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THE AREA ADMINISTRATORS CORNER

Dear Members and Friends,

Our Beginners Day was a success. There was plenty of talk and exchanging of information and that is always pleasing to those conducting the day. We are all looking forward to the Seminar to be held on the 13th of this month. Does not seem long since the 1992 day. These are wonderful opportunities to hear our Melbourne friends do their best to impart their knowledge to country members who do not have the opportunities that are available in Melbourne. We should leave there with ideas for furthering our research and that is what it is all about.

once again thanks to all for your many kindnesses to me during this year. I will take this opportunity to offer you all a very happy christmas and happy days ahead in 1994.

Regards to all

Marie Boyce  
Area Administrator

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EDITORIAL

At the conclusion of 1992 there were 46 financial Friends of AIGS Warrnambool which was nearly double that of previous years, this year there are 70 financial Friends of AIGS Warrnambool and we now average between 25 and 30 members at our monthly meetings which makes it fairly plain that we have had a very good year.

When I joined AIGS Warrnambool just over 4 years ago all of the resources including our microfiche readers fitted into one steel cabinet. Currently two steel cabinets, a similarly sized wooden one and a similarly sized section of bookcase is chock-a-block with resources and none of our microform machines are in the cabinets. File draws containing some 15,000 file cards complete our resources collection. On top of this we also own our own personal computer system for administration and indexing work and which is also loaded with some resource databases.

What has caused this explosion in membership and resources, well I believe it has a number of causes, introduction of a local membership fee produced funds which allowed the purchase of more resources which in turn attracted more members. The hosting of the annual seminar and running of beginners classes has contributed and our home in the new library at Flagstaff Hill with its adjacent theatrette for holding of meetings all have combined to fuel this growth however the most important ingredient is the members themselves. The enthusiasm of members has encouraged the committee and has resulted in close links being forged with the Warrnambool City Library and Warrnambool City Archives staff which has been of tremendous benefit to the Branch.

Finally the work in raising the profile of the Branch within the City of Warrnambool mainly due to the efforts of our Area Administrator has contributed largely to seeing the Branch in its currently strong position. Please take a bow Marie, the current situation is a sign of a job well done.

on to matters of more immediate concern, the Office Bearers of Warrnambool Branch AIGS would like to wish all members and friends a Merry Festive Season and a happy and healthy 1994 with lots of breakthroughs in your research.

If you can make it come along to the Christmas function at Rafferty's Tavern and get to know your fellow members.

WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS

(Compiled by Betty Beavis, Branch Research Officer)

NOVEMBER 75 YEARS AGO - 1918

(As reported in the Warrnambool Standard')

SOLDIERS FAREWELLED

Pte Geo DAVIDSON, Woolsthorpe  
Trooper P WILSON, Dennington  
Flight Cadet Nigel GRIMSHAW, Allansford

SOLDIER RETURNED

Lance-Cpl C HOLDER

ENLISTMENTS

Rev. Norman SMITH, B.A.

MARRIAGES

LOCHHEAD Joseph to Winnifred PARR,  
Warrnambool (description).

MEADE Mr, Kolora, to Olive DIXON,  
Larpen, late of 'Ashmore', Winslow.  
HAGLEY Fred J, Worcester, England, to  
Amy Adeline SHARP of 'Farnham',  
formerly of Wangoom.

SOLDIERS WELCOMED HOME

Driver F KREPP, Purnim  
Pte W M KELLY, Purnim  
Sgt Jas MURRAY  
Cpl W McPHAIL, Grasmere

LETTERS, ETC. FROM SOLDIERS

re death of Pte A ROBERTS  
re death of Pte Alf BOTTOMLEY  
re Cpl W WORLAND, M.M., West Reserve  
Lance-Cpl H McGINNESS  
Lance-Cpl Chas M BROMFIELD (dec.)  
Sgt Douglas MAINLAND (Cable)  
Trooper R C CORR (Cable)

DECORATIONS

Cpl Walter DOLAN, M.M.  
Lieut Paul McGINNESS, D.F.C.  
Driver Chas F ROBINSON, M.M.

