

MUSEUM REPORT

Welcome To Another Year.

It is March already and nearly Crank-Up time.

The previous few months have been focused on the Crank Up with a lot of organizing to do. The Committee has decided it is time to gradually rebrand towards a Heritage and Community Festival, with the aim of inspiring more local participation. The engine Crank-Up is still the major theme but the younger generations have no idea of what it means. Hopefully some old time craftsmen come on board to show their trades and expand on our ideas.

Other activity around the museum has seen some gardening done by the Thursday Crew and Dave is keeping the lawns in tip-top shape. Every week we get comments and praise, by the visitors, about how good the place looks, and that the volunteers are doing such an outstanding job. The Museum Committee also thank them for their efforts.

Apart from the gardening, not much else has occurred. There is some signage going to be made and installed for the outside exhibits. This job is in progress. The Laundry rebuild is on hold until we can find a suitable 'bricky' to reinstate the chimney.

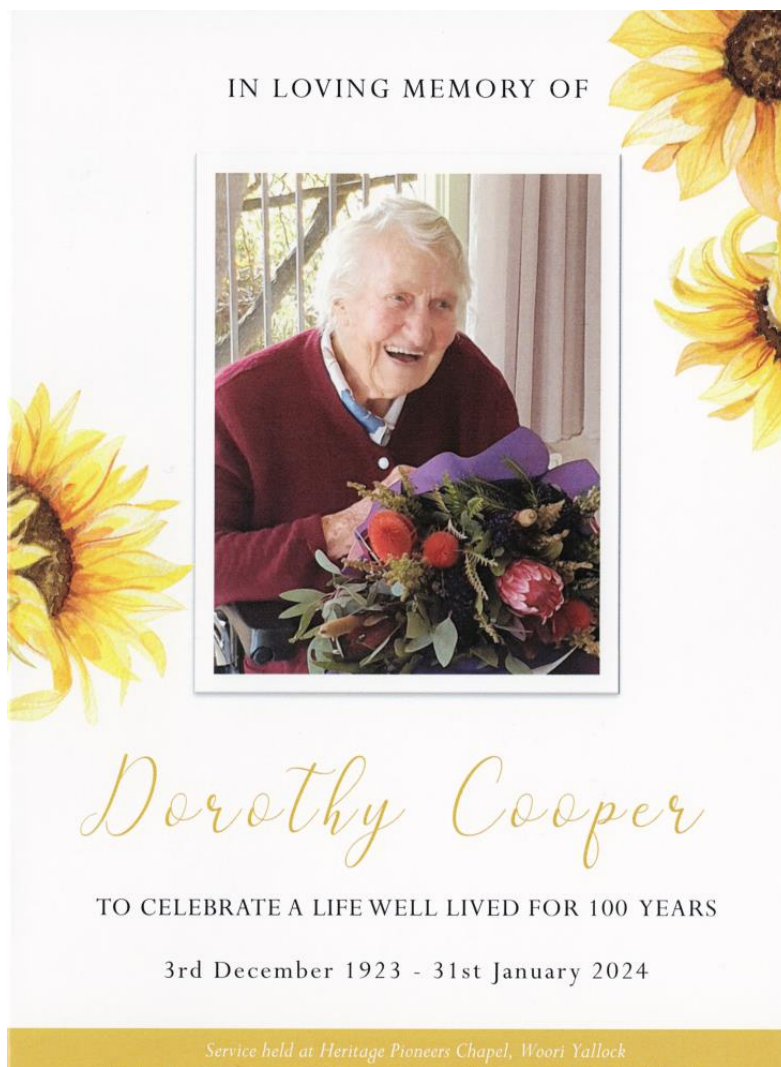
Donations keep arriving from time to time to grow our collection. This is processed by the Archive team, and the recent interest by John has improved the process. Thank you John.

The attendance of visitors leading up to the holidays, and over the holidays, has been encouraging, which means that our road signage and facebook page is making a difference.

Plenty of behind the scenes activity is still happening, so if you have a little spare time, and would like to be a part of our future progress, come and have a chat with our volunteers.

