

the Black Sheep



An O. Gilpin Girl Remembers

Betsy Hanson recalls her days
at O. Gilpin of Bairnsdale



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Cover: Arriving in style at the Riversleigh is Ann Burrows, Head Librarian of the Helen Macpherson Centre of the State Library of Victoria on a recent visit to Bairnsdale. The opportunity for her to be chauffeured by Neil Cox in his 1922 Nash was too much for her to resist.

Above: Activities at the Ensay State School, see *Catching a ride to school in the 1930s* on page 5.

bethink

Well if you have been actively involved in either of the groups in the past few months—you have had a very busy time.

You have been at the PROV two day workshop at Bairnsdale and Lakes Entrance learning about the Public Record Office, record management and the digitisation of photographs and records. You have also seen all the Historical Societies (HS) and Family History Groups (FHG) in our region presented with their Certificate of Appointment as PODS (Places of Deposit) for records.

And of course you went to the Annual General Meeting of the FHG or the HS (or both) and saw the same usual faces (and a few fresh ones) hold up their hands to ensure the continued futures of the groups. And you have helped sell tickets for the FHG and you checked out the display at the Library during the fortnight it was there. (If you missed that display you have a second chance when the FHG will have the display at the East Gippsland Shire foyer cabinet next month).

You have also been to the museum and seen the whimsical new **“Tantalising and Torturous” exhibition of women’s underwear** and unmentionables; been on a joint car club excursion out to Delvine Cemetery and beyond; **visited the “occasional” display of the “new” women’s petition** and you have purchased several copies of the 2009 calendar that has just been printed for Christmas gifts.

You were also at the Family History rooms when Anne Burrows, the head librarian of the Helen MacPherson Genealogical Centre of the State Library of Victoria, visited and gave an in depth outline of what is available

Topics such as the Eureka Stockade, Gallipoli campaign and more recent history of the Whitlam dismissal are to be included. Early Aboriginal, convict and white settler history will also be part of world history.



Both of the groups should be making the most of this. We have much to offer the schools in the way of assistance by having our resources available to students and as an excursion and research destination. In fact all historical societies and family history groups should be seizing the opportunity to open their doors to a previously hard to reach age group. As Robin Williams famously said **“Carpe diem”! Let’s seize the day** and make the

most of the additional exposure.

On a positive note. We are optimistic that the RSL will assist the Historical Society with manpower to get the newly restored Honour Roll back up on the wall before Remembrance Day on 11 November and that a suitable ceremony will also take place at that time.

And on a pessimistic note see page four.

I regret to say that this is the last *Black Sheep* for the year as I cannot see how we will get another out before Christmas given Leanne and my present commitments to **family and work**. So ... Merry Christmas everyone and we will have more *Black Sheep* for you in the new year.

Debbie

in person and online through the centre. You may have even seen a delighted Anne being chauffeured **away in Neil’s 1922 Nash to her accommodation.**

And thanks to the recent announcement by Prime Minister Rudd we should be having an even busier time in the future.

For a long time we have said that history, particularly Australian history, has been on the back burner in the education **system and that “kids” today have little or no understanding of their past.** Perhaps our PM has been reading Santayana? (See this **issue’s quote below.**)

There have been some small concessions to history with the limited development of family history in some curriculum but by all accounts much is to be added.

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

George Santayana
The Life of Reason, Vol. 1, 1905
US (Spanish born) philosopher (1863 - 1952)

Compulsory Reading

The East Gippsland Family History Group is moving we don't know where we don't know when and we certainly don't know how! but we are moving. This has come about due to the fact that the rooms have been for sale for two years and the East Gippsland Shire, who hold the umbrella lease for all the user groups that occupy the site, are not taking up their lease option at the end of April 2009. They have chosen not to do so because the present overseas owners (Sea Sun P/L) have shown no intention of maintaining the site to keep it to Australian standards. The council, understandably, is not prepared to meet its obligations with the building when the owners are not prepared to do the same and council has no ongoing commitment to the site.

