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## COLAC FIRST WORLD WAR RECRUITS

**R**ousing send-offs were given to the Colac men who enlisted in the Australian Infantry Battalion in 1914-1918 to fight in the First World War.

The group of recruits pictured were among some of the first to sign up and several would be on the first troop carriers to leave our shores. Three of these “fine young men” pictured above would not return.

On a Wednesday evening before they left, President of the Shire, Cr R W Meredith addressed a large gathering at the drill hall. He said that he was proud of the district and the young men who were representing it and he was confident they would do their duty as their forefathers did. He asked them never to forget that they were Australians and that the eyes of the world were upon them. He told them to “play the game like men

and if necessary, die like men”, which, disconcertingly, was met with cheers from the people in attendance.

Cr Donald Dunoon also addressed the group and said that the events which were transpiring were the greatest in the history of the world.

He said the volunteers would no doubt take part in them and he would be delighted to see them acquit themselves well... and that it was a time for deeds not words. He alluded to heroic deeds done in past battles and questioned if life now was not “too easy and listless” and if those same deeds would be done today. Cr Dunoon said that there was a calm confidence in the air and that Britain would emerge better than before and be at the head of the nations of the world. He wished the men much success and a safe return.

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Sunday 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
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**\*Open Anzac Day 12:00pm to 3:00pm**  
Out of hours opening by arrangement

## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, 16 April 2:00 - 3:00**

- ◇ Research Brainstorming
- ◇ All members welcome

**Thursday, 25 April 12:00 - 3:00**

- ◇ Anzac Day - Crosses at the War Memorial
- ◇ Family History Group open

**Tuesday, 30 April 9:30 to 11:00**

- ◇ Committee Meeting

**Friday, 3 May**

- ◇ Return Mothers' Day raffle books

**Sunday, 5 May 1:00 to 5:00**

- ◇ Celebrating our Aboriginal Heritage
- ◇ Open Day
- ◇ Details Page 6

**Tuesday, 7 May 1:00**

- ◇ Mothers' Day Raffle Drawn

**Tuesday, 14 May 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

- ◇ General Meeting
- ◇ Guest Speaker
- ◇ Afternoon Tea

**Friday, 31 May 1:00 to 3:00**

- ◇ DNA Workshop
- ◇ Jason from ancestry.com
- ◇ Colac Community Library - details page 7

**Continued from Cover Page:** Eighteen local men were on the first troop ships to leave Melbourne on 19 October 1914, Transport A18 *Wiltshire* and HMAT A25 *Anglo Egyptian*. Only ten of those eighteen men would return.

**Photograph:** Surnames only of the men pictured and actual order is not confirmed. Names as they were listed:

Kettle, Johnston, Barr, Sanson, Bassett, Lieut G Lucas, Richards, Honan, Kettle, Inglis, Howat, Scott, Murrell, Clark, Sitlington, McRae. (Richards, Inglis and Sitlington did not return).

## HARRIETTE ELIZABETH HAASY ALMOST FORGOTTEN PROJECT

Born in Middlesex in 1837 and baptised at St Pancras when she was seven weeks old, Harriette Elizabeth Baylis would travel across the world and fifty years later, spend her last days in Colac before tragically ending her life.



Harriette was the daughter of William Baylis, a butcher by trade, and Sarah Hansford, who later became a silk warehouse-worker.

By 1851, there were six children. Harriette had five younger brothers aged between 10 years and 18 months and was already working, no doubt contributing to the family finances. Her occupation was given as crochet worker.

At the inquest into her death some fifty years later, a witness stated that Harriette had been hawking fancy goods for a living, a legacy from the trade she learned in her childhood.

Harriette married German seaman Gustavas Haasy in 1859 and after five years of marriage, possibly to be able to spend time together and raise a family, the couple decided to emigrate and sailed from London on the *Golden South*, arriving in Melbourne in September 1864.

Eleven months later, their first child, Sarah, was born and baptised in Geelong.

Shortly afterwards Gustavus, who had previously worked as a steward, opened Berlin Dining Rooms and boarding house in Moorabool Street.

**BERLIN DINING ROOMS,**  
**MOORABOOL STREET.**

**G. HAASY** begs respectfully to inform the public that he has opened this day the above

**DINING-ROOMS,**  
And solicits the support of the public.  
The rooms are open from 7 o'clock in the morning until 8 in the evening.

