

# LEARMONTH AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

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*OLD SHIRE OFFICES, 326 HIGH STREET, LEARMONTH.*

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## WHO MADE THE "SHIRE OF BALLARAT"



### OLD SHIRE OFFICES, LEARMONTH

**When:** 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday and Sunday

**Where:** Old Shire Offices, Learmonth

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

The Learmonth and District Historical Society Inc presents a photographic display of the Presidents and the Pioneers, who made a contribution to the former Shire of Ballarat.

### WALKING TOURS

Join in on a guided tour of Learmonth town's "Heritage Walk" at 11 am and 1 pm on both days, leaving from the Shire Offices.


### OPENED VENCES

A range of venues in Learmonth will be open throughout the weekend including: Old Shire Offices, 321 Cafe, Antique Store, Star Hotel and Store.

**BALLARAT  
HERITAGE  
WEEKEND**

10 - 11 May 2014

Mother's Day Weekend

**CITY OF  
BALLARAT** 

PRESIDENTS OF  
THE SHIRE OF  
BALLARAT

*“Leading the way “*



*Compiled by Lois Spenceley  
For the Learmonth and District  
Historical Society Inc*

*A short biography of the 73  
Presidents from the Shire of  
Ballarat, with photos.*

**\$20**

*Copies of this book may be  
purchased from the Learmonth  
& District Historical Society.*

*Or call the secretary (Lois  
Spenceley) on 53384361 or  
email*

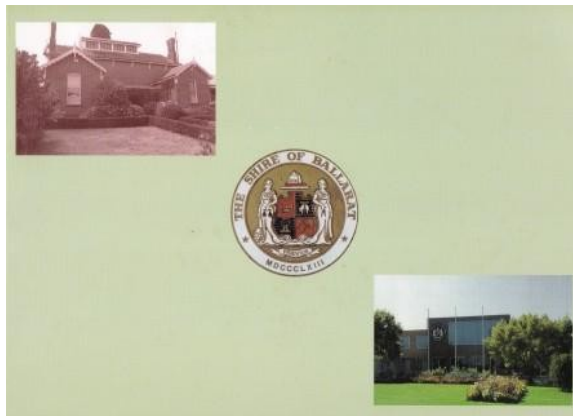
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*Barbara Hughes has produced a book called  
“Praevius - Leading The Way*

*A history Of The  
Shire Of Ballarat  
Please contact the  
society above  
The cost of this book is*

**\$35**



CONGRATULATIONS



**JUST MARRIED**

**BRIONY PARRY  
& LUCAS WILLIAMS**

**12th Apr 2014**

**At the Old Shire Offices. Learmonth.**



# RIDE-ON-MOWER

**Thanks to the City of Ballarat's Community Impact Grant, which we were a successful applicant, we now have a ride-on-mower. Display boards have been ordered and we look forward to their arrival.**



**David Spenceley mowing the lawn.**



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**AGM**  
**Friday 11th July 2014**  
**At the Learmonth Bowling Club**

## **ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.**

**From the Argus (Melbourne) newspaper.**

### **14th March 1914 - Wedding Anniversary.**

**VAUGHAN-CROCKER.**- [Silver Wedding].- On the 13th March, 1889, at St. Dunstan's Church of England, Violet Town, by the late Rev. F. Lawson-Wilson, of Euroa, assisted by the Rev. E. Rodda, late of Benalla, John, late of Warrenbayne Station, Baddaginnie, eldest son of W. Vaughan, The Laurels, Learmonth, to Violet, eldest daughter of the late W. D. Crocker, of Honeysuckle Station, Violet Town, and Mrs. Crocker, Mosspennoch, Melbourne. Present address, De Cameron, Elmhurst.

### **13th April 1914 - Death notice.**

**DALGLEISH.** - On the 12th April, at his residence, "Salwick Hall," Learmonth, Robert Elliott, dearly beloved husband of Annie Dalgleish, aged 81 years.

### **13th June 1914 - Death notice.**

**SARA.** - On the 7th June, at Learmonth, William D., beloved husband of Allie Sara, and brother-in-law of Mrs. J. W. Elsbury, Armadale, and Mrs. Kinnersly Melton.

### **22 June 1914**

#### **RUN OVER BY MOTOR-CAR. VERDICT OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH.**

**BALLARAT,** Saturday. - An adjourned inquiry into the death of Edward Magan was held this afternoon by Mr. H. M. Sim-mons, J.P. Magan was run over by a motor-car driven by David Robert Brewster on the Waubra road late at night on June 14, and died while being motored in to the Ballarat Hospital. Brewster and his companion, Gordon Norman McNicol, after the accident sought medical assistance, and then reported the accident to Constable Hart, who accompanied Brewster to Ballarat. At the opening of the inquest Constable Hart stated that he knew that Magan was subject to fits of dizziness, in which he used to reel and sometimes fall to the ground. Sergeant Nicholson conducted the inquiry.

