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PATRON: HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR OF CAULFIELD,
Councillor Emil Braun, J.P.

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"The people who have nothing to boast about but their illustrious ancestors, are like potatoes- the best parts are underground."

Sir Thomas Overbury.

OUTER CIRCLE RAILWAY LINE- LINEAR PARK.

This Society has been advised that a working group has been formed to submit a case to be forwarded to the Victorian Place Names Committee, to name the former Outer Circle Railway Linear Park, in Murrumbeena, "Boyd Park".

The re-naming of this large stretch of, what is now park land, has the support of both the Caulfield City Council, and this Historical Society, If approved, it will recognize the cultural achievements of the Boyd family who resided in Murrumbeena.

Captain John Boyd settled with his family at "Glen Fern" in North Caulfield during 1857. His children all achieved fame, one as a novelist, the other four in the world of Art, as Architects, Sculptors, Potters, and Painters.

One son, Merric, persuaded his father to build, what was to become the well known Pottery and Studio, close to the park in Wahroonga Crescent Murrumbeena.

At least four generations of the Boyd family have lived and worked in Caulfield and Murrumbeena, and the Caulfield Historical Society has no hesitation in fully supporting Caulfield Council's recommendation that the Caulfield section of the former Outer Circle Railway Area be re-named "Boyd Park", to honour all of the Boyd family, whose roots belong to this City of Caulfield, and whose artistical talents have contributed so much to the heritage of this City.

COUNCILLOR EMIL BRAUN, J.P. ELECTED AS
MAYOR OF CAULFIELD.

We are pleased to advise that Councillor Emil Braun, newly elected Mayor of Caulfield, has agreed to be Patron of this Society, during his term of office.

The members of the Caulfield Historical Society offer sincere congratulations to Mayor Braun, on his election to the highest position in Local Government that this City can bestow, and we are confident that the cordial working relationship and co-operation which we have previously received from Councillors and staff at City Hall will continue under his Patronage.

I6th. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Caulfield Councillor Braun and Mrs. Braun, were the special guests at our I6th. Annual General Meeting, which was held in the Mayoress' Reception Room, Caulfield City Hall, on Wednesday 21st. September 1988.

They were both welcomed by President Mrs. F. Campbell, and Senior Vice President Miss Betty Snowball presented the Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers.

Mayor Braun agreed to install the Office Bearers and members of the Committee for 1988/1989, and as nominations received did not exceed vacancies, the following members were elected un-opposed.

- President:- Mrs. F.Campbell
- Vice.Presidents:- Miss B.Snowball, Miss G.Rowe
- Treasurer:- Mr. R.Sims
- Secretary :- Mr. R.Ballantyne
- Asst.Secretary:- Mr. A.Reid
- Minute Secretary:- Miss H.Ford
- Committee:- Miss N.Ward, Miss E.Meehan, Mrs.M.Ballantyne,
Mrs. J.Thomas, Mr.J.Mc.Loghlin.
- Regional Delgates:- Dr. M.Chennells, Miss H.Bullock.

Mayor Braun, in his address to the meeting, said he was impressed by the attitude of the members of the Caulfield Historical Society.

" The Historical Society are a group of very active people, they all give of their own time to do their bit for the community",he said.

The Mayor said it was important to have a group of people such as this,.who are interested in preserving the heritage of Caulfield.

At the conclusion of the short business meeting, President, Mrs.Campbell introduced our Guest Speaker, Miss Mary Turner Shaw, who spoke on "The Old Cobb Stock Route".

Vice President, Miss Gwen Rowe, thanked Miss Shaw for her well prepared and researched address, and she was presented with an historical souvenir of Caulfield.

75th: Anniversary of Glen Huntly Primary School.

The Glen Huntly Primary School, in Grange Road, Glen Huntly, will shortly be celebrating it's 75th. Anniversary, and the School Council and Staff have planned an impressive array of events during the period 14th. to 18th. March 1989, culminating in a Community Day on Saturday 18th. March.

Past and present pupils, parents, and the general public are invited to attend these celebrations, which the President of the School Council says "will be an important week not only for the school, but also for Caulfield."

DEATH OF TWO POPULAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS .

We were all very sad to learn of the sudden deaths of two popular members of our Committee during the past year.

MISS SARA BALDWIN-WISEMAN, collapsed and died quite suddenly on 23rd. July 1988. Sara joined the Society on 26th. November 1982, and was elected to the Committee on 19th. September 1984.

She was a former war time Nursing Sister, who served in several theatres of war, in Australia and Over-Seas, and was an active member of the Retired Nurses' Association.

During her latter years in Caulfield, she was a keen member of the Caulfield Croquet Club, where she became a popular instructor.

Mr. HOWARD HEAD, after a short spell in hospital, died on 5th. September 1988. Howard was one of the original members of this Society, and was elected to the Committee on 16th. September 1981.

He was a lover of organ music, and he played the organ in many Churches, irrespective of denomination. He was a member of the Victorian Cricket Association and the Railways' Historical Society.

Howard was a keen collector of books dealing with the history of cricket and of early ship-wrecks around the Victorian Coast.

VALE-- SARA and HOWARD.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1988-1989.

Just a friendly reminder that membership fees for this Society are now

O V E R D U E .

It is so easy to forget when small subscriptions such as ours become due, but as we have no other source of income, we rely on your membership fees being paid on time.

To those members who have not yet paid their current dues, our Treasurer would be delighted to receive your remittance as soon as possible.

If any one has difficulty in remembering what it costs to belong to the Caulfield Historical Society,

THE SUBSCRIPTION RATES ARE:-

Individual Membership :-	\$5.00 per year
Family Membership :-	\$9.00 per year
Institutions :-	\$9.00 per year
Life Membership :-	\$100.00

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

The following members have recently joined this Society, and a very sincere welcome is extended to them. We trust that they will all attend our meetings as often as possible, contribute to our discussions, and spend many enjoyable years as active members of the Caulfield Historical Society.

