



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1986

## POLL ON RESTRUCTURE: AUGUST 2.

On June 20 the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable J. Simmonds, announced that he had referred to a Division of the Local Government Commission 16 proposals involved in the proposed restructure of Councils in the North Central segment of the State.

The proposals cover alterations to all municipalities in the segment, originally 24 and now increased to 30. The result will be, if the proposals are adopted, a reduction of nearly half in the total number of councils in this part of the State.

Under the proposals the Government intends that your Shire, the Shire of Metcalfe, will disappear. Instead, new shires based on Castlemaine and Kyneton will be created, each including part of the Metcalfe Shire and parts of other municipalities.

The proposed dividing line, running generally north and south, follows Barty's Road, Jennings Hill Road, Bendigo-Sutton Grange Road, Potts Road, the creek which crosses Potts Road south of Phillips Road and the Coliban Main Channel.

Your Council is totally opposed to the proposals, and believes the overwhelming majority of ratepayers and residents will be too.

In order to gauge public feeling the Council has directed that a poll will be taken on the day of the Annual Elections, Saturday, August 2. All persons whose names are on the voters' rolls for the five ridings of the Shire are urged to take this opportunity of showing the Minister and the Local Government Commission what they think of their proposal to dismember the Shire and include the two parts with Castlemaine and Kyneton in new, large municipalities.

Previous indications, from public and other meetings and a survey conducted through the December Newsletter, have been that there is very little public support for the Government's proposals. These are summarised in the Commission's Options Paper as follows:

1. A capacity to perform a wider range of functions
2. Savings in administration costs.
3. Communities will be united, not divided, by municipal boundaries.
4. More equitable distribution of the costs of providing services.
5. Better quality services and administration.
6. Greater co-ordination in physical and social planning.
7. Increased financial flexibility to meet changing needs.
8. Fairer sharing of the burden of rates.
9. Greater financial and political autonomy for local government.

The result of the poll will be communicated at once to the Minister and the Commission but will not be binding on them. Nevertheless it will be a solid indication of how the people of this Shire view the proposals.

A council submission has been prepared and lodged with the Commission. In it your Council's concerns are spelled out in detail, and the Minister and the Commission are urged to re-think the proposals. The Council is totally opposed to any form of enforced restructure, believing that the people of the Shire have the right to self-determination. The will of the people, expressed through a poll, should be paramount.

Hundreds of Shire people have individually notified the Commission that they intend to make oral submissions at the public hearing.

It seems that the Minister and the Local Government Commission believe that small municipalities must be uneconomical, inefficient and ineffective, but by restructuring them into larger units they will become more efficient and effective. Not only that, but they claim that the money saved overall by reduced administration costs will pay for new services. The Minister has not said what those added responsibilities might be; only that they will be devolved to restructured municipalities, which will be given more powers and more money for the purpose, when the Government has worked out the details of its social justice strategy.

To your Council, the idea of the destruction of the Shire, which has existed for 126 years, is unthinkable.

The Council believes the Government's move is largely a means of gaining more control over local government. It can see no advantages, only disadvantages, from the restructure of municipalities generally, and the Shire of Metcalfe in particular.

Some of the disadvantages your Council can see for Metcalfe ratepayers and residents are:

- Complete loss of identity as a Shire and as a people.
- Loss of control over their own affairs.
- Forced union with other areas having different needs and priorities.
- Increased rates, no savings to buy new services.
- Reduction in existing services, except at higher cost.
- Loss of effective representation on new councils.
- Municipal offices more remote from most people.
- Party politics to the fore in council matters.
- More impersonal service.
- Neglect of outlying areas.
- Slowing of development; tighter development controls.
- Bigger, more impersonal bureaucracy with which to deal.

If major restructuring occurs, all affected municipalities will be abolished and new municipalities created in their place. The only exceptions will be areas where only minor boundary changes are made.

This means that all former councillors and staff will go out of office, and new elections and appointments will be necessary.

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## MAJOR MITCHELL TREK 150 Years Celebration

One Hundred and Fifty years ago the first known white men to set foot on what was to become the Shire Of Metcalfe's soil were Major Thomas Mitchell and his exploration party.

To celebrate this historic event, a Major Mitchell Ball and a Major Mitchell Trek have been organised.

The Major Mitchell Colonial Ball will be held at the Sutton Grange Hall on October 3.