This was the basis of a letter we received just before the PROV visit and since then, the FHG committee has met (twice) to formulate a plan (or start thereof), has met with Council officers and U3A. The conclusions we have come to are:

- At the meeting with Council officers they could give no firm commitment on the future level of financial support for the group. We need to seek a solid financial commitment from Council - be this in the form of land for us to build on or assistance with rent.
One councillor has already suggested we need to lobby, and lobby hard the individual councillors.
Who wants to stand for the elections in November?
- We have met with U3A about shared facilities in the short term and calculate **that over 500 "ratepayers" are directly affected by this situation.**
- We are also hoping to clarify the suggestion that was made some twelve months ago by Council of a new library complex with combined community facilities.
- Tony has been to see Craig Ingram and is investigating what can be done on a governmental level.
- We are actively promoting the group in the newspaper and drawing attention to our situation in conjunction with U3A.
- Tony and Cheryl both attended the recent Shire council meeting and registered our concerns and request for assistance.

All members are asked to consider what options you feel the group has. Do you know of an empty building that would be suitable. Do you use all of your home? Would you be prepared to lend funds to the group long term should building our own premises be our only option?

At this point we are considering ALL of our options and would value input from YOU.

So help us find a home—give this some serious and considered thought as to a solution to our problem. Please talk to any of the committee members with any ideas **that you may have no matter how silly you may think they are believe me we have probably thought of some sillier ones ourselves.**

Help us find a home.

Catching a ride to school in the 1930s

EGFHG member Gwen Murrell recalls her childhood morning routine to “catch a ride to school”.

Our school day would begin when we, my sister Joyce and I, climbed from a pleasantly warm bed, hastily dressed and headed outside to the saddle shed for the bridles, then to the horse paddock to catch our ponies, our transport to school.

A warm summer’s morning or inches of frost on the ground during winter, our morning’s exercise would begin around 7 am. The amount and time of that exercise would be determined by the mood of those ponies.

If they were feeling kind, they would be patiently waiting near the gate for us to place the bridle on their heads but, should they decide that some exercise would be more fun, the fun would begin as they turned at our

approach and galloped towards the other end of the paddock where they would patiently wait until we were nearly close enough to put out our hands, ready to place the bridle on their heads and then, away they would gallop back to the gate. This game of ‘catch me if you can’ would continue until the ponies tired of it or, we were quick enough to corner and catch them.

Once caught and bridled they would quietly let us lead them to the saddle shed, where they would be saddled and then tethered to a convenient post, food within reach, to wait until we were ready to set off to school after changing and eating our breakfast

Time of departure, around 8am would depend on whether it was necessary to catch the thrice weekly mail delivery and collection at “Numbie Mungie”. Mail days, we would always call at “Numbie Mungie” on our way home from school, in order to collect the family’s mail.

While riding, our dresses would be kept clean by the bib-and-brace overalls which would be removed once we reached school. An essential part of our school wardrobe was an oil-skin coat, similar to a modern Drizabone. If not being worn to protect us from a rainy morning, the coat was neatly rolled and tied to the saddle --- a warm and sultry summer’s morning could mean a thunder storm by afternoon.



Catching a ride to school in the 1930s and 1940s

1. Time for a drink 2. Gwen and Joyce Burden and Betty Nicholson (Hayward)
3. The girls tending the garden at Ensay school 4. The shelter shed at Ensay

An O. Gilpin Girl Remembers

EGFHG and EGHS member Leanne Dyson recently sat down with her Mum, Betsy Hanson, and talked to her about her days as an O. Gilpin girl in Bairnsdale.

