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MEETINGS 2021

GENERAL MEETINGS

JUNE 14th

JULY 12th

AUG 9th

SEP 13th

OCT 11th

NOC 8th

DEC 13th

COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 16th

AUG 11th

OCT 13th

DEC 13th

From Deb

I'd like to thank Peter Free for sharing the Platypus Press publication.

I have recently started to participate in SRA 4Sunbury. It seems to me we should be striving to hold on to any historical buildings or plaques we can. Sunbury is an old town, with much history. I fear Hume Council has a plan for the Old Court House, and I believe we should have some say in its future. I have included in this edition an article from Platypus Press, I hope it gives you some food for thought as it has me. If you are interested in SRS 4Sunbury please contact me. My number and email are in this newsletter.

It is good to be out & about. As cool as the days are, the freedom to be out and cold is welcomed

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I have made an executive decision, and as always much easier to say sorry than ask permission.

So here are some very condensed notes from the last general meeting. Any questions please ask Harry, Graeme, Jackie, Nola anyone but me.

NOT THE MINUTES 14th June 2021

The meeting began 7:30pm 11 members present

President thanked everyone for attending on such a cold night.. (although it was not cold in the rooms)

Secretary told us about the mail received

Treasurer told us the funds are ok—there is to be a new display cabinet for the rooms

Membership yes we have members 203 total

Region 7 meeting was @ Wedderburn The next will be at Maldon

Welfare very quiet

Social around 20 members at the last dinner

Editor always begging for newsletter stuff

Next meeting 12th July 7:30pm



*Introducing
Tim & Carol Healy
New members, moved
recently from Glenroy*



RSL Sunbury

We need to up-date our register, this task has fallen behind over the last year. We really need your help. If you could fill in the form below, and return it to the RSL we would appreciate it. We are not getting any younger, and it is important we know where everyone is living so we are able to contact everyone should the need arise.

Please fill in the form below (Print it, fill it in and return if you receive the newsletter by e-mail)

There will be some of the forms at the RSL if that is more suitable to you.

Please help

Graeme Williams
President

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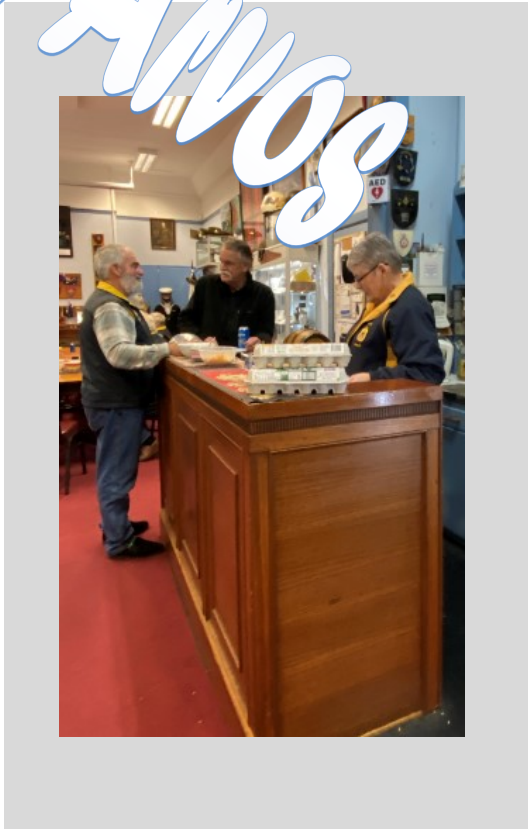
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Wednesday Avvos



A sausage & a drink
c4 there



Dinner @ the footy club



July-----20th

August-----17th

September-----21st

October-----19th

November-----16th

December-----21st



My Maralinga trip.

My interest in Maralinga stems from a two-day tour I did with six blokes from the Riddell's Creek Men's Shed back in 2018, previous to which my knowledge of its history was minuscule.

That tour opened my eyes to the lies, deception, and secrecy of our supposed friends and allies of the day. The two day tour piqued my interest to the extent that I recently returned there.

