

‘White Cliffs’

Journal of

THE RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Meetings – 8pm, Fourth Monday of each month

Rye Primary School Library

Visitors welcome. Enter from Collingwood Street



The past year has been a challenging one for many of our members, in particular for those closely associated with the society. We were saddened by the loss of Bill O'Brien, Pam Dawson, Phil Grinter and Phil Cain. They were all strong supporters of the Society, and their friendship and contribution will be long remembered. The Rye Historical Society is a valuable part of the Rye community. We are actively involved with many other local groups and with historical societies in the Mornington Peninsula area. We are always strongly represented at community meetings and events. We have a good relationship with our local councillor and our voice is heard at local government level. Our stalls at the Rotary monthly market and our sausage sizzle at Bunnings Rosebud have helped to promote awareness of the society. This is so important as we, and many other community groups, face a future of diminishing volunteers.

There is a strong sense of community in Rye, and this has been most evident in the wonderful support we have recently received in the form of grants and donations toward the repair of the Old Schoolhouse. The repairs to the Old Schoolhouse commence in the September school holidays. As you are aware, this has been a complex and frustrating process. The Old Schoolhouse and the St. Andrew's Anglican Church are the only remaining public buildings of historical significance left in Rye, and it is worth preserving. More work of a cosmetic nature will be needed in the future, but structurally the building will be sound.

During the past year we have met together to enjoy some very informative and enjoyable guest speakers. We have enjoyed films, outings and our monthly social gathering at the RSL. The year started with our very popular Australia Day historic tours of the town, and our stall on the foreshore. Together with the Nepean Historical Society, we co-hosted the annual luncheon at the Rye Hotel, and we heard Professor Robert Pascoe speak on the early development of Melbourne's suburbs. In March we enjoyed an old fashioned favourite, a progressive dinner, and it was a lovely social occasion, thanks to the generous hosts.

Anzac Day was a major event for many, and for the Society, it was the culmination of many months of research and the publication of "*He Volunteered For Service*". The dawn service, the RSL service and the launch of the book, followed by lunch with many old and new friends, was a huge success. This launch was the second of two projects, after the unveiling of the plaque on Remembrance Day at the Rye Civic Hall with the names of the enlisted men.

In May we booked a table at the Women of Rye luncheon, where a large number of local ladies joined forces to support the Light Up Autism Foundation. Our trip to the Johnston Collection in East Melbourne gave us a fascinating insight into the life of a well know collector of antiques and art. The opportunity to visit this collection was much appreciated by those who attended. The Mornington Peninsula branch of the National Trust celebrated their thirtieth anniversary in June with a gathering at Beleura, and Pauline and I were very happy to attend. Simon Molesworth AO, Chairman of the Executive Board of the International National Trusts Organisation made the speech and toast.

In July we again co-hosted the mid year lunch with the Nepean Historical Society, held at the Rye Hotel. This annual event has a long tradition, and we were fortunate to hear Simon Molesworth speak of the importance of heritage issues around the world. The important work of an historical society is of course the promotion, protection and preservation of our local history. The cataloguing and recording of material is imperative, for the preservation of that history. The ongoing oral history project, which is a Shire coordinated and funded initiative, will be accessed via the internet. We have been working closely with the local History Officer and the local History Network, and this is of great benefit as we support and learn from each other. We must keep up with technology if our collection is to be kept safe for future generations.

There are many things we set out to do over the course of a year, workshops we would like to attend and projects that require our attention. We have nominated projects for the National Trust and Community Heritage Awards, as these are achievements we are proud of. This year we installed a plaque on the memorial board at the Rye Cemetery in memory of Nell Arnold, a foundation member of the Society. The Rye Community Alliance was recently formed to bring together the various groups to give a stronger voice to the local community regarding issues that affect us all. The Historical Society is a respected and pro-active group. We are well known in the community and belonging to the Community Alliance will further promote our cause.