When you look down the Main Street of Bairnsdale in the central business district there are still shreds of evidence of what it looked like back in the 1930s. The gardens, the rotunda and the facades of some of the buildings, although painted and festooned with modern trim, still echo scenes of the past. One building, the maroon of Collins Bookstore on the north side, has had a face lift, but high on the back brick wall facing Nicholson Street, fading evidence of its past can still be seen. It was one in a large chain of well known **department stores, 'O. Gilpin's'**. The store sold everything from haberdashery to crockery and cookware, to clothing, stationery, toiletries, the latest in headwear for men and women, rugs, furniture, stoves, scales, barrels, brooms, **children's toys and much more.**

My mother, Betsy Hanson (Youngson), worked at the Bairnsdale store during the late 1930s and early 1940s. As a young working girl, Betsy, wearing her uniform - a black slub linen dress with a little white false collar, her black stockings, black shoes and last but not least her neat little hat; would hop on her bicycle and cycle around from her home in Rupert Street, past the old saleyards into Service Street, across Main Street, (no traffic lights then, the State Bank and Darts store, were on the corners) around into Nicholson Street, up the lane between what is now Safeway and the bakery, into **the back of O. Gilpin's, now Collins Bookstore.** Her memories of the shops and businesses that occupied Main Street at that time are vivid. She recalls the State Bank building on the corner of Service and Main Street, now Terry White Chemist, walking East passing Ashdale-**Smith the chemist, Betty Finn's the** cake shop where she would often buy a special treat - a piece of Cow Slip cake which was a light fruit

cake or a slice of the original Adams Madiera cake - for her mother, Ada Porter (Youngson, nee Ah Chow) or a tin of oval shaped lollies that were similar to humbugs for herself. She would **pass Pallot's the jeweller,**



Edith Dean, Margot Varney, Ruth White, Belle Charlton, Bernice Paterson, Linda Bailey and Betty Youngson taken at the rear of O. Gilpin's Bairnsdale November 1941.

Campbell's the butchers, Tony Johnston and Mr Ennis menswear and tailors, Russo's the fruit shop and cafe where her sister-in-law, Kath Youngson (Willis) worked. **On past Pascoe's the barber,** Freds Emporium where her brother, Clyde Youngson worked, **past Comley's the grocer, then two tiny shops stepped back into an alcove; Wigney's the tailor where** Joyce Wigg (Clothier) worked, their doorway facing east and Mrs **Bills the hairdresser's facing south.** Betsy then arrived at the **shop front of O. Gilpin's which** had an island display window in the front entrance. She recalled how, if the girls got to work early they would walk up the street window shopping, looking at shoes in the various shoe shops,

Whites, Mathesons, and Hamilton's where Bonnie Morrison (Douglas) worked. Separating the shoe shops **were Harding's chemist, Johnson's drapery, Ah Yee's chemist, Mona Macleod the photographer** where Dotty Neilsen worked, Lloyds hardware where Miss Coster was the manager of the crockery and Jack Scott, his father and auntie worked, **Morecroft's sports store, the Capital café, a bank then Digby's where Jack Porters Electrical is now, to John Cook's Corner on Bailey and Main Streets.** As the girls window shopped they would keep an eye back across the Main Street to Adelaide House, now Aussie Disposals, where the O. Gilpin manageress would often board. When the manageress proceeded across **Main Street to O. Gilpin's the girls would quickly make their way back to O. Gilpin's to begin their day's work.**

Each morning there were two girls on the roster to clean the floors and windows and polish the brass trim with Brasso. They would water the floors with a watering can to keep the dust down while they swept, they also cleaned the toilets as no outside labour was used. These rostered cleaning duties had to be completed and the girls were required to be at their counter by 9.30am ready to serve the all-important customers. Her fond recollections of working at O. **Gilpin's were of some of the staff** that worked alongside her and the many different manageresses who continually moved on to other stores as part of their training and promotion.

Among the O. Gilpin girls she remembered were: Linda Bailey (Hocking), Queenie McNamara, Edie Dean, Molly Nunn (Laird), Gloria Spencer (McAdam), Ruth White, Miss Oliver (Haylock), Phyllis Doyle (Arthur), Lillian Rich

and Faye Limpyer; Manageress Belle Charlton moved on to work at Sharpes in Traralgon or Morwell and Wyn Gladstone (from NSW), married Norm Landau, solicitor from Bairnsdale; they boarded at Adelaide House). Edna Nicholson (Worth) from **Lindenow was an O'Gilpin girl** from the Korrumburra Store.

