



## **Buloke Bulletin No. 344 MAY 2026**

### Enquiries February/March

We have had a white ant outbreak in the back room of our opp shop, next to the archives building. Unlike the archives building, the opp shop building is owned by the Buloke Shire and they have despatched Finn Smith, from Krahe's Pest control to bait the vermin and then they will inspect and repair the damage. Finn has just installed the 3<sup>rd</sup> bait so it is a determined infestation. It has been quite amazing, if a little disturbing to stand next to the wooden bookshelves and hear the ant activity in them.

Another person has discovered Penny Falla's School project on the White Army in Donald and asked her permission to forward it to the Bendigo Historical Society. Permission was granted.

Mrs. Edith Brownlow wanted information on her father Charles Glew, who worked at the Commercial Bank in Donald from 1930-34. The Commercial Bank was 2-storey and had been built at what is now 65 Woods St in 1928. It closed in 1943, becoming firstly a chemist shop and then a private residence. There was a little about Charles Glew in the Donald Times. He was involved in the Miniature Rifle Club and the Cycle Club and this information was posted to Mrs. Brownlow.

Coral and Ian Gibbins were travelling to Horsham for a 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary. They called at the Archives. Ian had worked at the Meatworks Buildings in 1964, doing electrical work. He said that he had lived at a hotel "Opposite to the Post Office" and he was having difficulty finding it. We pointed out the former site of the Grand Central Hotel and showed him some photos of it in "Now and Then, Volume One". He then remembered the Hotel and its beautiful Stained Glass window. He was pleased to hear that the window is now preserved in The Courthouse Museum.

Diane (Stevens) Pocock would still like to know if anyone knows anything about the "big machine gun" installation arriving at the Memorial Hall. Call in or message the archives if you can help. At the recent Combined Western Victorian History societies' meeting in St

Arnaud a group reported that there had been a 60 year celebration of a similar gun being installed at Mitiamo. We can probably assume that ours arrived in 1966 as well.

## **Blasts from the Past. May 1926**

**May 4. Donald Football Club. Gatekeepers and Boundary Umpired Wanted.** Applications are invited for two Gatekeepers, one Ticket Seller and one Boundary Umpire, each at 5/- per match, for the above for the 1926 season. Applications must be lodged with the Secretary no later than Saturday next May 5.

**May 7, Personal.** Friends of Mr. W. Dixon of Jeffcott were pleased to see him about last week. He is still on crutches but is making steady progress,

**May 11. Personal.** The Rev. T.H. Shallberg, who is well known to the residents of Donald, has reached the jubilee of his ministry in the Presbyterian Church. In 1876 he was inducted into the charge of Milford in Surrey by the Rev. Grattan Guinness. He was born in Schleswig, Germany in 1851. The strain of learning English and of his work in East London undermined his health so he came to Australia.

**May 14. Donald Traders' Association. "Back to Donald".** The monthly meeting of the Donald Traders' Association was held on Monday evening, the president Mr. C.A. Forer, being in the chair. During the meeting the "Back to Donald" project came up for discussion, those present being in agreement with the chairman in the opinion that the business people of the town should throw their weight wholeheartedly behind the movement. It was decided that the Association should be represented at the public meeting in the Shire Hall tonight and the following motion moved by Mr. B. M. Basset and seconded by Mr. W. H. Swaby was agreed to: - That the Donald Traders' Association heartily co-operate in the "Back to Donald" movement and suggests that the celebrations take place in October, 1927.

**May 18. Association Bowling Average.** At the beginning of last season, Mr. Fred Bayles of the V.P.C. donated a trophy for the best bowling average in the Donald District Cricket Association. The winner was W. Golding (Donald) who is to be congratulated on his performance. The main averages were as follows:

W.J. Golding (Donald) 501 balls, 30 wickets, 334 runs, average 11.13.

Geo. Burston (St Arnaud) 44 balls, 23 wickets, 257 runs, average 11.17.

W. Tyson (Traynor's Lagoon) 816 balls, 17 wickets, 201 runs, average 11.82.

**May 21. Fire at Watchem.** The residence of Mr. Boresham, assistant stationmaster at Watchem, was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday evening last. Mrs. Boresham is said to have been carrying a lamp when she was startled by the sudden appearance of a cat. She let the lamp fall, and the flames spread immediately. Very little was saved.

**May 25. Wallaby's Sudden end.** A wallaby owned by Mr. Gus. Meyer met an untimely end recently. A painter had been working at Mr. Meyer's residence, and, when knocking off, left a pot of paint uncovered. The wallaby, being of an enquiring disposition, and liking the taste of the paint, swallowed the lot. When found he had already passed to the wallabies' hereafter.