Everything we do relies on the commitment and hard work of the committee and the members. We work as a team, and the contribution of each member is valuable. Fundraising and applying for grants are two constants for the Society as we plan for our future. As President for 2015, I have had great support from the committee and I thank them all for their enthusiasm, commitment and friendship I would also like to thank all the Society members who have attended the meetings and functions throughout the past year and we hope to have your continued support this coming year.

Prue Found

Dear members,

Since our AGM I have been a busy lady. A week after becoming President I headed to England, France and Belgium, purely for the opportunity to visit the graves of Ernie Myers and Charles Perrin and to visit the Memorial at Villiers-Bretonneux where the memorial wall holds the name of John Brent, All three boys from Rye gave the ultimate sacrifice. I also visited the grave of my grandfather's uncle, knowing that myself and my sister Kathryn are the very first family members in 100 years to do so. I took a little bit of Rye with me for each site, a pinch of sand from the beach which would have been so familiar to these young men.

History books, photos and maps fail to describe the beauty of the Somme Valley or the distance WW1 covered on the Western Front alone. There are 200,000 men from the British Empire who have no known grave, John Brent among these. Commonwealth War Graves are scattered throughout the landscape, in fields and on street corners. I was unprepared for how many there are. Each is immaculately kept by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It is reassuring knowing that each man's sacrifice has been acknowledged, respected and continues to be so 100 years on.

I visited places that are etched in Australian folklore...Pozieres, Fromelles, Pheasant Wood, Poperinge, Armentieres, Albert, Amiens and of course Ypres. I experienced the emotion that goes with listening to The Last Post at Menin Gate where every night since 1927 at 8pm, locals honour those who gave their lives. I was humbled by the appreciation 100 years on, that is given to the Australian Forces and the efforts that the French and Belgians go in order that sacred war sites are preserved. I felt incredibly proud and overwhelmingly emotional to be an Australian in such an important place.

I was also fortunate to visit the Palace of Versailles where on the 28th June 1919 the Treaty to end The Great War was signed on the fifth anniversary of the death of Arch Duke Ferdinand.

In England I spent a glorious weekend in Rye visiting their Museums and walking the cobblestone streets. It was bizarre learning about the history of Rye knowing it was not my history. An amazingly interesting place full of stories of pirates and visiting Kings and Queens. The clock in the 900 year old St Mary's Church was given to the town by Elizabeth 1 in 1561 and is believed to be the oldest clock using its original pendulum still working in England. It is now back to reality.

Our Anzac Publication has been entered in the 2015 Victorian Community History Awards which will be presented on the 19th of October.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday October 26th. **L Berndt Pres.**

Office Bearers and Committee 2015-2016 elected 28th September

President: Linda Berndt. **Vice President:** Lynne Woollard
Secretary: Pauline Powell. **Treasurer:** Danny Jennings

Committee: Jill Bastow, Wayne Bastow, Norma Cornish, John Bertacco,
 John Hazledine, Ern Jennings, Bernie Woiwod.

Vale Phil Cain 1932-2015. Phil was born 1932 and served his apprenticeship as a carpenter with local builder McCormack before branching out on his own. As a young man along with his father he dug graves at the Rye Cemetery and in later years following a family tradition he became a trustee. His book '*Amongst The Old Folks*' is a history of the cemetery and to a degree a history of Rye. Phil had a long involvement, with the Mordialloc Sea Scouts (20 years) as a Leader and Scout Master. It was here he met Betty and they married in 1958. Phil and Betty had three children and lived for a while in Aspendale. Moving away from the building trade, for a while Phil ran Red and White Hire Boats and did fishing tours from the Mordialloc Creek. In 1961 he purchased his first truck and started Cain's Removals and after securing a contract with Myers his fleet increased to 35 trucks of his own and fifteen owner drivers. In 1976 The family moved to 2 Bay Street Mordialloc and he ran Braeside Auctions for 3 years before retiring. Despite ill health Phil was a tireless worker for the St Vincent de Paul Society until the very end by delivering food etc to the needy. He was a founding member and Life Member of the Rye Historical Society. He was a fountain of knowledge on all matters regarding the early days at Rye and will be very much missed.