The Major Mitchell Trek will follow as close to the original 45km route and begin at 9.30 on Saturday October 4.

It will leave Castlemaine, passing through Chewton, Faraday, Sutton Grange and finishing at Redesdale where a commemorative plaque will be unveiled.

It is estimated that a few hundred horse riders, horse drawn jinkers, at least one Cobb & Co. Coach and vintage vehicles will take part, along with many cyclists and walkers.

People are encouraged to dress in period costume. The cost to join in the event is \$20-adult, \$15-child, \$50-family, which includes lunch, afternoon tea, B.B.Q. (spit roasts), campfire, Bush dance admission, overnight camp and breakfast. Those wishing to camp overnight will return to Castlemaine via Elphinstone next day.

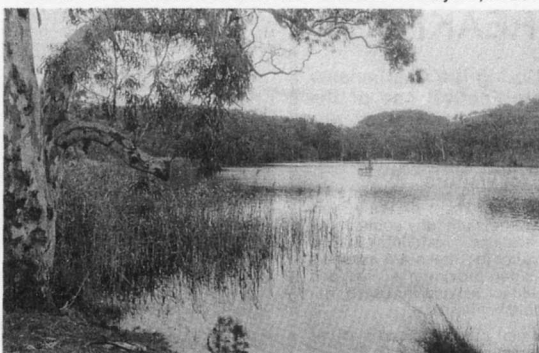
The Bush dance will feature the 'Fossilisers Colonial Bush Band'. For those who don't join the trek but wish to enjoy the B.B.Q. and dance the cost is \$10.

All fees must be paid a fortnight in advance.

A painting by well known Castlemaine Artist, Alan Sartori, of the Coliban Falls, admired by Major Mitchell in his journal, will be raffled during the evening. Second prize will be three bottles of 'Major Mitchell' tawny port from the Romany Rye Vineyard at Redesdale. 6 glasses will accompany this prize. Commemorative glasses displaying Major Mitchell's portrait will be available.

The organizers of the events are hoping local business and individuals will sponsor the Major Mitchell celebrations.

For further information contact Noel Davis or Phil Clayton, 72 2044



Major Mitchell named a grassy valley, through which flowed Forest Creek, Expedition Pass, 'confident that such a line of communication between the southern coast and Sydney, must in time, become a very considerable thoroughfare'. Today it is a tranquil reservoir.

See Page 3 for notes on the Expedition and a map showing the commemorative Major Mitchell Trek.

## COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Crs. Shirley Archbold (Chewton Riding), Mac Barty (North Riding) and Elaine Murphy (South Riding) are unopposed and will be declared elected on August 2.

Cr. Tony Phillips (Taradale Riding) has not re-nominated. Mr. John Petschauer and Mr. John Wilkinson will contest the vacancy.

In the West Riding, Cr. Ray Rice is opposed by Mr. Stephen Mooney.

Polling hours are 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2.

There will be polling booths at Taradale Public Hall for the Taradale Riding poll, and at Elphinstone Primary School and Harcourt Public Hall for the West Riding poll.

Compulsory voting rules apply, and persons unable to attend a polling booth on election day may record a postal vote. Application forms may be obtained at the Shire Office, Metcalfe, telephone 054-232302

## SHIRE STATISTICS

The Australian Census is taken every six years and in 1986 it was due again.

The Census is used by the Commonwealth Bureau of Statistics for information used in town planning, and aid decisions of future developments in areas such as schools and migration programmes.

As the figures from this won't be available for another two years it may be of interest to know what the most recent facts and figures are.

### METCALFE SHIRE

Created a District, 14th August, 1860.

Proclaimed a shire, 18th July, 1865.

Taradale Borough united, 7th October, 1870.

Chewton Borough united, 2nd May, 1961.

and Re-subdivided into Five Ridings - Taradale, North, South, West and Chewton.

Area - 59,054 ha.

Population - 2,500

Dwellings - 1,200

## C.E.P. Projects

A number of project's will be carried out this year with the aid of the Commonwealth Employment Programme.

Council has recently improved the alignment of the northern approach to Doyles Bridge on the Kyneton-Metcalfe Rd., but further work is needed to be done along Snodgrass Creek to ensure the security of the bridge.

Under the C.E.P. project, the problems along Snodgrass Creek will be rectified. In its present condition the risk of erosion is a major threat and in severe circumstances it could mean the loss of Doyles Bridge. Reinforcing is also needed to protect the bridge.