As the Maralinga Atomic Test Site lies within the Aboriginal lands of the Maralinga Tjarutja people, access to the site is strictly controlled. Having successfully applied to participate in another tour, I took two of my sons along with me in my van. Turning north from the Eyre Highway shortly after the Nundroo roadhouse (177km west of Ceduna S.A.) we travelled some 80km along the sealed Iluka mineral sands haulroad before turning onto the dirt road to the Telecom tower at Ooldea, where the road crosses the Trans Australia Railway. The road still showed the effects of recent rain with scattered large puddles remaining on the southern one third of the road, the other two thirds were heavily corrugated, with limestone caps emerging above the sandclay road surface. Travelling at speed over these limestone cap caused one of my sons complaining that even if I had an imminent death wish, it was his wish to survive the trip alive with all limbs intact, I admit tracking into a badly corrugated 'S' bend a bit quickly, the corrugations causing the van to dance sideways from one side of the road to the other, barely avoiding the sand wall lining the side of the road but hey! we survived didn't we?. Just before Ooldea the drivers side shock absorber began complaining loudly about a missing steel Top Washer, but a quick rat through my box of spare parts found a washer that provided a temporary fix and we rattled on to Ooldea. There we stopped to phone the village of our imminent arrival at the gated entry point to the Maralinga village some 45 minutes away. (The Ooldea tower providing the only mobile phone range since leaving Penong). The grader had recently smoothed the corrugations from Ooldea to the end of the dirt road some 27km away. Then it was smooth travelling on the old 1960's one lane sealed road another 21km to the Gate where we were met at 1300hrs by Greg and Jackie (the village caretakers) and escorted to the village a short distance further on. The Village occupies a portion of the origi-



nal Maralinga Village site, giving ample camping sites with large firepits nearby and also modern onsite accommodation airconditioned “Donga” two bedroom units, having fully equipped kitchen, bathroom, and laundry.

The remainder of the day was spent settling in and exploring the portion of the village we were allowed to access. Numerous concrete slabs bore witness to the extensive accommodation and administrative structures the British established to house the staff involved with the core business of carrying out the multitude of nuclear tests.



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Dear Members, I have been asked to rebook Murray River Holiday Park again for March 2022. Everyone has told me that you all had a great time and that the Caravan Park was very handy to places. The dates I have been able to book are Friday 25th March to Monday 28th March. I have to confirm the booking as soon as possible to hold all of the cabins. I know it is a long way off but when booking for so many cabins you have to do it early. Please get back to me ASAP if you are interested for next year.

Regards Aileen

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The Melton Vets Annual Dinner Dance will be on 20th August.

For more information please phone Dieter 0408 343 051

FYI

The Melton Vets have arranged a bus trip to the Shrine Wednesday 18th August. They are looking to put bums on seats.

If you are interested please phone Dieter 0408 343 051



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Photograph taken in 1987 by Peter Free

Sunbury Court House

Photograph taken in 1987 by Peter Free

Statement of Significance: The former Sunbury Court House, erected in 1885 and designed in the Public Works Department, is of regional historical and social significance as a unique physical reminder of the local administration of civic law, which was conducted in the Sunbury township until recent years. It is additionally notable as the only remaining civic building erected last century on the Government Reserve in Sunbury. The substantially intact building is also of architectural interest as one of few of its type to have been erected in Victoria, and for the retention of much of the original internal fittings. Only the Healesville court house is a more intact representation of this architectural style. Recently renovated and repainted by the Shire of Bulla and an advisory committee that managed the project. Its use as the local Tourist Information Centre and its position on Macedon Street, have made it a conspicuous landmark in the streetscape.

