

Nibbles: Welcome to 2025. The committees of the Angelsea & District Historical Society and The Surf Coast Family History Group wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead. In this issue of Nibbles our blast from the past is an article on the Wensleydale line from the May 2004 Coastal Current (#66) by Lindsay Braden. But first of all, because we are an historical society, listed below are a few events that were considered significant 100 years ago. If they mean anything to you then you're at least my age (Editor).

A few events from 1925:

1. New York becomes the most populous city in the world, surpassing London. (1925: 11,186,000 2025: 19,154,000)
 By comparison: Australia 1924 - 5,811,145. 2024 - 27,204,809
2. Louis Armstrong ("Satchmo") and Duke Ellington make their first recordings
4. Stanley Bruce is the Prime Minister of Australia, and John Allan the Premier of Victoria.
5. George V is the monarch of Great Britain and the British Empire.
6. Hawthorn, Footscray & North Melbourne enter the VFL and Geelong wins the 1925 premiership.
7. Windbag wins the Melbourne Cup. (Who? I hear you ask.)
8. Shirley Strickland, Ruth Cracknell and Don Chipp are born. (Surely you remember them?)
9. Cactoblastis is introduced into Australia to control the environmental pest Prickly Pear. (What's that?)
10. Australian James Anderson wins the Australasian Men's Singles championship title. (Admit it. You've never heard of him.)

A joke from 1925 (which just goes to show that humour is timeless). You may need to look up what a porter was.

Porter: Have you got a ticket for that boy madam?

Lady: Certainly not!

Porter: Well, he's too old to travel free. He occupies a whole seat and the carriage is crowded.

Lady: I can't help that.

Porter: Madam, I have no time to argue. You must pay for him.

Lady: I shall do nothing of the sort!

Porter: Then I shall put him off at the next station. How old is he?

Lady: I have no idea. I've never seen him before.

Christmas 2024 hamper raffle prize winners

Thanks to those members who contributed to the hampers, those who sold and bought tickets, and those who packed the hampers. The raffle was a great success, making a profit of \$1608.12 which was \$100 more than our target. Well done!



First prize - Jude Laird




Second prize - Robert Butler

What's coming up:

Anglesea & District Historical Society
Meeting 2.00pm Sunday 2 February
@ ANGLESEA HOTEL

SPEAKER: John Somerset
Local author of historical fiction

Members & visitors welcome



John will talk about his approach to researching and writing

Entrance: Gold coin donation
Free cuppa afterwards

ANGLESEA & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY & SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP
Tuesday 11 March 2025
TOUR OF Anglesea Places




Bus tour to and visit Water Treatment Works, RSL, Fire Station, Lions Village, Ambulance Station
Picnic Lunch Coogoorah Park for 40th anniversary.



Leaves History House 10.00am sharp
Cost \$30 includes lunch
Members \$25
Booking essential
0448 526 311



A four penny (4^D) Australian postage stamp from 1925 featuring the head of King George V



Blast from the past:
Coastal Current No.66 May 2004
by Lindsay Braden

We need your help

Volunteers Needed



Maintaining and developing an organisation like an historical society takes a lot of human effort, and it's all made possible by volunteer helpers. If you have a spare hour or two each week you might be able to assist us by doing a bit of gardening, or undertaking some typing or simple database work, or keeping the lending library in order, or even helping us run some of our interactive programs. If you are interested, contact our Secretary Susan Clarke on 0438 070 560 or our President Jan Morris on 0448 526 311.

Steam train to Wensleydale

For many years steam trains ran between Moriac and Wensleydale (now Sea Mist Stud).

Operational costs were high. Road transport proved easier and cheaper. The remote line closed in 1948.



The track opened in 1890. During its lifetime income derived from the remote route was meagre, and working costs high. Passenger interest was almost nil. Mail was carried for a short time to the Aireys Post Office ►

Gravel was carted from Gherang, timber and coal were loaded at Wensleydale. *The non achieving way was closed in 1948 – and dismantled in 1953.*
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DATES FOR YOUR 2025 DIARY

JANUARY

Sunday 19: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Every Friday: Museum open, 4.30pm – 8.00pm

FEBRUARY

Sunday 2: ADHS meeting @ Anglesea Hotel. Speaker – John Somerset: researching and writing historical fiction

Friday 7: Museum open, 4.30pm – 8.00pm

Sunday 9: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 13: SCFHG meeting @ History House. Speaker – Jim Maffett: Tales from his family history

Friday 21: Museum open, 4.30pm – 8.00pm

MARCH

Friday 7: Museum open, 4.30pm – 8.00pm

Sunday 9: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tuesday 11: ADHS/SCFHG Tour of Anglesea places

Friday 21: Museum open, 4.30pm – 8.00pm

APRIL

Sunday 6: ADHS meeting @ Anglesea Hotel. Topic – History of the Anglesea Hotel

Thursday 10: SCFHG meeting @ History House. [Speaker tba]

Sunday 13: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

MAY

Thursday 8: SCFHG meeting @ History House. Session on in-house resources

Sunday 11: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Wednesday 14: ADHS outing [destination tba]

JUNE

Sunday 1: ADHS meeting @ History House. [Speaker tba]

Sunday 8: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 12: SCFHG meeting @ History House. [Speaker tba]

JULY

Thursday 3: ADHS/SCFHG Mid-winter lunch @ Anglesea Hotel. Speaker – John Stewart: Story of the Geelong flour mills

Sunday 13: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

AUGUST

Sunday 3: ADHS meeting @ History House. Members' stories

Sunday 10: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 14: SCFHG meeting @ History House. [Speaker tba]

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 3: ADHS Tour of Buninyong & history of gold mining

Thursday 11: SCFHG meeting @ History House. [Speaker tba]

Sunday 14: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Sunday 28: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

OCTOBER

Sunday 5: ADHS AGM @ History House

Thursday 9: SCFHG AGM @ History House. Members' stories

Sunday 12: ADHS meeting @ Anglesea Hotel. [Speaker tba]

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2: ADHS outing on Swan Bay Express [tbc]

Sunday 9: Museum open, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Thursday 13: SCFHG meeting @ History House. [Speaker tba]

DECEMBER


Sunday 7: ADHS Xmas break-up

Thursday 11: SCFHG Xmas break-up

More "What's coming up."

SURF COAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP
First meeting for 2025
Thursday 13 February
@ History House

Entrance 4, McMillan Street
Starts 10.00am




SPEAKER:
Jim Maffett

TOPIC:
Tales from his
family History

ENTRANCE: free

MORNING TEA: included

Members & visitors welcome



No meetings are held on days declared catastrophic fire danger.