Gordon Norman McNicol deposed that he was in David R. Brewster's car between 11 and 12 o'clock at night, when he saw something lying on the road. Brewster stopped the car, but not in time to avoid running over the object, which proved to be a man, who was cut about the face and bleeding. There was a pool of blood on the ground near his head. Brewster went on for a doctor, while witness remained with the man. Brewster returned and said that the doctor was out. They then lifted the injured man into the car and drove to the Learmonth police station. The night was dark and cloudy. A kerosene headlight was on the car, and it was by this light that he saw the object lying on the road.

David Robert Brewster deposed that his attention was drawn to an object lying at right angles across the road. He was driving his car at nine or ten miles an hour. Immediately afterwards he felt the wheels bump over something, having previously taken action to stop the car. He returned to see what they had run over and found Magan. In addition to the front lamp there was one on the rear of the car. He had driven the car for 19 months, and had never previously had an accident.

A verdict of accidental death was re- corded.

**28th July 1914**

**THE RAILWAYS - THEFT OF A TARPAULIN**

**LEARMONTH**, Monday - At the police court today, before Messrs, S. J. Goldsmith, P.M., and W. Baker, J.P., Alexander Dowler, farmer, of Waubra, was charged on summons with the theft of a tarpaulin valued at £6, the property of the Railways Commissioners. Constable Hawkins said that on April 1 he visited Dowler's farm, and found the tarpaulin spread out on the ground. He asked Dowler where he got it, and he replied that a man had left it there. Daniel Barnes, foreman of the tarpaulin department at the Newport Workshops, in his evidence. Said that about 200 of these tarpaulins were lost annually, and that this one had only been in use 2½ years, and was particularly ruined. A fine of £3, with £2/17/6 costs, was imposed.

**20th August 1914**

**DEATH AT RAILWAY STATION**

**EGERTON**, Wednesday,- When the 6.45 a.m. express to Melbourne arrived at the Gordon railway station to-day a resident of Beaufort, named Tyrell, was taken from a compartment in a dying condition. Dr. Courtney, of Learmonth, and Dr. Davies, of Ballarat, who were passengers on the train, were called to the sick man's aid, and they advised the sick man's son, who was travelling with his father, to remove him to the waiting-room, as he could not survive the trip to Melbourne. About 10 minutes after the train had departed he died. He had been suffering from gastritis. Deceased, who was about 60 years of age, was a railway employee at Beaufort, where his wife resides. An inquiry will be held.

**10th October 1914**

**TOLSTRUP**.—On the 4th October, at Brunswick, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Tolstrup, National Bank, Learmonth - a son. Both well.

**16th November 1914**

**COUNTRY NEWS - BALLARAT AND DISTRICT.**

Frederick Norman Ross, farm labourer, aged 26 years, was brought in by Constable Ross from Learmonth on Saturday night suffering a bullet wound in the centre of his forehead, and admitted to the hospital. The man's condition is not as bad as might have been expected considering the nature of the wound, and on Sunday night he was conscious and doing well. Constable Hart furnished the hospital authorities with no details concerning the affair. Nothing is known relative to Ross beyond that he has a sister in Melbourne.

**1st December 1914**

**FIRE AT LEARMONTH**

**LEARMONTH**, Monday. A fire broke out at 4 o'clock this morning in the store owned and occupied by Mr. George Barnes, grocer, of High street, and resulted in the complete destruction of the store, dwelling house, and outbuildings. Mrs. Barnes went into the store with a lighted candle, and while she was reaching into the window for some toothache cure, the muslin caught fire, and in a few minutes the whole place was ablaze. Assistance was rendered by neighbours, but very little was saved.

**LEARMONTH & DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

**Meetings:** Every third Tuesday of the month. 8pm

**Where:** The Old Shire Hall  
326 High Street, Learmonth.

**Time:** 8 pm

**2014 Dates**

20th May

17th June

11 July AGM Learmonth Bowling Club

6 - 6.30 pm start.

Guest speaker to be confirmed.

19th August

16th September

21st October

18th November. Ladies please bring a plate.

No meeting in December or January

The society is now open on the 4th  
Sunday of each month, except December.

Or by appointment,  
phone the secretary below.

**Membership**

Single \$20.00 — Family \$30.00

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2012\13**

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