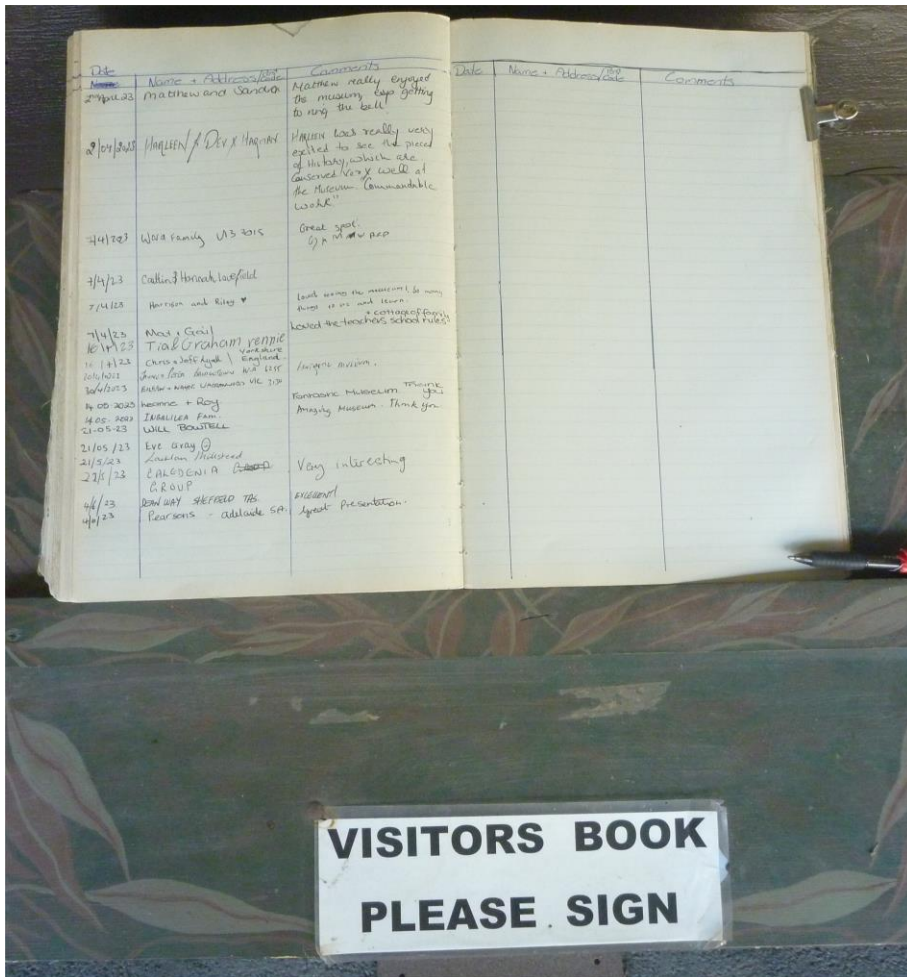




# UPPER YARRA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER—JUNE 2023



Come and See us.

## MUSEUM REPORT

### It is Mid - Year Already.

Time gets away and its now Winter. Since the new year there has been a reasonable bit of activity, but not always obvious.

The first few months were focused on the Crank Up with a mountain of paperwork to be done to satisfy the various authorities. The Crank Up was bigger than ever with a few new attractions, and the attendance figures reflected the fact that we all did something right.

Nothing further has been done with the laundry redevelopment, but it will be done eventually.

Our road signage for the Museum seems to be working with attendance figures consistently good. We have been getting 10 to 20 people each week which is the best start to a year for a long time.

While on the subject of attendance, the ticket and book sales are up with the introduction of a digital age card reader. This 'Square' product makes the transactions more accessible to many people who do not carry cash. The paperwork side of this is easier and accounting figures can be accessed much quicker. The only downfall of this new technology is with the 'oldys' who hesitate with the concept of cashless societies. (And a 'dodgy digit' doesn't help).

The maintenance crew are keeping the museum looking good every week, and a load of scoria was delivered (in the wet) to be spread around the farm ploughs and the water hut exhibits. The colour change highlights the exhibits and tidies up a messy weed infested area.

Recently we have had an electrician in to make alterations to the electricity supply to the blacksmith's shed. This upgrade is a necessity with the increased use of the area with classes and extra people working on a Sunday. New switch boards were also put in the cottage and the main front room.

The AGM was held in May with usual non-attendance of many people. However, several official apologies were accepted. The proceedings were dealt with regarding the previous twelve months, and all the positions declared vacant. Nominations for each position were asked for with each position having no challengers, and the result was a shuffle of the regulars into more suitable positions.

A big thanks to Rosemary Crowley for chairing the meeting.

**In-Coming representatives.**

President – Frank Colverson  
Vice President – Barry Teklenburg  
Secretary – Lee Pannett  
Treasurer – Kate Lamb

Committee Members – Ross Polkinghorne, Aven Stewart, Dale Schafer

At the regular monthly May meeting several issues from previous meetings were brought up regarding to jobs reported to the council that had not be followed through. These will once again be addressed and communication be made.

Looking ahead there is always plenty to do and when you wander about the rooms and yard it is a proud feeling that all the good work is appreciated by the visitors. Feedback is always positive and makes regular volunteering a pleasure.

# Pictorial



## Archive report June2023

Archiving of the new acquisitions is at a standstill until the cataloguing of the already listed items has been completely digitised.

I am still finding photographs that had been scanned, but not been given a reference number or a word description to make them searchable.

Each month the archives folders are updated with new and searchable items that have been previously unfindable. (So if you haven't been for a while you might be surprised at what can be found).

I still have over 2,000 more pages to go before starting on the un-numbered photographs and documents, so any help would be appreciated.

I do appreciate all the offers of help with the archiving, but as yet no help has materialised.

Ross Polkinghorne.

# It happened 100 years ago....1923

## POWELLTOWN.

The party of Powelltown bowlers who journeyed to Lilydale on Saturday last to try conclusions with the local team, returned home well satisfied with the result. As this was their first match, and several of their best players could not get away, the team was more than pleased with the fight they put up against such a strong team as Lilydale. They all speak enthusiastically of the treatment received, and are eagerly awaiting the chance to return the hospitality when the Lilydale bowlers visit Powelltown.

The members of the Powelltown tennis club have done splendid work in forming their new court. Several working bees have been held, and the ground will soon be ready for practice. It is rumored that a team of tennis players is to accompany the bowlers from Lilydale. The visitors will certainly be assured of a hearty welcome.

## McMAHON'S CREEK.

Master D. Walker, son of Mr. D. Walker, McMahon's Creek, who has for some time been attending the Footscray Technical College, has passed in Grade I—electricity and magnetism—with credit.

Several big hauls of trout have been caught in the district. Some well-known fishermen, including Mr. Guy Madden (barrister) from the City, are visiting McMahon's Creek shortly, and intend trying to break the district's record for one day's trout fishing, held by R. Sparke, 54 and 63. These hauls were caught during the first and second weeks of March last.

The O'Shannassy storage dam, which is about thirty minutes' walk from McMahon's Creek, when completed will a large area with water, and will be surrounded with beautiful scenery.

## SHIRE OF UPPER YARRA.

TENDERS are invited, and will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on TUESDAY, the 5th JUNE, 1923, for the purchase of the following:—

1. The Shire Hall building and allotment on which it is erected, and situate at Yarra Junction (not including stables and feed house).
2. The Stables and Feed House, on the same allotment.

A preliminary deposit of £10 must accompany each tender.

No tender necessarily accepted.

F. B. WOMERSLEY,

Shire Secretary.

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