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Historical Society Meetings are held monthly on the 4th **Wednesday at 7.30pm**,
but during *winter* on the 4th **Saturday at 1.30pm**.

Open Hours for the public 2.00-4.00 at COPACC History Centre: Thursday, Friday and Sunday.



Forthcoming Events.

Wednesday November 22nd - 7.30pm

Meeting – 'Items of Interest in our Collection'

Wednesday January 24th, 2024

Bus Trip to 'Dalvui' Terang

12.45 for 1.00pm sharp departure from the Tourist Information Centre Carpark – Further details closer to event.

Wednesday February 28th, 2024 – 6.30pm

BBQ Tea & Meeting - Venue 'Borongarook House', 70 Colac-Forest Road. Site of the former home of Hugh Murray

Please bring your own requisites

A Note from the President-

This issue of the newsletter tells the story of two men born and educated in Colac who went on to make a great contribution to our nation.

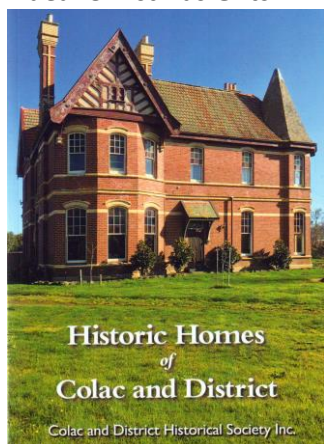
I draw readers' attention to the republishing of our out of print publication, '*Historic Homes of Colac and District*'. New photos and the addition of 14 further century old homes makes this book a great Christmas gift and a wonderful achievement for our society.

We have been saddened in 2023 by the death of a number of long-serving members including life member Liz Chambers.

It is essential that we encourage new members to become actively involved in the life of the Historical Society. A great opportunity to introduce people to our Society is for members to invite someone along to our bus trip to 'Dalvui' on January 24th. The owner, David Conn is a great supporter of our Society and we are most appreciative of his generosity in hosting this visit to a beautiful historic property.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and may we look forward to 2024 bringing new growth and enthusiasm.

Ideal Christmas Gifts



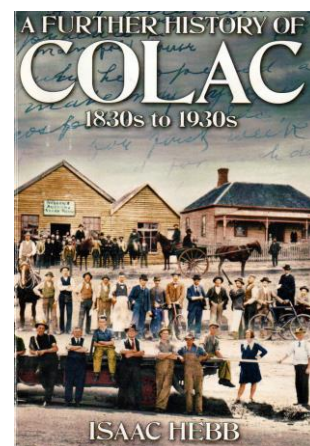
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Just released –
2023 Updated edition
'*Historic Homes of Colac
& District*'
86 pages include 14 new
homes.
\$15 per copy from History
Centre.

Right:

Also available
'*A Further History of Colac
1830s to 1930s*'
\$30 per copy.

Includes answers to
Puzzle on back page of
this newsletter



What has been news in the Colac Herald?

August 9, 2023- Lake Colac salinity flowing into river. The *Corangamite Catchment Management Authority* is keeping a close watch on how salinity levels in overflow water from Lake Colac are impacting on the Barwon River via the *Lough Calvert Drainage Scheme*. Releases commenced on July 21 at a rate of 6 megalitres of water a day. Releases were kept below the levels that would trigger concerns with salinity at Winchelsea. The Authority said the recent spike in salinity should not be a concern for native fish species or domestic stock.

August 9- Artists to launch big new facility. Live performances and art demonstrations will celebrate the launch of the *Colac Makers' Space's* new industrial art space at the Colac Showground and the group have expressed gratitude to the Colac and District Pastoral and Agricultural Society for supporting use of the showgrounds space.

August 14- Program empowers women. Colac participants have praised the *Women Leading Locally* program which aims to inspire women to get into local government with the tools and knowledge needed to make a difference. The program provides fully funded scholarships to women who are heavily involved in their community.

