

Korumburra Historical Society – Summer Flyer

Hopefully we are back on the rails, even if we are meeting at the Meeting Room adjacent the library.

Our big news is that the plaques we have been working on are now attached to eight of the town's buildings. You will find plaques at the Austral and Middle Hotels, Alex Scott (and former site of cenotaph), Bostons, Rick's Barber Shop, The Hardware shop, the Sutcliffe building, and the photo shop (formerly Wrenches). A huge thankyou for all of the work that they have done to advance this project goes to Bob Parry and David Enbom. Of course our members have been the real drivers of the project, so many thanks to all who have helped with this. A great result, thankyou all.

We've got such a rich history, and looking back we see that 130 years ago, not that long ago when you think of the history or many places, this town was a bustling, vibrant, developing place. The railway line was completed in this year, the Mechanics' Hall had its beginnings, as too did schooling. The Jeetho hall which was to become the Shire Hall was constructed; the very first meeting of the then Poowong and Jeetho Shire was held in the Bena Hotel. The business at this meeting was to decide on the date for the first business meeting which was held at the Athenaeum at Poowong. Mr. Radovick threw a grand banquet to celebrate the opening of the railway line. There was even a train to the Melbourne Cup! All of this while a wide range of business people were establishing themselves, in this new town which was being carved out of the great southern forest. Exciting times indeed.

We are looking for new members to join our society, and we are excited at the prospect of moving into the new Hub building. Our next meeting will be at the Meeting Room adjacent the library on 2nd. December at 7.00 p.m. Please come along and join us.

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