



Leongatha & District HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Latest news

A centenary plaque

The centenary plaque on the front wall of the Mechanics' Institute Leongatha was unveiled by Jim Fawcett representing the South Gippsland Shire last November.



The Centenary Plaque

Jim Fawcett unveils the plaque

• **Christmas/end of year celebration.**

Members and friends celebrated a successful 2012 with a pleasant lunch held at the home of Pat and Jim Spinks. Thank you Pat and Jim for providing such a wonderful venue for us.

The Year of the Pioneer Settlers

The Hogan family reunion. From Wes Hogan

The Hogans are holding a reunion on March 10th at the Mt Eccles Hall. Below is some family history of the Hogans.

Arthur Butler Hogan, (1854 – 1919), was born in Templemore Ireland about 1854 to Philip Hogan, (1827 – 1875) and Charlotte Hogan nee Moore, (1832 – 1866).

Arthur aged 10 years, his parents and four brothers, Francis James Moore (Frank) 1852 - 1932, Edward Butler (1858 – 1928), Philip Butler (1860 – 1891), Moore (1862 – 1867) all arrived in Melbourne on October 6th 1864 aboard the ship *Marco Polo*, all brothers were born in Ireland, including a fifth brother George who died in Ireland aged 2 years (1856 – 1858)

Arthur Butler married Agnes Barr Connell on April 10th 1879 at Station Street North Carlton. They lived at *Rose Cottage* 630 Station Street North Carlton (still Standing), and they had four sons and two daughters,

Arthur Moore (1880 – 1918), married 1908 to Grace Maher (1874 – 1966).

Charles Butler (1881 – 1902)

Henry William (1886 – 1958) married 1907 to Flora Buchanan (1884 – 1972).

Leslie Robert (1889 – 1955) married Annie Munro (1889 -1963).

Alice Agnes Margaret (1891 – 1969) married 1911 to John Forest Allison 1891.

Letitia Ruby 1895, married 1924 to Richard Hanks

Keith 1895 - 1988.

Around the turn of the century Arthur was employed to carve the Tasmanian Blackwood walls, doors and fittings in the Council Chambers of the Melbourne Town Hall, a feat which took two and half years to complete. (see below)



In 1903 Arthur was presented a Mark of Esteem from the North Carlton Presbyterian Church and Sunday School in the form of a Gold Fob Locket inlaid with a diamond. See above)

Arthur, Agnes and two of their sons, Arthur Moore and Leslie Robert, later took up land at Mt.Eccles and became farmers, at or by the intersection of The Grand Ridge Road and Canavans Road which became known as "*Hogan's Corner.*"

In November 1918 Arthur was diagnosed as having carcinoma of the lung and stomach, on February 5th 1919 Arthur died after a fall from a horse while riding home from town to advise his family that his

son Arthur Moore had died in France during the Battle of Hamel near Villers-Bretonneux, while serving with the 21st. Battalion. Prior to his death Arthur Butler Hogan had made a number of Honour Boards for local schools and halls.

Arthur is buried at the Melbourne General Cemetery. (see below)

Henry William (1886 – 1958) was a Bookbinder in Melbourne but "humped his bluey" to Nyora where he met and married Flora Buchanan in July 1907. They had five children,

Charles Butler (1908 – 1976) married 1932 to Gertrude May Goad (1905 – 1991).

Jessie Davis (1910- 1996).

Flora Murchison (1911 – 2012).

William Henry 1914 married Myra Florence Kurrle (1919 – 1997).

Leslie Robert (1916 – 1990) married Irene Kevil Satchell.

They too moved to Mt.Eccles for a short time then on to Kongwak where Henry worked at the Butter factory.

In 1914 the family moved to Korumburra where Henry became Sub-manager of the Butter factory



The grave of Arthur Butler Hogan in Melbourne General Cemetery

Citizen of the Year



Margaret Stokes

Our Margaret Stokes was nominated to be a citizen of the year for 2012. At the presentation on Wednesday January 23rd Margaret was given a certificate along with the other nominees. On Australia Day she was named as the joint Leongatha Citizen of the Year with Trevor White. Margaret has been a member of the Leongatha Historical Society for 40 years, for 22 of these she was either the Treasurer or the Secretary. She has curated several exhibitions and carried out valuable research on South Gippsland history. Margaret has also been a committed member and office bearer of the Leongatha Horticultural Society and a dedicated member of the Anglican Parish of Leongatha. Congratulations Margaret.

Coach Tours

Leongatha Historical Society Tour to Yarram Sunday March 24th

We plan to visit the Yarram Historical Society to visit their new home and look at some historic buildings in the town. The cost will be approximately \$30 but this is based on the coach costs and numbers. Please book in for the trip as soon as possible



South Gippsland Historical Network Tour to Port Albert. On Monday April 29 The South Gippsland Historical Network will be conducting a tour to Port Albert and surrounds. The tour will include the Maritime Museum and other historic sites. Members of local Historical Societies are welcome to join the tour. The cost will be approximately \$30 depending on numbers. Please contact Lyn on 56686304 if you wish to join this tour. Further information will be distributed to interested members when numbers are known.