August 14- Four-wheel carriage boosts riding group. A wheelchair- accessible 4-wheel carriage has opened up opportunities for people with disabilities at *Riding for the Disabled*. The Colac group are one of the first to have a four-wheel carriage in Australia which was manufactured in Hamilton.

August 16- Prehistoric playtime in action. A community- driven project a decade in the making has officially opened at *Cororooke* It was officially opened by *Colac Otway mayor Chris Potter and Western Victorian MP Gayle Tierney* with support from Red Rock District Progress Association. The playground has a prehistoric theme featuring clay fossils, history wall and a sandpit with play prehistoric bones to uncover!

September 1- Editor's entertaining ride. *David McKenzie* farewells the *Colac Herald* after an award- winning career that has spanned 20 years, including 13 as editor. He saw projects such as Anam Cara House Colac, the Frank Minchinton Centre at Colac Area Health, Colac's new police station, and the amalgamation of the Colac High School and Colac College into one new campus- the Colac Secondary College.

September 4- Cape Otway Lightstation shines bright. The 175th birthday of the iconic structure, "beacon of hope" was held. Apparently it was the first glimpse of land people leaving Europe, England, Ireland, and Scotland on their 3½ months at sea. They were leaving their known lives behind them. Hundreds of lives had been lost before 70 men worked to build this 21-metre-tall structure on top of a 70-metre cliff.

The light station was decommissioned almost 30 years ago for a solar powered beacon.

September 6- Councillors tick of approval for new road which will provide access to a proposed housing subdivision in Colac West and to a proposed recreation space and a new link to Lake Colac for pedestrians, cyclists as well as vehicles from Murray Street.

September 13- Support for track in Colac. The campaign for a *BMX bike track in Colac* is gaining momentum as 180 signatures have shown support. A simple letter to the editor from Rhiannon Young quickly became an open letter to the council.

September 20- Legacy's mighty contribution. Colac Otway Shire Mayor Chris Potter said Colac Legacy might be the smallest club in Australia, but its contribution was mighty. Colac community was proud to have been part of the *Legacy Centenary Torch Relay* on Friday 15th. One hundred- and one-year old Yvonne Hillier who was an ambulance driver in WW2 had the honour of cutting the ribbon to launch the Legacy Centenary Torch Relay with Richard Bunn, David Flitton, Anthony Merrett, Alan Salmon and Jean Lee representing her husband, all participated.

September 20- Mentors and drivers mark milestone. *The Colac Otway TAC L2P Program* has been operating for a decade. It assists learner drivers between 16 and 21 who do not have access to a supervising driver or car to gain the driving experience required to apply for a probationary licence. Mentors donate their time and skills to ensure our young people are able to succeed.

September 25- Colac refugee volunteers wait for family arrival. *Colac and District Rural Australians for Refugees* members are eagerly awaiting news about the arrival date of an African family of 7 who have been living in a refugee camp in Kenya after fleeing Burundi. The Colac volunteers want to source household goods, a furnished house and to provide safety, friendship, and an opportunity to rebuild a stable future.

September 27- Planned burns set to continue. These will be across the Otways and the Great Ocean Road in preparation for the upcoming bushfire season.

Forest Fire Management Victoria, The CFA, Fire Rescue Victoria, and the local government have been busy preparing after the Bureau of Meteorology declared a *combined El Nino and positive Indian Ocean Dipole* climate pattern which means a drier and warmer spring and a prolonged fire-season.

September 27- Social housing plan for Colac. Colac leaders have welcomed the State Government's commitment to build at least 50 social housing dwellings in Colac, however views on the site chosen- in Pound Road next to the Colac Cemetery, are divided.

September 27- Colac Hotel Plan. Permit sought for accommodation, café, medical centre and function room in a three- story, 20-room residential hotel in *Dennis Street*.

October 2- Centenary event for Coragulac's Good Samaritan Centre. St Brendan's Parish was established in 1918 and the Good Samaritan convent was built in 1923. The Good Samaritan Sisters began their association with St Brendan's Primary in 1919 and the Good Samaritan convent served as a secondary school for boys and girls with 30 boarders.

