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Foster & District Historical Society

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Enews #6

What's On

4 October: Members Meeting – Max Parnell will discuss the Friends of the Prom.
12 and 19 October: Computer workshops 10.00 am -12 noon.

November: No meeting due to Cup Day.

16 and 23 November: Induction days 10.00 am -12 noon for old and new members.

November: Working bee for interior. Date to be decided.

December: Christmas break-up – lunch/dinner at Comfort Inn restaurant on Tuesday 1 December at 7.00 pm or Saturday 3 December at 1.00 pm. \$25.00 per head.

January 2012: No meeting.

2011-2012 Committee

At the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 2 August, the following people were elected to the Committee for this year:

President and Curator: Jennifer Jones

Vice-President and Archives & Research: Noela Cripps

Treasurer: Norman Sparkes

Secretary: Dr Liz Rushen

Maintenance Officer: Reg Williams

IT Officer: Dr Howard Plowright

General members of committee: Bill Davies and Meg Rogers

Officers:

Newsletter editor: Dr Rosemary Francis

Supper and Welfare: Marion Haupt

Roster: Meg Rogers and Nola Taylor

Membership subs due:

A reminder that all membership subscriptions are due now. It is still \$12.00. You can pay at the Museum or send it to Norm Sparkes, at PO Box 231, Foster 3960.

Society News

Neil Everitt's book, *They Fished in Wooden Boats*, has been entered in the Victorian Community History Awards, which will be announced in October.

Change of meeting arrangements:

Members' meetings are to be held quarterly, with speakers' meetings or excursions to be held in the months in between. Meeting times to remain at 7.30 pm.

The Dairy exhibition will continue until February in a scaled down form, whilst preparations are made for a new exhibition on Education to open around Labour Day. This exhibition will celebrate the centenary of the Agnes School building. All assistance offered to set this up will be gratefully accepted. Photos are particularly requested.

Toora primary school students visited the museum to view the dairy exhibition and to inspect the tools the pioneers used. The work the students completed as a result of their visit will be displayed in the Dairy room. Mr Sparkes, Mr Williams, Mrs Haupt and Mrs Jones were thanked for their informative talks.

The Working Bee for the Exterior, held in September, cleared the grounds of leaves and weeds. Lasseter's boat and the exterior buildings were washed down. Plants and trees were pruned and stones were replaced along the walls and the gravel redistributed. Thanks to Reg Williams who organized the day and to Nola Taylor, Brian Greer, Bill Davies, Cobber, Richard and Jennifer Jones.

Final touches on the computer system. The database is now searchable in the front office. A grant provided for the computer and laptop.

REMINDER: anyone who has keys/books or materials belonging to the Museum, please return them to the Executive committee.

Network News

Marion Haupt has been elected President of the South Gippsland Historical Network. Congratulations, Marion.

Linda Barraclough has informed us that the list of newspapers to be digitised for TROVE in the next few years appears at:

http://www.nla.gov.au/ndp/selected_newspapers/Future_Titles.html Among these are the *Maffra Spectator*, Warragul, Morwell and more Traralgon newspapers.



IT Manger Dr Plowright and L7AIT owner Anthony Kaldvee



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