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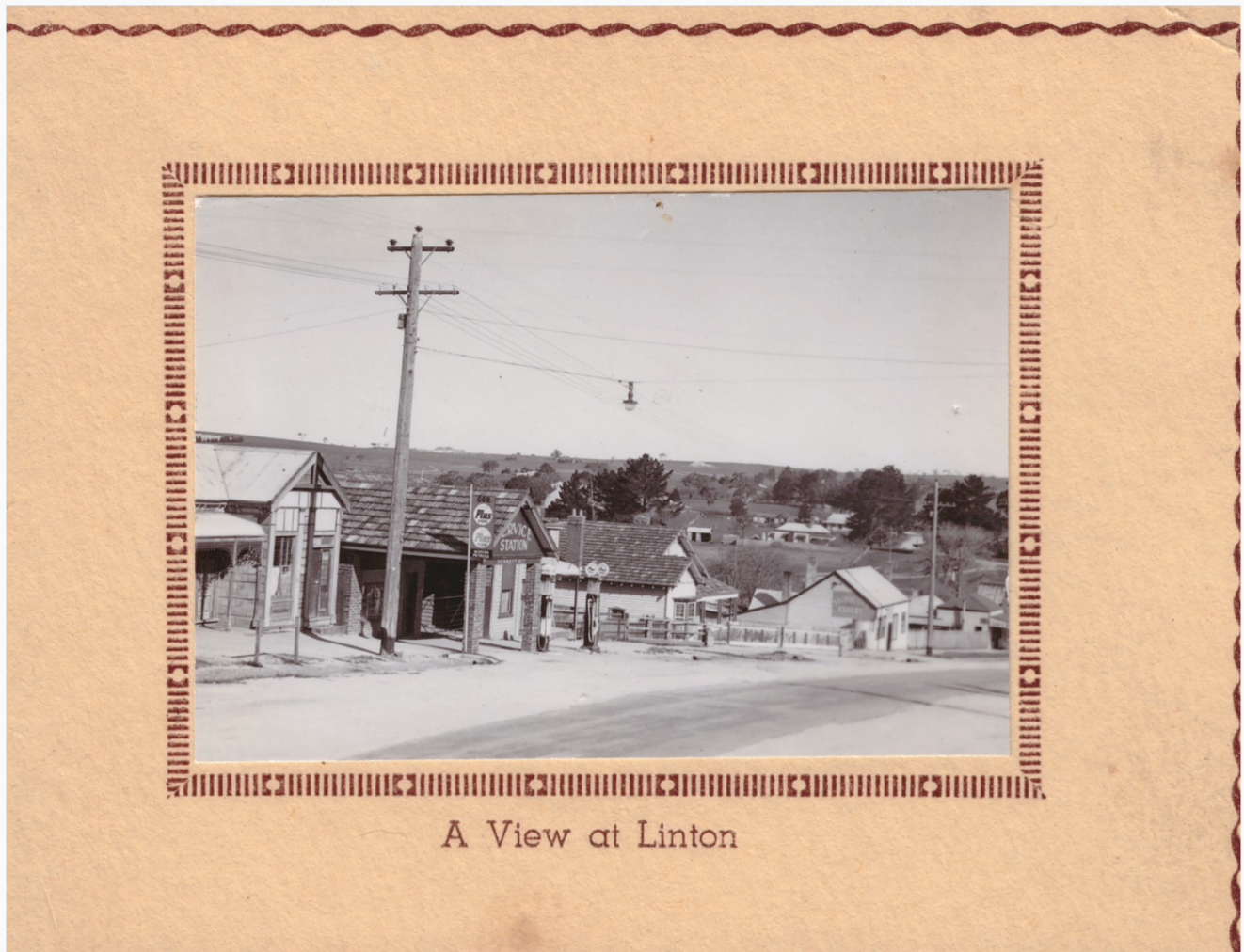
Newly acquired photos of Sussex Street



Sussex St, view to the south (probably taken from Railway Hotel roof), after 1939

As reported in our August Society Notes, we recently became aware of two photos of Linton's main street taken in the early twentieth century that were for sale on ebay. As we did not have those exact photos in our collection and they were very clear and sharp, we decided to bid for them, which we did successfully. Here is one of the photos. The details about it, along with the other photo, are on page 2.