October 4- Decades of diverse design. Colac architect *Geoff De La Rue* has built his career on a solid foundation but has decided it's time to retire after 45 years. His career involved working on projects for local businesses such as Bulla Dairy Foods, AKD, Bendigo Bank, the Colac Visitor Information Centre and the 14-bed student accommodation units for doctors and nurses at Colac Area Health.

October 6- Getting ready for change. A new reverse vending machine is in place at Colac Plaza on the corner of Queen and Bromfield streets. Recycling of bottles, cartons, and cans for ten cents each to begin on November 1.

October 13- Warriorn Flower Show stands the test of time. The Flower Show boasts 123 years of history and is one of the oldest surviving flower shows in Victoria.

October 23- Quake rocks district. SES Otway and Colac unit controller Steve Trevelein said a Ferguson home copped the brunt of a *5.0 magnitude earthquake*, one of the biggest the region has witnessed, leaving an almighty mess. Colac and surrounds were hit at 2.11 am and an aftershock of 3.5 magnitude was reported in Apollo bay at 5.44am.

October 27- Not enough on quakes. Experts say Australia's earthquake data does not date back far enough to determine whether the Colac district has seen a recent increase in activity.

October 30-Campaigner welcomes borefield closure. Kewarren's *Malcolm Gardiner* has campaigned for 45 years to have Barwon Water decommission the Barwon Downs Borefield production bores. Back in 2016, acid and heavy metal spewed out of the Big Swamp resulting in a 30-kilometre fish kill down the Barwon River all the way from Yeodene to Winchelsea. It has been a battle for locals with Geelong and Warrnambool who wanted to supplement their drinking water with our waterways.

November 1 – Colac Show returns after a 4 year absence. Due to Covid and a washout in 2022 the Show returned. Record crowd for one day show.

November 3 – Australian Bureau of Statistics puts population of Colac Otway Shire at 22,188, a slight decrease from 2021-22. 230 new babies were born. The largest employing industries are manufacturing 14.2%, Health Care and Social Assistance 13.3%, Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing 11.4%. 31% of the Shire's economic output comes from the manufacturing sector.

November 6 – Colac Police Station to be unmanned overnight. The office will be unmanned for 8 hours each night due to staffing issues.

November 10 – Cr. Marg White elected Mayor of Colac Otway Shire. Councillor White was first elected as a member of the Shire in 2020. She is the 4th female Mayor and was born and bred in Colac.

November 13 – Colac Area Health Annual Report. The report shows the hospital is still impacted by Covid-19, particularly in staffing levels and additional costs.

November 15 – Bulla Dairy Foods seeks approval to further expand. They plan to expand their building for milk based products at the Forest Street plant.

November 15 – SLM Law to revert to former name. The name of 120 year old practice of Sewell & Sewell will now trade as Sewells Lawyers.

November 15 – Barwon Water's Annual Report. 15.9 million dollar upgrade of the Colac Reclamation Plant was its largest 2022-23 investment.

November 17 – Barwon Water upgrade for Gellibrand supply. Investment of more than 18 million dollars to upgrade the Gellibrand and Forrest water treatment plants over the next 5 years.

Robert Gibson - “The father of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme” and his Colac connection.

Alan Doyle – June 2023

Robert Gibson, born in Melbourne in May 1855 and eldest child of John Gibson and Marion Gemmill. His parents left Fenwick, Ayrshire for Australia aboard the ship *Lighting* and arrived in Melbourne, 1854. The family spent a year in Melbourne before resettling at Colac, where his father, John set up shop as a successful Shoemaker in East Colac. The family raised all their children in Colac and would leave the district in 1875 for the Riverina area of NSW.