Other C.E.P. projects include roadside clearing, such as the removal of fallen and low hanging branches and the clearing of undergrowth.

# CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL

## How Metcalfe is involved

The most exciting event to happen this year is Victoria's leading Arts Festival, the 6th Castlemaine State Festival, which brings together the talents, artistry and individuality of performers and exhibitors for ten days from October 31st to November 9th.

Many of the performers and artists live and create in the Shire of Metcalfe and some of their work can be seen within the Shire during the Festival.

### WHATS ON:

'Atherstone', Thompson's Road, Harcourt, an old granite homestead and farm property dating from 1862, will have tours of the historic garden free of charge and an exhibition of relics of the past, such as agricultural implements, in the Gallery.

Open 10 a.m. - 5.30 p.m., cottage plants will be for sale and afternoon teas.

'Badgers Keep', Chewton, will display garden ceramics by Ann Gerroe and Val Restarick, with outdoor sculptural pieces by Lynne Edey, in the garden of the well-known old fashioned plants nursery. Alan Stokes will open this exhibition at 11 a.m. on Sunday November 2nd, and all works will be for sale 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily.

Works by local artists and craftspeople can be seen at the Castlemaine Artists Co-operative exhibition in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, wood, glass and leather work.

The local artists will include Phil Bates, Ian Blunck, Tony Cook, Janet Goodchild Cuffley, Kate Linton, John McDowell, Ron Philp, Jim Rowe, Katherine Seppings, Mary Thompson, David Wallace and Sue Weste.

Stephen Peryman, another local from Elphinstone will have an exhibition of sculpture, ceramic and other mediums at the Goldfields Nursery, throughout the Festival.

Other local work may be viewed at the Castlemaine and Wallace Bros. Galleries.

The Rockhoppers Opera is a night of entertainment, music and fun for everyone. Folk and blues, jazz and rock, in fact all types of music can be heard in Harcourt for this Festival, 8 p.m. Saturday November 1st.

In previous years the Rockhoppers Opera was held at the old Break of Day Quarry, Specimen Gully, Barkers Creek, but the quarry has become potentially dangerous. This Festival it will be at the Girl Guide Camp Harcourt. Turn right at the Harcourt Store and follow the signs. Cost \$5.00, children free.

The Chewton Folk Club, run by local, Helen McGeachin, will have a special evening of music and entertainment, 8.30 p.m. Friday 7th November at the Chewton Town Hall. Cost \$5.00.

## HARCOURT FRUIT Yesterday-Today

A very interesting event during the Castlemaine State Festival is 'Harcourt Fruit', an opportunity to see the change in the Fruit Industry that has been part of Harcourt for over 130 years.

You will be able to see a static display of the history of the Fruit Industry in Harcourt; tour an apple orchard; visit the coolstores and packing sheds to see the fruit being processed for market.

All children will receive an apple, and fresh fruit, apple juice, toffee apples, apple pies and other souvenirs will be for sale.

'Harcourt Fruit' is sponsored by Harcourt District Fruit Growers Association and Harcourt Co-operative Coolstores Ltd. All proceeds to Harcourt and District Leisure Centre.

Where- A.N.A. Hall, Calder Highway, Harcourt.

When- November 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., November 5 - 7, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

November 8 - 9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Group tours can be arranged outside these times on the days listed, (054) 74 2226. Cost- Adults \$2, children 50 cents, Family \$5.00.

## BED AND BREAKFAST

During the Castlemaine State Festival one of the biggest problems encountered in the district is the lack of accommodation for visitors.

Because most of the Hotels and Motels are fully booked well in advance, residents in the surrounding areas are asked to consider providing a Bed and Breakfast service for up to four people per home.

If you are interested you can register your name with Festival Manager, Phee Broadway, at the Festival Office 72 3733 and be advised about a reasonable charge.

## POLL ON RESTRUCTURE: AUGUST 2. CONT.

Under the Local Government Commission's philosophy, Metcalfe Shire's total population would only warrant a maximum of two councillors! With the power bases elsewhere, there seems little likelihood of local councillors being able to exert any great influence over the affairs of the new councils.

The referendum on August 2 is regarded as an informal poll, but is the only opportunity which will be given to the people of the Shire as a whole to say what they collectively think of the proposed destruction of the Shire.