The second photo purchased on eBay



Sussex St looking south-east, 1940s

Visible on the east side of Sussex St is Bennett's garage with petrol pumps and the Bennett family house, which were both built in 1928, replacing O'Sullivan's Saddlery and Bennett's Butcher shop. Further down the street is the Edinburgh Bakery, Preston's shop in the distance, and the Church of England vicarage in the background.

These two photos will be featured, along with many other historic photos of Linton, in our forthcoming *Photographic History of Linton*, to be published in early 2017.

Front page photo

Looking down the east side of the street, O'Sullivan's saddlery has been demolished, the Edinburgh bakery and Preston's shop with verandah (on the corner of Gillespie St) are still visible. On the west side, Ching's Grocery & Produce store is just visible, with Sandow's grocery and confectionery store next to it, and further down on the Gillespie St corner is Traquair House. In the distance, Murrell's Hotel, which had been on the curve of the road, is gone (demolished 1938). Note the electricity poles in the street (electricity came to Linton 1939).



CHRISTMAS DRINKS

RSVP by phone to Jill Wheeler on 0439 895 939, or to Jan Cooke 5342 8554

Guest Speaker at the AGM: *S. T. Gill as Eyewitness: art as historical evidence: S.T. Gill and Sovereign Hill*

At the Society's **Annual General Meeting** on Monday 19 September we were delighted to have as our guest speaker the historian from Sovereign Hill, Dr Jan Croggon. Her topic was: '**S T Gill as Eyewitness: art as historical evidence: S T Gill and Sovereign Hill**'

Jan talked about the paintings of Samuel Thomas Gill, the so-called 'artist of the goldfields', who captured the spirit of the gold rush in Victoria in the 1850s. In particular, Jan described how his representation of the gold diggings at Ballarat have assisted Sovereign Hill in accurately depicting life on the Victorian goldfields, with all its energy, excitement and the social challenges that the discovery and mining of gold raised in a fledgling society.

Sovereign Hill aims to do more than recreate the built landscape - it aims to tell the stories of the people of the goldfields. So many of the scenes in Gill's paintings are accurately reconstructed at Sovereign Hill, for example, there are recreations of coaches arriving and departing, people eating and drinking, licence hunts, diggers' reactions to authority, grog shanties, weddings, and all the wonderful assortment of characters as Gill depicted them. Sovereign Hill recreates the licence hunt, and the sly grog hunt, and Gill painted these conflicts, and captured the difficulties of goldfields' life. Jan pointed out that S T Gill takes us back to the human existence, and away from the story of gold as just a success story and as a story about the building of cities. S T Gill provides the models for the costuming of Sovereign Hill characters. The Victorian adage of 'what you wear is what you were' was very much shown in Gill's work, and is today recreated at Sovereign Hill. For example, Gill's *Diggers Wedding* (below) showing the newly rich digger spending lavishly on the wedding depicts the democracy of gold, and the social upheaval it brought. So Sovereign Hill each day puts on a Diggers Wedding that reflects Gill's painting. Written contemporary texts confirm Gill's observations.

Jan illustrated her talk with pictures of Gill's paintings and their recreations at Sovereign Hill.



Victorian Gold Fields 1852-3

Diggers Wedding in Melbourne



Friday, 4th December



From 5:00 to 7:00 at 19 Waverley Street, Linton

Please bring a plate and a bottle of your own favourite.

Hope to see you there to say Merry Christmas!

email jillianleawheeler@gmail.com , or **Jan at** piggoreet-west@bigpond.com.au

Former Linton Resident, Lesley Cairns, honoured with the award of the Order of Australia Medal (OAM)

Former Linton resident, Betty Lesley Cairns, was honoured on the Queen's Birthday this year when it was announced she was to be awarded the Order of Australia (OAM). Lesley received the award for the extensive service she has carried out for the community of Maryborough in Queensland. For many years Lesley has been an active contributor to a huge range of local organisations. In 2012 she was honoured as the Maryborough Citizen of the Year.

Lesley grew up in Linton, her parents were Bill and Maisie Hart, who were very involved with the Historical Society in its early days in the 1980s. Her brother is Dean Hart who lives in Sussex St, Linton. The Harts are related to the Stapleton family (amongst several others in Linton).



Lesley at Government House, Brisbane, on the day of the OAM presentation



Photo taken April 2014 at a Stapleton family reunion in Linton.