**PUBLIC LUNCH**  
Every day at 1 o'clock, at One Shilling.  
Breakfast and Tea at the usual hours.  
Private rooms for families and ladies.

A son, Gustavas Walter Haasy was born in early 1867 and it seems that before long cracks began to appear in the marriage. Harriette charged her husband with assault although the outcome of the court case was has not been found.

The situation became too difficult for Harriette

and shortly after the birth of their third child, she took the baby leaving her other two children in the care of her husband. Gustavus placed a cautionary advertisement in the local paper:

I hereby caution all persons not to give any credit on any account to my wife, Harriette Haasy, without my written authority. Gustavus Haasy. Moorabool Street, Geelong 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 1870.

Unable to care for baby Thomas, Harriette left him with Elizabeth Foote in Geelong. Thomas was returned to his father after two weeks and a few days later he died of bronchitis and diarrhoea. Harriette returned to Geelong but in March, 1871, left her home again, this time taking the older children with her. Gustavus again declared that he would not be responsible for any debts she incurred and cautioned all parties not to harbour or detain his children, threatening to “proceed against all such persons with the utmost rigour of the law”.

It was difficult to survive and in 1872 the children were placed into the care of the state. Gustavus, their father, left Geelong and appeared to have another wife, Sarah, when he died in 1873 in a police cell. The children were still wards of the state at the time.

During the next ten years Harriette seems to have lived in the Melbourne area, her addresses being given as “off Fitzroy Street” and later 11 George Street Prahran. In 1883 Harriette attempted suicide by drowning. She went into the water near the St Kilda bath but was seen by some early morning swimmers who rescued her.

There was a hat and shawl nearby on the pier, with a note attached stating that she was tired of her life and suffering from an incurable disease.

Harriette made her way to Colac sometime between 1883 and 1887 and lived in a shack, relying on her neighbour Tracey Richards for water and earning money selling fancywork.

On the morning she took her own life, Harriette had bathed in Lake Colac and apparently fallen in. Wet and cold, she sought admission to the hospital until she was warm and her clothes dry. Dr Walls told her he was unable to help and on her way home, Harriette called into George F Turner’s chemist shop and purchased a bottle of carbolic acid. She went home in despair and drank most of the contents. Tracey Richards found Harriette two days later, dead on the floor of her shack. She was just 50 years old.



# COBRAM HISTORIC LOG CABIN - COLAC CONNECTION

BY RAYE KAYLER-THOMSON

Upon leaving Colac we had decided Cobram, on the Murray River in Victoria, was the place to be for a few days of R & R.

We visited the Log Cabin, situated at Federation Park in Cobram where it had been relocated and officially opened in 1977. Inside there was a brief history of the cabin:

*“The Log Cabin dates back to 1874 when Richard Moore Toms with his six sons left Colac in Western Victoria to settle on land three miles south of Yarrawonga in the north east of the state.”*

I just had to know more about the Colac family that had built and lived in this beautiful log cabin.

Richard Moore Toms was born c1823 in Winfrith Newburgh, Dorset, England to Elizabeth Moore and Henry Toms, a mason. Richard who was a bricklayer by trade, arrived in the colony of Victoria in 1852 and went to Colac. He found the love of his life (well, I like to think so) and was married in 1854 to Mary Doak at Wool Wool. Mary was born 1830 in Dromara, Co. Down, Ireland to parents Jane Johnston and James Doak. It is not certain when Mary arrived in Australia but her mother Jane Doak, a widow, arrived in 1863 aboard “Champion of the Seas” with children Prudence, Robert and Sophia. Mary’s mother and siblings settled in Colac.

On the Electoral Rolls for 1856, Richard is shown as bricklayer and plasterer, living in a freehold residence in Colac. Richard was doing well in Colac he had purchased land and in 1866 he became the holder of the license for the Court House Hotel. He also had a keen interest in politics.

Between the years 1854-1872, Mary and Richard had nine children who were all born in Colac; Charles Henry, James, Elizabeth, Richard, Thomas, George, William Duffus, Jane and Mary. All was well in the Toms household –until one fateful day in May 1868, when a parcel containing notes to the value of £700 arrived at the Colac post-office and telegraph station, where a lad named Charles H Toms, was employed. Charles delivered the parcel to the bank manager, who on examination, found the parcel had been tampered with and four £1 notes were missing. These were afterwards traced to the hands of the lad, Charles Toms. The boy went to the postmaster, and threw his arms around him saying “I did it”.