Description: The old Sunbury Court House now looks much as it did when it was first erected. It is constructed of timber with weatherboard cladding, and has high-pitched gable roof over the central court room area and Dutch hipped roofs over each of the flanking side rooms. All the roofs, including the skillion roof over the front verandah entrance to the court, and the window awnings are of corrugated iron. The awnings of the double-hung windows are supported by curved timber brackets, and decorative timber finials and brackets feature at the ends of each gable to the central court room. Red brick chimneys, one to each of the side rooms, break through the roof ridges and are decorated at the base by a plain brick ‘collar’ and at the cap by corbelled brickwork. The cream and brown paint scheme is sympathetic to the era of its construction. Of no particularly identifiable ‘style’ the building nevertheless has a neat vernacular quality, and a general Public Works Office appearance that can be seen in dif-

History: In 1860, the township of Sunbury was designated by the Governor as a place where a Court of Petty Sessions could be held, and the first Court of Petty Sessions was held on 2nd February 1860 in a shop in Evans Street. The venue may have changed over the following years, but it remained temporary, it was to be over twenty years before the township appeared to have warranted its own courthouse building. In 1884, the Government made the decision to erect a permanent Court House on the Government Reserve in Macedon Street, next to the Roman Catholic Church, and tenders were advertised for in February 1885. The timber building was designed in the Public Works Office and the contract for the construction was awarded to the builders Dordridge and Robertson for the amount of some 507 pounds. On completion of the building another contractor, M.O Meara, constructed the fencing and gates and the outbuildings. The Court House was used for a little over a hundred year, officially closing in 1989. By then it had acquired an enclosed porch addition to the front and right hand side of the building constructed in 1965 and had fallen into a state of disrepair. Following the closure of the Court House, a number of members of the local community advised the then Shire of Bulla of their concerns about the buildings future. The response from the Shire was to inform the Hon Minister for Conservation and Environment of their own, and the community's interest in what was to happen to the former Court House. The result of this was that the Federal and State Governments, and the former Shire of Bulla, provided joint funding for the restoration of the building back to its original 1885 appearance. A consultation process between

the council of the former Shire of Bulla, and interested members of the Sunbury community, had earlier led to the formation of an advisory committee whose task was to investigate and consider all possible options for the building's future use. Their decision was that the building, with its original appearance, could be incorporated into the overall historical tourism theme that was being promoted by the former Shire of Bulla and the neighbouring Macedon Ranges area.

Restoration work on the Court House in 1993 by Peter Free. Restoration work began in 1992 with much community help, and on 21st February 1993, the Shire Mayor, Cr Philip McMahon, officially re-opened the Court House as a Tourist Information Centre, today the building still functions as a Tourist information Centre, voluntarily manned by local history enthusiasts'. The Sunbury courthouse was of similar design to courthouses at Dimboola 1875-6, Landsborough 1884, Foster 1888, and Healesville 1890. Dimboola and Landsborough have been demolished and foster substantially altered



Photograph taken 1993 by Peter Free



Restoration work on the Court House in 1993 by Peter Free



Thanks to Peter Free Sharing The Platypus Press



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THESE ARE ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY "THOMAS COOK VACATIONS" FROM DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS:

1. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
2. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
3. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
7. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallartato close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during 'siesta' time -- this should be banned."
8. "No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."
10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."
15. "When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."
16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."
17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."
18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."
19. "My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked



It's a smile good day

Gardening

Word Search Puzzle



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- Flower
- Fork
- Gloves
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- Hose
- Lawn
- Leaves
- Mulch
- Pick

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Australia 1968

4 January – The search for the body of Prime Minister Harold Holt, who disappeared whilst swimming near Portsea, Victoria, is called off.

10 January – John Gorton is sworn in as Prime Minister of Australia after the disappearance of Harold Holt.

1 April – American evangelist Billy Graham begins a tour of Australia.

17 April – A state election is held in South Australia. Steele Hall (Liberal and Country League) defeats Don Dunstan (ALP), and becomes Premier of South Australia.

30 April – Jim Cairns unsuccessfully challenges Gough Whitlam for leadership of the Australian Labor Party.

1 May – The Duke of Edinburgh arrives in Australia for a ten-day visit.

5 May – Three Australian journalists are killed by the Viet Cong in Saigon.

18 June – The first stage of the Warringah Freeway opens in Sydney.

24 June – British comedian Tony Hancock commits suicide in his Sydney hotel room.

2 July – Fifty students are arrested during an anti-Vietnam War protest in Martin Place, Sydney.

4 July – Forty five people are arrested during an anti-war protest outside the U.S. consulate in St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

31 July – The Premier of Queensland, Jack Pizzey, dies in office.

1 August – Jack Pizzey's deputy, Gordon Chalk, is sworn in as his successor until the appointment of Joh Bjelke-Petersen as Premier a week later.

