

CAULFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MEETINGS

DECEMBER 1974

The Christmas meeting of the Society was held at "GLENMOORE", the 1860's home of committee member, Mrs. F.E. Campbell in Elsternwick.

Members were able to see the house at first hand and heard some of its history related by Mrs. Campbell. This most pleasant evening was rounded off by the Society's now traditional Christmas cake supper, amply supplemented by a sumptuous feast provided by our hostess.

FEBRUARY 1975

The first meeting of the Society for 1975 will be held on Wednesday, 19 February at 8.00 p.m. in the "Old Post Office", Hawthorn Road.

The guest speaker will be Mr. R.T.N. Jewell, a leading authority on coinage and currency. Mr. Jewell is a fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society, England, and a past president of the Numismatic Association of Victoria. His subject will be the history of Australian currency.

OUTER CIRCLE RAILWAY

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria and the Australian Railways Historical Society are planning a bus tour over the route of the Outer Circle Railway.

The tour will be on Saturday 19 April and members who would like further details may obtain these from the Director, R.H.S.V. (telephone 62 1929)

NEW MEMBERS

St. Kilda City Library
Mr. & Mrs. E.M.P. Tanner, Brighton East.

EARLY MELBOURNE BUILDINGS

An architectural exhibition will be on display in the Irving Benson Hall, La Trobe Library, La Trobe Street, Melbourne from Friday, 14 February to Sunday, 6 April 1975.

The exhibition will include photographs, plans and models of early Melbourne buildings.

MURRUMBEENA FOOTBALL CLUB

Mr. R. Gould of Carnegie is presently writing a history of this club and is seeking photographs and other information which would assist.

Information should be directed to the Secretary, Caulfield Historical Society.

NATIVE PLANTS

The Society has agreed to support a proposal to the City Council for the establishment of a native plant garden in Murrumbeena. The Caulfield-Malvern Group of the Society for Growing Australian Natives has suggested to the Council that such a garden be established on land controlled by Victorian Railways in Murrumbeena. The land, now vacant except for some good native trees, was once part of the Outer Circle Railway. There is a post-and-rail fence on the Neerim Road frontage.

THE CAULFIELD CUP

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Year	Winner	Owner
1929	High Syce	Mrs L.R. Buxton
1930	Amounis	W. Pearson
1931	Denis Boy	R. Wallace
1932	Rogilla	L. Haigh
1933	Gaine	
	Carrington	J.A. Phillips
1934	Journal	J.T. Cush
1935	Palfresco	S. Kent
1936	Northwind	H. Cohen
1937	The Trump	E. Eccles
1938	Buzalong	A. Leftwich
1939	Rivette	H. Bamber
1940	Beaulivre	E.A. Hartnett
1941	Velocity	E.J. Kennon & H.G. Allen
1942	Tranquil Star	T.G. Jones & R. Cobden
1943	St. Warden (1st Div.)	J. Nicholson
1943	Skipton (2nd Div.)	Mrs J.J. Kitson
1944	Counsel	Mrs D. Fraser-Smith
1945	St. Fairy	O.R. Porter
1946	Royal Gem	G.W. Badman
1947	Columnist	F. Packer & Exors. late F.J. Smith
1948	Red Fury	A.W. Steel, M. Ress & Exors. H. Hill
1949	Lincoln	A.H. Griffiths
1950	Grey Boots	H.V. Cooper
1951	Basha Felika	C.E. Barnes & Sir S. Snow
1952	Peshawar	A.C. Lewis
1953	My Hero	O.F. Watson
1954	Rising Fast	L.R. Spring
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1956	Redcraze	Mrs A. Bradley
1957	Tulloch	E.A. Haley
1958	Sir Blink	Mrs W.M. Kellett & C.R. Finch
1959	Regal Wench	W.J. Murrell
1960	Illumquh (N.Z.)	A.C. Williams
1961	Summer Fair	R.R. Pierce
1962	Even Stevens (N.Z.)	J. Wattie
1963	Sometime	R.A. & J.D. Lee
1964	Yangtze	Drs. G.W. Aitken, D.E. Craven & I.K. Fuller & R.F.S. Reid
1965	Bore Head	W.R. Chaplain & Mrs C. Burke
1966	Galilee	Mr & Mrs M.L. Bailey
1967	Tobin Bronze	W. Breliau & Litz

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1968	Bunratty Castle (imp.)	G.W. Scott
1969	Big Philou	C.S. & G.T. Gawith
1970	Beer Street	Dr & Mrs M.M. Wilson
1971	Gay Icarus	Mr & Mrs C.L. Beechey & Mr & Mrs M.J. Flynn
1972	Sobar	K.H. & S.D. & Mrs A. Southwick
1973	Leilani	Hon. A.S. Peacock & I. Rice

In 1881 the Caulfield Cup was run over a distance of one mile and a quarter but since then has been one mile and a half.