Vale Phil Grinter. 1925-2015 We sadly report the passing of our member Phil Grinter. Phil served in the Merchant Navy in WW2 and came to Australia in 1953. Phil was an active member of our Society and with Alma attended functions and activities. As well as his interest in the Historic Society Phil was a long term member of the Rye Yacht Club and the Rye Lions Club. On behalf of our members we extend our sympathy to Alma and the family.

New members Noel and Ann Erbs of Rosebud and Jeff and Shirley Purves of Gisborne. We welcome them all. As a welcoming gesture Noel was a lucky winner at the Happy Hour at the Rye RSL.

Black Rock House. On Wednesday **28th October** we will be visiting the National Trust home in the bayside suburb of the same name. The cost will be approximately \$35 with lunch at the historic Royal Hotel Mornington at own expense. **Black Rock House** was built 1856-59 by Charles Ebden as his seaside residence and was a great rendezvous for Melbourne's elite. Booking contact **Wayne or Jill Bastow 59857535**.

Street Stall Despite the cool morning our street stall raised \$500 The cakes and biscuits were magnificent - Thank you to those members who assisted. Our next stall will be held in November.

Many thanks to Keith and Shirley Murley who filled in when our Guest Speaker failed to turn up to our September meeting. Shirley gave us a very interesting talk on our future visit to Black Rock House and Keith gave us great background talk on Napoleon and the Balcombe family's connection with The Briars.

Sausage Sizzle Our annual Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings will be held on Saturday 17th October. This is our main fundraiser for the year. Contact John Hazledine 5985 5530 to add your name to the roster.

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR?

We are hoping to raise some funds for the Society by selling these creative and delicious gingerbread houses. (Base= 20cm square, height = 18cm approx). Cost: \$25. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Lynne Woollard (Phone/Text: 0427 595 957 or email: lynnewoollard@bigpond.com)



You will need to order as soon as possible. Payment is required by the **end of October at the latest**. You can either contact Lynne to make arrangements, or pay at the next meeting on 26th October. They will be available for collection at the Society's end-of-year function to be held on 23rd November, or they can be delivered.

Progress report on documenting Street Names and their origins in Post Code 3941. Rye, Tootgarook and St Andrews Beach.

During 2015, Rye Historical Society commenced a project to establish and document the origins of street names. A working group comprising John Hazledine, Ern Jennings and Noel Erbs was set up. Since then a spreadsheet has been created, listing the 416 names in PC 3941. So far, definite meanings have been assigned to about 160 of these. Thanks to John, Ern and Pauline, whose knowledge of family connections and local history has been invaluable for a sizeable portion of that number, with the balance considered self explanatory, including clearly themed groups (e.g. indigenous words, poets, bay steamers, Gippsland towns, roman times, golf, etc). However, that still leaves over 250 names undetermined!

Issues such as: "who proposed that name and why" and, "when was it approved or Gazetted", have not been addressed yet. Ideally, these questions need answers if a complete record is to be produced. Most of the present-day streets in PC 3941 pre-date the 1994 council amalgamations. It appears that if that earlier council documentation exists, it will most likely be archived at PROV, only accessible on-site.

Preliminary liaison with Mornington Peninsula Shire re a request for any post-1994 street name information has been encouraging, but apparently the completeness of details on record may vary.

Readers are referred to two examples of possible formats for the final outcome for this project: • A basic street name listing (few date details) produced by the Whitehorse Historical Society and accessible on-line as two PDFs (A-K, L-Z) by googling, '*Street Names - Vicnet*' ; and, A more comprehensive document produced by the City of Belmont, WA. Google '*city of belmont wa street names origins* ', This listing includes Gazetting details where known.