Charles appeared at the Geelong General Session in August 1868., charged with stealing. The jury gave a verdict of “not guilty”. They were unanimously of the opinion that the practice of sending bank notes in open parcels was reprehensible, and deserving of the strongest condemnation in that it is the cause of great temptation. The boy was then discharged.

In 1871, Richard sold his property in Colac and by



*Historic Log Cabin at Cobram, built by Colac Pioneer,*

1874 he had purchased 315 acres of land in Yarrawonga. Richard and Mary with their young children, all nine of them, re-located to Lovely Banks, South Yarrawonga, where Richard turns to farming. He retained the 95 acres in the Stony Rises and leased it for several years.

Richard and Mary lived at Lovely Banks, South Yarrawonga, for the rest of their lives and this would have been the original location of their log cabin. On their way home in January 1884, after a trip to Wangaratta, Mary was thrown from the buggy and died at the scene, she was aged 53. Her husband Richard Moore Toms, never re-married and died in 1902 aged 79. They are buried in the Yarrawonga Cemetery along with four of their sons. Son Richard is also buried at Yarrawonga. The daughters married farmers: Mary Prescott of Yarrawonga, Jane Graham of St James and Elizabeth Patullo of Urana N.S.W. Son William returned to Colac and settled there. George was on his way to visit Colac, felt unwell and stopped to see a Doctor in Melbourne and several days later he died there, never completing the trip to Colac.



*Family Grave at Yarrawonga Cemetery*

## RURAL STORES BY ROBYN CURRIE

Whilst transcribing names from a map titled *Rural Store Sites Colac Common* at the History Centre, I wondered why the map would have such a name. To me it just looked like any other residential map, although much of it was in Elliminyt and Colac West, a location where there are fewer houses now. I discovered that Rural Store licences were issued as part of the Victorian Government Land Act 1862 to people wanting to use land for “inns, stores, smithies, bakeries or similar... in thinly populated districts; the area not to exceed 3 acres, term not to exceed 7 years, yearly rent not less than 5 pounds.”.



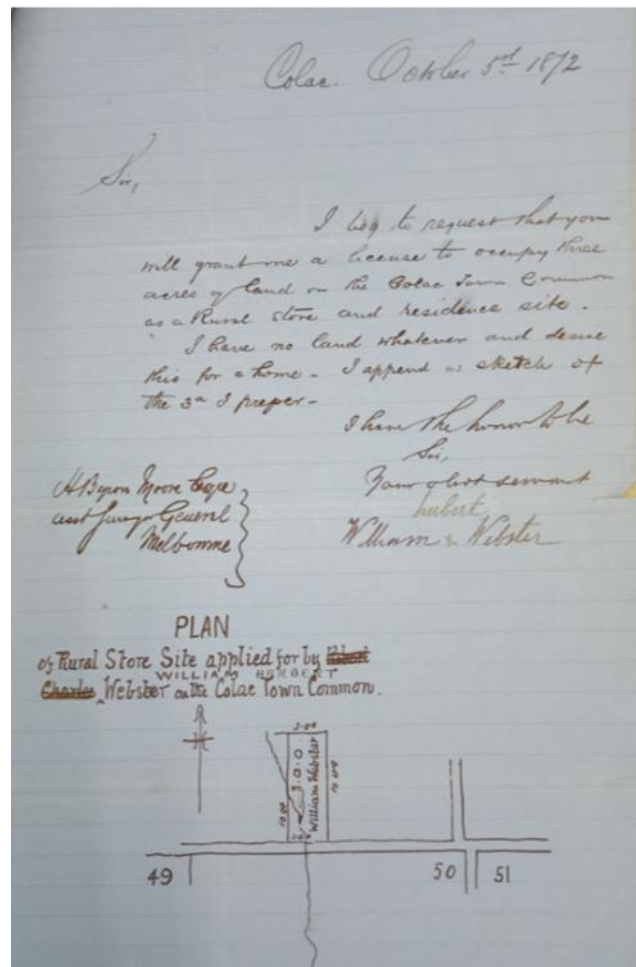
This land was on what was called the Town Common (hence the second part of the map title). By the Land Act 1869, in Colac, the licensees had to reside on the land. The sites around Colac were designed for the labouring men and tradesmen. For many people with little income this was a way to have access to land to grow some food, build a simple home and be close to their work. Sometimes family members selected neighbouring sites and when the paperwork had been passed, pulled down the adjoining fences and extra huts and had a good sized piece of land to live on. In later years, as were many aspects of the different Land Acts, the process of putting the land up for auction after 3 years was exploited and some larger land-owners took advantage when the Rural Store sites were put up for sale, by applying for and buying the Crown grant for the land. The less resourced, previous licensee and family then became homeless and landless, just like the aboriginal colonists thirty or forty years before them! The Minister of Lands was petitioned and the Act was changed so that the annual rent of 5 pound then went towards the purchase.