Railway Tour



SOUTH GIPPSLAND RAILWAY HERITAGE

Presented by South Gippsland Tourist Railway
 The South Gippsland Tourist Railway will be running two special heritage trains, with Victorian Railways vestibule carriages, from Korumburra to Leongatha. At Korumburra, passengers can visit the heritage listed station building and enjoy a tea or coffee in the Refreshment Room. Historic notes about the stations and the line will be available on the day. At Leongatha Station, representatives of the Leongatha Historical Society will conduct a walk of historic town buildings that are all within easy walking distance of the station. Train travel is a return service from Korumburra and the above is included in the cost.

Korumburra Railway Station, Station Street, Korumburra
 Sunday 28 April 2013 & Sunday 12 May 2013
 Trains depart Korumburra 11.00 am & 1.15 pm
 Adult \$30, Concession \$24
 Bookings: 5658 1111 or admin@sgr.org.au
 www.sgr.org.au



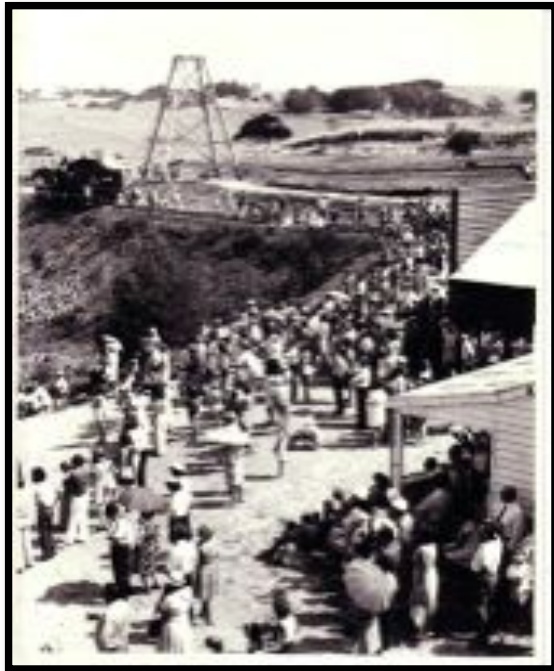
Part of the
National Trust Heritage Festival
 18 April - 19 May 2013



On April 28th and May 12th a special rail tour will be conducted. Those taking part will travel by train from Korumburra, join our Society members on an historic walk around the main streets of Leongatha and return to Korumburra by train. Information on booking is contained above. Cost adult \$30, concession \$24, booking 56581111.



Coal Creek Proprietary Co. Mine



Coal Creek Open Day 1974

COAL CREEK

A QUESTION OF HONOUR

Korumburra Voices, Coal Creek Legacy

An oral history production exploring Korumburra's past and its meaning for our own times.

Presented at the Court House in Coal Creek

Friday 22 March 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Saturday 23 March 2.00 – 4.00

Sunday 24 March 10.30 – 12.30 & 2.00 – 4.00

Tickets \$15.00 per person
available from Coal Creek front desk
or purchase over the phone
03 5655 1811

Light refreshments included
Book early as places are limited
Walking required between sites

For more information please visit
www.coalcreekvillage.com.au

This production, researched and written by a local author, recreates stories from the early days of the town until today, through people's own reminiscences, projected images from original photographs, and songs specially written about Coal Creek.

During a walk around Coal Creek's historic precinct, the audience will hear stories in the heritage - listed Court House of the 1903 miners' strike; a rousing speech by Australia's first radical feminist in the Mechanics Institute; miners' own stories at the coal mine entrance; and learn of the chequered history of Coal Creek itself and the passion of some of its key players.

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum
South Gippsland Highway Korumburra
03 5655 1811 www.coalcreekvillage.com

Wanted! fruit to make jam. Our jam makers are a bit frustrated, as they do not have enough fruit to keep our jam supplies up. If you can help please contact us on 56686304 or 56622492 (Thursday and Friday pm)

Program for 2013.

February

February 6th committee meeting
February 13th Monthly meeting speaker meeting Robert Sage
February 24th Music for the People Mossvale Park bookstall.

March

March 13th General meeting
March 24th bus tour to Yarram Historical Society

April

April 10th Committee Meeting
April 24th join us for dinner at the RSL and then enjoy a talk by Richard Lester Vietnam veteran
April 28th Tourist Railway walking tour

May

May 8th General meeting
May 12th Tourist Railway walking tour

June

June 5th Committee Meeting
June 6th opening of Vic Roads exhibition
June 12th Speaker meeting guests regarding roads in the district over time

July

Vic roads continues until July 27th
July 10th general meeting
Shingler Lecture to be arranged

August

August 14th Annual meeting with speaker
August 7th committee meeting
August exhibition on pioneers and local roads and bridges

September

September 11th general meeting

October

Bus tour
October 9th speaker meeting

November

November 13th general meeting

December

December 11th committee meeting