PERSONAL, DEATHS, ETC

Death of Daniel Joseph SLATTERY

Death of John James SCULLION, 'Mount View', Garvoc

Death of James BLACK, Koroit, aged 76.

Death of the wife of Constable William Michael SHARROCK, at age 38.

Death in Brighton, England, of Henry NEED, elder son of the late Rear-Admiral  
Henry Need of Nottingham, England, father of Mrs H W ADAMS, Wangoom and Mrs  
Chas BLIGH, Woodford, aged 73 years. other details given.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Constable DOLLMAN resigns with intention of taking licence of the Lady Bay Hotel.

Mrs TYERS returns from conference in W.A.

Send-off at Allansford for Mr & Mrs F CHILTON.

Presentation to Mrs SHERRIFS, formerly caretaker at Jubilee Park.

Accident to H C SANSOM.

Reference made at Baptist Church to life of Mrs Mary WOOLLES.

Presentation to E McWILLIAM by the Anglers, Club.

Royan Hotel to be sold by trustees of the will of George WARRELL.

WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS (Cont)

DECEMBER 75 YEARS AGO - 1918

RETURNED SOLDIERS

Pte Albert i FRISCH, West Reserve  
Pte Kenneth McTAGGART, P.O.W.  
Pte T J PHILLIPS, P.O.W.  
Pte Robert PERRIE, Allansford  
Cpl W D McDONALD, Sth Warrnambool  
Pte William SMITH, Koroit  
Pte W W BOWMAN  
Cpl William McLAREN, Russell's Creek  
Trooper R C CORR  
Sgt Eric ROPER (on furlough)  
Driver Harry MALONEY

SOLDIERS WELCOMED HOME

Lieut Leslie LOCK  
Driver Joseph SUHAN, M.M.  
Pte J SCHMIDT, Dennington  
Pte Gavin JOHNSTONE, Laang  
Pte W P VAUGHN, Laang  
Driver Selwyn DEAL, Koroit  
Sgt Percy C NAYLER, Koroit  
Sgt Lindsay ROSS, Winslow  
Cpl W DOLAN, M.M., Koroit  
Driver Chas Robinson. M.M., Koroit

Pte James SMITH  
Driver C A BARTLETT  
Lance-Cpl D BOYLE  
Lance-Cpl H McGUINISS  
Pte James GAMBLE  
Signaller Hector ALFORD, Ellerslie  
Gunner James G McDONALD, Grasmere

DECORATIONS

Cpl W ANDERSON, Grasmere. M.M.  
Lance-Cpl Reg BEAVIS, Grasmere, M.M.  
Pte W RYAN, D.C.M.

MARRIAGES

DAVIDSON David Milne to Helen BOWMAN  
ALSTON Henry. to Ruby KERR  
ROWAN Mr, Summer Hill, Allansford. to  
Alice GRIFFIN, Banyan St.  
Warrnambool.

ARTICLES RE SOLDIERS

Pte T Phillips relates experiences as  
a P.O.W. in Germany.  
Four Heroic Sons - HARWOOD family of  
Woodford  
Lt. Col. Charles Vincent MACKAY, son of  
Donald Mackay, Bank of Victoria.  
Warrnambool.  
Mr David EVANS, Y.M.C.A. Headquarters.  
Calais.

HELMORE Charles H, Colac. to Ruby  
TYLER, Ryot St, at the Baptist Manse.  
'Booval'.

LETTERS RE SOLDIERS

re death of Cpl W Irvine GLASGOW, Cudgee  
re death of Pte M O'KEEFE, Winslow

P McENTEE, Cudgee

PERSONAL, DEATHS ETC

Death of Mrs Margaret HUGHES of Winslow. aged 74.  
Death of Mary MURFITT.  
Death of Mrs FIDLER, Henna St, aged 93.  
Death of Bernard CONLON of Wangoom and Dixie.  
Death of Sister M IGNATIA at Cottesloe. W.A. Formerly of Warrnambool.  
John GILL, Kirkstall.  
Daniel Joseph SLATTERY, grazier

ITEMS OF INTEREST

W G TOMLINSON closes Halfway Hotel at Ballangeich.  
Farewell to Mr & Mrs SCANLON at Woolsthorpe.  
W M SUTTON, formerly of Laang. caretaker at Jubilee Park.  
Accident to W WOODS.

WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS (Cont)

DECEMBER 75 YEARS AGO - 1918 (Cont)

ITEMS OF INTEREST (Cont)

Paragraph re Miss E M FULLER of C of E Grammar School.

Mr & Mrs J B MOORE retire in Daylesford

C B HILL farewelled after 14 years in Swinton's Stores. To take over J B MOORE's business.

Mr BATES, stove manufacturer, Warrnambool, builds boarding-house and restaurant at Dennington.

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WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS

NOVEMBER 100 YEARS AGO - 1893

(As reported in the 'Warrnambool Standard')

OBITUARIES, Etc

William ADENEY, at Kew. Old Warrnambool District Resident.

Alfred HYLAND, aged 23, dies at Cunnamulla, Queensland.

John Baldwin MOORE, of Punmure, aged 67.

C S VANDENBERG of Ballangeich, aged 65.

Death of George D ALSTON.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Robert BLEVINS returns from Coolgardie. Mentions Murray DICKSON, CRUICKSHANK, and OSMOND.

L BAYER produces the new opera, 'Dora', apparently set at Condah station.

Home of Grasmere schoolteacher, W N RIDDELL, broken into and money stolen.

Mr TALBOT from Echucato replace Mr CHRISTEY as Collector of Customs.

G D McCORMICK, magistrate, accosted by W R C BURNETT.

Engineer J C ROSS is granted six months leave to visit the 'old country, for family reasons. Is farewelled.

Two young men, KANE & GARDINER, have a narrow escape in Lady Bay. The PEARSON brothers, W McDANIELL, Chas PRESSNELL and D FISHER come to their rescue. Alf KANE writes to the 'Standard' to defend his actions.

Sale of windmills in the parks and gardens that became obsolete when the water supply scheme was completed. Windmill on Flagstaff Hill purchased by Mr MARTIN of Koroit (£12 10s); in Victoria Park by J BUCHANAN (£6); in Albert Park by M CONWAY (£7 10s) and at the Corporation Yards by F LINDSAY (£16 10s)

George LANCE & Son invent and manufacture sanitary pans. 1200 ordered for Maryborough.

WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS (Cont)

NOVEMBER 100 YEARS AGO - 1893 (Cont)

ITEMS OF INTEREST (Cont)

Brucknell Wesleyan Church opens.

Detective CHRISTIE investigates T W WILSON's selection at Brucknell.

G NORTHCOTT, draper, Timor Street, gives up business.

The son of James MILLAR, a bootmaker employed by WAINWRIGHT & FAULKNER, is drowned.

Accidents to G R HORNE, teacher at Nullawarre; G BRUCE, Illowa and F McGRATH.

Dr J Neptune SCOTT returns from Europe.

H W St QUINTIN to leave for W.A. with his brother & son.

Paragraph in Current News re W J McVEIGH.

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WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS (Cont)

DECEMBER 100 YEARS AGO - 1893

DEATHS, OBITUARIES, ETC.

Funeral of P HARDY at Mailor's Flat.

Death of Mrs William HAMILTON, widow of Rev Hamilton, at 'Cairnlea' Mortlake.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

James FLETT's cottage, Grafton Road, destroyed by fire.

W BRYANT, H.T. Warrnambool State School, to retire. History of life given.

Carl ARCHIBALD 3 cartoons appear in the Australian Illustrated News.

Alex SYKES' gunsmith's shop, Koroit Street, destroyed by fire.

Gigantic Grasmere cheeses on display at South Melbourne.

Improvements made by stationmaster PEAKE.

Constable J WEIR transferred to Port Campbell. Farewelled at Woodford.

Sen. Const. SCULLY, watch-house keeper in Warrnambool, to retire. Came to Warrnambool in 1860.

Mrs BAUDINETTE's Christmas Goose.

Miss HANCE moves her knitting business to Koroit Street.

E McMATH KELLEY takes orders for Christmas poultry.