Next History Night

Monday 21 November 2016, 7:30pm,

Shire Offices, Sussex St Linton

Guest speaker: local historian Joan Hunt and her topic is:

Was your ancestor a 'new chum'? Life on the Victorian goldfields 1851-1881



'The New Chum's Arrival on a Gold Diggings'

Joan will share the generalised story about the experiences of our ancestors on the Victorian goldfields. As each new wave of immigrants arrived they would have been regarded as 'new chums', that is, arrivals inexperienced in the way the goldfields functioned, mostly without the particular skills and knowledge necessary for gold digging. The journey, arrival, colonial life and the goldfields themselves were a pretty new experience for everyone.

Visitors are welcome. Supper will be served at the end of the evening (please bring a plate to share).

Historical Society takes part in a film documentary

As many townsfolk will know, a film crew of eight came to Linton on 6 October to film us talking to Jason King, a descendant of the Mark family, about his family's heritage here. Jason knew nothing about his family history and was particularly anxious to meet some family members who are still alive. Although this was not possible in Linton, we were able to show him a range of documents, such as school records and photographs of family members, to help fill out the picture of their lives for him.

Del Atkinson and Jill Wheeler worked with the film crew for about five hours, which included a trip to the cemetery and to site of the old Mark family home in Sussex St.

The film crew are helping him to track down his family in NSW, South Australia and Victoria and the results will form part of a documentary entitled *Ghosthunter*, which they hope will feature on SBS in 2018.

President's Report: 2016 Annual General Meeting

At the Society's AGM on Monday 19 September, the President, Dr. Jill Wheeler, presented the following report.

It has, once again, been a busy & eventful year at the Linton and District Historical Society.

Membership

At the end of August this year, we had 89 members, and although we lost some members in the course of the year, we also had several new members join.

It is interesting to note that, as was the case last year, almost half of our membership – in fact 48.3% - lives beyond the Linton-Ballarat district – in Melbourne, in other places in Victoria, and interstate. While this shows how far flung people with Linton connections are, it also means that only about half of our members can feasibly participate in the Society's activities on a regular basis.

Meetings

Following our Annual General Meeting this time last year, when we had the historian Dr Ross McMullin as our guest speaker, we have had four well-attended **History Nights** plus a **Christmas celebration** in December.

At our **November History Night** our speaker was member and local historian Joan Hunt, whose topic was 'Remembering Piggoreet, its town and its people'. Joan told stories in her entertaining style arising from her research into the early history of Piggoreet. These were accompanied by her showing images of the mines and the buildings in the township, with old maps and plans.

In **February**, instead of a History Night, our member Chris Grigg conducted an historical walk around the Linton Cemetery, highlighting interesting and significant graves. This was a very popular activity – about 35 people attended on a hot and sunny afternoon, several travelling long distances to be there. Many of the participants had ancestors buried in the cemetery and were able to contribute anecdotes to Chris's commentary.

At our **April History Night** our guest speaker was Richard Turner, a PhD History student at La Trobe University, who talked about his research into the stories of Government Assisted Migrants from Lancashire who arrived in Victoria in 1852/53. Of local interest was one such migrant, Alexander Trickett, whose daughter married Edward Morey, a miner at Happy Valley who later became a successful mine owner, investor, MP, and owner of Linton Park.

At our **June History Night** our speaker was our local member Graeme Ellis who shared his memories of Mannibadar, the Soldier Settlement Scheme and its legacy, and his own family history of growing up in that community. This was a very popular event with over 40 people in attendance.

Our History Nights are always well attended and often include non-members as well. We are grateful to the Shire for the use of the Shire Offices to accommodate often large numbers. Our sincere thanks go to all of our speakers for agreeing to share their important oral histories with us.

Just a reminder - we have made DVDs of each of the speakers who have shared important local history and we have placed them in our archives for posterity. They can also be copied for anyone who is interested, and purchased from the Society for \$10 each + \$5 postage and handling.

Meanwhile, the everyday business of the Society has been handled by the hard-working **Committee of 6**, which has had six meetings during the last year and has reported back to the members at History Nights and via *Society Notes* on any matters of general concern to the membership.

Grants

The grants we have received in the past year have been directed towards the conservation of the two Shire buildings that we inhabit and manage.