3 August – The standard gauge rail line between Perth and Kalgoorlie is completed.

20 August – The National Gallery of Victoria is opened in Melbourne.

28 October – The Postmaster-General's Department decreases the number of mail deliveries per day from two to one.

31 October – Minister for the Army Phillip Lynch admits that Australian Army troops may have breached the Geneva Convention by using water torture during the interrogation of a female Viet Cong suspect.

1 November – The airline Ansett-ANA is renamed Ansett.

14 December – A referendum is held in Tasmania to allow the granting of Australia's first casino license to the Wrest Point Hotel. The referendum is passed.

31 December – MacRobertson Miller Airlines Flight 1750 crashes south of Port Hedland, Western Australia, killing all 26 people on board

26 February – Boxer Lionel Rose beats Japan's Fighting Harada in Tokyo to become world bantamweight champion.

28 September – The Carlton Blues narrowly beat Essendon Bombers by 3 points (56–53) in the grand final of the 1968 VFL season, winning their first flag in 21 years.

5 November – Rain Lover wins the Melbourne Cup.



26 December – Ondine II takes line honours in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Koomooloo is the handicap winner



Oh dear

The other night I was invited out for a night with the “girls.” I told my husband that I would be home by midnight, “I promise!” Well, the hours passed and the margaritas went down way too easily. Around 3 a.m., a bit loaded, I headed for home. Just as I got in the door, the cuckoo clock in the hallway started up and cuckooed 3 times.

Quickly, realising my husband would probably wake up, I cuckooed another 9 times. I was really proud of myself for coming up with such a quick-witted solution, in order to escape a possible conflict with him. (Even when totally smashed... 3 cuckoos plus 9 cuckoos totals 12 cuckoos = MIDNIGHT !)

The next morning my husband asked me what time I got in, I told him “MIDNIGHT”... he didn't seem pissed off in the least. Whew, I got away with that one! Then he said “We need a new cuckoo clock.” When I asked him why, he said, “Well, last night our clock cuckooed three times, then said “oh shit” Cuckooed 4 more times, cleared its throat, cuckooed another three times, giggled, cuckooed twice more, and then tripped over the coffee table and farted.

Conscription

We don't need any bloody conscription,
Tellin' us that we're to fight.
We'll volunteer, man for man
Because we know it's right.

So take ya bloody placards,
And ya soapbox with ya too.
Australia will do its duty,
Just as we always do.

So rise up Australia sons and daughters,
Sign up is what I sez.
And help our lads and lassies,
In Europe and the Suez.

Australia has its freedom,
And others deserve the right.
They'll praise our name for years to come,
Because we volunteered to fight.

*The poem is an extract from a poem,
'Billy, where are you Billy'*



One-pot French Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 1/5 kg chicken thigh cutlets skin on
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 2 tbs olive oil
- 20g butter chopped
- 6 eschallots halved peeled
- 1 carrot chopped large
- 2 rashers bacon thinly sliced
- 150g button mushrooms quartered
- 2 garlic cloves crushed
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 400g chat potatoes halved
- 4 sprigs thyme
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/2 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley chopped

Method

- 1 Coat chicken in flour. Heat oil in large saucepan—high heat. Cook chicken in batches, for 5 minutes or until browned all over. Transfer to a plate.
- 2 Drain oil from pan. Add butter to pan and heat over medium heat. Cook eschallots, carrot and bacon, stirring, for 5 minutes, or until bacon is crisp. Add mushroom and garlic, and cook for 3 minutes. Add wine and bring to the boil. Add stock and potatoes. And simmer, covered, for 5 minutes.
- 3 Add chicken and thyme and simmer. Covered 25 minutes. Add cream and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes or until chicken is tender and sauce has thickened slightly. Stir in parsley. Serve

What will I do during June?

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