The burglar alarm was set every night by the manageress and turned off by her first thing in the morning.

There were no cash registers in the store; instead there was a special overhead pulley system throughout the store. The system had a central point, being the **manageress's station**. When a sales girl sold an item she would write out a docket in their docket book, collect the cash from the customer, place both the docket and the cash in a cup like container and attach it to the pulley system and send it to the manageress, the manageress would then record and approve the sale then send the receipt and change back to the sales girl via the same system. Many would remember the whirring capsules as they zoomed overhead.

To be employed by O. Gilpin's was not only a job; it was both a **privilege and honour**. If you didn't come up to measure, failed to follow procedure or stepped out of line in any way, you were fired. Just like modern **"Mystery Shoppers"** who report your conduct and methods of sale and customer satisfaction, O. Gilpin's had special managers who would randomly inspect each of **their stores and their employees'** performance. They would give their **report to the store's manageress** and depending if the inspector was happy or not would predict your **future with O. Gilpin's**. Betsy remembered a Miss Velt who would come to inspect the store; nobody knew what she looked like so the staff were always wary of new customers. Miss Velt would report her findings to head office after



Hazel Deal (manageress) and Nettie Westerman (first assistant) taken at the back of the shop in March 1942

which staff would lose their jobs as a result of the quality of service she received and what she had observed. There were specific rules and guidelines to follow if you were an O. Gilpin's employee.

O. Gilpin Ltd.

Rules for the Guidance of Staff to be Read At Least Once a Month

This rule book was virtually a textbook that covered the following subjects: Banking, Statements, Gratuity and Overtime, Dockets, Sales, Lay-by System, Display and care of Stock, Management, Correspondence, Orders, Claims, Transport, Holidays and Staff.

The 1935 version, with a few amendments, contained 42 typed foolscap-sized pages, with rules and instructions to cover everything from how to dress, how to speak to and address a customer, how to behave, fill out a docket, clean the store, and so on.

Four Rules under "STAFF"

1. Honesty is the best and only policy.

2. Be just to one another.
3. Do unto others as you would like to be done by.
4. Realise your responsibilities and remember the six principal qualifications which lead to success are loyalty, honesty, enthusiasm, initiative, ability and morality.

There was also half a page on **"ALWAYS"**

- Always wear scissors.
- Always show an assortment of goods.
- Always put lid under box when serving.
- Always be willing and help other girls.
- Always introduce Manageress to well known customers.
- Always recognise customers out of shop.
- Always work with routine and method, planning your work a day ahead.
- Always closely watch detail.
- Always read Circular Letters thoroughly.
- Always read rules so as you understand them.
- Always have cleaning finished by 9.30am.

That was followed by the "DON'Ts"

- Do not call out across the shop.
- Do not hesitate in going forward to a customer.
- Do not leave your docket book on counter; always have one fixture in which to place your book.
- Do not swing scissors.
- **Do not say "Good-oh", "Right-oh" or "I seen"**

Under "Management"

- Manageresses or assistants are not allowed to entertain or idle their time away with their friends in the shop.

There were also O. Gilpin Quotes and Rhymes such as:

'Wasting time is stealing.'

'People wrapped up in themselves make very small parcels.'

'The worker who insists on looking at the clock usually remains one of the hands.'

'Be first to listen, last to speak.'



*Ruth White (later Cooper) at the back of the shop.
Note the Sharpe's General Drapery signage on the
adjacent building*



Belle Charlton

INITIATIVE

What is initiative?

Initiative is doing the right thing,
at the right time, without being
told.

TOMORROW TO SUCCESS!

Stand up to be seen,
speak up to be heard,
and shut up to be appreciated.

