



Glen Eira Historical Society

"A Stitch in time" Disappearing creative skills and tools of trade

President's report

Our book, *Along the line*, is selling well. It's a great present for those friends and relatives interested in trains and local history or buy one now for Father's Day.

On a recent trip to NSW, I dropped into the amazing Temora Rural Museum to find out more about my grandparents who lived in Arianah Park c1910-20. I encourage you to visit historical societies and museums on your travels (you probably already do) and introduce yourselves as members of Glen Eira Historical Society. I'm sure you will be welcomed.

2019 marks our 10th year at 965 Glen Huntly Rd and we plan to celebrate in some way – we will keep you posted.

Barbara Hoad



GEHS has amassed a wonderful collection of embroidery, crochet and lace along with the tools needed to create them. The art of making these beautiful pieces is slowly being lost through machine-based mass production.

In our cabinets it is possible to see the embodiment of the Bauhaus philosophy in which art was united with technology. Artistry and practical applications are combined.

How many of the objects in the photographs remind you of the home of your childhood and your mother's/grandmother's workbox? Please come and see this collection. It will be broken up and returned to its owners in September.



Above and left: GEHS display of embroidery and tools from the early 20th century.

We acknowledge that the Boon Wurrung People are the traditional custodians of the area covered by the City of Glen Eira.



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Recent acquisitions: Diaries of Amy and Beatrice Brown of Payneswicke, Elsternwick

The diaries and other ephemera were found, on a Sydney street, in a box intended for rubbish collection.

GEHS was contacted and then given the 'find' in April.

Amy (born 1882 in Castlemaine, died 1974) and Beatrice (born 1889 in Casterton, died 1984) were 2 of 6 children born to Andrew Howden Brown (born in Edinburgh in 1847) and Catherine (Kitty) Marianne Wight (born in NSW in 1845). They had 2 sisters and 2 brothers. None of the girls married, described as spinsters and/or gentlewomen.

Letters and diaries are dated between 1908 and 1913 when they were living at Payneswicke.

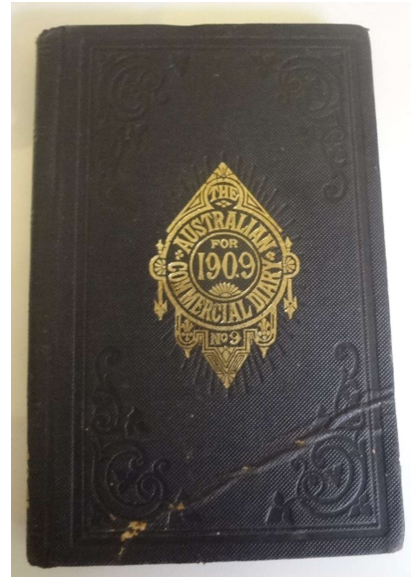
Their father, Andrew, died in 1912 at Payneswicke and was buried in Brighton General Cemetery.

Social activities reported in 'Table Talk' (a weekly magazine published 1885-1939): visiting their aunt, Miss Wight in Queenscliff in 1914 and 1915 and in 1916 they visited relatives in Argentina.

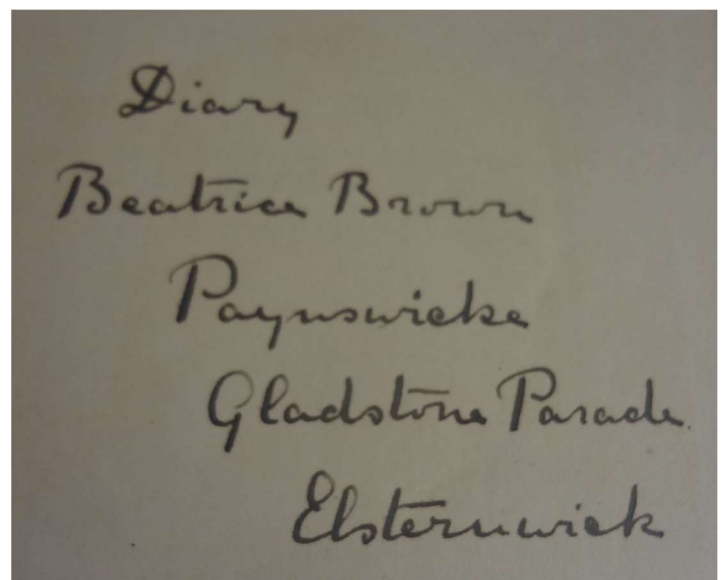
Photographs of Payneswicke and pages from a diary, February 15-21 1909

Transcript:

Monday 15 - Began to make peach jam. Went to Middle Brighton. Played 5 sets with Clara. She beat me 6-5, 6-5, 6-3, 6-2 and I beat her 6-0. Stayed to dinner with Jessie. Miss Brougham was there.

