

Now & Then



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Meeting Dates

February 2
March 2
April 6
May 4
June 1
July 6 (AGM)
August 3
September 7
October 5
November 9
December 7

All meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of the month (except as shown above) and at 1 pm at the Old Lilydale Court House 61 Castella St., Lilydale.

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Above: Sue Thompson helps Val Sheehan launch our photo galleries.

Below: Sue Thompson explains the project.

When launching the society's Faces, Places and Events photographs on line octogenarian Val Sheehan showed anyone can use a computer.

With a few minutes spent explaining what a mouse was and how to click it to launch the new galleries pages, Val expertly launched the society's latest project with one mouse click

Anyone can now go onto our site and sit and look at more than 180 images from our collection of over 4000 negatives. Progressively more images will be added to the various galleries. The project was funded by the Shire of Yarra Ranges and the society and the work carried out by our Gold sponsor Paradigm4.

It only took one click



Anyone wanting to look at our photos should go to www.lilydalehistorical.com.au and click on galleries on the home page.

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Research

Due to the increasing demand for research and the failure of some people to pay for the information provided, the society's executive has now introduced a new system to ensure any inquiries are handled quickly and efficiently and payment is received.

All inquiries must be in writing and go to our archivist Sandy Ross at aross35@bigpond.com Sandy will contact the people involved and provide a written quotation. No research will be done until the quotation is paid.

Our charges are \$20 per hour.

Anyone with any queries can contact Sandy 9735 1661 or Sue Thompson 9761 9192.

Gun Alley project

The society is now collecting information and photographs of the families and homes in John Street area locally known as Gun Alley.

The photos can be of families, businesses, homes and people along John Street from the Olinda Creek to Hutchinson Street.

If your family lived there and you have information or family photos you would like to make available for the project, please call or email Sue Thompson 9761 9192 suethompson50@ozemail.com.au

Keep up to date

If you want to find out more information about the society, our local history, its people and places or about Dame Nellie Melba go to:

www.lilydalehistorical.com.au

www.nelliemelbamuseum.com.au

Talks, tours and walks

Anyone looking for a speaker or a different place to go should contact Lorraine Smith as the society has several members willing to give talks about their area of special interest.

These include Melba, aspects of Lilydale township and its history, Lilydale Cemetery, the Lilydale Express newspaper and Lilydale's military history.

Contact Lorraine Smith on 9735 1104.

Speakers program

Lorraine Smith is presently compiling a list of people to approach as guest speakers at the society meetings or special evenings next year. If you have heard someone - not necessarily related to heritage - who you found interesting and entertaining, please call Lorraine on 9735 1104.

Putting heritage on the tourism map

For the last couple of months members have been working with the Shire of Yarra Ranges' Donna Donovan of the Economic Development unit and Yarra Valley Tourism on the information to be included in the upcoming visitor's brochure of Lilydale township.

Township heritage walks have been included as Lilydale has always been the centre of commerce and government since it was first settled. Features such as Lillydale Lake have also been included.

It is a brochure many of our members have been seeking for a long while as it is so difficult to give people directions without a map.

Changed meeting dates

Please note that the society has had to make a couple changes to our meeting dates. The dates for our April and November meetings will be April 6 and November 9 due to Easter and Melbourne Cup weekend respectively.

On the airwaves

Listen to us on Radio Station 98.1 FM. The society is on the airwaves on the second Tuesday in the month from 9.30am to 10am. The other societies on other Tuesdays are Ringwood, Knox and Croydon.

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Christmas luncheon.

The society again had 38 people attend its traditional roast turkey Christmas lunch. Also present for the lunch were three possible future members Lynn Wales' granddaughter Violet and Sue and Wal Thompson's grandsons Joshua and Ashton. It was great to see so many of our members attend and what a crew we had in the kitchen afterwards washing and drying dishes and cleaning up. Thanks to everyone who contributed a bowl of salad or dessert. In all the society made a profit of \$208.

Top right: All ages enjoy a party just ask Ashton, Violet and Joshua.



Bottom right: After a party the clean up has to be done. Phil, John, Lynn and Dot were part of the kitchen crew.



Below: It's time for a natter with friends Les, Joan, Val, Mary and Trevor.



Photos: Wal Thompson

Membership Subscription 2012-2013 now due

Membership Subscriptions 2012-2013 were due on the 1st July 2012. (If you are not sure if you are financial, please ring Lorraine on 9735 1104 to check.)

Name of Member: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

- Family Membership \$20.00
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