As I stated last year, **for the 2015-16 year**, we received a **Community grant of \$2,825** from the Shire to continue the restoration of Undertakers' building, which is our Resource Centre. This phase of the restoration involved the repair and repainting of a section of the exterior weatherboards at the front of the building, along with the verandah and front door. They were painted in heritage colours as per the north wall that was repaired and repainted the previous year. This work was completed by December last year.

For the 2016-17 year, we have received a **Community grant of \$3,226** from the Shire to complete the repair work and repainting of the remaining exterior walls at the rear and on the south side of the building, including repainting of the Nelson's Undertakers sign at the front by heritage sign writers. The grant amount fell short of what we asked for by \$330, but subsequently, an anonymous donation to the Society has brought the total up to what we requested from the Shire, so we should be able complete this project as planned this year.

It is worth mentioning that these Community Grants are required to be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Historical Society, either in cash or kind. The Society contributed \$512 in cash and \$2,880 in kind towards the repairs and repainting of the old Undertakers' building last year, and we will contribute a total of \$1,802 in cash and \$1,860 in kind towards this year's project. In-kind contributions include such tasks as discussion and planning of the project by committee members; obtaining quotes; liaising with the handyman before, during and after the job; driving to and from Ballarat to collect paint; and our power and water supply to the painters.

With regard to the Linton Library, we had \$3,783 left over from a **Commonwealth Government Heritage Grant plus a contribution from the Shire, both received in 2014** (which I mentioned in last year's report). We put this towards doing some basic repairs, such as replacement of the box gutter and repairs to downpipes, earthworks to allow air under the building's foundations, replacement of rear veranda brickwork, and removal of the rotting water tank. These jobs were completed in December 2015.

Obviously much more money will be needed down the track to pay for the restoration of the Library for use by the community. We will continue to apply for other grants in the future for this purpose.

We already had a **Local History Grant** from the State government via the Public Record Office to produce an A4 size book, entitled ***Linton: a Photographic History***. This has been a slow project that has all too frequently been put on the back burner due to the pressing nature of other commitments. However in the last year we have prioritised it and have made great progress. A first draft of several hundred photographs was chosen and Gary Hunt (husband of our member Joan Hunt) digitised and enhanced them, which was an important task for our collection regardless of the book. A selection from these was then chosen and organised under chapter headings. Our member Del Atkinson has done loads of research to make sure we have the information for the captions as correct as possible. I have almost finished a mock layout with photos and captions. So we are hopeful that this project will be finished very soon!

When our Treasurer, Jan Cooke, presents her financial report shortly it is worth bearing in mind that most of the money in our cheque account – in fact \$7,748 - is grant money that is already allocated to the photographic history book and the repair and repainting of the old Undertakers' building.

Do you have a red dot on your Society Notes?

Have you paid your membership subscription?



If your copy of *Society Notes* has a **red dot** on the front page, this is a reminder that you have not yet paid your annual subscription. Please forward your Renewal Form, with payment, to **Linton & District Historical Society, PO Box 41, 69 Sussex St., Linton 3360**. Subscription: \$25;

Cheques to be made payable to: Linton & District Historical Society Inc.

Direct Deposit: Westpac Bank, BSB 033 605 Account 112583

Please indicate on direct deposit your member number or surname and what payment is for, e.g. membership, donation, etc. Any queries? Ken McLachlan! 0409 814 201.

Cataloguing, sorting, scanning and storage

A large part of the nitty gritty of our work is the sorting, scanning cataloguing and storage of all the items and paper documents in our collection. This has continued throughout the year.

Most of the day-to-day slog of cataloguing our collection on the computer has been done by our volunteer member, Del Atkinson, whom we thank sincerely for her perseverance and dedication to this task. Del has also recruited two other volunteers to help her. Karen Ronan and Monica Keefe have worked regularly with Del throughout the year on the cataloguing and we'd also like to thank them very much for their invaluable assistance.

There is still much to do in this area, but this all means that we are gradually getting a more accessible and reliable system for finding what we need to find in our archives.

Research Requests

Another large part of our core work is handling the requests for help with local and family history research in the Linton district. As was the case last year, the majority of these requests have come from non-members of the Society who don't live in Linton, but who have family heritage here.

Since the beginning of September last year, in my role as Research Officer, I have responded to 32 individual enquiries, an increase of 3 on the previous year.

The vast majority of these requests came via our enquiries email address on our website, making this now the preferred way for enquirers to reach us and the easiest way by far for us to correspond with them, including giving them our bank details so they can pay our research fees promptly online and sending them scans of documents and photographs.

