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Foster & District Historical Society

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What's On

- 1 February: Members meeting – Patrick Morgan
- 21 February: Committee meeting
- 23 February: Veterans Heritage Workshop
- 1 March: Members meeting – speaker tba
- 13 March: Launch of Neil Everitt's book – details tba

Museum Volunteers

Many thanks to all our volunteers who have undertaken museum duty over this very busy summer! Don't forget if you are unable to do duty, please find a replacement.

Veterans Heritage Workshop

A free workshop is being held for volunteers from community organisations that care for veterans heritage collections including representatives from local historical societies, community museums and RSLs.

The workshop is designed to increase the skills and knowledge of volunteers and help them preserve this important material for future generations. A panel of expert speakers including conservators and museum professionals will address common questions such as:

- o What is the right way to store objects and documents?
- o How can fragile objects be protected?
- o What is the safest way to display material without damaging it?
- o How should we catalogue our collection?

The workshop will be held on Wednesday 23 February, 9.30 registrations for a 10 am start, at the Victorian Archives Centre, North Melbourne. Ends at 4.30pm; morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. The workshop is free but due to popular demand registrations are essential. Ph 9208 3060. For more information visit www.veterans.vic.gov.au

Network News

Work is being undertaken Shire Tourism Officer Christian Stefani to promote historical societies, museums and family history services throughout our region via a brochure and in conjunction with Prom Coast Regional Tourism website.

Vale

Members were saddened to hear this week of the passing of Pattie Fleming. Together with her late husband Dr Robert Fleming, Pattie was a foundation member of the Society. A long-time editor of the newsletter, Pattie continued to be a strong supporter of the Society. A Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate her life will be held this Thursday, 27 January at 2.00 pm at the Uniting Church, Foster. Our thoughts are with John, Jeff, Merran and Prue.

Exhibition Openings

Tuesday 28 December saw many members and friends at the Museum for the launch of two excellent exhibitions.

First Phil Tracey, a Director of Murray Goulburn and a Yanakie dairy farmer launched our exhibition, *Cream After Gold*, on the history of the dairy industry in Corner Inlet. The exhibition has many photos and objects reminding us of the progress made in the industry. There is also an excellent DVD display and a children's activities table.



Left: Society President, Graeme Rogers (left) with Phil Tracey, Director, Murray Goulburn launching the exhibition.



Right: some of the audience

Thanks to all the people involved in putting the exhibition together and helping on the day: Noela Cripps, Project Manager; Shirlee McPherson, Curator; Nola Taylor, John Lanigan, Reg Williams & Bill Davies; Noleen McGlead and all the other members and friends of Foster & District Historical Society who have supported the exhibition. A special thanks to our sponsors: Murray Goulburn for their generous support, Shire of South Gippsland for printing the brochures, Coal Creek for use of some objects and Joan Wallis, Department of Primary Industries for photos.

Tuesday 28 December also saw the unveiling of Reg Williams's model of Foster 1940-1950. This fantastic model is now housed under glass in a specially-adapted area of the museum. Thanks to Reg for the amount of work he has put into it and housing the model at the museum; Rod Cooper for unveiling the display and exhibiting his 1924 cream truck outside the museum on the day and to all members of Rotary for their assistance to the historical society and museum.



Left: Many members of the Rotary Club of Foster were present

Right: Rod Cooper and Reg Williams unveiling the display



Our next temporary exhibition, titled *The Music and Literature of South Gippsland* will be held in conjunction with the forthcoming Sea Change Festival. Please contact Jennifer Jones, our Curator, [jonesrjsb@bigpond.com] if you are able to assist with this exhibition.

The Foster & District Historical Society is a member of the South 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).