After the public hearing by the Commission of the 16 proposals, commencing at Eaglehawk on July 22, the Commission will submit its recommendations to the Minister. If the Minister agrees that the Shire of Metcalfe should go, the ratepayers and residents in the two parts of the Shire will be able to demand that those proposals be submitted to a formal poll. However, it will be only the people in the proposed new municipalities who will be eligible to vote, at that stage, on the respective proposals.

This means that the votes from Metcalfe Shire people could be swamped by those of people in other parts of the proposed new municipalities.

However, no matter what is the result, the Minister need not be bound by it. The Local Government Act requires the Minister to have regard to the result but, having done that, he can ignore it and make his own decision.

The ballot paper you will receive on polling day will read like this:

The Local Government Commission proposes that the Shire of Metcalfe be abolished and that parts of the Shire be added to new municipalities to be based on Castlemaine and Kyneton.

Are you in favour of the proposal?

YES ☐

NO ☐

(Please place a tick in the appropriate box).

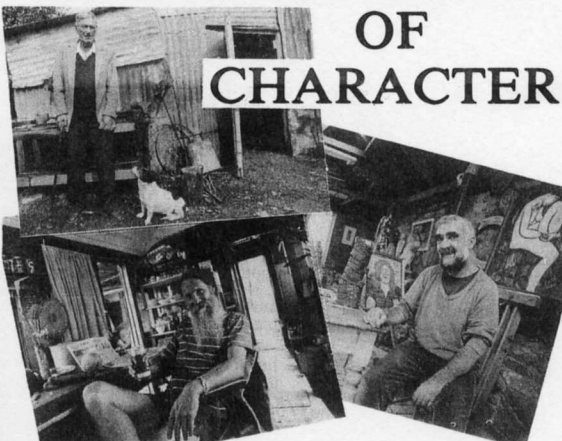
Your Council strongly urges you to take this opportunity of telling the Minister and the Commission that their proposals are unwelcome by voting **NO** on August 2.

Polling booths will be at the following places:

Barfold Public Hall  
Chewton Town Hall  
Elphinstone Primary School  
Harcourt Public Hall  
Metcalfe Shire Office  
Redesdale Public Hall  
Taradale Public Hall

**Polling hours 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday, 2nd August.**

## EXHIBITION FULL OF CHARACTER



A Photographic Exhibition of more than fifty of Castlemaine and District's best known 'Characters' will include many of Metcalfe Shire's familiar faces.

The photographic study by local artist, writer and photographer, Katherine Seppings of Chewton, has produced an intriguing collection of individuals in their own environments. The characters vary as much in their age, status, style, creativity and achievements, as they do in their visual contribution.

Recording the characters was the idea of another well known local from Barkers Creek, Cr. Kaye Swanton, who with Katherine believes the environment of the district seems to stimulate and encourage a common bond - despite human differences, peculiarities, reputations, eccentric habits or distinguishing traits - with the harsh, often unforgiving surroundings; with its history, and with a desire for quality of life.

The unique Exhibition will be held at the Wallace Bros. Gallery, Hargraves St., Castlemaine, Saturday, October 4 - Friday October 17.



Work has commenced on the third Red Gum bridge over the Coliban River at Metcalfe. It will be completed this financial year.



## SHIRE PRESIDENTS REPORT

**Cr. Shirley Archbold, the first lady President in the Shire of Metcalfe, will end her term in August.**

Cr. Archbold was asked to recall the highlights of the past year and to inform ratepayers and residents what it was like to be Shire President.

Cr. Archbold said:

"During my time as the Metcalfe Shire President I was asked to represent the Shire at numerous functions - annual and public meetings, receptions, dinners, openings and campaigns.

Two of the events that stand out most in my mind were the reception for Prince Charles and Princess Diana at the National Gallery of Victoria, and a garden party reception at Government House for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

Closer to home, the Australia Day Celebrations in Metcalfe, included a flag raising ceremony; Mr. Ken Wright, M.L.C. (N.W. Province) as speaker; Citizen of the Year, awarded to Mr. Lindsay of Chewton; and the presentation of the Victorian flag to the council.

The opening of Ellery Park, Chewton (a Victorian 150th Birthday Project), in September 1985 was also an important occasion for myself and the Shire.

My Presidential function this year took the form of a Civic Church Service. Approximately 200 people gathered at the Chewton Uniting Church. The Chewton School children performed the items which were enjoyed by all.

