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Meeting Schedule for 2023-2024

Committee Meetings

Regular Committee Meetings are not held and a meeting will be convened when business arises that is required to be actioned prior to the monthly meeting. Time and place will be advised as necessary

General Meetings

General Meetings are *usually* held at 1.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Research Rooms at The Community Hub, 48 Burns Street. Visitors are most welcome.

No meetings are held in December

Membership Fees:

Full Single Membership	\$25.00
Full Joint Membership	\$40.00
Newsletter only membership	\$8.00

- A Joining fee of \$5 applies to all new membership applications (including lapsed memberships)
- Membership Fee's cover the period from 1st of March to 28th or 29th of February.
- Any subscriptions received from *new members* between 1 December and 28/29 February will include the membership for the following year.

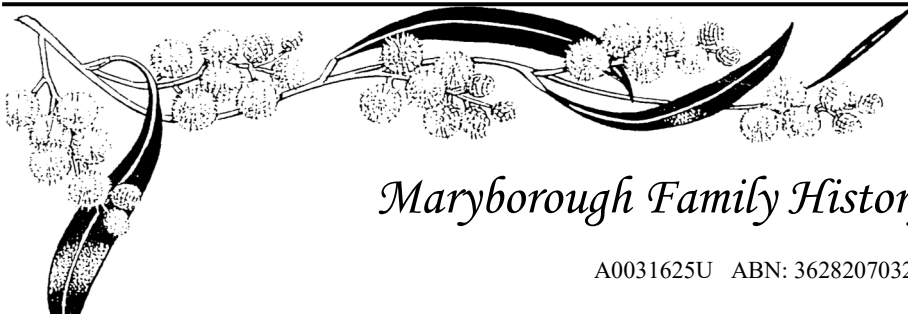
Benefits:

- The annual subscription includes our quarterly newsletter "Wattle Bark" posted to your home address.
 - Full members have access to our extensive research facilities in the Community Hub 48 Burns Street for *personal* research.
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Front Cover

Museums Victoria– <https://collections.museumsvictoria.com.au>

Bill Onken in goat cart in back yard, North Melbourne, 1914



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Research Fees:

Postal Research:

- Deposit: \$20, non-refundable
- Hourly research fee: \$10 for each hour or part thereof
- Photocopying and Computer print-out: 50 cents per sheet side
- Additional costs: as advised.

Upon receipt of the deposit we will complete the research as requested. The applicant will then be advised of the costs applicable. The results would be posted upon receipt of the balance. *[The rationale behind the non-refundable*

deposit being that it takes just the same amount of time (or even longer) to come up with a nil result.]

Enhanced Research: For a fee of \$15 per grave we will provide a full monumental transcription as well as a photograph of the grave.

Visiting Research: The fee is \$10 per hour or part thereof; the minimum fee is \$10 and is for the purposes of *personal research only*.

Visitors *must* be accompanied by a financial member who will *only* provide assistance to access the records but will *not* undertake any research per se.

MEETING SCHEDULE

September 27th 2023 @ 1.30pm
 October 25th 2023 @ 1.30pm
 November 22nd 2023 @ 1.30pm
 December—No meeting

NEW WEB SITE

Have you visited our web page recently?

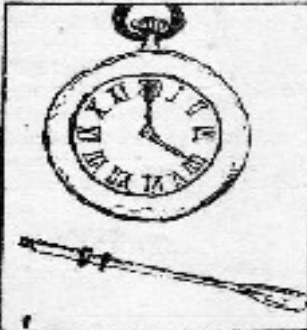






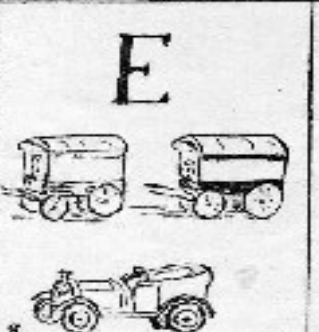

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MARYBOROUGH SCHOOL INSPECTORATE

The Maryborough School Inspectorate covered an area as far north as Donald, west across to the Grampians, south to Clunes, and Maryborough and all State Schools in between. School district boundaries and districts did change from time to time. In July 1922 the first edition of the Magazine of the Schools in the Maryborough Inspectorate was published. It was sold for 6d and printed at the "Advertiser" Office, General Printing Works, High Street, Maryborough. It contained stories and poems from students of some of the schools in the inspectorate and information about towns and features within the Inspectorate. There were also various advertising from businesses within those areas.

