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The Mundaring and Hills Historical Society

To organize the delivery of goods or to offer your assistance, please contact Robin on 299-2332 prior to Wednesday 21st March.

URGENT NEWS!

Just when everything appears to be going as planned, along comes outside influence which disrupts the whole proceedings.

I will go into the circumstances later, but for now it is important to announce some coming attractions.

If you happened to read the article in the Hills Gazette (March 12, 1990, page 4) about the Historical Society, then well done. The heading was not the eye catcher planned, and neither was all the content.

SWAP MEET

Mentioned in the article was reference to the coming Mundaring P&C Swap Meet on March 25 at Harry Riseborough Oval. To assist in raising funds for the Society, Robin Giles has offered to organise a stall. What was notably missing from the article, was a request for members to assist by way of donating what-you-have, to be sold at the stall. This is a great opportunity to gain revenue with little effort, so please scrummage through your garage, spare room, kids toy box or whatever and donate those no longer wanted items to the cause. Also required on the day are volunteers to assist in selling the bargains with Robin. Only half a day of your time is required for this worthy cause.

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GUEST SPEAKER

Also omitted from the article and of immediate importance, is an announcement of a special meeting to be held this Sunday at 1pm to listen to a guest speaker.

Considering the association we have established with the Swan Districts Photographic Club, the Pictorial Librarian from the Battye Library has offered her services to explain the principles and procedures to establish and maintain a Photographic Library. The State Library has but one Pictorial Librarian and we are very fortunate to have Robin Faulkner as a guest. With the knowledge Robin will present to us, we will have the foundation for a worthwhile collection of photographs covering historically significant features.

The meeting, to be held on this Sunday, the 18th March, 1990 at 1pm is to be located at the Art Room of the New Mundaring Primary School. Please make the effort to attend this meeting and interested guests are welcome.

SUNDAY GATHERINGS

Whilst on the subject of guest speakers, we have been successful in arranging knowledgeable and skilled people to entertain the Society at later dates in the year. Due to the personal commitments of some speakers, they may only be available during the day on weekends. As a result, it was decided at the last meeting to allocate additional meetings on Sunday afternoon as required.

SUNDAY GATHERINGS (CONT'D)

Thus, with appropriate notice, we could be holding the occasional social get-togethers on a Sunday afternoon. These gatherings could be for the purpose to listen to a guest speaker or to provide the opportunity to accomplish other tasks. These tasks could include:

- a. preparing for public displays.
- b. doing personal or group research.
- c. group discussion on Society plans.
- d. visiting sites within the Shire.
- e. visiting the Battye Library or other reference Libraries.

Obviously, the first of these Sunday meetings is on this weekend with the next up for discussion.

SPECIAL REQUEST

The Society has received a request for assistance to locate photographs of past Chairmen and Secretaries of the Greenmount Road Board.

If you have information where suitable pictures of the following are available, then please contact me (Jeff Murray) on 295 2469 a/h. The persons concerned are:

W.H. McGlew	1903-1906
C. Cook	1907-1908
B. Pittersen	1908-1909
C.Y. Dean	1924-1926
W.J. Roach	1903-1904
G.H. Elliott	1904-1905
W.P. Grass	1933-1935

LOGO

How are those budding graphic artists developing out there? The Historical Society is currently involved in two situations requiring suitable logos. The first is the Incorporation of the Society for the benefit and protection of its members.

Within the proceedings of Incorporation is the requirement for a registered stamp. This rubber stamp is used for official signing and authorization of Society Affairs. The stamp is to be about the size of a 10c coin with a very simple picture relative to the Society or District.

Secondly, a suitable logo will be required as identification for Society correspondence, name tags, museum signs etc. This can obviously be considerably larger, but also of a basic design. The idea is to have a design that is identifiable as being the Mundaring & Hills Historical Society, but simple in detail.

So, get the paper and pencils out and put your ideas down. Please bring your designs to the next meeting or pass them onto someone else if you are unable to attend.

THE MUNDARING HILLS FESTIVAL

The Society has been approached on its interest in being involved in the Hills Festival to be held on Saturday, 7th April, 1990 at the Mundaring Community Park (south of the Mundaring Hotel). Many of the clubs, societies and organisations in the Shire are putting on plays, entertainment and activities at the Festival.

HILLS FESTIVAL (CONT'D)

If we wish to participate, we must come up with an idea soon. This is only about 3 weeks away, so there is not much time. Our involvement could be by way of period costume incorporating the vintage car tour, or handing out suitable literature on the Society or a similar display to that at the Darlington Arts Festival. I will be receiving ideas on Sunday afternoon on whether you want to be involved and in what fashion.