The Town Common of Colac was 1920 acres and opened early in 1870 under section 47 of the Land Act. The map shows most of these Rural Store sites to be in the area presently bounded by Aireys St in the north and Harris Rd in the south, then in the east by Forest Rd and the west by Deans Creek Rd.

**The following applications for licenses have been approved:—Under section 47—Henry Bennett, William H. Webster, Mary Ann Lawes, and Thomas Lawes, all of Elliminyt. Under section 49—James Mooney, Corindhap; and Patrick Barrington, Durdidwarrah.**

*Geelong Advertiser Monday 16 June 1879 p3*

Here is an example of an application and other documents by William H Webster for land. The early maps show the land to be on the corner of Slater St East and Woodrowvale Road. (left) Land selection and correspondent files, Public Records Office Victoria VPRS 5357.



Currently several members of the family history group are working through our collection of historic maps which include names of the landowners. The names will be added to our database - another valuable asset for family history researchers.



## AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL CONNECTING PEOPLE PLACES AND THE PAST

Connecting People, Places and the Past is the theme for the 2019 National Trust Australian Heritage Festival.

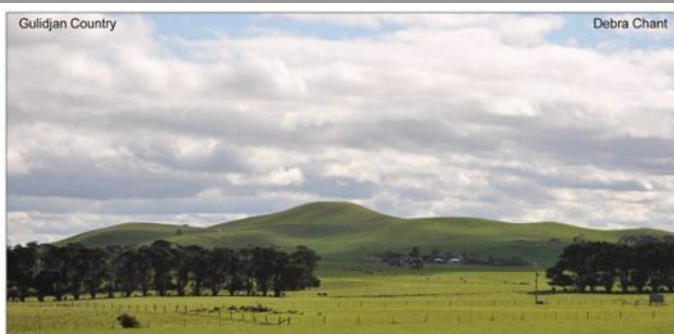
Incorporating events from across Australia, the festival runs from 18th April to 19th May and the family history group will be hosting an event “Celebrating our Aboriginal History” at the History Centre on Sunday, 5th May.

For the past three years, Deb Chant, one of our volunteers, has been researching and

collecting certificates, photographs and other information about local indigenous people who were in the district at the time of white settlement and indigenous history prior to that time.



Archaeologists Tiffany and Matthew assessing the collection with Robert Missen, President of the Historical Society,



*The Warrion Hills*

Deb is currently developing an exhibition of her work which will be on display for the festival.

A collection of artefacts held by the Colac Historical Society was recently assessed by archaeologists in preparation for a permanent display in their newly acquired showcase. These tools and weapons will also be on display for the festival. The exhibition will be launched on Sunday, 5th May from 1pm to 5pm and during the usual opening hours of the History Centre until the end of May. Entry is by donation.

### PLANNING DAY 2019

Several of our members recently participated in a planning day away from the History Centre. The day started with a series of questions around where the group would be and what we would be doing in 2029. It was interesting that most people believed there would still be a need for the family history group and that we would be working with people world-wide to research their families.

We then did an exercise looking at our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. While it was agreed that we are very strong in some areas, there were also improvements to be made.

It was decided to make our photo collection the major project for this year. Targets were set and a strategy agreed to. The collection needs to be fully digitised and all photographs that have digital copies, require correct naming and tagging



*Beryl has everyone's attention while she makes a point*

for the database. Margaret and Raye offered to develop a procedure and several members committed to helping with the project. Our next exercise was to identify the tasks that are currently being undertaken by the group. There were more than twenty activities identified, requiring a variety of skills. Procedures will now be developed to enable any of the volunteers to select tasks to work on that they find interesting. A calendar of the year's events was developed and it was decided that there was time available for training sessions and brainstorming. Some of

the training will be in the form of podcasts and “brain-storming” is where the group gets together and helps to break down brick walls or share research tools. A full report from the day is being prepared.

**MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE...** Please don't forget to provide a small item for the raffle and to bring back your tickets by Friday, 3rd May. Thank you for your help with this important fundraiser for the group.