I have attended many, many meetings, some of which included: Formal Planning Council Sub-committee, Local Government Commission, Bendigo Road funding day, Metcalfe Bicentennial Committee, Planning Scheme meetings and sixteen Anti Amalgamation meetings.

Whether you are involved in Council or part of the community, you need to be kept informed on what's been happening and what is going to happen within the Shire.

I believe the most worthwhile form of communication between Council and you, the ratepayer and resident, has been this Community Newsletter. It is one of the many important achievements I have seen during my year as Shire President.

Finally, I wish to thank all the Council indoor and outdoor staff for the help they have given me throughout my term.

## Councillor Resigns

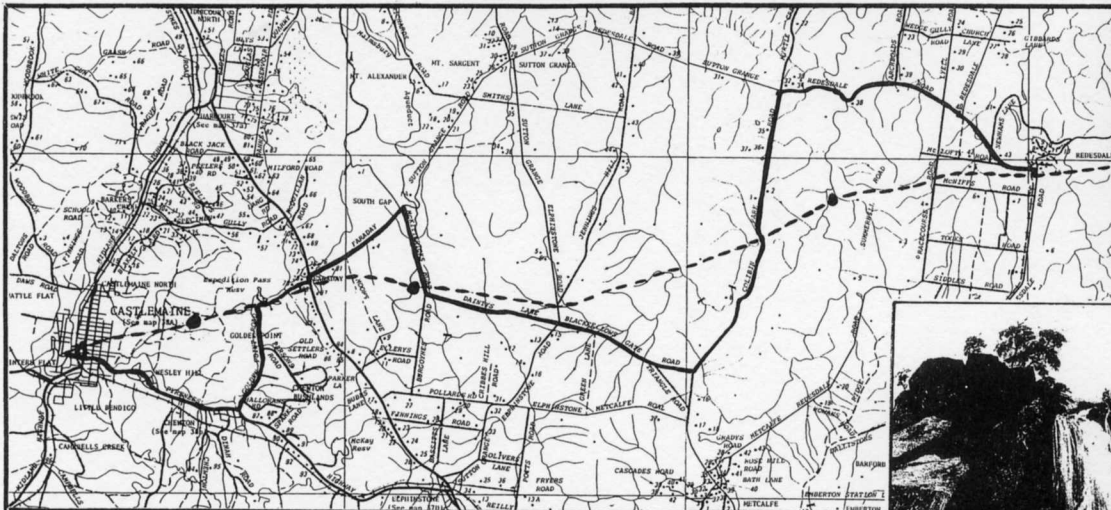
**Cr. Donald Cant, who has been on the Metcalfe Council for ten years, recently resigned due to poor health.**

Cr. Cant wished the Council well in its forthcoming battles with the Government's restructuring of boundaries and said it was with great regret that he was forced to resign.

Mr. D.H. McGregor has been elected to fill the vacancy caused by Cr. Cant's resignation.



# EXPEDITION THROUGH SHIRE



**Major Thomas Mitchell and his party arrived in the Shire of Metcalfe on 28 September 1836.**

They travelled from Newstead that morning on the Major's 'Third Expedition', passed the site of Castlemaine, via the present Gaol Hill, and crossed a 'considerable stream' (Barkers Creek) at a point just where it is now spanned by the bridge near the railway station subway. They moved over the present Kennedy Street near the Midlands Hotel, over Barker Street, and across the site of Tonks Bros. timber yard, going on over Hargraves and Campbell Sts., Urquhart and Doveton Sts., Fletcher and Berkeley Sts.

The party passed close to the north of Kalimna Park and camped at Dogleg Gully, now part of the Moonlight Flat Pine Plantation.

Major Mitchell left the others in search of the hill he had so long seen before him and which he called Mt. Byng (Mt. Alexander).

'A country fully as promising as the fine region we had left, was embraced in my view from that point', he wrote when he returned to camp that evening.

'The range before us was certainly formidable for the passage of carts, but home lay beyond it; and delay and famine were synonymous terms with us at that time'. On the 29th they followed the valley from where they had camped and 'overturned a cart through bad driving'. The ravine opened into a grassy valley with a 'fine rivulet (Forest Creek) flowing through it.'

His journal continued: "The Pass, so auspiciously discovered and opened, over a neck apparently the very lowest of the whole range, I named Expedition Pass, confident that such a line of communication between the southern coast and Sydney, must, in the course of time, become a very considerable thoroughfare."