Oliver Gilpin was born on the 8 July 1874 at Sheans Creek near Euroa, Victoria. He was the second son of William John Gilpin, born 1837 and Diana, born 1842 both in County Tyrone in Ireland. They married on the 14 April 1868 in **Seymour, Victoria. Oliver's siblings** were Mary Ann, Elizabeth, William John, George Robert, John and Dinah Margaret. By the time Oliver was six years of age his father had set up a dairy at Sheans Creek and had 582 acres.

When Oliver was seventeen he commenced work at Messers A. Miller & Co., a drapery firm in Euroa, and approximately two years later he joined A. P. Gardiner **another drapers' business in Euroa.** Later he moved to Melbourne and joined the Carlton branch of the firm Ball and Welch.

Oliver's parents were able to

provide twenty one year old Oliver with assistance to open his first store in Korrumburra; a year later he took over the Busy Bee Clothing Co. Oliver married a dress maker, Annie Pease, in his home town of Euroa on 26 January 1897.

Oliver had many ideals and his motto was '**Small Profit Quick Returns**'. All the goods were to be marked in plain figures and at Melbourne prices. His stores were known for everything being priced with a halfpenny at the end.

Irregular deliveries began to frustrate Oliver so in 1899 he and his family moved to Melbourne. In 1905 the family moved into their first newly built **home 'Nyora' at 25 Normanby Ave, Thornbury.** By 1910 there were 21 stores in the chain. The family then built and moved into '**Kia Ora' in Finch Street, East Malvern.** They had five children - Daphne, Muriel, Thelma, Raymond and Eric. Oliver drove a Rolls Royce Silver Ghost which was a dead give away on his surprise store visits.

Annie divorced Oliver in 1920 on the grounds of desertion. On 25 February 1921, Oliver married again to Ruby Gertrude Brewer of Williamstown, a former

branch manager. The marriage only lasted five years ending in May 1926.

On 17 February 1928 he married Muriel Doris Round, a former director of the company, and they had a son, Oliver who was born in 1930.

Needless to say the man who began this chain of stores was truly a remarkable thinker and innovator for his time. Oliver Gilpin operated his first O. Gilpin Store in Korumburra from 1895-c1901. Subsequent stores were in Jumbunna (1896-c1905), Foster (1898-c1908) and Leongatha (1898-1908). He then branched out into the gold mining and other areas such as Rutherglen, Yarrowonga, Echuca, Beechworth, Kerang, Warracknabeal, Mildura, Stawell, Shepparton, Nhill, Horsham and Castlemaine. Three years later he opened another fifteen stores in, Hamilton, Warrnambool, Casterton, Ararat, Maryborough, Colac, Camperdown, Sale, Benalla, Bendigo, Daylesford, St. Arnaud, Swan Hill, Wangaratta and finally Bairnsdale.

A stage one store opened in Bairnsdale in 1910. The typical way Oliver Gilpin set up business in a town was to rent a premises for a number of months or years to see

how the business would succeed, then if he felt there were good prospects in the town he would either build or purchase a new store in a prime location. His stores always operated strictly on a cash basis, although lay-by was available, and sold a variety of clothing, manchester and haberdashery lines, latter adding crockery, cookware, toiletries, luggage, saddlery, shoes, millinery, carpets, home-wares, tools, sporting goods among other things to the vast stock. In 1921 the store was located in Main Street and extended in 1938. Oliver Gilpin paid cash for all his purchases subsequently getting extremely good deals on large quantities of goods. He imported most of his stock from England, Europe and later Japan often purchasing from the makers and doing away with the middleman. He passed on his good deals selling at very close to cost to his customers.

The goods were packed and sewn into hessian, resembling wool bales to be sent via rail to the various stores throughout Victoria. The railway was the vital link in transporting goods to the stores. It **wasn't until about 1929 that Oliver Gilpin purchased his own lorries to deliver to all his stores. The warehouse's own fleet of twenty trucks and trailers at that stage were Australia's largest privately owned diesel fleet.** The goods were wrapped in brown paper and string, then packed with straw or woodwool in large heavy cane hampers measuring 4 ft in length, 2 ft wide and 3 ft deep with hard wood runners underneath and lockable lids or alternatively in large boxes/crates. Betsy remembers unpacking the large cane hampers, the straw causing her to sneeze uncontrollably. They were delivered into the specially built storeroom at the back of the store.