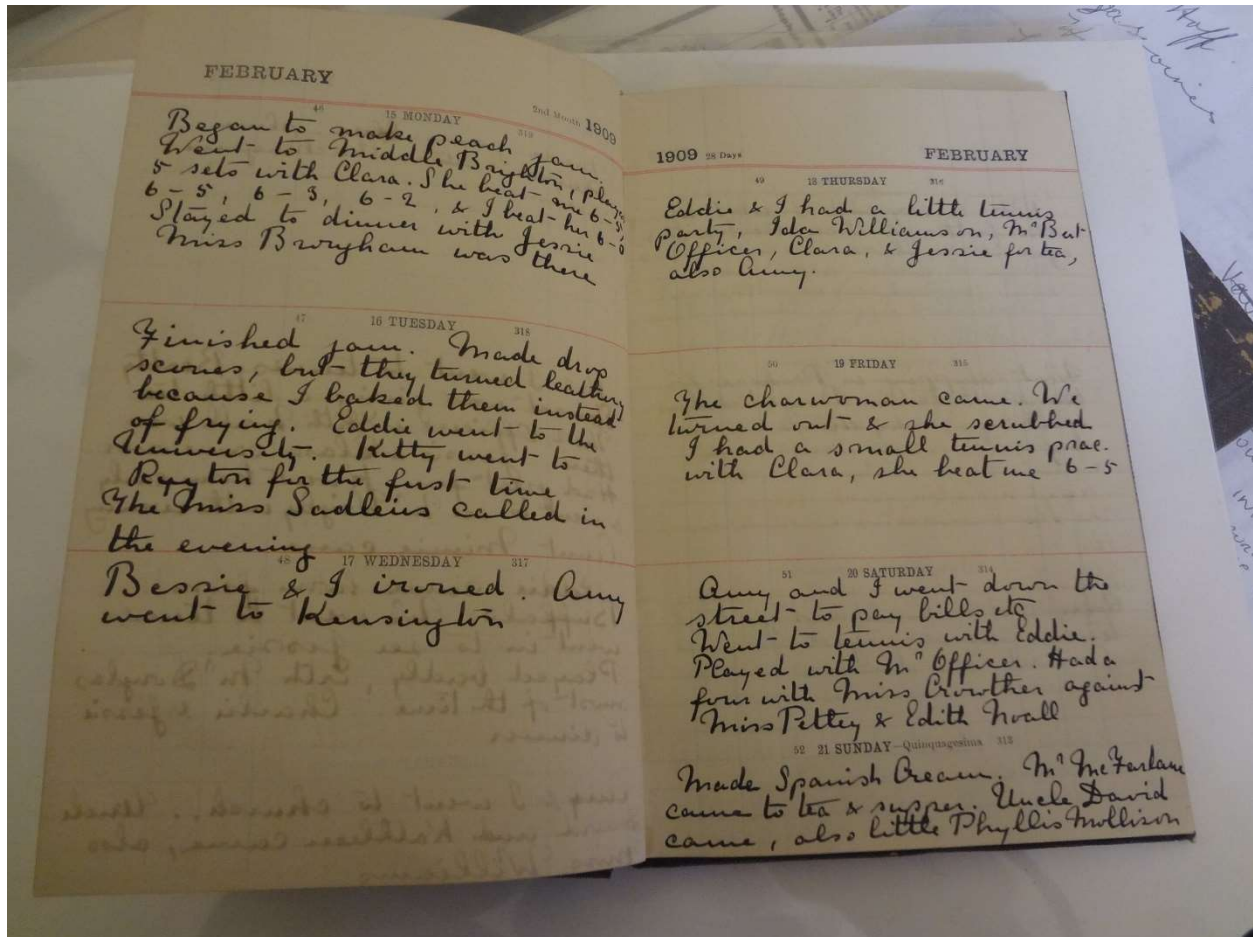


Above: Cover of Diary, Beatrice Brown from Paysnewicke, Gladstone Parade, Elsternwick, dated 1909. Image from GEHS.



Above: first page, Diary, Beatrice Brown, 1909. Image from GEHS.

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Tuesday 16 – Finished jam. Made drop scones but they turned leathery because I baked them instead of frying. Eddie went to the University. Kitty went to Ruyton for the first time. The Miss Sadlers called in the evening.

Wednesday 17 - Bessie and I ironed. Amy went to Kensington.