In 1893, Tim Swiveller won, but was disqualified for boring. In 1909 there was a dead heat.

(The list of winners is taken from "The Australian Turf Register", 1973)

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Caulfield's history has been influenced over the years by events and people in adjacent municipalities. In fact the boundaries have changed several times in early years and this means that information is sometimes only available in neighbouring areas.

For those who may be interested in the history of areas outside the Caulfield boundaries a list of nearby historical societies is given here.

BRIGHTON H.S.	P.O. Box 50, Brighton North. 3186.
MALVERN H.S.	C/- 64 Darling Road, Malvern East. 3145.
OAKLEIGH H.S.	C/- 25 George Street, Oakleigh. 3166.
PRAHRAN H.S.	C/- Prahran Municipal Library, Chapel Street, Prahran. 3181.
ST. KILDA H.S.	P.O. Box 104, St. Kilda West. 3182.

Caulfield H.S. receives copies of the newsletters of Brighton and St. Kilda Historical Societies together with the Victorian Historical Magazine from the Royal Historical Society. These are available to members for perusal at meetings.

RECOLLECTIONS OF MARGERY BROMFIELD

We as a family came to live in a house built by my father, a room at a time, in the paddock street now named Nathan Grove. There were very few houses about, mostly dairy farms and Chinese market gardens. The market gardens extended from the Rosstown Railway line to Hawthorn Road and the dairy farm owned by Mr. Cleland.

On the north side of North Road stands a large home (still there) owned by a Mr. Younger. (1) Their land went to Gardenvale Road and nearly to Kooyong Road. Gardenvale Road was then only a large open drain and a track for which we had to take off our shoes and socks in order to cross over. Mr. Younger sub-divided his land and had houses and street built. Some of the houses were bought through the War Service by World War I soldiers.

"Bethlehem" Hospital was owned by a family named Sheridan. (I think the big home was left to the Catholic Church) Many a picnic we had in the large yards when we were children.

To go to school at state school No. 773 in Glen Huntly Road, we had to go over what was then known as "Coxes' Hill". It was all bush from Hawthorn and Kooyong Roads to Sycamore Street and there were rabbits, foxes, snakes and scorpions. St. Catherine's Church of England was then a small wooden building in Sycamore Street and, I think, Alder Street. (2) The church was later shifted down to Kooyong Road. School always seemed a long way away as we had a long walk with no trams and buses then. We used to milk the "nanny" goats on the way to school and drink the milk.

The railway built from Elsternwick to Rosstown Sugar Works was never used that I know of. There was a station platform at the Hawthorn Road crossing. (3)

Near the cemetery, where the bush was thick, the swagmen used to camp, and always there were gypsies who came every year. Often our fowls and ducks were missing and so then were the gypsies.

In 1914 war broke out and my sister Rose Reed, who was an elocutionist, and the children around would have penny

concerts to get comforst for the returned men who were in the Caulfield Military Hospital. The children did all sorts of things and had the concerts in back-yards and any of the few large homes around. Rose was then well known as she would never fail to help anywhere there was a concert. She was only fourteen years old at this time and had learned from the age of four. The children would bring a penny a week to school to help equip and maintain a ward at the hospital.

My mother bought her land in the now Nathan Grove at £1 per foot. There was no water and that had to be bought from Grant's firm in Brighton for about £1 a tankfull. About 1914 more houses were built and the canal near us was covered in as it used to flood. Gardenvale Road, which until then was only a bush track, was made and houses then built along to the station.

We had to get hansom cabs from Elsternwick Station to Brighton Cemetery or walk. Then the tramline came to Glen Huntly Road and the cabs would wait at the Hawthorn Road corner for the visitors. When a soldier died at the Military Hospital they nearly always had a bagpipe band leading and you'd faintly hear the pipes, then louder as they came near our home. It always sounded beautiful, but sad.

I do not know when the Elsternwick Theatre was built - it was there in 1910.

Editor's Note

1. "Fairfield Hall" at the corner of Younger Avenue.
2. The church was at the N.W. corner of Sycamore and Poplar Streets.
3. There is a report that the train ran only once carrying the bridal party of Mr. Ross. In fact, according to Mr. Des. Jowett who has done extensive research into the history of the Rosstown Railway, the train ran a number of times before it was closed. The railway crossed Hawthorn Road where is now Dover Street.

The author of these recollections, Mrs. Margery Bromfield (nee Reed) now lives in Carnegie. She has donated to the Society, an early photograph of St. Catherine's Church at its Sycamore Street site.