In the short term, serious consideration is being given to a plan to publish a series of articles on groups of early street names in forthcoming issues of "White Cliffs", so at least those will go on the public record. In the medium term, Rye Historical Society will be the focal point of steadily amassing street name information. In the long term, it may be seen as worthwhile to draw the lot together into one publication - although the cost-benefit of that would need close scrutiny. A low cost alternative may be to convert the spreadsheet listing to a PDF and "upload it to on the Society website.

Finally, this progress report in "White Cliffs" is an invitation to any members with specific street naming knowledge to start nibbling away at the 250 blanks. Anyone with information to contribute to advancing this project, please contact Noel Erbs at nserbs@bigpond.com or on 03 5982 3741.

The Old Schoolhouse

As mentioned by Prue in her Annual Report, the structural repairs to the Old Schoolhouse commenced on the 21st of September and we can now announce that the builders finished in time for the children to come back to school. There were two major problems which were a cause for concern. The lintel over the south window had large cracks and after an engineers report it was decided that supporting props needed to be put in place and the area closed off. This was an inconvenience to the school as that meant a thoroughfare from the school to the schoolyard was closed. The north window also needed major work as can be seen in the photo below. The west wall also needed strengthening in the vicinity of two windows. The building is 93 years old and other than the items mentioned is structurally sound. Quotes are now being sought for painting the exterior which will be done in heritage colors. We are looking forward to the time when we can again concentrate on being a Historical Society. It may take time before we resume our Sunday openings as there will be a lot of cleaning up inside and the unpacking of our collection.

These repairs have not come cheaply and could not have come about without the support and backing of Rye community organisations. Our special thanks to the **Rye Primary School, Bendigo Bank, Southern Peninsula Community Fund, Lions Club of Rye, Rotary Club of Rye/Rosbud**, and grants from the **Mornington Peninsula Shire Council**. With the addition of our own funds raised from market stalls and sausage sizzles we were able to commit to the repairs.



The north window and wall

The following article is taken from "*Rye A Book of Memories*" compiled and edited by Nell Arnold and published as part of Victoria's 150th Anniversary. It is a wonderful 'collection of memories' recording organisations and people involved in the development of Rye and Tootgarook. The book is in our library.

The first service club in Rye came into being on 26th May, 1972, when 28 local businessmen and tradesmen took the oath to serve the people of Rye and those throughout the world less fortunate than themselves, as charter members of the Rye Lions Club.

The first year, with Dennis Jennings as President, was one of establishment and consolidation with social activities and small projects. In 1973 Jim Powell took over the reins and the club's first major project which was a 'spec' house as a fund raising venture, a road safety competition for the school children and the first flower show, organised by the ladies' auxiliary. The first Toc.H. light for the elderly was installed and a duplicator was presented to the primary school.

In 1974, with Frank Sansom as President, two electric barbecues were installed on the foreshore, the club played host to a circus, presented an ambulance trolley to the Rosebud Hospital and conducted the first of many charity golf days. An important event that year was a joint venture with other Lions Clubs on the Peninsula in hosting 70 evacuees from Darwin, after Cyclone Tracey, on the foreshore at Rye, providing some welcome relief for these people dislodged from their homes.

May 1975 saw the formation of the Rye Leo Club for young people when 26 youths took part in the charter presentation. The club provided an interest for service minded young people until falling membership caused its closure in 1980. The first boat raffle, now an annual event over the Christmas period helped raise funds for the Rye Seniors, Meals on Wheels and Tootgarook Pre-School.

1975, with Cliff Way as President, was a year with an international flavor. A dance where the Yugoslavian Cultural Centre gave a display of folk dancing, and visits from a fellow Lion from Papua-New Guinea and the International Director, Enrique Lim, from the Philippines, were included in the program, while annual activities continued to grow.