*Staff at Bairnsdale 1941
Linda Bailey, Ruth White, Miss Varney, Miss Deal,
Gwen Roberts, Miss McNamara*

By 1931 Oliver had 94 stores, approximately 30 in New South Wales, 3 in Tasmania, 3 in South Australia and around 58 in Victoria, with 11 in the suburbs of Melbourne.

Oliver Gilpin was a forward thinker in many ways, although today some of his practices and theories would be classed as sexist and possibly racist. He almost exclusively employed women many of whom were managers, decision makers and buyers. He believed that women were excellent organisers and hard workers and that was why he employed them. It was also said **that he wouldn't employ Catholics** although that has been disproven to a certain extent.

Some of his radical practices were: Women on the Board of Directors, an Employee Share Scheme, an Employee Gratuity Scheme, Staff Training (once a staff member was trained to manageress status she could expect excellent wages), Company Owned Transports, Mail Order Business Combined with Retail Business and Recycling. Although these innovations were ahead of **their time Oliver Gilpin didn't like the newly developed telephone system. Many of his stores didn't have telephones installed and the warehouse in Malvern only had one telephone.**

After Oliver Gilpin's death in 1942, Foy & Gibson gained controlling stock in O. Gilpin's in June 1944. On 22 April 1951, G.J. Coles negotiated with Foy & Gibson to purchase the 91 stores for £1.25 million.

In 1981 and 1983 Betsy Hanson (nee Youngson) attended O. Gilpin reunions in the Korumburra region. These reunions sparked memories and renewed friendships. Muriel Perry, Oliver Gilpin senior's granddaughter, put pen to paper and finally in 1995 she

published a book called *Just a Pocket For the Money. The Story of Oliver Gilpin and His Stores*. She has **dedicated the book 'to All the Gilpin Girls** that she has met whose enthusiasm for their company encouraged her to undertake this **project'. There were also O. Gilpin scrap books distributed with fascinating anecdotes, stories, photos, advertisements donated by many of the O. Gilpin Girls. The camaraderie of the O. Gilpin Girls is very strong, Betsy has found over the years many women that she has met from different regions of Victoria, have all had memories of shopping in O. Gilpin's, more often or not they too have been O. Gilpin Girls. The girls tread the shop floors of O. Gilpin Stores spanning a period of almost fifty years, 1895-1944, of over a hundred chain stores. A mighty achievement by anyone's standards.**

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She signed her name

The East Gippsland women who signed the 1891 "Monster" petition.

The monster petition has been a favourite subject this year with all the centenary celebrations. This list is a full transcript of all the names that are available on the website including others that have not been attributed to this region. These are marked as *1. On viewing the digitised pages it can be ascertained they belong to the **respective towns. As can be expected there are some "local" signatures we can read that Melbourne based** transcribers have struggled with. These have been corrected and indexed under their correct name with the transcribed name bracketed. Some anomalies appear to have occurred and these are also noted. Digitised copies of the signatures can be found at www.parliament.vic.gov.au/womensPetition/background.htm