Also included were games and puzzles— Can you solve these picture puzzles?

OUR SCHOOLS JULY, 1922.

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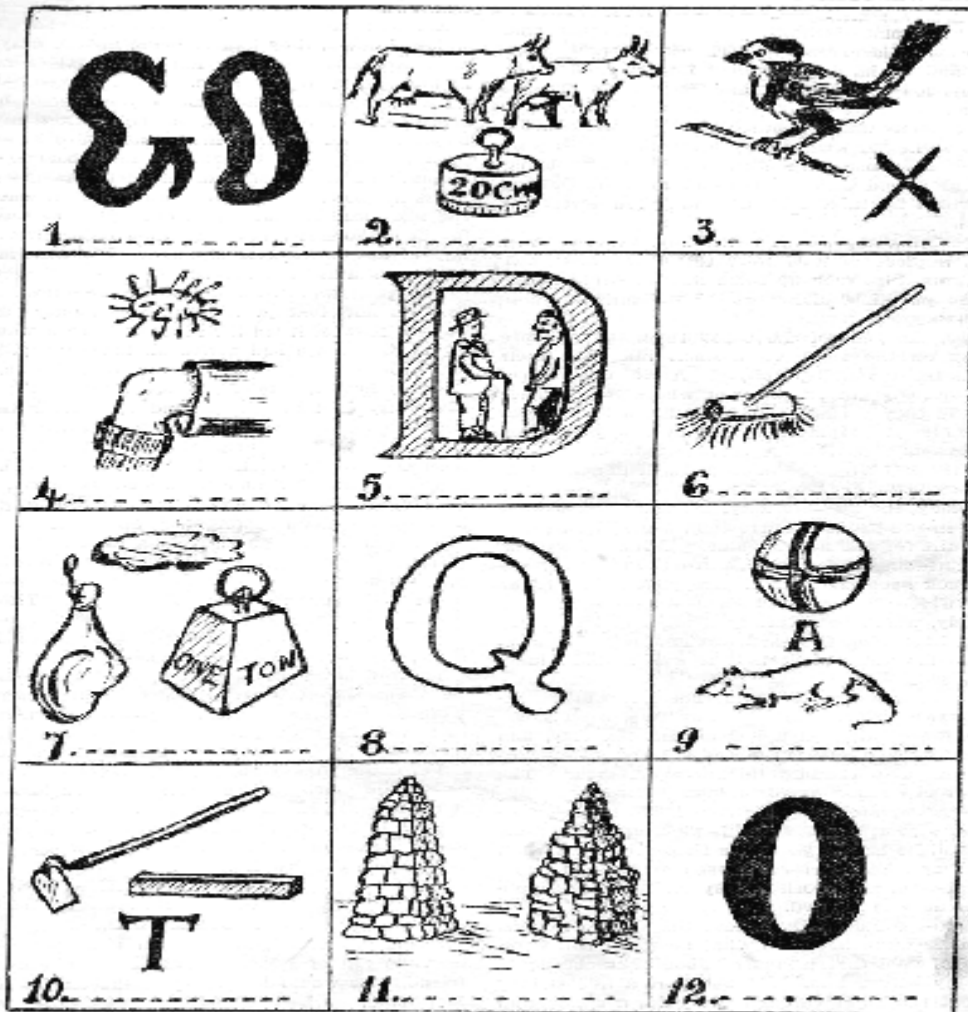
PUZZLE PICTURES.

(By H. CLOUGH, H.T. Havelock School).

Each of the pictures represents the name of a school in the Maryborough District.
(See next issue for solutions).

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(By H Clough, HT. Havelock School)



Australian Towns

Answers to the puzzles will appear in the Summer edition of the Newsletter

Pupil contributions that appeared in the Magazines

A Joke:

Son: Can you sign your name with your eyes shut, Dad?
 Dad: Certainly.
 Son: Well, then, shut your eyes and sign my school report.



The School Swallows

The ventilating windows had been left open, so the swallows, seeking a place to build their home, settled down to the making of their nest. It consisted of little pellets of mud, laid on very carefully.