One of Danny Jennings' first activities on becoming President in 1976 was to host a welcome home party for Jim Powell, recently elected District Governor, on his return from the International Convention in

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America. During the year a gift of bicycles was made to the Lions' children's camp at Licola and other activities included an exhibition by world champion snooker player, Eddie Charlton, the decoration of a large Norfolk Island pine as a Christmas tree, a Roaring 20s Ball and a coin chain by the Leo's Club to raise funds for the Southern Peninsula Rescue Squad.

1977, with Ron Dean as President, placed emphasis on youth hosting an American girl student following the sponsorship of Andrew Powell to America the previous year. The club again participated in the 'Youth of the Year' Quest and the former ladies auxiliary, having formed the first Lioness Club in the district, ran a parallel quest for the 'Schoolgirl of the Year'. In answer to a growing concern about drug taking by young people, the club held a symposium to bring the problem before the public.

By 1978 the club was well established within the community. Its support of many local organisations and charities, the recognition of the need to assist overseas countries and its affinity with the young of the day had reinforced the need for such an organisation in the town. With Greg Gibbs in the chair health projects predominated and included a glaucoma survey, support for marathon walker John Dunlop in raising funds for cancer research and a donation to St Mary's School for the Deaf. A Japanese student on exchange was welcomed. The Leo's club opened a coffee shop. Playground equipment was provided for the foreshore near the club's barbecue.

In 1979 with Cliff Hallett as president, community health was again emphasised with an amblyopia eye survey for young people at the local health centre, followed by a diabetes survey. Road safety clinics were held for school children while social activities included a Grand Final eve ball, an orchestral concert and a progressive dinner.

Richard Boraston became president in 1980 during which a ball, which raised \$650, was held to help Mrs Raffaella Zimbardi who had been seriously injured during an attempted robbery of their pizza business. In co-operation with the Rye police, a bicycle engraving project was conducted at the school and the first of a now regular activity, the hosting of disadvantaged children took place.

Frank Waterfall, a charter member, was president in 1981 when another Japanese student exchange took place while correspondence with a foster child in Indonesia continued. Projects through the year benefitted all age groups from the children's free night at the carnival and the Christmas distribution of sweets and toys, to assistance given to the pensioners Christmas dinner and provision of a Peninsula holiday to an elderly Melbourne couple. The year ended with an evening of nostalgia at the Rye Hotel to celebrate the club's tenth anniversary.

During 1982, with Steve Watson as President, Rye combined with other clubs to provide an inflatable rescue craft for the Portsea Life Saving Club and helped with a number of welfare cases in Rye. This was also the year of 'Ash Wednesday'. When the Rye club heard that a past president, Frank Sansom, had lost both his home and his business when the Pine Grove Hotel at Upper Beaconsfield, which he had taken over after leaving Rye, was completely destroyed, members quickly set out to help by obtaining, first a large marquee which they set up in the car park. The following week was spent in pre-fabricating a more substantial building which was then erected by Rye and Karingal members the following Sunday.

Jack Baldock presided over the club's activities in 1983 during which time the major project was to repair the Community House provided by the Flinders Shire Council for Rye. This involved completely re-roofing the building, replacing the verandah flooring and providing a ramp for the disabled. Also during this year the club purchased a new stove and refrigerator for the Tootgarook Health Care Centre. After the death of Frank Waterfall, a past president, it was decided to set up memorial scholarships at local schools. Overseas aid was given to Bangladesh in the form of donations to send cockerels and sheep, and to Papua-New Guinea in the form of surgical instruments for the Mt Hagen Hospital. The golf day that year raised \$6,000 for the Angel of Mercy helicopter ambulance.

In 1984, with Bruce Moser as President, Rye hosted the Lions District Convention during a weekend in November when Lions and their families from Chelsea to Orbost descended on the town for three days of business and social activities. It was a busy but very successful weekend.

The Lions Club of Rye has, in a relatively short period in historical terms achieved a great amount and will continue to work for the local community under its motto 'We Serve'.