Dorothy Cooper

It is with great sadness that we must inform you all that Dorothy Cooper has passed away peacefully at the age of 100. Mrs Cooper and her late husband Stan, were instrumental in the formation of the Historical Society and Museum. Mrs Dorothy Cooper was our oldest and longest serving member, and also a Life Member, with her passing we see the end of a connection with the formative years of our Society.



Pictorial

Doing the front Garden



What? No Trawalla Jack.



"I think it was buried here somewhere"

CRANK-UP and WOODCHOP

6th AND 7th APRIL 2024

Invitations are being sent out to Stall and Display holders so if you know of an interested group let us know.

WE NEED HELP ON THE DAY

We need the following volunteers:

- From January to March, working with others, to approach businesses in the Upper Yarra Valley for support and raffle donations.
- To circulate through the museum buildings to provide low level supervision for our displays.
- To be part of a team to collect admission fees on the 2 days.

Please contact [Lee # 0448 706 714](#) or [Kate # 0412 853 904](#) to offer your help.

Archive Report March 2024

Archiving of the new acquisitions is progressing very well. John has offered his time to assist and is apparently enjoying the experience.

A lot of new and interesting items are turning up relevant to the district and interesting stories to go with them.

We found that over 100 negatives from the 1988 centenary book had never been scanned, and found some interesting pictures amongst them. Some never seen before views of bridges and buildings amongst them.

Each month we are updating the archives folders 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).

With still over 2,000 more pages of catalogue worksheets to process to go before starting on the un-numbered photographs and documents, so any help would be appreciated.

Ross Polkinghorne.



Just two of the photos discovered unscanned.
A Gentleman relaxing on the front verandah of McVeigh's Hotel, pre 1936.
An Interior photo of the McVeigh's Hallway.

It happened 100 years ago....1924

WARBURTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

APPLICATIONS are invited, addressed to the President, Mr. Story, from persons willing to act as caretaker of the Warburton Mechanics' Institute, at a salary of £1/3/- per week; or from persons willing to act as Caretaker and Librarian combined, at £1/13/- per week.

Applications close 5 p.m., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th.

By order of the committee,
J. W. NUTLEY, Sec.

Lilydale Express

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1924

YARRA JUNCTION.

(By "Berri.")

STILL DRY!

In spite of the abnormal amount of rain which has fallen this season, Yarra Junction is now a "dry area." Mrs. J. Paul surrendered her wine licence, which has been held for 28 years with an absolutely clean record. During that period the house has been well and strictly conducted, and objectionable features have been conspicuous by their absence. Mr. Paul was one of the first to take up land here, and has always held an unbounded faith in the business prospects and future of the district, and has kept a tight hold on his properties, which he could often have sold at a high profit. In his application for a full victuallers' licence he produced plans of a proposed fine modern hotel with every convenience. The building would have been a big asset to the town, and a sure attraction for tourists, who help greatly to increase the revenue of any place they favor. Unfortunately the proposed hotel was to be built too close to a church, according to the present act, so the court had no option but to refuse the application. The case put up in favor of Mr. Paul's application was a strong and representative one, and reflected credit on those who put it forward; and it seemed unfortunate that the case was lost on a technical point in the act. However, Mr. Paul still hopes to be successful at a later date.

