



DONALD HISTORY
& NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

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Enquiries for August: We have very little to report for August, having been run off our feet in July. August has been bitterly cold which may have something to do with it. Whilst we are on the weather, readers from afar may be interested to know that the Donald area is looking at one of its best seasons ever, on top of two very poor seasons. With much of the rest of Australia facing severe hardship we feel very blessed.

Anna Bennett asked for any information on Effie Susan Selwood who married Alfred Ernest Anderson at Carron in 1906.

Karen Fishley, daughter of the Rev. Stan Fishley, called at the archives in July to say hello after 42 years and signed the visitor's book. Other visitors about the same time were Krysten (now Lamborne) and Rebecca Letts.

Glen Pass rang for information on his father, Bernie Pass, who worked on farms in the Litchfield area between 1948 and 1951. Bernie came from Geraldton and eventually returned there. Footts and Don Hepworths were two of the farms that he worked on. Bernie has one entry in our Donald Times data base. He also played cricket for Litchfield. Glen, who hails from Perth, will call at the archives in early September.

The History group had a pleasant days outing to The Sammy's Lake area and Watchem on August 12 in lieu of a meeting. It was too wet to actually go to the Lake and the old Johnson House but about thirty people attended and had a great day touring Watchem's interest spots.

An historical activity for September will be the "Old Litchfield photos and film day" in the Litchfield Hall. This will probably be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday 15th,

September, subject to the hall being available. Anyone with old Litchfield photos should email them or post them prior to the date. Photo Albums and scrap books will be also displayed on the day if people care to bring them.

Blasts from the Past- September 1919.

September 2 A proof that foxes are prevalent around Lake Buloke is given by the fact that Messers. Dunn Bros., who reside in the vicinity, have caught over 90 this season. They caught 11 in one day's hunting. Most were killed by staghounds.

Important Notice. Change of Management. W.A. Morgan desires to notify the public that he has purchased the "Donald Times".

September 5: Grand Final:

Donald 4 goals, 9 behinds (33 pts) St Arnaud 3 goals, 10 behinds (28 pts). *(Match was reported in great detail concluding with the following paragraph)*

It would be unfair to pick out the best players where all did so well. This applies to the players on both sides. The teams were a very even combination and, but for the unfortunate incident, *(a disputed goal)* no one would have begrudged the local team their success.

A report of the match in this week's "North Central News" from the St Arnaud Mercury 100 years ago had St Arnaud winning 4 10 to Donald 4 9. Donald were said to be "not happy" and were disputing one of St Arnaud's goals. Their protest was obviously upheld. Best players were named for both sides in the Mercury Report.

September 9: The annual meeting of the Laen Cricket Club was called for Saturday evening last but the attraction of the home fireside proved too strong for the majority and the meeting lapsed

September 12: STRAYED. 1 Brindle cow, just calved. Owner can have same by paying advert. and grazing. J. Baensch Donald.

Lengthy account headed **How Hun Warships were scuttled in Scapa Flow**

September 16: Donald Football Club agreed, after a lengthy debate, to replay the Grand Final.

September 19: On Tuesday afternoon last, whilst playing in the yard, Master Geo Baker, the 5 year old son of Mr & Mrs Jos. Baker, had the misfortune to dislocate his arm and break a bone near the elbow. The little chap bore the pain with wonderful fortitude and was attended to locally. On Wednesday his mother took him to the St Arnaud District Hospital for further treatment.

September 26: Grand Final Replay. St Arnaud 6.8 (44) defeated Donald 5.10 (40).

(Match was again described in great detail concluding with the following paragraph).

It was a strenuous match for both teams and when the occasion arose each man did his best for his side. *(After the first disputed match the players from both sides adjourned to Sweeney's Hotel. There was no account of any similar gathering after this match)*

September 30: Mr John Donnellon, one of the pioneers of the Jeffcott district is, we regret to say, at present suffering from an illness which causes his relatives and friends much anxiety. Mr Donnellon, who is about 80 years of age, has earned the high esteem of a very large number of friends and neighbours.