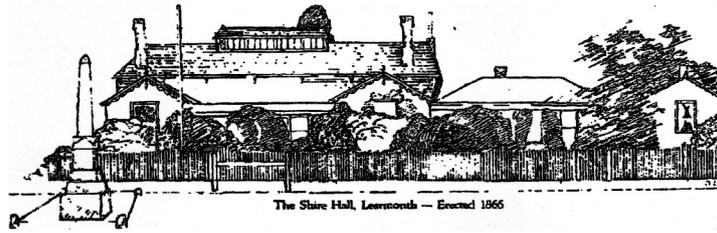


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MEETINGS FOR 2009

FEBRUARY: 17th

MARCH: 17th

APRIL: 21st

MAY: 19th

JUNE: 16th

JULY: AGM to be advised

AUGUST: 18th

SEPTEMBER: 15th

OCTOBER: 20th

NOVEMBER: 17th Christmas meeting, please bring a plate.

All meetings (except AGM) will commence at 8pm, and are held at the Historical Society, (former Shire Hall) Learmonth.

There are no meetings held in December or January.

NEWSLETTERS

The newsletter will now be sent out in February, May, August and November. If anyone would like an article in the newsletter, please ring the secretary on 5338 4361 or write to the society learmonthdhs@gmail.com



Happy **80th**
Birthday to Dulcie
Stowe of
Learmonth.

News Scoop

The committee is delighted to announce that we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the 2008 Volunteer Grants Program. Our aim is to use the money to set up a research room so our members and the general public can easily access the records we hold.

Town Walk

A progress report on our Town Walk. The plaques and poles have been constructed and we are waiting on our planning permit from the City of Ballarat before we can install them. Brochures are now complete and will be printed shortly. We continue to add information to our website, which will be available to view in the near future. Anyone with items of historical interest, suitable for inclusion on our website, please contact the society by mail, C/o Post office, Learmonth or email at learmonthdhs@gmail.com for any other inquiries regarding the society contact the **President**, Desley Beechey, Ph 53432318 email desley13@bigpond.com or the **Secretary**, Lois Keating, Ph 53384361 or email davidandlois@ncable.net.au

Yeast

Housekeepers in Australia during the reign of



Queen Victoria, were given this recipe for making yeast so they could make good bread for the family. Your first essential is good yeast which you may have difficulty in obtaining, so we give you the recipe for a home-made compressed, yeast.

Two quartz water
Three, medium sized potatoes
One third a teacupful, salt
One third teacupful, sugar
One half tablespoonful, ginger
One tablepoonsful, hops
Three tablepoonsful, flour
Two teacupsful, yeast

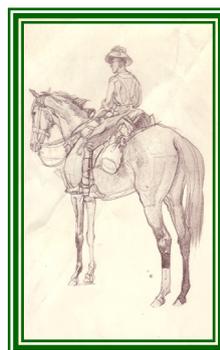
Pare the potatoes and boil in a porcelain kettle in the two quartz of water. Tie the hops in a clean muslin bag, and boil with the potatoes until they are done. Press the water thoroughly from the hops and remove. Take the potatoes from the water and mash smooth. Mix with the water again, and return to the fire. Stir the flour in a little cold water until smooth, and with this thicken the potato and hop water. Pour all in a stone jar, and when lukewarm add the yeast, and beat. Allow this too stand until light in a temperature of about 70 deg. It should then be removed to a cooler place, and at the end of twenty-four hours the other ingredients should be added. This will keep for four weeks in a cool place. A scant teacup will make six loaves of bread.

The above article was found by Claudette Crick in a book called, The Australasian Dairy Farmer's Friend.

BEAUFORT HISTORY FAIR

Our Service Men & Women
Through The Years

15th Mar 2009
Shire & RSL Halls
Beaufort



Speakers: Neil Wright,
Goldsmith Steam Rally.
Lt Col (retired) Russell
Rachinger: Significance of
the Slouch Hat.

Mrs Anne Levens : Registry
Office of Victoria on,
Australia's Army War Dead.
Musical Interlude 1-2pm by
the Beaufort Band.