Some of these requests have been straightforward and not involved much work, others have been complicated and involved ongoing correspondence with the person who has inquired. Once again, our member and cataloguer, Del Atkinson, has been an invaluable help in searching our collection for any information we have for these enquirers. Joan Hunt has also assisted with any requests for information on the history and inhabitants of Happy Valley.

All of these requests are over and above the enquiries we get at Open Days when visitors to the Resource Centre can do some research themselves, with the guidance of the volunteers on duty that day.

Website

The website has proved to be an important asset in our contact with the public beyond Linton. Our member Ken McLachlan has very successfully managed it for a couple of years now and ensured that it is always up to date. He has also been managing our Facebook page.

Involvement in Linton and Beyond

Our involvement in our community is one of our key functions – it makes us relevant and accessible. During the past year we have done this in a variety of ways.

In **March** this year the Society played host to about 25 members of the **Geelong and South Western Rail Heritage Society** who were following the old railway line between Linton and Skipton to commemorate the centenary of its opening in January 1916. I gave the visitors a short talk about the history of Linton and they toured the library and looked at the display of railway memorabilia from our collection.

Also in **March**, about twenty members of the **Stapleton family** visited the Society as part of a reunion of various branches of the family that was being held in Ballarat and Linton over that weekend.

In April, the Society had a visit from about 18 members of the **Derrinallum and Lismore History Group**, a relatively new historical society that is anxious to find out how other historical societies operate. I gave a short talk on the history of Linton and the Linton Historical Society and took the group on a tour of the Library. This was followed by questions and discussion. One of the group had family heritage here being a descendant of the Nicol family who were the Linton bakers for many years, and our member Del Atkinson showed her photographs and documents that we had on this family.

On **Anzac Day** this year, our member Deirdre Nicol, laid a wreath at the war memorial in Sussex St on behalf of the Historical Society as part of the annual service conducted by the school.

Society Notes

Has continued to be produced quarterly, under the editorship of our Secretary, Drew Hopkins. We have had to reduce its size to 8 pages, as a result of the printing cost at the Shire office increasing substantially. Drew has, however, reduced the size of the typeface and extended the page margins to fit as much as possible onto each page. So we are still able to publish many historical news items, summaries of talks by guest speakers at meetings, notices about upcoming events, and photographs, both historic and contemporary.

A small proportion of our members have opted to receive the newsletter via email, which helps reduce our postage costs, although many members still prefer to get a paper copy in the mail.

Publications and DVD sales

Our little booklet, *A Walk-Drive Tour of Linton*, has continued to sell steadily throughout the year, and at \$5.00 a copy, is still bringing in income for us. To add to this, in the past year, we have sold a lot of DVDs of our History Night talks, which have been very popular, especially for members who live in far-flung places and cannot get to hear our speakers in person.

My book on the history of Linton and district, *Linton Makes History*, which was launched in August last year, has had steady sales in Linton and beyond. It is currently available for sale at the Shire Offices and at the new shop, 'Plants, Wares 'n Things' in Sussex St. It is also on sale in Ballarat at Collins in the Mall and at Ballarat Books.

The Society also get income from our research fees and the scans of documents and photos that we do for those making family research enquiries.

Donations

Our donations account has steadily built up, and you will notice in our Financial Report that we have received a total of \$1,288.65 from this source in the past year. This is a great result that might be partially attributed to the fact that donations are tax deductible, but also to the generosity of our members and others whom we help with research queries and access to our collection in particular ways. We take this as a vote of confidence in what we do, which is very heartening.

We notice that many of you, our members, in renewing your membership this year have included a donation along with your subscription and we thank you sincerely for your generosity.

Plans for the year ahead

Our first major project is the completion of our book of historic photographs of Linton. This was a priority last year but unfortunately we didn't get there. Hence it is top priority in this coming year.

The second major project is the completion of the repainting of the rear, south side and façade of our headquarters, the old Nelsons Undertakers building, due to commence in November.

Meanwhile, the Society plans to continue to present and record more talks from senior current and ex-Lintonians in order to preserve for posterity these stories from the early twentieth century in Linton.

We will be continuing to work away on our cataloguing and the scanning of our photograph collection.

We will continue to try to attract new members, and encourage more members who have time to become actively involved with the Society. Here I would like to make a special plea for anyone who has some time to get involved with our work. There are lots of small jobs that need doing and any and all contributions are welcome.