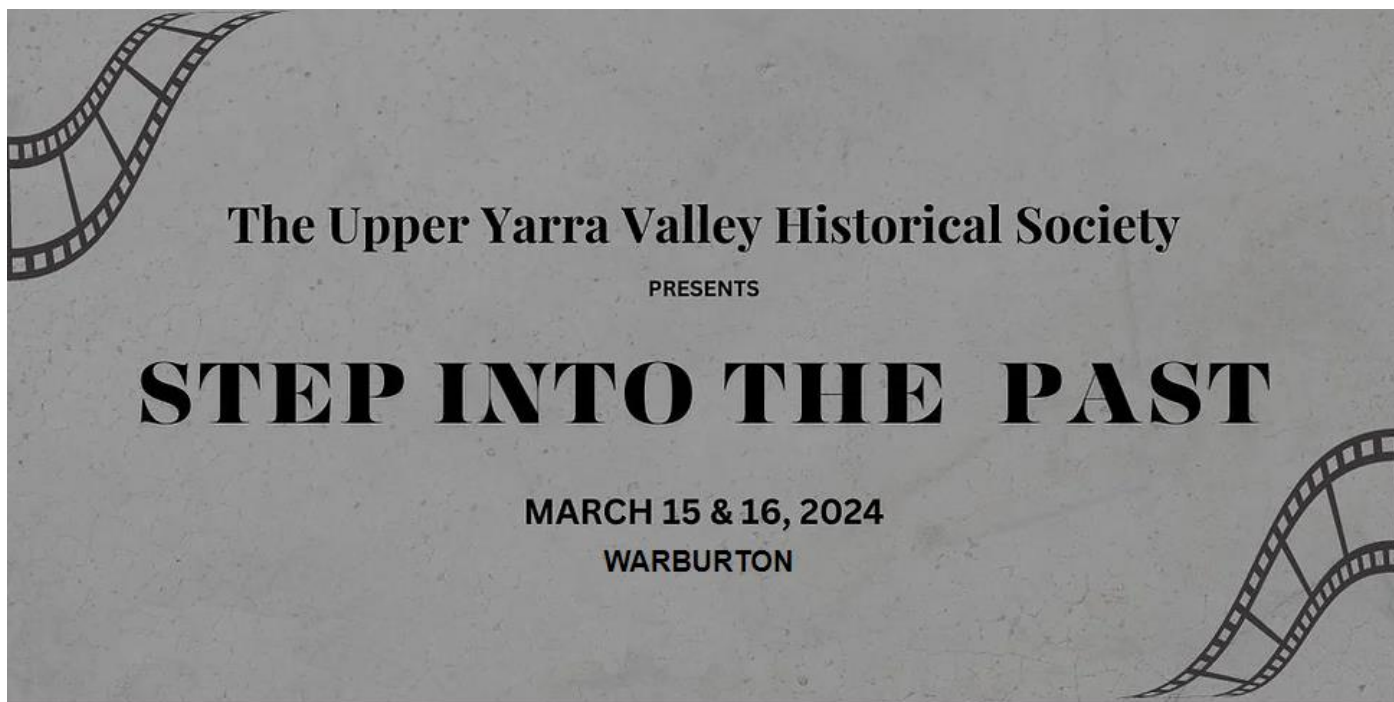
SHIRE OF UPPER YARRA.

APPLICATIONS are invited and will be received up to 12 o'clock Noon on MONDAY, the 7th APRIL, 1924, for the position of Lamplighter at Yarra Junction, at a remuneration at the rate of £20 per annum.

F. B. WOMERSLEY,
Shire Secretary.

NEW COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

A start has been made on the foundations of the new municipal offices and council chambers, to be erected in the main street. We understand that the building is to be of brick, with tile roof, and will be in every way worthy of the shire. We have not yet learned whether the steps are to be of marble, or just plain brick; but the ratepayers can rest assured that their representatives in the council will see that the work is carried out in a satisfactory manner.



Join us on a short wander in Warburton & experience snippets of our local Upper Yarra Valley settlement history come to life through vignettes performed by [Mad Hatter Theatrics](#) and projections of historical images by [Little Projector Company](#).

We start the evening with a performance up on the Rail Trail behind the Waterwheel and then continue by foot to the Peace Garden behind the Warburton RSL. Our evening finishes at St. Mary's Hall with hot drinks and some live music.

WHEN: March 15 (Friday) & March 16 (Saturday), 2024 (same program on both nights)

TIME: Meet at 7.20pm for 7.40pm start

MEETING POINT: On the Rail Trail behind the Warburton Waterwheel Information Centre, near Cog Bike Cafe, in Warburton

FINISH: At St. Mary's Hall around 10pm

WALKING DISTANCE: About 1.3 kms - along a footpath and the River Walk (accessible)

TICKETS: \$5 adults, \$2 kids (aged 4-14 years old).

There is a limited number of tickets for sale for both evenings so get in early!

ENQUIRIES: Please, contact our event coordinator Leila Hay, mobile 0407 875 404.

We thank Yarra Ranges Council, Warburton Advancement League and Warburton RSL for supporting our event!