Having travelled only four miles from their last camp, and crossed the present Calder Hwy., they encountered rotten and boggy ground. Once bogged, a bolt of the boat carriage gave way and they were forced to make camp there.

While awaiting the repairs to the boat carriage Mitchell decided to visit Mt. Macedon, 30 miles to the South. When he returned to camp on the 1st Oct. the boat carriage was fixed but on Sunday 2nd the weather was bad so they rested 'for the benefit of our jaded horses, not withstanding our short rations.'

The party resumed their journey on 3rd October keeping clear of boggy ground.

Mitchell wrote: 'We crossed several fine valleys, each watered by a running stream, and all the hills consisted of granite'.

The 'Major Mitchell Trek' will follow the heavy black line on this map. The broken line shows where the Major's party rode 150 years ago.

Right- Major Mitchell was so intrigued by the scenic beauty of the Coliban Falls that he delayed his expedition to sketch them.

Top right- Cairn at Expedition Pass Reservoir, Faraday.

They crossed various streams running south from Mt. Alexander to the Coliban, which runs north, through a deeper valley in which there were very few trees, the hills on the opposite side being 'uncommonly level' at the top.

The Major Mitchell route passed near Blackfellow's Gate on the Sutton Grange - Elphinstone road, and from Eileen Donan (a property) at Blackfellow's Gate, north-easterly, trekking on higher ground across Jennings Creek near the present Coliban Park homestead.

They eventually crossed the Coliban River and camped on the opposite bank, after finding a ford and with great difficulty crossing their carts, 'so abrupt and steep is the ravine in which this river flows'.

He wrote enthusiastically: 'Hearing a noise of falling water, I rode towards it, and thus came to a very fine cascade of upwards of 60ft. The river indeed fell double that height, but in the lower part the water escaped unseen flowing between large blocks of granite. I had visited several water falls in Scotland, but this was certainly the most picturesque I had witnessed, although the effect was not so much in the body of water falling as in the bold character of the rocks over which it fell. Their colour and shape were harmonised into a more complete scene than nature usually presents, resembling the finished work of an artist, foreground and all. The prevailing hues were light red and purple grey, the rocks being finely interlaced with small leaved creeper of the brightest green. A dark coloured moss which presents a warm green in the sun, covered the lower masses, and relieved and supported the brighter hues, while a brilliant iris shone steadily in the spray and blended into perfect harmony the lighter hues of the higher rocks, and the whiteness of the torrent rushing over them. The banks of this stream are so bold a character, that in all probability other picture scenery, perhaps finer than this, may yet be found upon it.'

Major Mitchell was so intrigued by the scenic beauty of these falls that, although anxious to proceed, he could not resist the temptation to delay awhile and make a sketch of them.

On October 5th he crossed another river running north, at the present site of Redesdale, named it 'Campaspe' and travelled on, leaving behind what was to become the Shire of Metcalfe.



## Bicentennial Update

The local history days organised throughout the Shire during May proved successful in the amount of information received in certain areas but disappointing in that so few people were willing to contribute historical information.

Collecting and publishing our Shire History is the major feature for the Shire of Metcalfe's Bicentennial Community Celebrations and it is hoped that everyone will enjoy taking part.

Research and collection of written and pictorial material will be carried out until early 1987 when the manuscript must be prepared in order for the book to be published by January 1988.

So far information has been copied and recorded from the following contributors on their specific area of interest:

Brian Medbury (Chewton), Silas Ellery (Chewton and Faraday), George Milford (Harcourt), Dot Pollard (Elphinstone), Douglas Mactier (Metcalfe), Noel Davis, Jack and Beryl Grey, Ernest Richards (Sutton Grange), Greg and Peter Nener (Taradale).

Joy Meredith has offered research assistance. All material published will be acknowledged with sources.

If you have any written material, photographs etc., arrangements can be made to have them copied while you wait to eliminate the fear or risk of losing or damaging any precious relics.

Anecdotes and folk tales are often the most important but least recorded in our heritage, so if you can write down or tape interesting and entertaining stories from the past, please do.

Don't wait until the history is published to remember a great tale or to tell us facts that aren't already recorded.

For further information contact Katherine Seppings, Main Rd., Chewton. 3451. Ph. 72 4230.

## SPORT AND RECREATION EVENT

A special sporting and recreational event during 1988, yet to be decided upon, may now be held at Chewton, rather than Taradale as earlier thought.