New committee member

At the AGM elections for the Society's committee for 2016-17 the previous committee members were re-elected, along with new member, Karen Ronan. Karen has been working regularly as a volunteer at our Resource Centre for a couple of years now, assisting with cataloguing and digitising our archival collection. We welcome Karen to the committee! The committee consists of: Jill Wheeler, President; Drew Hopkins, Secretary; Jan Cooke, Treasurer; Ordinary members: Deirdre Nicol, Joan Giles, Ken McLachlan, Karen Ronan. The position of Vice President is vacant.

Thanks

As I come to the end of my report, I would like to thank everyone on the committee for their hard work and diligence throughout the year:

Jan Cooke, for continuing to do a brilliant job in the thankless role of Treasurer.

And to Jan and Susie who regularly clean the Centre and the Library, help to organise the suppers at our History Nights and do a myriad of other organising and catering tasks around the Centre.

Drew Hopkins, for his production of *Society Notes* and for taking the minutes at all our committee meetings throughout the year and for doing so again tonight. His advice and experience have been important, particularly on legal issues, but also to me personally, acting as an ever-patient sounding board, and in many more supportive ways throughout the year.

Joan Giles, who has taken on special projects, for example, the production of our DVDs and CDs, as well as attending to many other admin tasks besides. She and Alan have also done regular stints at our Open days throughout the year, and Alan did a major sort out of the damaged books in the library which means they are now stored in plastic tubs for their protection.

Deirdre Nicol, who has collected our mail for committee meetings and who writes reports on Society activities for the Linton News. She has contributed to the sorting and filing of our paperwork, as well as doing a lot of tea and supper making.

Ken McLachlan, who has done a great job managing our website and facebook page and being our membership secretary, keeping our membership database up to date at all times. He has also advised on our computer and IT equipment and bought a new laptop for the Society that links with our digital projector and will make power point presentations run smoothly for visiting speakers.

As well as these people, I would like to acknowledge the support of others who have taken on specific jobs around the Society.

Firstly, **Del Atkinson** for her continuing efforts with our cataloguing tasks, and with her painstaking research into our archives in response to enquiries from the public. Also to her 2 assistants, **Karen Ronan & Monica Keefe**, who have regularly helped out all year with the cataloguing but more recently with scanning previously unscanned and uncatalogued photographs in family files.

Secondly, to **Joan Hunt** for her advice, expertise and hands-on input with research queries, which we have found invaluable.

A special thanks this year to **Gary Hunt** for his time and expertise in coming to the Resource Centre with his photographic equipment, photographing from proof sheets all the photos we thought appropriate for the photographic history, then digitising and enhancing them at home, and sending them to us in files not just for use in the photographic history book but for storage in our archives for posterity.

Thanks to **Tim Cooke, Roy Nicol and Chris Grigg** for their combined efforts with garden maintenance - lawn mowing, weed spraying and to Tim for wood supplies. Thanks to Chris also for his endless, invaluable local history input.

Conclusion

I conclude now by saying that there are many things that we as an Historical Society would like to be doing that we are not, mainly because we haven't got enough volunteers 'on the ground' in Linton. We definitely need more people who can be actively involved in the day-to-day work of the Society. So if anyone could spare even a small amount of time to give us, please speak to us tonight or email us and we would be delighted to find a job for you!

Meanwhile, we are pleased that we are financially viable with healthy membership numbers and we are generally well regarded in the community and beyond.

In order to exist, Historical Societies need members, so a big thankyou to you all for your support for the Linton Historical Society and for coming out tonight to our Annual General Meeting. Your involvement is much appreciated and is vital for our prosperity.

Street in English city to be named after Linton RAAF Man Killed in World War 2 training accident

Harold Peter Wishart, who grew up in Linton in the 1920s and 30s is to have a street named after him in a new housing estate in the provincial English cathedral city of Lichfield. The estate is being built on the site of a airfield where Harold Wishart served during World War 2.

Harold was born at Linton on 28th March 1921, the youngest child of carpenter James Wishart and his wife Ethel (nee Bersey). Harold attended Linton State School between September 1925 and December 1933. After completing grade 8 and attaining his Merit certificate at Linton, he went on to Ballarat High School.