WARRNAMBOOL AND DISTRICT HISTORICALS (Cont)

DECEMBER 100 YEARS AGO - 1893 (Cont)

ITEMS OF INTEREST (Cont)

Description of Richard LOVE's orchard at Nirranda.

Accident to Harold PALMER and also to Alexander KEILOR, farmer, Mailor's Flat.

P McGOVERIN entertains the court. Character study.

Accident to Mr McLEAN at Purnim.

Transfer of Victualler's Licence, Royal Archer, from Catherine LAW and John HYLAND to Marguerite Olive HYLAND.

Jimmy SANDERS, Chinaman. of Merri River, Warrnambool. killed at Mortlake.

Mr McGILLICUDDY transferred to Melbourne. Formerly landing waiter. Congratulatory paragraph.

M O'DONNELL, formerly employed at Kilmorey Station, writes from W.A. to his brother in Warrnambool.

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CHANGES IN PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

With the current State Government abolishing Public Holidays you may find it interesting to look at the following list of Public Holidays for 1874. Ed.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1874 - Supplement to the Standard 61111874

1	New Years Day	Thursday 1st January
2	St Patricks Day	Tuesday 17th March
3	Good Friday	Friday 3rd April
4	Easter Eve	Saturday 4th April
5	Easter Monday	Monday 6th April
6	Easter Tuesday	Tuesday 7th April
7	St Georges Day	Thursday 23rd April
8	Her Majesty's Birthday	Sunday 24th June
9	Whit Monday	Monday 25th May
10	Her Majesty's Accession	Saturday 20th June **
11	Seperation Day	Wednesday 1st July
12	Prince of Wales Birthday	Monday 9th November
13	Proc of Constitution	Monday 23rd November
14	St Andrews Day	Monday 30th November
15	Christmas Day	Friday 25th December
16	Boxing Day	Saturday 26th December

\*\* For Law offices only.

The following are also observed as holidays in Law Offices  
- 2nd January. 3rd January. 4th January,  
26th December, 27th December, 28th December.

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## MARIE'S MEMORABILIA

## PIONEER WOMEN OF VICTORIA 1856 - 1860 (PART 4)

Name of Pioneer	Submitted By
BARROW, Elizabeth Markant, nee Raven 22/6/1814-?/8/1892 lived Macedon, Runnymede	Alice Audrey Vahland, grand-daughter
BARTON, Jane. nee Sumner 25/6/1849 -- lived Euroa	Annie L Barton, daughter
BARTON, Mary ann, nee Sutherland 23/3/1839-18/8/1933 lived Euroa	Ruby Olive Noye, grand-daughter
BATE, Elizabeth Anne 12/10/1848 -- lived Stawell	Pioneer
BATH, Joanna, nee Vaughan 18/8/1824-9/8/1900 lived Ballarat	Joan Farrer, nephew's wife
BATSON, Christina, nee Bowden 23/2/1850-6/10/1928 lives Clunes, later Fitzroy	Arthur C Batson, son
BATTY, Isabinda Farley, nee Richards 28/10/1832-6/12/1904 lived Ararat, Bendigo, Creswick, then back to Bendigo	Isabinda Ann Swanson, daughter
BAYLES, Isabel, nee Buist 1/2/1830-7/12/1917 lived Melbourne (had station property in Western District)	Ada Bayles, daughter
BEALE, Margaret, nee Davis 20/1/1809-18/5/1878 lived Melbourne	Mary E Howie, grand-daughter
BEAN, Harriet, nee Battley 22/2/1807-1892 lived Port Albert buried Boroondara Cemetery, Kew	Beatrice Wilson, grand-daughter
BEATON, Catherine Georgena, nee Watkins 13/7/1851 -- lived Euroa	Pioneer
BEATY, Elizabeth 1812-?/12/1885 lived Toolern Vale buried Melbourne General Cemetery	Sarah Ann Johnston, grand-daughter