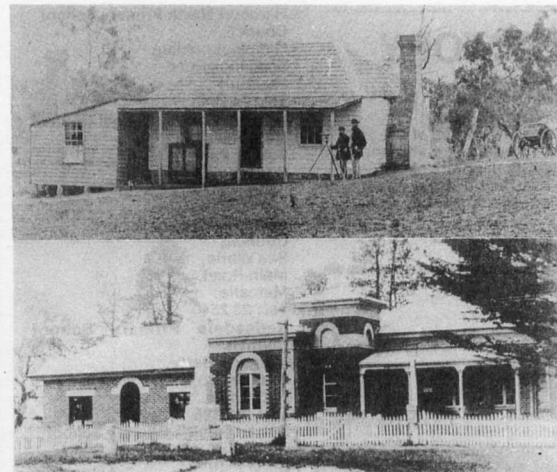
Some suggestions so far have been an old fashioned sports day which could include egg and spoon races, three legged races and sack races.

Although Taradale's sporting grounds make a picturesque setting with the added attraction of the Taradale viaduct nearby, the problems of inadequate power and other facilities makes Chewton a more favourable proposition.

Phil Clayton will be looking into all possibilities for making the day a major success with maximum community involvement.

Together with other members of the Bicentennial Committee, Phil will be involved in organising the event and hopes that any interested individuals or Sports Clubs will offer suggestions.

Please contact Phil Clayton, 72 2044.



Two old photographs showing the original [top] and early Metcalfe Shire Office.

## FUNDING FOR HALLS AND RESERVES

Committees of Management of Public Halls and Reserves and other community facilities are now invited to submit requests for funding.

As there is only a limited amount of finance available for improvements, all submissions must be received by the end of August for consideration.

## Ceremony for Clark's Bridge

A brief ceremony for the naming of Clark's Bridge, in Watchbox Road, Barfold will be held at 9.30 a.m., Tuesday July 29. Morning tea will be served in the Barfold Public Hall.

The naming of this bridge commemorates 37 years of dedicated service to the Metcalfe Shire Council by the late Cr. Lance Clark.

## Shire Office Re-arrangement

The Shire President's room has now been converted to office space. The re-arrangement has greatly improved working conditions for staff, however it is not the final answer to the continual staff accommodation problem found in the Shire Office.

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**Metcalfe Hall Committee**, M. Wilson, 'The Ranch', Metcalfe. Tel: 23 2285

**Redesdale Hall Committee**, J. Gordon, Redesdale. Tel: 25 3155

**Sutton Grange Hall Committee**, R.G. Smith, 'Sundene', Redesdale. Tel: 25 3185

**Taradale Hall Committee**, David Penno, Taradale. Tel: 23 2222

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**Barkers Creek Primary School Council**, Gwenda Young, 15 Lawson Parade, Castlemaine. Tel: 72 3656

**Chewton Primary School Council**, Marilyn Cohen, Fryerstown. Tel: 73 4354

**Elphinstone Primary School Council**, Elisabeth Lowry, Pollards Road, Elphinstone. Tel: 73 3379

**Harcourt Primary School Council**, Tracey Griffiths, Station Street, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2598

**Harcourt North Primary School Council**, Oida McLochlan, Sedgwick Road, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2540

**Langley Primary School Council**, Helen Lewis, Tokani Park, Redesdale Road, Langley. Tel: 23 4140

**Metcalfe Primary School Council**, Sue White, Main Road, Metcalfe. Tel: 23 2540

**Redesdale Primary School Council**, Margaret Barty, Grange Grove, Redesdale. Tel: 25 3125

**Sutton Grange Primary School Council**, Chris Mathers, Sutton Grange. Tel: 25 3128

**Taradale Primary School Council**, Evelyn Noran, Old Drummond Road, Taradale. Tel: 23 2473

**Harcourt Play Group**, Mrs. E. Martin, Coopers Road, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2374

**Harcourt Pre-School Committee**, Mr. A.W. Calder, Eagles Road, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2410

## SPORTING GROUPS

### Bowling:

**Harcourt Bowling Club**. Tel: 74 2494

### Bowmen:

**Chewton Bowmen**, Mrs. Maureen Donovan, P.O. Box 281, Castlemaine.

### Carpet Bowls:

**Harcourt Carpet Bowls Assoc.**, Mrs. G. Jenkin, Peelers Road, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2442.