Councillor S. Anderson	Caulfield
Mr. D. Anderson	Caulfield
Mr. J. Anderson	Caulfield
Mrs. G. Blackwell	Caulfield
Mrs. M. Dunbar	Murrumbeena
Mrs. J. England	Carnegie.

IN SINCERE APPRECIATION.

The members of the Caulfield Historical Society again offer sincere thanks to the many loyal friends and supporters of the Society, for their assistance and advice, so willingly given during the past year:-

To the Caulfield City Council, who have allowed us the free use of a room, in City Hall, in which to conduct our monthly meetings.

For this concession, we are extremely grateful.

To Mrs. Carol Harry, And Mrs. Gladys Vallati,

Their expert advice and friendly co-operation, which has been given so willingly, at all times has been invaluable to the Society, and is sincerely appreciated.

To the Committee and Staff at Caulfield Central R.S.L.,

Who have for many years, allowed us the use of a large room in their Club Building, in which we are able to display our large collection of Maps and Photographs of early Caulfield, together with research materials, and library, which are all used extensively by students and the general public.

To all these friends of the Society, A very sincere "Thank You" for your interest, complete co-operation, and assistance, during the past year.

"LABASSA" REVEALED AGAIN.

The cream brick double-storey house, built during the 1960's on what was the original front drive of "Labassa" in Manor Grove, Caulfield, was demolished on 5th. October 1988 by Whelan the Wrecker.

The house obscured the front door and main southern facade of "Labassa", and detracted from the Historic Mansion, which was built in 1890, and purchased by the National Trust in 1980.

The removal of this house will enable the gardens, lawns and gravel drive to be restored to their former beauty.

Mr. Oliver Whelan is donating the cost of the demolition to the National Trust.

An open week-end will be held at "Labassa" on 29th. and 30th. October 1988, to enable the public to inspect the renovations.

COLONIAL ORGANS AND ORGAN BUILDERS.

A comprehensive history of early Colonial Organs and Organ builders was compiled by E.W. Matthews and published during 1969.

Among the many instruments listed in this publication, are several from Caulfield which were installed in private homes and Churches.

Extracts from these histories are re-printed in this News Letter, with acknowledgement to the Author:-

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Caulfield.

- 1861 Harmonium was the first organ in use at this Church.
1867. Second hand Organ purchased with six stops from Lee and Kaye, re-built by Geo. Fincham and later sold to Christ Church St, Arnaud in 1877.
1875. A new Organ, built by Geo. Fincham was purchased, having two manuals, sixteen stops, three couplers.
- 1889 Geo. Fincham replaced mixture by clarinet, at request of organist. This Organ was subsequently installed in Wesley College Chapel in 1936.
1933. A new Organ purchased. Rebuilt with electro-pneumatic action in 1951.

Organists.

- 1864 Mrs. Hugh Taylor, Miss Stephen, Mr. Hart. S. Kaye.
1876. Miss Dixon.
1888. J. J. Hardeman
- 1889 Charles Dumergue
- 1897 J. D. Wright
- 1898 Miss F. Dixon

Baptist Church, Elsternwick.

- 1938 Organ installed 28th. April 1938, which was purchased from the Baptist Church Kew for eighty pounds (one hundred and sixty dollars) and opened by L. Warner. Expenses for erection and repairs by C. W. Andrewartha, thirty seven pounds, (seventy four dollars) a total of one hundred and seventeen pounds, (two hundred and thirty four dollars).

This Organ was a one manual six stops, built during 1860, by John Courcelle of London for William Philpotts of Toorak, who sold it during 1869 and was installed in the Presbyterian Church, Williamstown during 1873.

It was subsequently erected by Geo. Fincham in the residence of the Hon. W. J. Winter Irvine at Murchison in 1882, and

and after his death, was sold to the Elsternwick Baptist Church in 1901.

Methodist Church, Elsternwick.

1926. This Organ was originally built by Merklin-Schutze of Brussels, and erected in St. John's Church, Toorak during 1873.
It was rebuilt and installed at the Methodist Church by Fincham and Son in 1926.
The history of the Organ between 1914 and 1926 is unknown.

Methodist Church, Murrumbena.

1949. Two manual Organ from All Saints Church, Preston.
Built by William Hill of London.
Open diapason, lieblich gedeckt, pierced gamba, suabe flute, pedal bourdon, two couplers.
The date and early history of this Organ. It was second hand when installed in All Saints' Preston in 1897.

C.H.F. Webb, "Croton Hurst", Caulfield.

1882. This Organ was in "Croton Hurst" before 1882, when trouble was experienced with hydraulic engine.
Details not known. Geo. Fincham tuned it until 1900.

The Hon. Sir Frederick T. Sargood, K.C.M.G.

"Rippon Lea", Elsternwick.

1873. Three manual Organ, believed to be of English manufacture.
It was built before 1873, when R. Mackenzie made alterations to it.
The Organ was moved and installed in the ballroom of "Rippon Lea" when the house was completed.
In 1903, the pipes were removed and stored, and the remainder of the Organ covered during re-decoration of the ballroom.
When the re-decoration was completed, the pipes were replaced and the Organ regulated and tuned. It was offered for sale in May 1903, after the death of Sir Frederick Sargood, when it was valued at three hundred and fifty pounds.
Upper section of Organ: height 14ft. 6in, width 18ft 6in, depth 8ft. Lower section, in Organ chamber under floor: height 6ft. 3in, width 16ft. 3in, depth 8ft. 3in.