BAIRNSDALE	Chauncy, E. (<i>Chancey</i>)	Forrest, S.	Kellie, Louisa
Allingham, E. *1	Chapman, E.	Fountain, M.	Kendall, E.M.
Anderson, M.	Chapman, M.	Freer, Mary Snr	Keogh, T. Mrs *1
Arthur, M.M.	Chappell, E.	(..., <i>Mary 774,10</i>)	Keogh, T. Mrs *1 & *2
Atkin, Caroline	Chase, Ann	Garland, M.	Kerton, Sarah
Bain, A.	Clarke, E.	Garner, Mrs	King, Mrs
Baker, C.	Clarke, E.	Gerrard, Annie	Kinley, J. Mrs
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Barnes, Mrs	Cooper, A.	Grose, S.R.	Laird, E.A.
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Baulch, Lydia	Corker, Sarah Ann (<i>Cosher</i>)	Hadley, Mrs	Lawrence, M.A.
Baulch, M.	Costello, Mala	Haines, Mrs	Lind, A.
Baulch, Mrs	Coster, Mrs	Hamilton, Annie	Locke, E.? (<i>fold covers name</i>)
Beckley, Annie	Cottrill, J.	Handley, M. Mrs	Lovell, J. Mrs
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O'Shay, M.
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 Peart, E.A.
 Peart, H.
 Potter, J.
 Read, M.G.
 Sandford, I.
 Stuart, Mrs
 Tulloch, E.
 Walsh, Annie
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 Croker, Lea *(Cracker)*
 Crofts, Jane
 Hall, Ada E.
 James, Marion
 Morgan, Annie
 Reeves *(fold covers name)*
 Todd, Grace
- STRATFORD nil
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(also listed as Swan Beach)
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 George, A.
 Henderson, Louisa *7
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 Richardson, Ellen
 Robertson, Agnes
 Robertson, Mary *2
 Robertson, Mary *2
 Robinson, Mary
 Shortman, Isabella S.
- Vipond, M.
 Vipond, Maria B.
 Vipond, Mary Ann
 Wallace, E.
- SWIFTS CREEK nil
 WY YUNG
 Quigley, S.
*(no address transcribed
 however copy reveals
 address as Wy Young and
 that Young was transcribed
 as a surname with no
 details.)*
 *1 This name has not been
 attributed to the town in the
 website transcription.
 *2 This is not a duplication,
 there are two identical names
 signed by different women.
 *3 Omitted from website index.
 *4 Pinnock St listed as Pemish
 Street.
 *5 Address given as Moreland
 but listed with Hinnomunjie
 signatures.
 *6 A single entry for Gippsland
 is found in amongst signatures
 from Collingwood. An Ada
 Sommerville had a daughter in
 Bairnsdale in 1892.
 *7 These two entries are on the
 page of Nicholson, Bumberrah
 and Swan Reach signatures.
 Elizabeth Moughten nee
 Henderson had two children
 registered at Swan Reach in
 1893 and 1895.
 *8 The first entry on one of the
 Bairnsdale sheets listing her
 address as Westward Ho. Where
 was this and could it be a local
 property name?
 Many of the entries also
 include the street name in
 the description but this has
 been excluded from this list
 for space constraints.
- The following page is
 a sample of the publication
 She signed her name
 that Debbie Squires is
 working on. She aims to give
 a biographical outline of
 each of the signatories listed
 for this region. If you have
 any further information or
 photographs of these women,
 please contact her at PO Box
 816, Bairnsdale or
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Tantalising and Torturous

An exhibition of women's undergarments and unmentionables for the last 100 years is now on at the museum.



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Exciting new online newspaper website

The has recently launched a new website that has (at this stage) a number of Australian newspapers digitised and available online. Just because the Victorian coverage is “light” at the moment **don't be put off from having a look** at it. We have found many entries for Gippsland, Bairnsdale, Omeo

and the like. The wonderful thing about the site is that you can register as a user and then actually make corrections to the digitised translation whenever errors occur. Understandably word recognition by computers on old typeface is not perfect so avid **researchers are assisting the** thus enabling a keen, enthused workforce onto the records. But be **warned correcting can become** addictive!

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Have you seen, do you know, about Google Earth/Maps? If not, do yourself a favour and acquaint yourself with it. The worldwide aerial views can give yet another insight into the history of the region but better still, if you are lucky enough to be in an area that the street view has been done, you can actually go to street level and look at the building where your ancestor lived. It is a very useful research tool.

online convict records

thanks to leanne for the pics in this issue



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