazelwood's land has not only been the site of a number of homesteads dating back to the first European settlement of the area but is also rich in the history of the Gunai Aboriginal people.

Melbourne company, Biosis Research, is in charge of the field work and has established a number of digs in the area, assisted by Cultural Monitors from the local Aboriginal community. They have so far found more than 1,600 artefacts, mainly stone cutting tools. These tools are fashioned from silcrete, thought to have come from the Haunted Hills.

Also receiving attention is the site of the old Applegate Homestead which stood near the Morwell-Mirboo railway line. The homestead is long gone but remnants of the orchard are being studied. Several older types of apple and pear and a black mulberry have been found and local horticulturalists are hoping to strike cuttings from the trees, which are not in great shape, having been planted, probably, in the 1870s when the homestead was built.

The homestead site is to be used as a dump for residue from an old firehole on the western edge of the open cut, but the trees in the orchard will be perpetuated. All the native plants – grasses, trees, flowers etc - in the area of the mine have been identified. When the mine is finished and the land restored, these plants will be replaced and trees propagated from those in the old orchard will be replaced as well because, even though they are introduced species, they are significant from a heritage point of view.

Source: Hazelwood Power's *Jumbunna* magazine Volumes 5, 6 and 8 – June, July and September, 2001.

NEW BOOKS

'JABERANDA & CO – Living in the 20th Century 1950 –2000' **Prue McGoldrick**

Calling Baby Boomers! If you are a baby boomer, children of baby boomers or the parents of baby boomers, this book is for you. Prue McGoldrick is well known to Latrobe Valley residents for her previous historical writings as well as being a long term resident of the Valley. This is a sequel to Prue's book 'My Paddock – An Early 20th Century Childhood'. Set in Yallourn and Paynesville, it is the story of the McGoldrick family but it is also an important social history and will bring back many memories to those who were familiar with Yallourn in its latter years.

Cost: \$25.00 per copy plus \$2.40 postage and handling..

(Pre-launch price \$20 plus p/h. before October 29)

Available from: Jaberanda Books, 44 Newlands Drive, Paynesville 3880

'NO PLACE FOR A COLONY – Sullivan Bay Sorrento and the Collins Settlement' **Richard Cotter**

Author Richard Cotter is a teacher, member of the Nepean Historical Society and consulting historian to the *Friends of the Collins Settlement, Sorrento*.

'No Place for a Colony' is an account of the first European settlement in Victoria – at Sullivan Bay near Sorrento in 1803-04 - and includes sections on early exploration of Bass Strait and Port Phillip, a description of convicts and free settlers transported from England, daily life at the Sullivan Bay convict settlement and a detailed examination of contact with the Bunurong people.

Cost: \$28.00 . Postage and handling is free to members of historical societies.

Available from: Book Offer, P.O. Box 135, Blairgowrie 3942

or email: rcotter@cdi.com.au

Insurance Cover Clarification

The insurance scheme offered to member societies through their RHSV affiliation consists of two types of cover:

- 1 Public liability covering all people, members and non-members, when they are attending a Society event, whether that be on the Society's premises or elsewhere, such as an excursion;
- 2 Personal accident covering those working for the Society in a voluntary capacity. This is the equivalent of the compulsory Workcover scheme for paid workers.

Those members and member societies who have expressed concern at the exclusion of those over 80 should know that the exclusion refers only to the personal accident category.

No insurance firm will include those over 80 in group personal accident cover. However, some societies have arranged to pay an extra personal accident premium of \$121 per annum for each of their over 80 workers, specified by name. Those wishing to follow suit should contact the insurance broker directly.

Photographs of your teenage years – Can you help?

Later in the year the Royal Historical Society of Victoria will be holding the exhibition:

Who are you?

Youth Culture in the 20th Century

For this exhibition we need photographs of young people aged 14-19 at play and at work. If you have any photographs of yourself or relatives that show how young people lived at any time during the last 100 year we would love to hear from you.

We are interested in either borrowing the photographs from you for the duration of the exhibition or having copies made of them with your permission.

If you have anything at all you think may be suitable please ring Wendy Doolan on 9326 9288. We are particularly interested in photographs from the 1950s.

REUNION OF THE COLLINS ST. SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Students – Staff – Parents

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the School's Opening

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21

2pm-Corner of Collins & Mary Streets

Unveiling of sign marking the school site

**THEN – a gathering at the
KARMA HALL, Buckley St, to
Renew acquaintances, Relax and Reminisce
(Hall will be open from 10 am)**

PLEASE BRING ALONG YOUR MEMORABILIA

For Further Information call: Elsie McMaster 51341149

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