Those charter members who started off the good work of this club are as follows: Dennis Jennings, Cliff Hallett, Lew Cornish, Jim Powell, Marty Duncan, Jack Chew, Jim Grimshaw, Jack Bird, Frank Waterfall, Bob Woods, Norm Crawford, Danny Jennings, Jack Baldock, Bob Brooks, Con Costantino, Arthur Dark, Fred Feldhofer, Tex French, Bill Goodrem, Jim Healey, Geoff Marshall, Dave Mollison, Harry Mutimer, Brian O'Brien, Ash O'Dwyer, John Roberts, Fred Roy and Frank Sansom.

The Telegraph

The first telegraph line in Victoria was erected between Melbourne and Williamstown in 1853. This line served to send time signals from the Government Astronomer to the Ball Tower at Gellibrand. Connections were soon made to most major towns such as: Geelong, Ballarat, Queenscliff and many others. At this stage Australia was not connected to the outside world. It was not until 1872 that Australia was connected telegraphically with other countries via a submarine cable laid from Java to the then Port Darwin. At the same time the Overland Telegraph System linking Adelaide to Darwin was completed.

“Hundreds of iron bark, stringy bark and red, blue and white gum poles and thousands of miles of galvanized iron wire linked Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide.”

The connection from Adelaide to Melbourne was accomplished in 1858. While Tasmania had its own internal system it was not connected to the mainland. The first attempt to connect from Victoria to Tasmania was from Cape Otway using an undersea cable across Bass Strait in 1859. From Cape Otway, it went via King Island and three Hummock Island, and made contact with the Tasmanian mainland at Stanley Head, and then continued on to Low Head, George Town.

OPENING OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH CAPE SCHANCK.

IT is hereby notified that a Telegraph Station having been opened at Cape Schanck, the communication is now available to the public under the regulations and scale of charges already published.

Vessels from sea coming within signal distance of the Flag-staff at Cape Schanck may exchange any required signals (by Marryatt's, or the universal code), either for transmission by telegram to owners or agents or for public information.

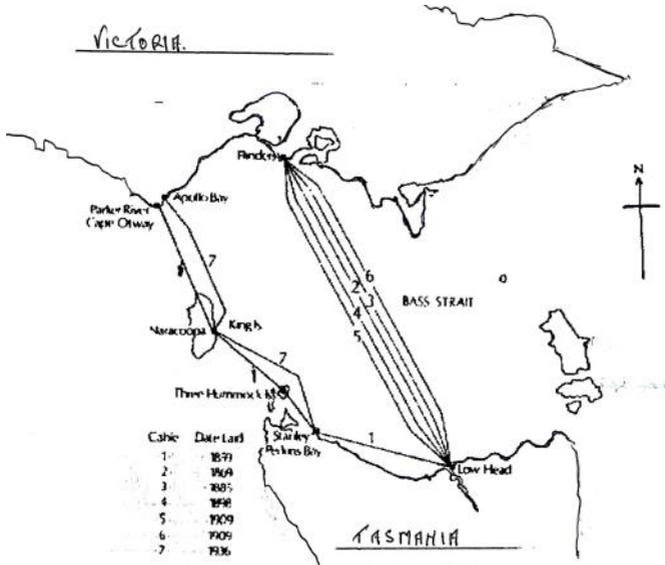
SAML. W. MCGOWAN,
General Superintendent of Electric Telegraph.

Department of Electric Telegraph,
Office of the General Superintendent,
Melbourne, 6th September, 1861.

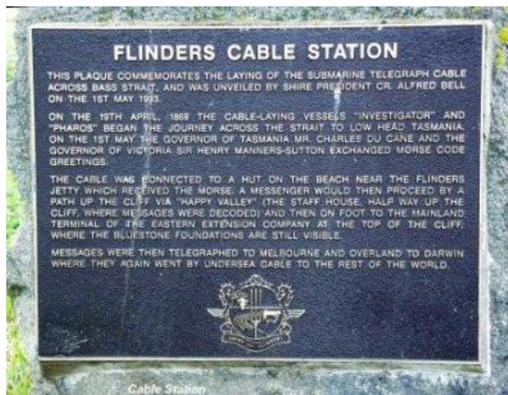
Extract from Victoria Government Gazette
September 30 1861

The Telegraph

The sections from Cape Otway to King Island and from Circular Head to the River Tamar were successful, but unfortunately, storms and rock beds south of King Island broke the cable soon after it was laid. The cable was constantly out of service and was eventually abandoned in 1861. Another cable was laid and opened in 1869. In 1868 an English company was contracted to lay a new cable from Low Head to Cape Schanck.



