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Our Christmas Lunch

25 November 2018

15 people came to our Christmas Lunch, with the Museum represented along with MHS at the Marion Sports Club. We had a great time, with good food, company and conversation.

The program for the 2019 was handed out at the lunch. Our thanks go to the Committee, Judy, Sheila, Ian and Mandy, for all the hard work they have put in throughout the year and a special thank you to Mandy for all her hard work in bringing the program together.

Thanks to all members for your continuing support of MHS. We hope you had a Merry Christmas and wish you a happy and prosperous 2019.

Looking forward to seeing you throughout the year!

Remember that guests are always welcome so if you know someone who has an interest in one of the topics please bring them along.

The War is over

In 2014 the following item was included in the MHS Newsletter to show the optimism prevailing at the beginning of the war.

“While on holidays earlier this year, MHS member John Hoult visited the Museum in Echuca, where there was a commemorative display for the anniversary of the start of World War 1.

The following newspaper article that was included in the display gives us an idea of the optimism of the time (which proved to be unfounded) and that England was still thought of as “Home”.

From the Riverine Herald – 15 August 1914

ECHUCA VOLUNTEERS. FOR EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

Volunteers for the Australian Expeditionary Force continue to come in to the officers [sic] in Echuca. Those who wish to be in the ballot, for that is what it will amount to, as more than the requisite number are coming forward, should get in early.

It is probable that the Australian Contingent will be sent home to the old country to strengthen the home forces; or that they will go to India to relieve the garrison there and allow them to go on active service.

In either case, apart from the question of loyalty to the flag, the volunteers have a fine prospect in front of them. It is very improbable that they will be called to do active service on the continent and many of the Australians will no doubt be disappointed if that is so. Anyhow, they will have a pleasant trip home and perhaps arrive in London in time to take part in the popular rejoicing at the end of the war.

Light horse volunteers who are approved to go to Broadmeadows camp for the AEF should, if possible, bring their own horses. The horses should be good weight-carriers from 14.3 to 16 hands and from 4 to 12 years old. Grey, piebald, and washy chestnut horses are not to be taken.”

From the Newspapers 100 Years Ago

Whilst the war was over new and serious problems were facing the world in the form of Spanish influenza and South Australia was preparing.

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Leader (Angaston, SA : 1918 - 1954),
Thursday 20 February 1919, page 3

Local Board of Health and the Influenza Epidemic

The Chairman at the meeting of the local Board of Health last weekend reported on the public meeting anent [sic] preparations for influenza, and said that since then arrangements had been entered into to rent Dr. Cowan's private hospital entirely for that purpose, a qualified nurse retained, and negotiations made for a caretaker for the hospital until such time as the building may be required for the occupation of patients. The Board approved of the arrangements. It was resolved that the local Sports committee be written to and asked if it would not be advisable, in view of the influenza epidemic existing in and around Adelaide, to postpone the proposed sports on Easter Monday, especially as a special train will run to Angaston from the city—an infected area. (This will no doubt be considered at the Sports meeting on Thursday night].

[Anent concerning; about]

Drugs are considered to be one of today's problems but as the following item shows the problems also existed at the end of World War 1.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929),
Thursday 20 February 1919, page 8

CONSTABLE 'CAMOUFLAGED.'

BOUGHT "A DOLLAR'S WORTH OF SNOWY." MELBOURNE, February 19.

Attired as a member of the A.I.F. who had won many distinctions on the battle field, a constable entered a chemist's shop at Collingwood, and asked for "a dollar's worth of snowy." He was handed a plain white package, for which he paid 5/. Today at Collingwood Harold Bickford Harris, chemist's manager, was fined £20 for

having sold cocaine improperly. It was stated by the prosecution that, owing to the drug habit among soldiers, special arrangements had to be made by the authorities in these prosecutions, and permission was given for a constable to wear the uniform of a returned decorated soldier. The Government medical analyst (Mr. C. A. E. Price) said the package referred to contained 4½ grains of pure salts of cocaine. Two-thirds of a grain of this poison would have fatal results, but 20 grains would not.

News from the Marion Heritage Research Centre

Hello from the MHRC for 2019!

The MHRC is open throughout the year on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the office is fully air-conditioned, so think of us next time you are looking for something to do on a hot Adelaide summer's afternoon or even a cold winter's day. Visitors are always welcome and there is plenty to keep you interested.

In March the MHRC will be running a workshop:

Family History: Where do I start?

Monday 18th March, 2 – 4pm, no cost

Bookings are essential.

For more information please call the Heritage Research Centre on 7420 6455.

Watch out for our events in the Marion libraries' What's On! booklet, the local newspaper or this newsletter.

Marion Historical Society

**Our next meeting will take place on
Wednesday 20th March 2019
7.30pm at Cooina**

Dr Randal Williams

***The History of the South Adelaide
Football Club***

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