On 28 March 1941, Harold enlisted in the RAAF. He completed initial training as a wireless operator/air gunner, before being sent in August 1941 to England for further training/deployment with the RAF. Shortly before leaving for England, Harold married Edna Joyce Brown in Ballarat.

In England Harold was posted to 27 Operational Training Unit at RAF Lichfield, in Staffordshire.

On 11th December 1942, Harold was critically injured while taking part in a training exercise at Lichfield. The Wellington Mk III aircraft on which he was a pupil wireless operator/air gunner crashed after an aborted landing. An official enquiry attributed the accident to failures by the pilot and ground crew to ensure during pre-flight inspections that the cover over the pressure head (the "pitot head cover") had been removed. This resulted in the pilot having no air-speed reading when in flight. Opposite is a copy of the report from the official court of enquiry into the cause of death. It includes a recommendation to prevent further similar accidents from occurring.

Harold died of head injuries on 22nd December 1942. He is buried in St Stephen's churchyard at Fradley, near Lichfield.

It is understood that Harold's widow Edna remarried, and that she lost touch with the Wishart family.

Background to Street naming

During World War 2, Wellington Bombers flew out of Fradley Aerodrome, which was just outside the city and was known as RAF Lichfield. This area is now being developed as Fradley housing estate, and the decision was made to name 11 new streets after 11 servicemen who are buried in St Stephen's parish church graveyard in the village near where the airfield was located. One of the streets will be called Wishart Drive.

The City of Lichfield initially contacted Linton's Progress Association, via their website, for information about Harold Wishart. In response to their request, Del Atkinson, our Historical society's diligent and hard-working and very capable researcher and cataloguer has dug out a considerable amount of information on Harold Wishart. This includes a copy of the telegram sent to his wife informing her of Harold's death, and a copy of the formal accident report filed by the RAF in April 1943. The information is now in the Historical Society's files.

We have notified two of our Society members who are Wishart family descendants that we have uncovered this information.

FINDING.

(1) It is the opinion of this court that this flying accident was caused by:-

The pitot head cover being left on, causing the pilot to have no airspeed reading. (Witness No. 1) The pitot head with cover still on was picked up at scene of crash by Wing Commander Jackson, and is held by him at 27 O.T.U.

(2) It is the opinion of this court that the allocation of responsibilities is as follows:-

A. The captain was primarily responsible in as much that he failed to carry out his inspection as detailed in Training Notes for Wellington 111 aircraft - "Procedure before entering aircraft," Para. 1 distinctly states "Pitot head cover off".

B. That the ground crews were partially to blame for not ensuring that the pitot head cover was not removed.

(3) It is recommended by this Court, that:

That instructions be given forthwith to all units concerned that pitot head covers are handed personally to captains of aircraft by the ground crew prior to taking off.

Signed

G.W.GOLLEDGE S/LDR.

G.W. LEEDHAM S/LDR.

W.BRILL F/L.



the Bulletin board

- **Next Open Days at the Resource Centre** – the second Sunday of the month: 13 November 2016, 11 December 2016, 12 February 2017. Opening times: **2:00 – 5:00 pm**.
- **Our next History Night: Monday 21 November, Shire Offices, Sussex Street. Speaker: Joan Hunt. Was your ancestor a 'New Chum'? Life on the Victorian Goldfields 1851 - 1881**
- **Christmas Drinks: Friday 4 December, 5:00 – 7:30 at 19 Waverley Street, Linton,**
- **First History Night for 2017 will be Monday 20 February**
- Donations to the Society are **tax deductible**. Please contact the Treasurer for details.
- Lots of information is on our website www.lintonhistory.org.au and like us on www.facebook.com/lintonhistory

Publications:

- **DVDs of History Night talks are available: Jim Stapleton, the O'Beirne family, Bruce Adams, Aaron Kerr, Rod Lewers, Chris and Bill Grigg, Joan Hunt, Hans and Gerry Ver Doorn, Graeme Ellis, @ \$10 each + \$5 postage and handling. Contact Joan Giles: joangiles@hemsleypark.com.au Tel: 5309 1770.**
- **Linton Makes History: an Australian Goldfields Town and its Past** On sale at the Shire Office, and at Plants Wares 'n Things in Sussex St. Or buy direct from the author Jill Wheeler – jillianleawheeler@gmail.com - email Jill for electronic banking transfer details or send a cheque for \$30.00, plus \$8.00 postage & handling, to Linton & District Historical Society, PO Box 41, Linton 3360.
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