Map showing the direction of first cable from Cape Otway and the later cable from Flinders.



The Telegraph

Cable Station Walk The Flinders Cable Station Walk, which traverses the foreshore area, commemorates the establishment, in 1869, of a telegraph station which connected mainland Australia and Tasmania. The cable initially terminated at a receiving station near the jetty.

“Morse code messages were then conveyed by hand from the receiving station to the staff house halfway up the cliff where the message was decoded. It was taken by hand to the telegraph office atop the cliff.”

A new telegraph office was built in the early 1890s, bypassing the receiving station and staff house. The whole system was replaced by telephony in 1936 and the telegraph station was demolished in 1961



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Morse Code and transmitter

The telegraph system worked by having an operator tap out code on an electric switch called a key, which sent pulses of electricity from a battery along the telegraph wire.”

The telegraph line ran from Flinders Telegraph Station to the Telegraph Station at Cape Schanck. From then on it continued on along Boneo Road to Point Nepean Highway. At this point one branch headed towards Sorrento to Point Franklin Battery (Portsea) and then onto Point Nepean, while the other branch headed towards Melbourne via Dromana, Mornington, and Frankston.

With the advent of telephony the telegraphic system was obsolete and of little use after 1936. Little remains of the telegraph stations at Flinders and Cape Schanck. There is a museum at Low Head, George Town.

Commemorative Stamp and newspaper article re the first submarine telephone cable from Victoria to Tasmania 25th March 1936.



Notes:

Less than 180 years ago the only forms of communication were by courier, horseback, animal drawn vehicles, smoke signals and ship. The Bass Strait cable was the first underwater line in the southern hemisphere and the longest in the world at the time. Some attempts were made to use galvanized iron wire for inland transmission but it was soon replaced with copper wire. The support posts were initially of timber but were soon replaced by iron posts. Running cables underground did not work because the available technology could not offer adequate protection from corrosion.

The submarine cables consisted of a copper wire center covered with gutta percha*, then more copper wire covered with gutta percha* and finally a series of protective iron wires.

One early experimental system consisted of the use of a cable consisting of 26 separate wires. Each wire corresponding to a letter of the alphabet. The sender would activate the wires corresponding to the word to be sent, and at the other end, the receiver would observe the active wires and decipher the corresponding word.

References:

Fascinating Historical Facts- Mornington Peninsula

History of Postal Services in Victoria

The story of the Bass Strait Submarine Telegraph Cable 1859-1967, J.G Branagan: :

**a tough plastic substance from the latex of several Malaysian trees (genera Payena and Palaquium) of the sapodilla family that resembles rubber but contains more resin and is used especially as insulation and in dentistry in temporary fillings*

John Bertacco

Meetings and Guest Speakers.

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| Monday 26th October | Speaker Brendan McKay Ranger at Point Nepean National Park |
| Monday 23rd November. | Christmas breakup. Further details at October meeting |
| Monday 28th December | Merry Christmas to all our members |

Coming Events

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| 17th October. | Sausage Sizzle |
| 28th October | Black Rock House |
| 21st November | Street Stall |
| 26th January | Australia Day Stall and bus tour |
| Last Friday of the month. | Rye RSL Happy Hour. 5-6pm |

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A backward poet writes inverse

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris , you'd be in Seine.

A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an airplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'

Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says, 'I've lost my electron.' The other says, 'Are you sure?' The first replies, 'Yes, I'm positive.'

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.