## MARIE'S MEMORABILIA (Cont)

## PIONEER WOMEN OF VICTORIA 1856 - 1860 (PART 4)

Name of Pioneer	Submitted By
BEATY, Elizabeth, nee Moffat 15/9/1799-22/12/1885 lived on land on the West Kororoit Creek buried Melbourne General Cemetery	Elizabeth Beaty, grand-daughter
BECKINGSDALE, Mary Louisa. nee Pick 18/1/1842-27/10/1927 lived Castlemaine buried Campbell's Creek	Emma Richards, daughter
BECKWITH, Eliza. nee Walsh 15/11/1832-26/5/1926 lived Melbourne. Woodend. Taradale & Rochester buried Fawkner Cemetery	Louisa Stewart, grand-daughter
BEDGGOOD, Eleanor 16/8/1811-2/3/1899 lived Melbourne buried Boroondara, Kew	Fannie Kelson. grand-daughter
BEESTON, Mary Ann. nee Ford 17/2/1852-23/10/1931 lived Melbourne	Isabella Paterson. daughter
BEGGS, Maria Lucinda, nee White 13/6/1826-25/7/1914 lived Gnarkeet Station (between Lismore & Cressy), Eurambeen (near Beaufort) buried private cemetery Eurambeen	Theodore Beggs. son
BELL, Christina, nee Barr 29/3/1854 --- lived Balwyn	Pioneer see Janet Barr, nee Sim
BELL, Jane, nee Armstrong 1826-31/12/1893 lived Adelaide, Warrnambool 1851 buried Melbourne General Cemetery	Margaret Wild, daughter
BELL, Janet, nee Rogerson 15/6/1807-25/2/1888 lived Diamond Creek near Eltham, later Kangaroo Grounds	John Bell. son, born 1848
BELL. Mary Ann. nee Little 19/9/1834-27/1/1915 lived Melbourne buried Yarra Glen	J Bell, son

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VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL COMMITTEES APPOINTED 1911

(Compiled by Betty Beavis)

Part 4

S.S. 1260 HOTSPUR

James Blackwood  
John Blackwood  
Frank Fidler  
Mrs Robert Jef fries  
John McDonald  
Alfred Moore  
William Munro

S.S. 3701 KOLOR SOUTH

Mrs Margaret Drayton  
Thomas Hamilton  
John McLeod  
Mrs John McLeod  
John Walters  
Edward White  
Mrs Edward White

S.S. 854 LAKE BOLAC

Richard Hy Burgin  
Allan Knight  
Keith MacInnis  
Ronald McMaster  
Hugh O'Rorke,  
Geo Peters  
Thomas Dixon Ward

S.S. 1239 LISMORE

John Bustard  
William Dunn  
Mrs Helena Evans  
James Fraser  
Samuel Gullick  
Mrs George Missen  
George Skene

S.S. 1571 MACARTHUR

Alexander Black, jnr  
Charles McKenzie  
William Pitman  
Mrs William Pitman  
Joseph Hy Stimson  
Walter Watson  
Mrs B Wilkins

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Samuel Eldridge  
John Holmes  
Edward Lewis

S.S. 883 KOLORA

Geo Brain  
Robert Casey  
Charles Cole  
Geo H Grinter  
J A McKenzie  
Mrs J A McKenzie  
William Smith

S.S. 618 KOROIT

James Black  
James Guinea  
Andrew McRae  
Alfred Skilbeck  
Geo Swanson Taylor

S.S. 3569 LAVER'S HILL

M Buchanan  
T Crowe  
John Delaney  
E Lord  
Peter Miller  
H Morris  
Robert B Webster

S.S. 32 LOWER CAPE BRIDGEWATER

William Hedditch  
Samuel Kenney  
J Trotter Kittson  
R Steven Kittson  
William Kittson  
William Lightbody  
Alec Stevenson

S.S. 397 MORTLAKE

John Barnes  
Mrs George Brumley  
Michael Champion  
Mrs George Graham  
Robert Prowse  
Matthew Ryan  
Hugh Stewart

S.S. 1178 MOUNT NOORAT

William B Marshall  
Donald Mclean  
James Overton  
John B Smith

VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL COMMITTEES APPOINTED 1911

S.S. 3677 MOYNE

Patrick Bourke  
David Duncan  
James Eldridge  
Nathan Gibson  
John McCluskey

S.S. 2807 NARRAWONG EAST

Bryan King  
William Jerrett  
George Melbourne  
John Melbourne  
James Paters  
Henry Saunders  
John Stanford

S.S. 1692 MYAMIN

Mrs Catherine Adamson  
Thomas Edmund Adamson  
William Black  
Isabel Cottier  
Mrs Irvine  
Ellen Mary Gray  
William Stewart Malseed  
Charles Price

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MARK DOWN THESE DATES

Our end of year Christmas Function will be a counter tea at Rafferty's Tavern on Thursday, 9th December. Our Christmas raffle will be drawn during the evening.

