

Things have not changed that much really have they since the time of our last newsletter. This edition will see us through for another month; let's see what the situation is then. In the normal course of events we would be holding an annual meeting in November, but it is possible to delay the meeting, and it seems that this might be our way forward.

Have we any members who are recording their experiences of life during the Covid-19 Pandemic? We are making history right now, well all of the time really. Even things like photos to record the way we are to social distance in a shop, signs on doors indicating how many people may be in the premises, all of us in our face masks. There is a project, should you want one. And it won't matter if more than one of us works on this will it?

Bob Newton continues with his work on identifying blacksmiths across the state, and recently news of his work made its way to the Weekly Times. Bob in turn was contacted by a lady from Pyramid Hill whose father was born at Jumbunna, and so quite a conversation was had.

There has been communication from a lady at Leongatha who was enquiring on behalf of a neighbour about **J.C. Andrews & Sons**, cordial makers in Korumburra. Her neighbour had bought a bottle that was from the time that this business was in operation c. 1890s. There was a second bottle also of interest, that of F.A.W. & C. Co., apparently this concerned the Foster Aerated Water and Cordial Company. Both bottles had been found in the ocean off South Gippsland. We were able to find quite a bit to help with this, thank you to Tony Ware, in Western Australia.

There was an enquiry about **Frederick William Henry Schulz** who had been a newsagent in Korumburra. This business was operating from about 1928, and was run by a father and son combination, Schulz & Son. Mr. Schulz Snr. died in 1931 from which time his son operated the business. Frederick Jnr. enlisted to serve in WW2, the enlistment taking place at Lae, New Guinea. Doug Boston says that the business was in the vicinity of the present Commercial Street pharmacy. Thank you again to Tony Ware for his research.

A third enquiry has come from a man seeking information about the Rudd family, specifically, **Jane Rudd** born in 1882 who married James Kelly. There were three children of the family, Arthur James Kelly b. 1900, Joseph Arnold b. 1902, and Ivy May (Judy) Kelly. Judy was the only one of the family born at Korumburra.

There have been two more enquiries that our members may be able to help with. The first concerns the buildings at **3 and 5 King Street**. There is considerable interest in having this/these buildings retained, and rightly so, we are all for this. The buildings were constructed by Elijah Alp, and the

Alp family lived in one premises for some time; the other was the home of the O'Neill family. Is it possible for us to put pressure anywhere where it would be felt, in the quest to have the buildings saved? Judy Ife is interested in putting together information as to the history of the buildings, which we would surely welcome, as this could then become the centre piece of action to protect the building, if indeed this is possible. One of our enquirers has provided considerable information, and there must surely be more in our records. So, this is one of the projects we can get to work on.

On another matter, there has been a request from Andrew Orr at Trikset Heritage, who has been engaged to carry out an historical archaeological survey of the **Great Southern Rail Trail Extension project**.

Andrew asks whether we might have any historical information in relation to the rail alignment between Nyora and Leongatha. He is interested in any areas of historical archaeological potential within, or bordering, the rail reserve.

- Archeological sites associated with the Great Southern Railway and its stations could include station masters' houses, commercial structures, storage sheds, sidings and tramway/light rail links.
- Sites associated with the black coal mining industrial heritage could include the remains of miners' cottages, processing equipment and plants.
- Early homesteads in extant or ruined form may still exist in the vicinity of what was the earliest rail access into South Gippsland.

Lyn Skillern of Leongatha Hist. Soc. is on board with this, as is John Hyett, who lived at Bena for a time and is himself an archeologist. Lyn has in mind drawing up a scale map of the line so that we pinpoint the location of interesting/important places/items. Bob Newton is keen to see a culvert under South Railway Crescent mentioned. There are numerous culverts, and they are absolute works of art. There are many homes close to the line that are long gone, but we can record these, quite a few are known around Bena for instance; there must be many more in Korumburra. When we think of the places along the line, i.e. Ruby, Kardella, Korumburra, Whitelaw, Bena, Jeetho, Loch and Nyora, there will be many sites that need marking on Lyn's map. Please let Janet know if you can identify any places, and she will work with Lyn and John to complete this study.

So we are needing some help please in several areas.

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