## DNA WORKSHOP - FRIDAY 31ST MAY - REGISTER NOW

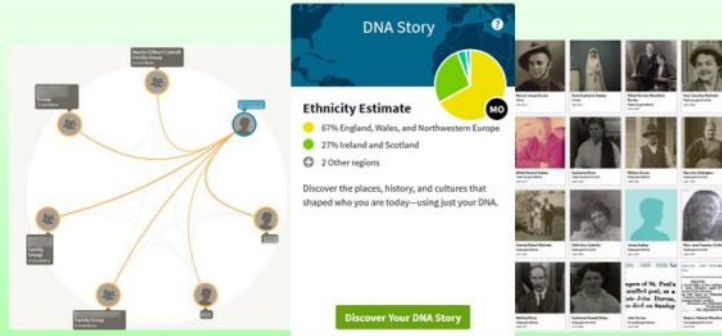


Colac Community Library  
and Learning Centre

Presented by Jason Reeves from ancestry.com

### DNA and Family History

*How DNA can help you discover your Family History*



1pm to 3pm Friday 31st May

Meeting Room - Colac Community Library

Entry by donation - Numbers are limited - Please register

At History Centre, COPACC ph: 52315736 or email: [secretary@colacfamilysociety.org.au](mailto:secretary@colacfamilysociety.org.au)  
Or Colac Community Library ph: 52314613

## YOUR DNA STORIES

### HELP WITH DIFFICULT SURNAME

After doing an ancestry.com DNA test, I was contacted by a lady from Queensland who told me that we were related. A sister of my great grandfather was her great, great grandmother. Our family hasn't been easy to research, with Walker as a surname, but my newly found relative is a serious historian and had done extensive research on this branch of the family. We have found lots of misinformation on the birth, death and marriage certificates and some relatives have been very secretive as well. Neither of us knew that our ancestor had a sibling who had migrated to Australia, it was never mentioned. It was through our DNA tests that the discovery was made. We have exchanged a lot of information and now both of our family trees are more complete. One mystery we haven't been able to solve though is how my aunt was born three years after the death of her "father". That secret appears to have gone to the grave with her mother. DNA has given me a new relation and friend.

### WORLD-WIDE CONNECTIONS

I have come to the conclusion that having your DNA results is fun! Adding them to various sites, such as ancestry, My Heritage, gedcom and others can introduce you to a series of potential pen-pals. The difference is, you are related. At first the family connection isn't always obvious and unravelling the mystery of where you fit in is part of the fun. You can even break down some of those research "brick walls". Since sharing my DNA results, I have been in contact with some third cousins in America, a fairly close relative that I never knew existed in central Queensland and a distant relative of my elusive great grandfather living in England. There are another 250 DNA matches to follow up yet. I found that the American connection stems back to the Second World War when a great aunt fell in love with an American sailor. The English distant relative and I finally worked out our relationship and along the way exchanged family Christmas photos and greetings, and we will try to meet our Queensland relative on our next trip.

*Do you have a DNA story? If you have taken a DNA test, what did you hope to find? We often hear how the test has connected families or helped to "break through brick walls". What has your DNA uncovered. ? We do not print the names of the contributors without consent.*



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 2019

The Annual General Meeting was held in February and the History Centre was almost packed to capacity with a record number of people in attendance.

After more than twenty years of service to the family history group, Liz Spence, our outgoing president, resigned from the committee due to family reasons. Liz is a life member and stalwart of the group. As well as serving in the role of President for several



terms, Liz has been an active volunteer since first becoming a member and has participated in every aspect of the group's activities, including being on the duty roster for most of that time. She has also travelled many kilometres to represent the group at various meetings throughout the state.

One of Liz's key strengths has been to recognise and seize opportunities. When she heard Bernie Gleeson offering to volunteer to develop a digital database for another organisation, who declined, Liz convinced him that Colac would welcome his help. After many hours of work by Bernie and our volunteers, a database was developed and currently has more than 350,000 entries.

But possibly the story Liz enjoys telling most is when she ran into the COPACC manager outside the "ladies" room and the discussion resulted in Colac hosting Christina Henri from the "Roses from the Heart" project. Christina was invited to

Colac to display her bonnets at the annual textile exhibition, CrossXpollinationN. Christina also conducted a "Blessing of the Bonnets", a very moving and memorable event.

We wish Liz and her family all the best and look forward catching up from time to time.

