



Foster & District Historical Society

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The Foster & District Historical Society is a member of the Gippsland Historical Network, an affiliated member of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, has been appointed by the Public Record Office of Victoria as a Place of Deposit for non-permanent public records, and is an accredited museum through Museums Australia (Vic)

What's On

- 2 November: Members' meeting – scoping 'Land of Milk & Honey' exhibition
- 9 November: Seminar on Disaster Planning
- 10 November: Indigenous Heritage Presentation for Corner Inlet
- 7 December: Christmas break-up for members & friends
- 28 December : Opening 'Land of Milk & Honey' exhibition

Society News

We are delighted to announce that Foster & District Historical Society, in conjunction with Friends of the Prom, have received funding from Parks Victoria for the 'Marking and restoration of historic graves in Wilsons Promontory National Park'. Michael Heal will be the Project Manager – many thanks to Michael and Don Jewell for their hard work in securing this important grant.

Bendigo Bank has advised that it will sponsor the Society to print Neil Everitt's forthcoming book, *History of Port Franklin: The Fished in Wooden Boats*. We are delighted to receive this sponsorship as it will make publication of this much-awaited book possible.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nola Taylor who was co-winner of the Genealogical Society of Victoria's Burke & Wills competition with her story, 'My Connection' regarding her forebear George James Landells. Her story was published in the Sept/Oct/Nov issue of Ancestor, Vol 30, Issue 3.

Network News

In the recently-announced Museums Australia Organisations Excellence Awards which celebrate achievements in Victorian museums and their value to the community, Gippsland museums won two of the seven awards: Gippsland Regional Maritime Museum at Port Albert won the award for Volunteer Run Museums, and Old Gippsstown at Moe won the Herald Sun People's Choice award, representing the popular choice by the public. Congratulations to both museums.

Indigenous Heritage Presentation

Following the talk by Brett Mitchell of Parks Victoria at our October meeting, Robert Andy of the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority will be holding an information evening on the Indigenous heritage of the Corner Inlet area at Foster Arts Centre, Wednesday 10 November at 7.30 pm. Supper provided. For further information and RSVP by Monday 8 November to Belinda: sgln@landcare.net or phone 5662 5759.

Exhibitions & Workshops

All members and friends of the Society, particularly those with an interest in the dairy industry in South Gippsland, are encouraged to attend our November meeting, at 7.30 pm in Crawford Hall, to scope our new exhibition *Land of Milk & Honey*.

Members will be aware that we have recently held a working-bee in the front room of the museum to clean and rest some of the fragile and delicate dresses in our collection which had been on display for some time. New items are now on display and the current exhibition will close at the end of December when the front room will then house our exciting new exhibition on the dairy industry in South Gippsland.

Land of Milk & Honey will showcase the objects in our collection relating to the dairy industry and will flow into the museum grounds. Noela Cripps, exhibition Project Manager, and her team, have already started identifying relevant photographs from our excellent collection. All ideas and assistance welcome.

Seminar: Perspectives on Disasters

To be held on Tuesday 9 November, 9.30 am – 4 pm at Healesville Sanctuary, this seminar focuses on museum projects developed in response to natural and other disasters. It aims to deliver information on project management and outcomes for both museums and communities affected by disaster. The day includes case studies, guided discussion and a walk around Healesville Sanctuary. Speakers include:

- Rupert Baker – Senior Veterinarian, Healesville Sanctuary
- Liza Dale Hallet – Senior Curator, Sustainable Futures, Museum Victoria
- Janet Schultz – Arts Facilitator, Mentors and Business Coaches International
- Maggi Solly – Director, Yarra Ranges Regional Museum

Cost: Gold/Institutional - Members \$50; Silver Members - \$75; Associate/Non-members \$100. Lunch and refreshments included.

Please book online at <http://www.mavic.asn.au/events?n=11&y=2010> to secure your place for this seminar. Bookings close Friday 5 November.

Your news

This is your newsletter – the aim is to be informative and share our members' news - to do this, I'll need your input! Please let me know any items of news for the next newsletter. I can be contacted on email: rushen@ozemail.com.au. Thanks - Liz.