



UPPER YARRA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER—August 2023

Being a Volunteer can be a lonely job.



Come along one day and enjoy helping.

Frank may even talk to you.

MUSEUM REPORT

August Update.

The Committee members are happy in their new positions. Lee has the Secretary work well and truly under control. Kate is too efficient with the minutes (sometimes), and the Treasury work is kept up to date and working well. Frank has the meetings under control and the rest of the committee keep him in line.

The Thursday work crew are progressing with the various jobs required, and David is keeping the grass well cut and tidy. (Which was commented on by the Council when they visited). Their next project is to solve the backyard rainwater issue. The water from the roof of the main building has been an issue for some years and makes the grassy area very soggy for a long time and needs drainage. This job is in hand.

The Website and Facebook pages still have some issues but are a great asset. Feedback on this is welcome.

The Blacksmith classes are continuing to create interest, and one of the new recruits turns up on some Sundays to join him.

Door takings and Book Sales are up, partly due to the using of our new technology (Square).

Pictorial



Laundry Report

The Laundry rebuild is progressing. The concrete slab has been laid by local contractor Daniel Smedley, ready for the brick chimney and walls. The idea is to replicate what was there including the fireplace for boiling the copper.

Well done to Kate, Frank and Barry T in preparing the site foundations ready for formwork.



Goods Shed Doors

Lee painted the Goods Shed doors (all four of them). This would be the first paint job the doors have had possibly since it was built. As far as he knows the museum had never put paint them, and I doubt if the Barkers (who previously owned it), ever did.

Pictorial



Barry B apparently has this fixation for orange fencing

Drainage

The Thursday work crew are progressing with the drainage out by the back fence. First step is to contain the water from the Powelltown Police Station and the Yarra Junction Lockup, a job that has been waiting since the buildings were moved from the platform about ten years ago.



It must be some pretty serious work, having this toolkit.

Out by the Police Station Office

The Powelltown Police Station and the Lockup are having skirting boards fitted around the base to give them a finished look. Kate and Frank have been busy.

Bits and Pieces



What Am I?

Help us out on this one.

We have this unusual brush that is split in the middle.
Does anybody know what it would be used for.
(Painting Rainbows is not an answer.)



This one we know, but do you.
Clue:-Was used in a local hotel.

Any information please let us know by dropping in on a Sunday or send us an Email.

Answers Next Edition.

Archive Report August 2023

Archiving and Cataloguing is under way again. Another 100 catalogue worksheets have been digitised and matched up with items.

The backlog of new acquisitions are progressively being recorded. Thank you to Aven and Kate for their assistance.

The archive room of the cottage has had the water and mould issues rectified, courtesy of the Yarra Ranges Council. The space can now be used again.

Several requests for information have been processed.

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It's good that people are interested in history, and it makes archiving so much more fun. It is amazing what you can learn.

So, if anybody out there is interested in learning about the history of the district, come along to the museum and surprise yourself.

Ross Polkinghorne.

It happened 100 years ago....1923

RECREATION RESERVE.

A well attended meeting of the recreation reserve committee was held at the Shire Hall on Wednesday night. Great satisfaction was expressed by members at the improvement in the ground since the agricultural drains were put down. Even after heavy rain now the ground is remarkably free from surface water, and is probably the best in the shire. The outer rail also has proved a great improvement, and it is a rare thing to see spectators encroaching on the playing arena during a match, thus helping the teams and making the duties of the umpire lighter.

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. J. Loutit) reported on several small repairs to fencing, etc., which are necessary, and instructions were given to have the work proceeded with.



The Conversation: "You should have seen it before the drainage was done!"

Lilydale Express August 1923

The ground in 1996-----

UPPER YARRA FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

GRAND FINAL.

MILLGROVE PREMIERS.

(By "Berri.")

On Saturday the curtain was rung down on the final act of one of the best year's football ever seen here, and Millgrove came through the final stages with flying colors and gained a well-earned victory after a hard contest. Millgrove team deserve hearty congratulations for their fine performances throughout the season, which they went through with only three defeats, twice by Yarra Junction and once by Powelltown. After Yarra Junction beat them in the second round they never lost another match, but went on from victory to victory. Their performance in coming through the three final games stamps them as a fine team. Their victory this year is particularly gratifying to their supporters, as the team is purely local, built up from local lads, some of whom showed very little promise at first; but by patience and perseverance were trained into first-class footballers. This proves what a great advantage it would be to have a junior competition to give all district lads their first chance to qualify for senior honors, and I trust that next year we shall see such a competition.

The final scores were:—

Millgrove, 6 goals 10 behinds—46 points.
Yarra Junction, 4 goals 11 behinds—35 points.

AMUSEMENTS

UGLY MAN CONTEST.

FINAL FLUTTER

—At the—

GRAND FOOTBALLERS' BAZAAR,
SHIRE HALL, YARRA JUNCTION,
SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th
AFTERNOON AND NIGHT.

FUN, FROLIC AND SPORT
—FAST AND FURIOUS.

Refreshments and Soft Drinks.

Tea after Football Match.

MUSIC—AND KOMIC STUNTS.

AFTERNOON—FREE TO ALL.

NIGHT—Adults 6d., Children Free.

Somebody has to win. 1923 Grand Final Result

And, If you think you have what it takes?

Next Event

Ride Into History.

A bicycle and walking tour between Warbuton
and Yarra junction

October or November

Date to be confirmed.

Crank Up 2024 **FEATURING** **WOODCHOP and CARSHOW**

April 6th and 7th

UPPER YARRA MUSEUM
OLD YARRA JUNCTION RAILWAY STATION



Engines of all sizes moving and stationary
Car Show - Woodchop Competition
Working draught horses
Community Stalls - Multi-prize Raffle
Food and Drink Stalls
View the Museum Collection and much more!

Crank Up Dates Have Been Set. 6 – 7th April 2024.

All enquiries to the event will be responded to.