Margaret Nixon, a long time member and regular volunteer, was appointed to the role as president, but unfortunately had to resign after a month due to health issues. In that time Margaret attended the Planning Day, a joint meeting of the Family



Margaret Nixon

History Group and the Historical Society and several other events. It was with reluctance that we accepted her resignation and we thank her for all of the work she has done and look forward to seeing Margaret back at the centre in the future.



Presidents, Robyn Currie (left) and Diana Mc Garvie

In a new initiative, the group has appointed two presidents to the role, Robyn Currie and Diana McGarvie. The responsibilities will be shared and this creative solution will provide stability and continuity. We thank both Robyn and Diana for agreeing to take on the role and trialling this initiative and look forward to another busy, productive year.

Guest speaker was Alan McLean, author of *Mystery at Moonlight Head*, the Fiji shipwreck disaster in 1891.

After stumbling across an overgrown headstone on an isolated area at Moonlight Head, Alan became fascinated about the story of the shipwreck, the deaths at sea, the rescue and the genuine care of the local community. Several years of research led to the book which is a detailed account of the historic event and personal stories of the people involved, from the crew to the brave rescuers and the community who took care of the survivors.

Several of the descendants of the rescuers, proud of the bravery of their ancestors, were in attendance to hear Alan's story.



Front Row Left to Right: Margaret Murrphy, Veronica Webber, Lila Milner, Jean Towers Back: Zelda Clementson, Leanne Sinnot, Christine Tippens, Matthew Tippens, Kerry Audsley with author, Alan McLean



## BITS & PIECES

### LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE

After almost a year of designing and testing by our diligent sub-committee and website developer, the new website was launched with a celebration at the History Centre in February. President Liz Spence congratulated the team on their effort and thanked Rodney for his work. If you haven't already seen it, check it out on [www.colacfamilyhistory.org.au](http://www.colacfamilyhistory.org.au) and try the name search. Let us know what you think.



*Left to Right: Rodney (developer), with sub committee Robyn (leader), Raye, Jill and Deb with President Liz.*

### TRIP TO TURKEITH HOMESTEAD

The Historical Society organised a bus trip to Turkeith Homestead early this year and invited members of the family history group. Hosts Tim and Mary-Ann Holt and Andy Miller from The Dry Stone Walls Association had organised extensive guided tours of the house, gardens, shearing sheds and surrounding stone walls. Tim and Mary-Ann's passion to reclaim the garden and restore and preserve the heritage property was heartening. Afternoon tea followed and on the way home, the bus stopped at the Mt Hesse wind farm. A very enjoyable day had by all.



*Owners Tim Holt & Mary-Ann Holt with Andy Miller*

### WAR MEMORIAL PROJECTION AND ANZAC DAY 2019



*Matt and Amanda discuss the projection for Anzac Day*

The Shire's tribute in Memorial Square, which was erected following the First World War to honour the men and women who served, will be used to host a special projection during the week leading up to Anzac Day this year. The Colac Otway Shire gained a grant to develop the projection, which is being co-ordinated by Amanda Shepherd, Arts and Leisure Project Officer. Matt Bonner, of BonArt Multimedia, who is originally from Colac, is excited to be involved in the projection. Matt has previously created similar shows that were screened on the Geelong Town Hall for Anzac commemorations and other light festival and after dark events. Multimedia Events will be looking after the technical component of the projection. Some individual photographs selected from those of the thousands of local men and women who served in WW1 will be chosen for the show, which will commence on the night of Good Friday and run until the end of Anzac Day. The family history group, along with the Colac RSL have been working with Amanda and have provided photographs for Matt's use. Beryl has once again been preparing the crosses for the memorial for Anzac Day. Several men died overseas after the war had officially finished, some while they were waiting for a ship to bring them home. Others died of wounds or illness soon after arriving home and each of these men will have their own cross and the date they died as a tribute to their sacrifice. Colac's tribute this year will include the crosses and projection at the Memorial, and the many hundred flags at the local cemeteries. Tell your family and plan a visit. It is worth the trip.

# Memories...



Just looking at this brings on a smile. Whether Olive Neale (left) or Ethyl Neale (right), and their unknown friend are smiling at a private joke, or at the thought of having their photograph taken, or perhaps it is something the photographer said, the smiles are genuine and engaging. It is also an historic glimpse of Murray Street. *If you recognise the lady in black in the centre, please let us know who she is.*

## WE THANK THESE ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT



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