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## ***BRANCH INFORMATION***

### ***Monthly Meetings***

The Warrnambool Area of the A.I.G.S. Inc., meets at 8.00 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the Library of the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, 23 Merri Street, Warrnambool. Visitors are most welcome.

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The Library is open at various times [Monday to Sunday] when staffed by volunteers of the Group. Ring Flagstaff Hill on 0355647841 between 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m., Monday to Friday, to check specific opening times.

### ***Workshop Nights***

At the Flagstaff Hill Library at 7.30 p.m. on the Fourth Wednesday of each month.

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## AREA ADMINISTRATOR & EDITORIAL

CONGRATULATIONS to all who contributed to the local Open Day on Saturday 2 October, and special thanks to Marie who was "captain" of the team.

The Questionnaire. Ten [10] have so far found their way back to me - many thanks to those who took the time and made the effort. Various people completed various parts, so that the following figures do not necessarily "balance".

<i>The 8.00 p.m. starting time suits me ..</i>	Yes (7) ..	No (1)	
<i>I would prefer a different starting time</i>	Yes (2) ..	No (6)	
<i>7.00 p.m. (0)</i>	<i>7.15 p.m. (0)</i>	<i>7.30 p.m. (1)</i>	<i>7.45 p.m. (2)</i>
<i>Second Thursday</i>	Yes (7) ..	No (1 - suggested 1st Monday)	

You will recall that the questionnaire was suggested as a way of finding out why only a few of the local members attend the monthly meetings. While I have no way of knowing whether the responses came from attenders or non-attenders, it is clear that we should continue as we are for the present.

A couple of people made suggestions for improvement to the *Newsletter* - these have been noted, and every effort will be made to meet them.

The *Newsletter* this month is somewhat briefer, following September's bumper issue. Watch for next month's copy, which will be #100, and which will contain several special features in commemoration of this occurrence.

*Ray Welsford*

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### McLAREN REUNION

A reunion of the descendants of John & Elizabeth McLaren and Robert & Lydia McLaren will be held on 6 November, 1999, in Warrnambool.

John & Elizabeth (nee McFarlane) arrived in Portland aboard the "*Indian Ocean*" in 1854. They later settled in Grassmere Junction north of Warrnambool, where John operated a Blacksmith's shop and raised 13 children; including one adopted daughter.

John's younger brother Robert made his passage to Australia in 1862, arriving in Melbourne aboard the "*Morning Light*". He married Lydia Keilor (nee Hill) and settled at Woolsthorpe 10 miles north of Grassmere where he later became a landholder. The marriage produced 12 children.

Associated family names: BORTHWICK, BROWN, BULL, CAMERON, CAMP, CLOKE, DAVEY, DAVIDSON, GEORGE, GILLIN, HAMMOND, KNIGHTS, MEMBREY, NOONAN, O'DONNELL, RULE, TOOGOOD, WARBURTON.

**DATE:** Saturday, 6 November, 1999

**VENUE:** Friendly Society's Park, Koroit Street, Warrnambool

LUNCH and DINNER: available on booking

BRING PHOTOS and MEMORABILIA

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# WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT HISTORICALS

October 1 00 Years Ago - 1899

[As reported in *The Warrnambool Standard*, compiled by Betty Beavis]

## BIRTH

Son born at Ruthven Station, Queensland, to Mr/Mrs J J DOWIE [6].

## MARRIAGES

J H ALLAN of Warrnambool to Louie STOKES of St Kilda [4].

C C SOMERVILLE, Panmure, to Miss E WHYTE of 'Derncleugh', South Ecklin [11].

## FAREWELLS & PRESENTATIONS

To John McCONNELL, Cooramook State School [19]; Mrs BRUCE and family farewelled -leaving Illowa for Melbourne [31].

Warrnambool soldiers leave for South Africa aboard the "Medic" (Captain THORNTON) [23]; more re "Medic" on the 26th and two items on the 30th. Bugler S E GAZZARD, amongst the first to volunteer for action in the Transvaal, not accepted but later told to report at Flemington and join other men on the "Medic" and farewelled at Allansford station [26].

Volunteer H T HESSIAN wished a speedy return [13].

Farewell social for officers and men leaving for Boer War, namely Capt D HALLEY JENKINS, Maj FOOTE, Lieut DAVIDSON, M'GEE & ARDLIE, Capt ISLES & O'MULLANE, Lieut CARTER & GEILHOFER, ASTLEY and OAKLEY of the Cadets [16]. Volunteers were Sgt GEARY, Priv HESSIAN, R BURNIE, ROBINSON, CROTHERS, WILSON and McDONALD. The Age newspaper praises Capt HALLEY JENKINS' ability in commanding men [16].

## ACCIDENTS

To James ANSON of Framlingham. Fund started for family [10]; to Misses MUGGRIDGE and WILSON [19]; to E BELL, butcher, and George THORN [19]; to Mr BRUMLEY at Nirranda [20]; to 16 year old FISHER, employed by Mr PARR, tinsmith [21]; to Herbert McMEEKIN, aged 4, while visiting uncle, George DAVIDSON [21 & 25]; to 3 year old Georgina CARNELL - daughter of S CARNELL - badly burnt [19].