Veronica Weissenfeld Grade VIII Bet Bet

A Regular Scholar

I am eleven years of age. I love school and have not missed a single day since the opening of our school on July 3, 1918, over six years ago. I hope to continue this record of regular attendance til the end of my school days.

This year the Education Department sent me a beautiful certificate, of which I am very proud.

Alice Batters Burrumbite School

GOAT RACING

Arriving in Australia on the First Fleet, goats spread across the country with European settlement. Serving as a handy source of meat, milk, and transportation, they thrived in the harsh Australian landscape and were often financially viable for those who could not afford cattle. At the beginning of the twentieth century, goat racing was a popular pastime, appearing at school sports days, shows, and celebrations. Goat carts were also part of everyday life, being used for leisure and to help children perform chores or paid work such as hauling firewood. Children would hitch their 'Billy Goat Cart' to a single racing goat and compete at organised events. Maryborough residents also enjoyed the Goat Races, which were run at Church picnics, the Highland Sports, school celebrations, charity carnivals and organised racing events. "Lads of the Village" author Harry Hart describes local goat racing at New Years Sports in part: "Magnificent billies, complete with harness, drew their small drivers in miniature sulkies and the lads were dressed in racing silks and caps. As boys we would sit in the grandstand and side wager 3d a time on heats. Your choice could be in the lead then suddenly decide to graze on green grass. As is often the case where money is involved in sport, abuses occur and the soaking of the end of the whip in turpentine and then applied to the end of the goats anatomy (and not to be wondered at) often produced amazing bursts of speed. Stewards had a busy time checking the practice. This spectacular sport craze flourished for a few years, and then was lost in history"

The Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser reported on these races under the reporters by-lines of "Nanny" and "Angora". The reports were serious but very tongue in cheek outlining the race tactics and training and the form of trainer, rider and goat. The following reports are from the Advertiser:

Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, Wednesday 2 December 1914, page 4

GOAT-RACING. THE HEAVYWEIGHTS DAY. "Angora" supplies a second instalment of notes on goats (and their owners and trainers) who are reputed to be getting into fettle for the Highland Society's novel event. On the occasion of my latest visit to the goat reserve there was a star muster of intending competitors, a number of new arrivals evidently being desirous of winning the congratulations handed out to those I mentioned last week. Harry Deady the elder, for instance, did not see why his eldest hopeful should be left alone to maintain the end of the family, and he rolled in on Brewer's Crystal, a long-horned goat by Malster out of The Pat. He (the goat) has a common head-more like a hogshead and a long barrel. It is more than likely that this goat feeds on barrels, for one can see his "hoops" plainly. Nothing comes amiss to a goat, and so when another heavyweight in the person of Cr. Bob Hubble presented himself on Primrose Hill (Crosscut Saw-Step-ladder) we were not surprised to hear that his staying powers were due to liberal feeds of wall-paper. By the way, Cr. Solly was again astride Nincompoop, who moved very freely over two furlongs. But beware, punters, for later Sol and Tom Elliott were seen whispering together fraternally they are usually both very noisy and there's evidently a chance of the Ninny being bagged. Tom is reputed to be going a-goating himself, but has not yet secured permission to take the track, so his "Keyo my Onion" (breeding unknown), has to be privately trained in the Majorca Road gullies. Heavyweights were the order of the day in the early stages, for soon the Hon. Thomas Webb hopped in with his trainer, Fluffem, and his spidery goat, Bluffem (Wind-bag Mariner's Reef). Bluffem is, I understand, on lease for his racing career from Mary Brown, and is expected to pay good dividends later. Still the "sixteen-stoners" came prancing along, Pat Fennessey showing up on a taking blue and white goat named Temperance (Wather-bag -Prohibition.) This animal seems to possess a great thirst, for it stopped at every trough in the vicinity, whereupon Pat got to work with his well-used walking stick.