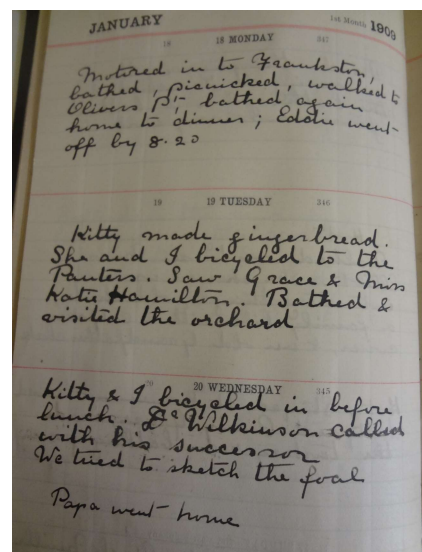
Thursday 18 – Eddie and I had a little tennis party, Ida Williamson, Mr Bert Officer, Clara & Jessie for tea, also Amy.

Friday 19 – The charwoman came. We turned out and she scrubbed. I had a small tennis prac with Clara, she beat me 6-5.

Saturday 20 – Amy and I went down the street to pay bills etc. Went to tennis with Eddie. Played with Mr Officer. Had a four with Miss Crowther against Miss Pettey and

Edith Noall.

Sunday 21 – Made Spanish Cream. Mr McFarlane came to tea and supper. Uncle David came, also little Phyllis Mollison.



Above and left: extracts from Beatrice Brown Diary, 1909, image from GEHS.

Below: PAYNESWICKE c1972.

Home of Amy and Beatrice Brown, whose diaries were recent acquisitions to the GEHS collection.

No. 13 Gladstone Parade (Cnr. Harrington Rd), Elsternwick. Image courtesy of GEHS.



Activities

20 June - Film night – Tolkien.

22 June - 7 July - Glen Eira Storytelling Festival.

29 July – Likely start date for 1-2 interns from Monash University.

16 - 17 August - Prahran Mechanics Institute - Family History Expo.

25 September - GEHS Speaker Series, Steven Haby (Secretary Librarian at the PMI Victorian History Library in Prahran) - Brief overview of the development of rail, tram and bus networks. Trams in Glen Eira, rail and bus services including services to Chadstone and surrounding suburbs.

27 November – GEHS Speaker Series. Our speaker will be from the Beaumaris Modern group, talking about mid-century modern homes and the heritage issues they are encountering.

Announcement

OAM Dr Deborah Jane TOWNS, Carnegie Victoria, 3163 - for service to education, and to gender equity.

Joins members Margaret Dunbar and Geoff Reilley who were previously awarded honours.

Heritage update

GEHS is currently a party to two planning matters at VCAT where Glen Eira Council has rejected or amended downwards planning proposals. These are both 14 storey proposals: 1) the proposed Woolworths development at 10-16 Selwyn Street Elsternwick; and 2) the proposed development at 7-15 Horne Street Elsternwick.

Anne Kilpatrick

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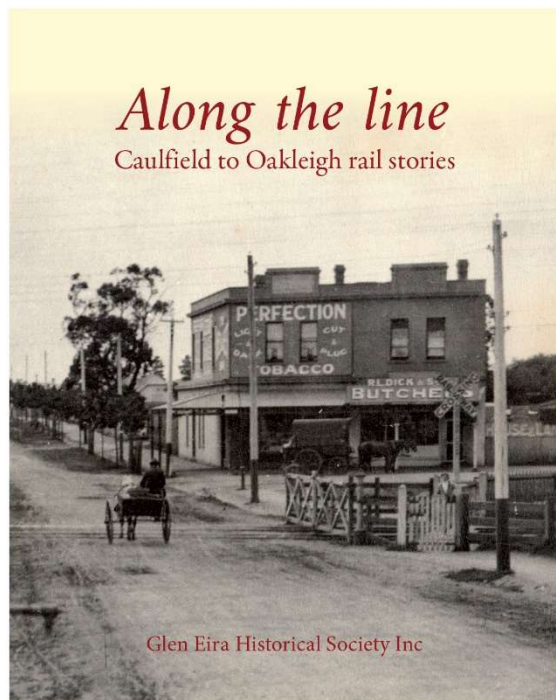
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NEW RELEASE



Along the line Caulfield to Oakleigh rail stories

Glen Eira Historical Society Inc

During 2017 the stations of Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Hughesdale and their familiar landscapes were demolished to make way for a new elevated railway. This book by Glen Eira Historical Society covers the history of these stations and the bookend stations of Caulfield and Oakleigh along with the communities they served. It tells the story of the Springvale cemetery train and includes some train trivia.

Over 40 personal stories and memories are captured here and bring this local history to life:

‘Most of the goods trains operated at night and on cold foggy mornings the driver and fireman would be peering into the distance trying to locate signals illuminated with kerosene burners. There were smoking and non-smoking carriages; at night when the driver looked back he could see the smoke plumes wafting out of every second carriage’.



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