### Cricket:

**Barkers Creek Cricket Club**, Jeff Kellett, Ray Street, Castlemaine.

**Chewton Cricket Club**, Marg Henderson, Red Hill Hotel, Chewton. Tel: 72 2541

**Elphinstone Cricket Club**, Garry Pollard, 'Rosebank', Elphinstone. Tel: 73 3264

**Harcourt Cricket Club**, Roy Seelenmeyer, Midland Highway, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2194

**Taradale Cricket Club**, Robert Grant, Roderick Street, Taradale. Tel: 23 2478

### Football Clubs:

**Chewton Football Club**, Jeff Klimeck, Pitman Street, Chewton. Tel: 72 1056

**Harcourt Football Club**, Norman Jenkin, Peelers Road, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2442

### Pistol Club:

**Castlemaine Pistol Club**, Mr. L. Dann, 8 Greenhill Avenue, Castlemaine. Tel: 72 2683

### Tennis:

**Barkers Creek Tennis Club**, Margaret Grant, Peelers Road, Barkers Creek.

**Chewton Tennis Club**, Marion Landy, Mount Street, Chewton. Tel: 72 2954

**Elphinstone Tennis Club**, Vicky Walker, Railway Road, Elphinstone. Tel: 73 3313

**Harcourt Tennis Club**, Fay Hards, Wilkinson Street, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2580

**Metcalfe Tennis Club**, D. Smith, P.O. Box, Metcalfe. Tel: 23 2248

**Redesdale Tennis Club**, Sue Newnham, Briar Lea, Redesdale. Tel: 25 3124

**Sutton Grange Tennis Club**, Mavis Collison, Sutton Grange. Tel: 74 8230

**Taradale Tennis Club**, Lesley Davidge, Calder Highway, Taradale. Tel: 23 2367

### Swimming Pools:

**Chewton Swimming Pool C'ttee**, H. Archbold, Pitman Street, Chewton. Tel: 72 2825

**Harcourt Swimming Pool C'ttee**, Carmen Byrnes, Eagles Road, Harcourt.

### Recreation Reserves:

**Barkers Creek Recreation Reserve Committee**, Ronnie Bell, White Gum Road, Barkers Creek. Tel: 74 2161

**Chewton Memorial Park**, Betty Ellery, Cornish Street, Chewton. Tel: 72 3784

**Chewton Memorial Park Committee of Management**, Marion Landy, Mount Street, Chewton. Tel: 72 2954

**Elphinstone Recreation Reserve Committee**, R.J. Pollard, Elphinstone. Tel: 73 3251

**Harcourt Recreation Reserve Committee**, Mr. R.J. Douglas, Bagshaw Street, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2530

**Mt. Alexander Koala Park**, Mrs. Lyn Allan, Coolstore Road, Harcourt. Tel: 74 2418

**Redesdale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management**, Mrs. Janine Gordon, Redesdale. Tel: 25 3155

**Sutton Grange Recreation Reserve C'ttee of Management**, Mr. M.M. Davis, 'Ainlea Park', Sutton Grange. Tel: 74 8233

**Taradale Recreation Reserve Committee**, Max Robinson, Davey Street, Taradale. Tel: 23 2389

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## SHIRE OF METCALFE SHIRE OFFICERS

Shire Secretary - Maxwell B. Watson.  
 Shire Engineer- Brian D. Ross.  
 Clerical Assistants- Wendy Hill, Lynette Purton.  
 Engineering Assistant - Denis Fraser.  
 Health Inspector- W.R. Anderson.  
 Medical Officer of Health - Dr. B.E. Cohen.  
 Home Help Supervisor - Dorothy Pollard.

Council meets at Shire Hall, Metcalfe, the last Tuesday of each month at 10.00 a.m.  
 Office hours: 8.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., 1.30 p.m.-4.30 p.m.  
 Address- Shire Office, Metcalfe 3448.  
 Phone: (054) 23 2302

## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY DIRECTORY CHANGES

As Committee Memberships change at various times of the year, it will assist the compilation of the complete, comprehensive Community Directory if Secretaries can notify the Shire of changes.  
 Please fill out the following coupon with any change to existing committees or information of new groups. When meetings are held should also be included.

Send to Shire Secretary, Shire Office, Metcalfe 3448.

GROUP [eg. Church, Sport]	.....
NAME OF ORGANISATION	.....
CONTACT [Secretary]	.....
ADDRESS	.....
PHONE	.....
MEETING	.....