Goat Racing- Continued from page 6

A touch of the old tilting at the ring days was introduced by the attendance of Alf Outtrim (A.R.O. himself), who came along as gay and proud as a Peacock on the battered Brown and Green veteran, "Once-more-into-the-breach" (Vaccination-Save the Daylight). This goat "labors" well, but requires a lot of spells. Evidently he has had too much Rice, and is naturally enough, not Phelan too well. Then came a "company" goat, an animal conjointly owned by the executive officers of the Highland Society. He bears the stylish cognomen of "Keep off the grass," and is by Scottish Union from Pipe Band. There was a big argument between E.S.H., J.S.R. and F.H. as to who should drive the billy at the gathering. J.S.R. retired-he is very retiring these days-and eventually F.H. got the mount by undertaking to hand over his winnings to the patriotic fund. This is enough just now, but I should mention before concluding that the weight of several of those listed caused the breakage of sundry sulkies and, as a result, Colman and Lardner will have their hands full of repairs, as well as the manufacture of new turnouts. This enterprising firm, however, led by the energetic (talker) Dick Lardner, is keeping pace with the demand, and extends a cordial invitation to the public to inspect their latest models.

This advert appeared in the Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser, 21st Dec 1914

THE GOAT RACE.
The following entries were received for the goat race, which close at 5 o'clock this (Monday) afternoon:—
Allen Doone (owner C. Tippet, North Melbourne); Primrose Star (owner John Keilor, East Maryborough); Lord Kitchener (owner T. E. Chapple, Talbot, entered by the "Talbot Goat Club"); Hazeline Snow (owner H. Cumberland, Castlemaine).
The distance of the race was fixed at 130 yards, and it was decided to send all goats off the one mark, four in a beat.
Mr J. H. Smith suggested that it would be wise to run the final on New Year's Day, as a lot of people were looking forward to seeing something of the race.
It was agreed to run both the semi-final and final on the second day if possible.

A number of adverts also appeared in the Amusements column of the Advertiser 23rd December 1914 with Goat racing as part of the entertainment at events at Havelock, Ararat, Talbot, Clunes as well as Maryborough Highland Sports

HAVELOCK
Annual Miners' Sports.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
ON the Reserve opposite De Goldi's Hotel, Havelock.
Sheffield Handicap, 130 yards (open).
Quoit Match, 12 yards (open).
Goat Race.—1st, £1; 2nd, 5s.
Sheaf-Tossing, Bowling at Wicket.
Boys' and Girls' Races.
SPARROW-SHOOTING SWEEP-STAKES.

TALBOT BOXING DAY CHARITY
CARNIVAL.—Foot and Bicycle Racing, Fire Brigade Competitions, Highland Dancing, Sheaf-Tossing, Goat Racing, etc. Maryborough Pipers' Band engaged. Entries for Goat Race invited.
—ALF. GALE, Secretary.

And the winner was:

The winner was Lord Kitchener and was presented with the Lean Cup by Mr Herring. (MDA Monday 4th Jan 1915)

In connection with the goat race at Maryborough on 1st inst, a Melbourne goat named Primrose Star ran well, but Dr. Deane, who was the judge, discovered spirits of salt on the animal's tail. The goat and driver were promptly disqualified. The event was won by an animal named Lord Kitchener.(Cobram Courier 14th Jan 1915)

Goat Racing– Continued

Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser , Wednesday 19 December 1917, page 3

THE GOAT RACE, ON THE TRAINING TRACKS. (By "Nanny.") Last Monday morning the work done by the goats in training for the Maryborough Cup was as follows: Mr. C. Harling's black and white goat, After Hours, ran a very nice trial. The owner (driving) had a big weight up. I think this goat will take no chances after six. The next was Joe Petherick's white goat, Clean Shave. The owner tells me that he is as fast as a "hair," and as sharp as a razor. He says if he does not win he will eat him -Went slowly. The next goat belongs to the Eagle Smithy. He is a very shaggy goat, named Bellows, and the neighbours say he bellows all night, and if the trainer (Brown) does not keep Mr. Green's black goat quiet they will shoot him. I believe this stable has a few goats in the careful hands of Dick Baker, in full training. I noticed several old-time trainers from last year looking for a likely goat. Amongst them was Mr. R. Hayes, who says he will give a good price for one if he can show a fair trial. So now boys, round up your goats to Mr. Bob Hayes not later than Friday. I hear that there will be fully twenty goats in training this week, so look out for training notes by "Nanny" next Friday.

Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser , Monday 31 December 1917, page 1

There were a lot of goats doing their final gallops this morning. One that "stood" out from all others was Mr. T. Webb, of "Wallop the Pup", with a sandy goat, very bandy legged, named Sandritis. A rather rough looking goat, but the owner tells me he has not lost his coat yet, so he has placed him in the hands of a old trainer, Don Sol, instructing him not to let him out at night, for fear of a heavy dew falling on him.- Went nicely. The railway goat got loose, and charged the Avoca express, and his funeral is tomorrow. No flowers by request. I see Lew and Dane have a goat in partnership-name, Albion Park. Dane drives him, and Lew trains him. He has plenty of time now to train goats after six. Claude Neil and Harry Deady have been engaged to give expert advice.

W. C.L has a goat, a long thin animal very fond of breaking into gardens I saw him on the oval the other day grazing and I also saw him in the Botanical Gardens, where he is trained privately around the lake. Ridden by W. H Stevenson, he went well. It is said that when Stevenson smiles the goat's whiskers stick straight out with joy. Old-Timepiece appeared in bandages. He is not quite recovered - Done slow pace work. Unlikely starter. After Hours pleased the touts. Owner thinks he cannot lose. Mr. B. Lardner had Petrol on the track for a sharp brush up. Hot as Coleman's mustard- Look out for this, Mr. Wagstaff and Piller had Eight Marks doing slow work. Wag was driving and Pilfer held the clock, and forgot to start it, so no time taken. Will get a place: Good place investment.

Others to do useful work:-Bellows, After Hours, and, Don Sol. I think if the race is run over a long course, Bellows will win, as he has the most wind. Don Sol, another good winded goat, is trained privately, and will be well up. Trombone went very sourly. Change of stables does not seem to suit him, but Harry tells me he goes better in a race. Bob Hayes says Cement will stick if he gets off, but he is not too good at the post. Ruben Byrne's goat, Tomato (Magpie-Sauce), is doing good work on his owner's private track at Newmarket. This goat will have the benefit of J. Kellackys services. Harry Williams' goat, Toddles (Billy Hughes-Conscription) is doing all that is asked of him on the owner's tan at Bristol Hill. Alex. Chisholm will hold the ribbons. Added to the list of probable competitors is Billy Smith, the postman's, I.O.R.racer, who by chance was seen to unload at Talbot on Saturday night. Carl- was on the same train, but bound to secrecy. It is just possible that A. P. A. Burdeu of Les Kuffer will brave the mount. A straight go can be assured as neither of these will use beer or spirits to win home. I believe the hairy one has been given some hard training in the water wagon.

Wally Butler, of Moolort, and Harry Vinecombhe, Red Lion, are joint owners of a whiskery called Bleats. They are not sure which of the two will ride the steed, when Wally says he is the more accomplished Jockey but whiskered Bleater looks at him with sadder eyes than death.

ORIGIN OF BILLYCARTS

The term billycart is a variation of the English goat cart. Australian 'billycarts' were used as early as the 1880s, and were literally drawn by a billygoat - hence the Australian name 'billycart'. The cart evolved from two wheels for goat racing to four wheeled versions which were a popular children's toy. These were often home-made and constructed from pre-used materials, a wooden box, fruit or soap, scrap timber and pram or trolley type wheels with a rope that controlled steering.

A popular children's activity was cart racing down inclines and hills on the local streets.



This advert appeared in the Maryborough Dunolly Advertiser 5th January 1858

NOTICES.

I HEREBY Caution all parties against trusting my Wife, Mary Anne Curtis, as I will not be responsible, she having left her home without just cause, to live with some other man.
William Curtis, miner, Burnt Creek.

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Do you have something to contribute?

Do you have a yen to write? Or maybe you have some family stories that you would like to share with others? Maybe you are having a problem with your research? If the answer is Yes! then you may wish to submit an article to be published in a future edition of the newsletter.

Not able to put it into writing? Please contact the Editor for assistance or guidance. Phone: 0409561885.

Edition	Closing dates for contributions	Planned publishing dates
Autumn	21st February	12th March
Winter	21st May	12th June
Spring	21st August	12th September
Summer	21st November	12th December

Maryborough Family History Group Inc. acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the DjaDja Wurrung people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and emerging leaders.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information in this newsletter. In the event that errors occur the Editor and Committee apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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Last word

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.
Dalai Lama

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.- Charles Schulz

I am an early bird and a night owl... so I am wise and I have worms
Michael Scott

Friendship is like peeing on yourself: everyone can see it, but only you get the warm feeling that it brings. - Robert Bloch



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