ACTIVE RESEARCH

Re-discovery of the Mundaring District's history is the result of research. This involves the investigation of many avenues of information with the occasional success and frequent deadends. The time spent in delving into the innumeral resources to locate the required detail is considerable but also most rewarding. As each piece of material is located, it combines with that already discovered to slowly build a picture and story of that chapter in local history.

If you are currently active in researching a chapter of our Local History, then send in what details you have to the bulletin. By publicising your research subject, you may attract information and assistance from other members or from the general public. It can sometimes be pleasantly surprising to discover that someone else has similar interests to yourself and is able to provide some of the necessary information you need.

ACTIVE RESEARCH (CONT'D)

In my own case, I am currently investigating the Bailup (Baylup) locality and also the site of a collection of stone ruins off Lacey Road, Mundaring.

Bailup or Baylup as it was known in the 1800's, is located on the Toodyay Road, north east of Noble Falls. The Mundaring Shire boundary follows the Toodyay Road, then deviates around the location enclosing this historical site into our area of responsibility. The details of this area are sketchy at present, but what detail I have been able to locate thus far, is that there did exist a Police Station and a Wayside Inn during the 1850-70 period. The Police Station existed as a collection of mud brick buildings on the west side of the road. These were subsequently demolished and the bricks used as fill in a nearby swamp. Also on site was a stone well which was filled in with rubbish and fill (including leg irons and other convict instruments).

The Wayside Inn was on the east side of the Toodyay Road on the site of the current Bailup farm homestead.

The Lacey Road ruins are a tremendous insight into a typical early settlers property. Still existing is a sturdy stone building, minus its roof; the chimney of what once was a timber residence; a small stone building in poor condition; an exterior stone oven; a well and many more features.

ACTIVE RESEARCH (CONT'D)

As a result of enquiries, I have been able to discover that two previous groups have ventured to this site; the WA Geneological Society and a representative from the WA Museum. Though working independantly, they both have come up with some intriguing information. The site was occupied in the 1850's by a convict and perhaps others, employed in providing timber blocks for the York Road. Subsequent tenants occurred up until at least 1911. With further assistance from these and other sources, a detailed account of this location's history should emerge.

If you have any information or preferably photographs or plans on either of these two sites, then please contact me. Also if you wish to join in with the research and discovery of the buildings, wells, implements and whatever else is out there, then get in touch, we could make it a team effort.

As mentioned, if you are involved in your own area of research and want further details and information, or require assistance, then write into this bulletin with a few details.

INTERESTING SNIPPETS

Below is a collection of letterheads and signatures of a few past businesses and personalities in the Mundaring Shire. See if you can identify who these people are and where and when the businesses operated.

*Walter Benjamin Sexton -
Timber Merchant
Gugeris Sidmg -
Mrs Fuller
Sexton Bros
P. H. S.*

W. B. SEXTON,
F. J. SEXTON.

SAW MILLS,
EASTERN RAILWAY

Memo. from . . .

SEXTON BROTHERS,

LIME AND TIMBER MERCHANTS.

SAW MILLERS, &c. . . .

W. B. SEXTON, Manager.

24 JUN. 1898

SEXTON BROS.,
LIME AND TIMBER
MERCHANTS,
SAW MILLERS, &c.
PERTH.

W. B. SEXTON,
F. J. SEXTON,
W. B. SEXTON, MANAGER.

*I am Sir
Yours Humble Servant
W B Sexton*

*Chidlow's Mills
4 August 1896*

Memo from

TELEPHONE 517.

R. HONEY,

LION LUMBER YARD AND STEAM SAW MILLS.

HEAD OFFICE:

PACKENHAM STREET, PREMANTLE.

Branches at

PERTH AND GERALDTON.

Agencies at

QUEENSLAND AND ESPERANCE BAY.



*Yours faithfully
Wm. C. Forsyth*

From

WM. C. FORSYTH,

**TIMBER MERCHANT & SAWMILL
PROPRIETOR.**

Helena Jarrah Mill, Chidlows, E.R.

Yards:

Howard St. and South Beach.

Telephone No

MUNDARING ROAD BOARD

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY AND VERMIN BOARD

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See memo
SPRINGER.

I beg to suggest that the Townside be called
"Mundaring" & the streets as follows:-
Jacoby, Hodgson, Deeks, Gill, King,
Nichal, Stephen, Fonton, Craig, Helena,
Parkin & Walker Street.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

A. Hartung

Licensed Surgeon.

That's all for this month's bulletin. Send in your own accounts and interesting information for the next exciting edition.

Remember:

Guest speaker, meeting this Sunday, 18th March at 1.00pm.

Next meeting is on 4th April, 1990 at 8.00pm.

Hope to see you all there.