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Fire in Mrs C WRIGHT's home in Briggs Lane [23].

Jewellery stolen from premises of R J NAPHTHINE [2 & 3].

Const LAWFORD quells disturbance caused by W KIRBY and J STONE in Marine Hotel [23].

Strange behaviour of Geo DAVIDSON [21].

Mrs Mary Anne WILSON sues David KELLY. Witnesses - John PATON, farmer, Bushfield, and Frederick COLLINS, labourer. References to Mick KELLY, Michael O'MEALLEY, Roger MALONE and John BURNS [3].

William ABRAHAMS sues John HYLAND for 130. References to R D ROSE, bank teller [10 & 16].

County Court - Thomas GOODALL V Austral Cycle Agency. Witnesses James POWELL, bicycle maker, and G E DUTTON, engineer [11].

## *October 1899 continued .....*

County Court - Action for Ejectment - W FITZGERALD and Emily WALSH V Stephen O'BRIEN. Family property dispute at Dennington involving Thomas SMITH, Elizabeth & Emily SMITH, Elizabeth MOULDER, Mrs ZAMPETTI. References to James CROMIE, Mrs O'BRIEN and De Witt McMEEKIN [11].

J A HANRAHAN, railway booking clerk, transferred to St Arnaud. A talented actor in local dramatic performances. J C BLACKBURN (ex Newmarket) to replace him [21].

D H AURADY, KAYNE, BRAYBROOK, MIL VERTON, MUNTMAN, M'COLL and A DEAN consign goods by rail [27].

Goods consigned by ACK CHEONG and HERA USHER [3].

J J VILLIERS purchases Lava St cottage owned by late John SLACK and once occupied by Adam BELL [26].

M SHERRY and G DUNN appointed to supply horses and drivers for water carts [18].

TRY AN wins tender for supplying 180 tons of firewood to baths at 5s 4d per ton [18].

Miss BULGER, Woodford, commences dress-making and white work [24].

The Misses DARRAGH show Spring and Summer millinery [24].

J U PAYNE relinquishes dairying at Framlingham. Sale to be held [24].

Greek gypsies camp in quarries opposite Mayor RUSSELL's residence [2].

Indian doctors - Ranga and Moner ALLIE set up office at corner of Henna & Lava Streets [2].

W KELLAS finishes work at hospital 3 weeks early [9].

John McMEEKIN, rate collector, unable to return to work. His son, De Witt McMEEKIN, to carry out the duties temporarily [5].

Full details of meeting of Ancient Order of Foresters. Office bearers named [23].

H T SHADDOCK, Past District Chief Ranger, presented with certificate [23].

W A HASTINGS writes to Council re damage to his fencing and grass by fallen tree [5].

R FLETT wins trophy presented by R J LAVERY - 1st prize - Harriers' 5 mile event [7].

Misses Bessie WORLAND and May LONDON raise money for Children's Hospital [7 & 19].

Mr ARCHER to replace W RABACH as manager of Warm am boo I Cheese & Butter Factory. RABACH to go as manager to Onkaparinka Factory in South Australia. D KINNEAR wins poll for directors to Warrnambool Factory [30].

George STRANG - Chairman of Cramond & Dickson's employees' picnic [27].

Article in 'The Leader' re C LYNOTT and his collie dog [16].

Disease affects crops of H KANE (Hopkins), MEWHA Bros, W COGHLAN, J GOODEN, G NICOL, D WILSON (Crossley), and H RITCHIE [18].

## ***October 1899 continued .....***

### Local Option Claims heard

- Turf Club Hotel - Mrs GARDNER owner since 1892; Mrs LAWTON, tenant; John DAVIES stated he built the Turf Club in 1855 - it was then right in the bush. Street made since left basement low [26].
- Union Hotel- Miss Kate McGRATH, licensee, Henna Street [26]. Owners - J and J P CONWAY [27].
- Princess Hotel- Samuel RYAN -licensee; Miss Jessie VALANCE barmaid and manageress [20 & 21]. Dr Scott planning to purchase Princess Royal for Private Hospital [20].
- Marine Hotel- Mrs M HAWKES and daughter Fanny [13 & 14].
- Olive Branch Hotel- F BAULCH, licensee and occupier (ten children aged 5 to 15; self and wife) [14 & 19]. Owners: John Patrick and Mary CONWAY [18].
- Otway Hotel - original occupier, Mr NEYLON. Now owned by National Bank. J W O'MEALLEY - present claimant for compensation [18].

## **DEATHS**

- Thomas HIGHAM, aged 75 years [13].
- Mrs James PONTING (Mary Ann), aged 72 years [2].
- Mrs PAYNTER - old Framlingham resident [2].
- Jinny FAIRY - at Hexham. Last and oldest of the Hopkins Tribe [5].
- Adam BELL [6].
- Joseph KELSON - Koroit [12].
- W PULHAM, Panmure [10 & 14].
- Mrs O'KEEFE, Mepunga East. Widow of Joseph [12].
- James TAYLOR -Lighthouse keeper [16].
- John SKUSE at 'Strathallan', Lake Gilleear. Details of life [31].
- Widow of R E UNKLES at Port Fairy [31].
- Robert Irvine at Hexham, aged 81 [26].
- John LOVE, aged 66. Dies in Warrnambool Hospital [7].