Refreshments available.
Entry - Gold coin donation.
Contact - Pam Weller Ph
5349 3055 or email
pamwell@tpg.com.au

Andrew & Christina (nee Winton) McIntyre

Andrew McIntyre was born on the 11th February 1830, at Cameron, Fifeshire, Scotland. He married Christina Winton, on the 17th Nov 1851, in Kirkcaldy, also in Fifeshire. They, along with their new born son, James, who was born on the voyage out, arrived in Geelong on the 1st June 1852. Andrew was one of 20 men recruited from Fifeshire by George Russell and his brothers to work for the Clyde Company on various holdings in the Geelong area. Andrew and Christina had seven children, James (1852 - 1911), Jane (1853 - 1934), Thomas (1855 - 1884), Magdelene (1857 -), Christina (1859 -), Margaret (1861 -) & Andrew (1864 - 1945).

On the 24th December 1864, Andrew and a friend went out early in the morning, with the intention of eking out their Christmas dinner by procuring a few wild ducks. Having approached the dam connected to one of the lagoons, he fired at the ducks successfully, the birds fell into the water and in trying to recover them, Andrew went beyond his depth and soon found himself unable to retrace his steps. In the meantime his companion, having by certain sounds had his attention directed to Andrew, ran into the dam and made every exertion to save the life of the drowning man. Unfortunately he was not able to save him and it took, nine hours for his body to be located.

There was an inquiry held into his death, which was held by Dr Creelman.

Andrew was buried on Christmas Day, 1864, witnesses at his funeral were, Thomas & Sommerville Learmonth, which was held at the Learmonth cemetery.

SCHEDULE B. DEATHS in the District of Learmonth in the Colony				SCHEDULE B. of Victoria. Registered by Alexander McIntyre			
1864	DEPARTED.	11 Cause of Death, 12 Duration of last illness, 13 Medical Attendant by whom notified, and 14 when he last saw Deceased.	15 Name and Residence of Father and Mother, if known, with Rank or Profession.	Signature, Description, and Residence of Informant.	16 Signature of Deceased Registered, 17 Date, and 18 where Registered.	19 IF BURIAL REGISTERS: When Buried, how long in the Australian Colonies, stating which.	20 IF DECEASED WAS MARRIED: When, and at what place, and name of Minister of the Gospel.
December 24th 1864	Andrew McIntyre	Accidental drowning in attempting to recover ducks from the water	James Mc McIntyre Farmer Magdelene Mc McIntyre Christina Mc McIntyre Learmonth	John A. Creelman Learmonth	John A. Creelman Learmonth	John A. Creelman Learmonth	John A. Creelman Learmonth

After the death of her husband at the early age of thirty four years, Christina was left to raise her seven children, it is believed that she became a storekeeper and a midwife at Weatherboard. At the age of 72 years, she died at her son, Andrew's house where she had been residing. Her son was in the habit of taking his mother a cup of tea in the morning, and on entering his mother's room on the 18th July 1902, found that she was dead, having died about an hour earlier. Christina was buried on the 20th July at the Learmonth cemetery with her Grandson, Andrew, son of James & Isabella McIntyre in the Presbyterian, section 3, grave No 67.

July 18 th 1902	Christina McIntyre	Cardiac failure	Thomas Winton Labourer	Andrew McIntyre Labourer	17 th Rain	20 th July 1902	Scotland	Scotland	James 50 Thomas 49 Magdelene 45 Christina 42 Margaret 40 Andrew 35
Shire of Ballaran County of Ripon	Nurse	72 years	James Winton Formerly Higgys	Weatherboard	July 19 th 1902	Carroll's Cemetery	50 years	Victoria	Andrew 35

The above information was taken from "A History of Weatherboard", by Ken James.

DOWLING FOREST CEMETERY PROPOSED WORK

The Dowling Forest Cemetery Trust has been fortunate in obtaining a Work for the Dole project through St Laurence Employment Services for The Dowling Forest Cemetery.

This project will be of great benefit not only to the Dowling Forest Cemetery but to the local community and will involve:

- The repairing and painting of existing gates at entrance construction of disabled access to the cemetery
- Creation of new gates and surrounds at the new entrance.
- A new Lawn section will also be created, as well as some general maintenance.

The Cemetery Trust has been unable to contact all families with graves in the Lawn Section of the cemetery, to advise them that for the project to be completed, personal memorials on graves in the Lawn Section will need to be completely cleared to enable lawn to be planted and flower pots to be installed for each grave.

For any enquiries regarding the above please contact

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