There will be no formal monthly meeting in December or January.

The 1994 Annual General Meeting of the Branch will be held Thursday, 10th March 1994. All Committee positions are open for election, if you would like to contribute to the running of the group please have a chat to Marie and nominate for a position on the Committee.

The Janet Reakes Seminar will be held in the Theatrette at Flagstaff Hill on Thursday, 24th March 1994, make sure you keep that evening free.

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1993 MEMBERS INTEREST DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

Compiled by Sandra French

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All orders for Members Interest Directory to Sandra please - \$2.00/copy

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BOOKS FOR SALE

Recently two new books on the history of the Warrnambool and Port Fairy districts have been published. Thelma Birrell has out a new book on the Bostock family titled 'Mariners -Merchants ... then Pioneers' a very impressive book on her ancestors and this part of Victoria. I believe a few copies of Thelma's previous publication 'People & Places, covering the period 1854-65 are still in stock. The second new book is 'A Special Survey' dealing with the Atkinson Special Survey of 1843, which included the township of Port Fairy.

Marie Boyce can provide further details such as price etc.

UNUSED CEMETERY - PORT FAIRY

(Contributed by Betty Beavis, Research Officer)

A letter written to the Port Fairy Gazette (12th October 1894) by 'An old Resident' about 'THE UNUSED CEMETERY' is included amongst the cemetery records in our collection.

Hugh Donnelly of Laang, a whaler at Port Fairy in the forties and later a well-known authority on early days of the district, responded at the time and the text of his letter (2nd November 1894) which adds to the original information is given below.

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THE PORT FAIRY (BELFAST) GAZETTE, Friday, November 2, 1894

THE UNUSED CEMETERY

To the Editor of the Gazette

SIR, - A letter appeared in the Gazette on 12th October, signed 'old Resident', with reference to the unused cemetery at Port Fairy. I hold with the writer for bringing the neglect of the residents before the public. This 'new' cemetery on the hummocks I have not seen since it became a sacred site, but what we may call the 'old' or original cemetery was surveyed in 1844 by Mr W Urquhart, the gentleman who laid out the town of Port Fairy. Deaths were few and far between in those days, but old Mr Chapman was appointed grave-digger, the situation for some time being a blank. After a while, a few infants were buried and the first aged person to find internment was Bob Sydman, one of the early Port Fairyites, he being buried in the early part of 1845 or 1846. I was steersman for the late Charlie Mills when I was upon three different occasions called on to assist in carrying corpses to their last resting place in the old, cemetery.

The first of these was a person known as 'The Duke', who was suffocated through drink in the old 'Sally Ann' Hotel. The second was Billy Hughes, drowned at the Woodford old crossing place, and the third was one of our own party. On the two former occasions, the late Captain Saunders sent a few lines to Mr Campbell, asking the latter to allow us a few of the late hours to bury the deceased persons. All credit to the late Mr Campbell, who allowed us the last two hours on each occasion to place the bodies in their last resting place. There are many names I could mention of residents laid in that sacred soil, but they all rest in peace. 'Old Resident' names a few of the old residents whose remains were placed in the cemetery, but he passes by several who were worthy of being mentioned. I know of no persons better qualified to deal with the facts (if their memories hold good) than Mr James Jellie, of Warrnambool, and Mr L Finn, of Port Fairy. Both these gentlemen were lads entering their teens on their arrival, the former in 1843, the latter in 1844.

Some means ought to be brought to bear with the public to have the memorials of the pioneers of the district kept in decent form, both for the satisfaction of the living, and out of respect to the dead.

-Yours, &C.,

Hugh Donnelly  
Laang. October 22nd, 1894.