## **FUNERALS**

- Lawrence KELLY of Koroit [3].
- Robert NICOL, JP, in Ireland. Brother of Gideon and Capt James NICOL [9].

## **IN MEMORIAM**

- Benjamin BOWTELL, accidentally killed at Great Brook, near Jarrahville, W A, 25 October 1898, aged 20 [25].

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## **MARRIAGES**

Arthur MURRELL to Thelma SAYWELL. Report [3].

Frederick ELLIS of Challow Dean to Alice GRAY, daughter of H J GRAY, "Retnarg", Warrnambool. Doreen LANGLEY, train bearer [10].

## **FAREWELLS & PRESENTATIONS**

To Mrs T LEISHMAN at Koroit; to V B TAYLOR, RSL Secretary; to Mr & Mrs Pat MEADE at Garvoc [14]; to Mr & Mrs ROBINSON at Grasmere [17]; to Mr & Mrs COULSON by Carters' and Drivers' Union [17]; to Misses Gladys LATTA and Emily PORTER from Cramond and Dickson's [17]; to Mr & Mrs FARRELL by Garvoc Football Club [18].

Miss Alice GRAY entertains friends prior to her marriage. Presentation from Cramond & Dickson. Brief description of guests [3].

CARROLL Bros farewelled at Mepunga and Allansford [??].

## **ACCIDENTS**

To Lindsay McLAREN [2]; to Cyril IRVING, brother of hairdresser, James [28].

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Mrs William GRANT to sell "Gowanville", Cudgee [2].

Sale on account of G GUINEA, 86 Jamieson Street [9].

Sale of two villas (Nos 192 & 194 Raglan Parade) on account of Miss L BROWN [25].

R PEARSON, bullock driver and woodcutter, sells team to go dairying [14].

Freehold of Eckers Hotel sold by Mr FARTCH to Thomas (?) GLEESON, Yangery [10].

Captain MENZIES' scheme for Warrnambool Harbour (proposed dock in Lake Pertobe) adopted at city meeting. E LADNER speaks [9].

R A BATROS offers to donate 50 guineas towards proposed dock in Lake Pertobe [30].

Samuel Hubert SIMS trading as R F KENNEDY, Timor Street [28].

Cabmen TICKNER and O'KEEFE in dispute over lady's fare [15].

Local scout troupe flourishes under Scoutmaster W HALL [14].

Charles Walker BROOKS applies to transfer licence of Western Hotel, Wickliffe, to Andrew CARROLL, dairyman, Mepunga [17].

Cr J LOGAN replies to comments made by R W TURNER (HT Allan's Forest School) on state of Allan's Forest Road [8, 11, 15].

Opening of Merrivale School. Full details [13].

## ***October 1924 continued .....***

C G KINGSLEY to replace TAYLOR as secretary of Soldiers' Club [11].

Carters' and Drivers' Union - President, Comrade FISHER - Secretary, R LYNCH [17].

Contents given of "THE LINK" - September Copy - re Warrnambool & District Schools [17].

G BENNINGTON - poundkeeper at Dennington [1].

"Oransay" launched. All details of new vessel given [1].

"Casino" refloated after 48 hours on rocks [24, 25 & 27].

Mrs DORNEY ejected from Raglan Flats - William O'FARRELL for Howard R LAWSON [31].

A Bit of History - contents of bottle left under foundation stone in 1891. Facts re Warrnambool given [30].

Mr & Mrs Walter BAYLES with Barbara, Shirley and Betty return from England [3].

Miss Gladys ARCHIBALD returns from Borneo where she visited Mr & Mrs Albert ARDLIE. Gladys also toured China and the East with Mrs J Wilson ANDERSON [3].

Mr & Mrs Esmond SHIELLS and Moyna return from England and America on the "Makara". The Misses DESAILLEY of 'Ripponhurst', Macarthur, are sisters of Mrs SHIELLS [3].

Mr & Mrs Ian McKINNON visit Scotland where he gains Arts Diploma at Glasgow University. To teach at Shepparton Technical School [17].

Reference to Miss Nancy BARR and her sister Mavis BARR of the Kitchener Memorial Hospital, Geelong [17].

## **DEATHS**

Mrs Johanna LANIGAN, widow of Michael, at Colac West. Family details [8].

Edward WHITING, aged 83. Life history [11].

Ellen GLEESON, wife of Matthew (late of Southern Cross) at Clifton, Queensland [14].

Ernest B PHILLIPS, son of Mrs E and late Henry PHILLIPS, at his residence, "Heatherlie", Koroit Street. Some details of life [22].

Mrs Sarah JONES at the residence of her son-in-law (G M SETON of Grong Grong, NSW). Old colonist. Life story [24].

Mrs Michael HENNESSY at Koroit [25].

## **IN MEMORIAM**

FRECKLETONIKING. Inserted by Ettie and Stella GILES [21].