Casterton and District Historical Society Inc Newsletter

AUGUST 2010

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Next Meeting

<u>AGM: Wednesday,</u> <u>August 18th</u> at Merino Pub Bistro She's a Cawker

11am : AGM

12noon : Lunch - *please book tel:* 5579 1333: cost \$14

1pm: *The Collectors* 8 short films by Casterton locals showing their collections.

<u>Nomination forms</u> - to be returned to the secretary by <u>5pm on 1^{st} August</u>.

<u>To local members:</u>

Two meetings are to be held with Pam Enting of RHSV to continue discussion of the cemetery tour project on

Thursday 12th August at 2pm

and on Friday, 13th August at the VIC at 10am.





Casterton Community Museum

A poem of Casterton, 1939 by local historian, Jim Kent

Go to the Lord In Peden's old Ford Head for Boot Hill Carefully driven by Bill Straight to the arms of Jesus.

Away from life's knocks You're safe in your box Thanks to "Old Pickabox" Peden To a song by Slim Dusty In a hole dug by "Rusty" You're safe in the arms of Jesus.

You're as warm as Noon pies In that great home in the skies Safe in the arms of Jesus.

So when you're ready to blow Give Peden a go Head for that great Eden Consigned by Bill Peden.

Bill Peden was a fourth generation Casterton undertaker. Russell "Rusty" Hurst was a long-time gravedigger at the Casterton Cemetery.

Historical Happenings 🔊 🕻

Casterton New Cemetery Mapping Project

We have now completed all sections - Jan needs to finish up doing the bits and pieces on the computer, then we will walk again to re-check.

NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY WEEK

30th July – 8th August www.familyhistoryweek. org.au

Australian Railway Historical Society

Notice of a new publication: *Bygone Australian Transport* (c 1950-1985) by Bob Wilson - for other publications see <u>www.arhsvic.org.au</u> telephone 1300 220 220

HISTORY VICTORIA SUPPORT GROUP – RHSV

Seminar Day: 7th August To be hosted by the Hamilton History Centre at the Baptist Church 48 Gray Street Topic: "The Role of Historical Societies in 2010"

To contribute to this newsletter, please contact Jan Lier - tel Visitor Information Centre on 5581 2070 or e-mail <u>jlier3@bigpond.com</u> or Ros <u>roscov@iprimus.com.au</u> tel 5581 2875

BRONZE PLAQUE ARRIVES IN GERMANY

Australian descendants of a small German village have raised funds to produce a Memorial to over 300 pioneers who migrated from the small village of Nieder-Weisel to the Victorian goldfields in the mid to late 1800s. On 6th July the completed bronze plaque bearing the names of 56 families arrived by air in Frankfurt and was delivered to the nearby German village. The size of the plaque is 1150mm x 1035mm, weighs 112 kg.

The memorial will be erected in the garden adjacent to the picturesque 12th century Evangelist Church. A dedication ceremony following a church service will be held in the village on 3rd October, 2010 and will form the main events to complete a three day celebration.

Several Australians will attend the celebrations in October. For more information, please contact Don Hauser at (03) 9654 7610 or <u>dlhauser@bigpond.com</u> or visit <u>www.niederweiselmemorial.com</u>

Local history - Marysville Historical Society, Victoria

The Marysville & District Historical Society moved into their new premises at Marysville last week. The society was fortunate enough to receive a bequest which helped them purchase a house and property in the town. The house was not damaged in the bushfires and is in sound condition. To date, around 10,000 historically relevant items have been donated to the society (digital or hard copy originals). The new Marysville Museum is expected to open to the public towards the end of the year or early next year, following some modernisation works on the site.

All donated items will be digitised and catalogued onto a computer database (most likely using Inmagic DB/TextWorks) in due course.

Glen Turnbull, Councillor, Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc. & President, Association of Eastern Historical Societies Inc. (<u>www.aoehs.org</u>) thanked all who donated items or assisted the society in any way over the past 17 months.

(Source: <u>aus-archivists@archivists.org.au</u> – 15 June 2010)

Local history – Alice Springs – Stuart exhibition

An exhibition on John McDouall Stuart's 1861 exhibition commenced on 16 June in the Araluen Gallery in Alice Springs. This exhibition outlines the story of Stuart's fourth expedition and those that travelled with him, William Darton Kekwick and Benjamin Head. The objects on display are loaned from History SA and include many personal items owned by John McDouall Stuart.

(Source: Northern Territory News 15 June 2010 p.5)

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We're on the Web - visit us at:

www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/ casterton/historicalsociety

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LOTTERY FUND GRANTS

Fourteen million pounds have been earmarked to assist in regenerating towns across the United Kingdom. Stockton in north east England is to receive £1.8 million to reinstate historic features of existing buildings in the town, bring unoccupied buildings back into use and provide volunteers with opportunities to learn traditional building skills and take up work placements.

(Source: The Journal (Durham) 17 May 2010 p.18)

ENGLISH HERITAGE RECORDS NOW ONLINE

Records relating to historic buildings and archaeological sites are now online at www.englishheritagearchives.org.uk.

Images, plans, drawings, reports, publications covering archaeology, social and local history have been made available in digital form. Over a million records are available. (The Australian Government's Department of Environment, Heritage, Water and The Arts Register of the National Estate contains the heritage assessments of Australian sites but not the supporting documents.)

(Source: The Journal (Durham) 18 May 2010 p.9)

BRITISH LIBRARY'S NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE BEING DIGITISED

Online publisher Brightsolid is to digitise 40 million pages of the British Library's newspaper archive spanning 300 years. It is to be a 10 year project and the pages will be fully searchable. The library holds 52,000 local, regional and international newspaper titles. Four million pages will be digitised in the first two years. Negotiations are still underway with rights holders for post 1900 newspapers. James Murdoch, Head of Newscorp in Europe and Asia, criticised the move stating that it would 'harm the market'. His statement came a few days ahead of his company's introduction of charges for access to websites of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

(Source: Independent (London) 19 May 2010 p.7 and 21 May 2010 p.25)

Details on how to join the Group are available at the FAHS website at: <u>http://www.history.org.au</u>. Follow the "Support" and "Support Group" links from the home page.

(Source: FAHS Council)