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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Fifteen members attended the AGM held at the branch library 117 Gilbert St, Latrobe on April 30. This number was disappointing given the branch has almost 150 registered members. Sue-Ellen McCreghan was re-elected president unopposed, with Pam Bartlett filling the vice-president's position. Helen Anderson was appointed treasurer. As there was no nomination for secretary Helen is temporarily undertaking these duties also. However, she is already fully committed to other roles within the branch and cannot continue permanently in this capacity. If you are interested in filling the secretary's position please contact President Sue-Ellen McCreghan.

Officers elected:

President: Sue-Ellen McCreghan

Vice-President: Pam Bartlett

Secretary:

Treasurer: Helen Anderson

State delegates: Jim Rouse, Helen Anderson

Committee: Rosie Marshall, Glenice Brauman, Marilyn Oakley, Dale Smith,

Anne Kiely, Ros Coss, June Stones

Library co-ordinator: Glenice Brauman

Assistant library co-ordinator: Rosie Marshall

Membership officer: Sue-Ellen McCreghan

Research officer: Ros Coss

Website administrator: Kerrie Blythe

Publications sales co-ordinator: Anne Kiely

Technology co-ordinator: Jim Rouse

Projects and Publications co-ordinator: Hedley Chamberlain

Newsletter editor: June Stones/Faye Gardam

Maintenance co-ordinator: Russell Coss

Journal liaison officer: Sue-Ellen McCreghan

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June 25: Daytime meeting at the library. Soup and sandwich lunch: Cost: \$5 Commencing at 11 a.m.

July 12: Library open day in conjunction with Latrobe Chocolate Winter Fest.

July 30: Christmas in July:
Where: Lucas Hotel, Latrobe.
Time: 6.30 p.m.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Congratulations to Gloria Bowden winner of the raffle (a "brag" bag donated by Sue-Ellen McCreghan) held at the recent annual meeting.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE PROJECTS

The committee has decided all future publications will be available electronically in addition to the usual printed format. This will involve the Internet and CD production, each offering the opportunity to provide information to a much wider audience. The committee is currently preparing standard publication processes and presentation to recognise the new media. It is also an appropriate time to look at the way hard copy documents are prepared so all output from this branch will be consistent. The review will also consider how dependence on volunteers can be minimised. One obvious area, economics permitting, is to out source the printing and binding of books.

The review is not expected to take long and will not affect our next production. There are several projects at various stages of preparedness that must be finalised before initiating the next major project which will be the Latrobe Cemetery transcriptions and photographs. The first will be the headstone transcriptions and photographs for the Kindred and Sprent cemeteries. It is intended to add a little information of historical interest to make the publication more user friendly. It will be interesting to see how successful we are in this new venture; wish us well, and please make whatever contribution you are able.

Hedley Chamberlain (co-ordinator)

RESEARCH QUERIES

Requests for information on the people listed below have been received by research officer Ros Coss in recent weeks. If you can help please contact Ros at the library. Ph. 6426 2257.

ALLEN, William – arrival in, and departure from, Tasmania. C.1819

APPLEBY, Kenneth James - baptism Latrobe area 1916

BURGESS, William and Henry, Sulphur Creek. Are they related?

CLARK/E – seeking death date of Joanna Clarke (nee MAHONEY)

DENNEY Thomas – died 1894

MULLIGAN, George – lived in the Forth area

An inquiry has also been received from a South Australian researcher seeking a copy of the book *IXL (The Story of Henry Jones)*, written by Bruce Brown. This book tells the history of the now defunct Hobart jam factory.

LIBRARY ACQUISITION

PRINCESS ROYAL GIRLS – Author: Thelma McKay

This is the story of the first free female immigration ship to Van Diemen's Land in 1832.

BUS TRIPS

During the past year bus trips were organized to the Low Head Pilot Station and Light House at Georgetown and Woolmer's Rose Garden, Longford. These trips are always enjoyable occasions and it is hoped to arrange visits to other attractions again this year. Please contact the committee if you have any suggestions on venues.

LIBRARY HOURS

The branch library, located in the old police residence 117 Gilbert St, Latrobe (behind the State Library), is open on Tuesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come along and make use of the comprehensive research material available. A new microfilm reader has recently been installed, making research of the numerous films much easier.

Some books and a variety of journals are also available for loan to financial members.

FUNDRAISING

The committee would welcome member's fundraising ideas.

In past years the branch has organized a number of "sausage sizzles" at a Devonport shopping complex.

As these functions have been discontinued we are looking for other options.