Robert spent his childhood and adolescent years in Colac, which would set him up for a prosperous life. His father working his shoe business became a good neighbour of the local Colac architect Alexander Hamilton, who lived close by. Robert was a smart and excellent scholar, who matriculated at the age of 14, but never ventured to university. He remained in Colac and became engaged in employment to Alexander Hamilton, gaining



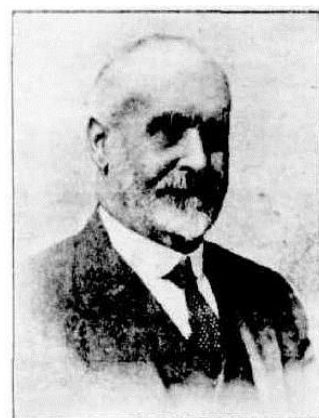
Gibson family home - 26 Chapel Street, Colac

business experience of three years. Alexander Hamilton planted the seed in John Gibson’s mind to seek land selection and left Colac in 1875 for the Riverina area of NSW. Robert, aged 20 and his sister remained in Colac when their parents left the district. However, they would both receive a wire from their parents shortly after instructing them to join them in selecting land in the Hay district. They arrived late on Thursday and missed the opportunity for land at Kerarbury, due to transit difficulties at Echuca. The next day they all selected land in Gunbar N.S.W.

Robert became one of the first free settlers in the Hay district of N.S.W. He later married Isabella McLeod in 1882, who also held land in the district in her own right. He became a prolific writer in newspapers of the day, covering agricultural and land selection topics.

The Gibson families became respectable members of the community and when the Land Act in 1884 was passed, Robert saw an opportunity with the new legislation and became a land agent, auctioneer and general commission agent. As vast land was opened for the selector, Robert worked as their agent and was well known, as to look after the little man. He published a small booklet “The Selector’s Guide” which was greatly used and referenced too. Later he would be a major force that would bring irrigation to the district.

An Irrigation scheme in the district became his biggest achievement and he would be credited, as ‘*The father of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Scheme*’. He became President of the Hay Municipal Irrigation Trust from 1902 to 1906 and by 1905 the formation of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation scheme would come to life and the making of the storage reservoir at Barren Jack. The scheme would supply the country areas of Leeton through to Gunbar. He became mayor of Hay in the years of 1892, 1902 and 1903 and was involved in many of Hay’s businesses and enterprises and started his own successful stock selling business agency “Robert Gibson & Sons”.



Robert Gibson
The Young Chronicle,

He passed away in his sleep at his home at Young, N.S.W., 3rd September 1936, aged 81.
(Full bibliography available upon request)



“Colac Reminisces – Robert Gibson”

Colac Herald, 13th April 1917, page 5.

Colac Reminisces.

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Mr. Robert Gibson of Harden N.S.W., and formerly of Colac, writes as follows:-

The Beech Forest has been opened up since we left Colac at the latter end of 1875. I remember going on horseback with my father and another person to the Gellibrand River on Good Friday 1875. Settlement had taken place to about half way. My father took periodical trips into the forest. Very few men in Colac in business at the time had a better general knowledge of it than the late Mr. Wm. Fulton and my father, who were neighbours, living at what is now Colac East.

On one occasion, while exploring about Love's River, they got lost and became entangled among the headwaters of creeks, which were too boggy to take horses they were riding across, and they had to keep heading these creeks through the dense scrub or undergrowth, eventually finding themselves south of Birregurra before they knew where they were, and at the expense of a suit of clothes each. My father, who had four blocks of land of about 100 acres each, viz., one at Cundare stony rises, between Beeac (or Ondit as it was in those days) and the Warriors, adjoining the property of the late Gavin Lang: one at Carpendeit, on the edge of Swan Marsh: one on the back road from Colac to Birregurra, a property he bought: and one about six miles south of the latter, purchased from one Allen. He managed, besides having a comfortable house and garden in Colac, to make enough at his trade to have a shop in Murray street, and keep up the payments to the Crown on these lands, assisted with rents coming in from same, as he never resided out of Colac. The residence conditions in those days were apparently not enforced. I have heard my mother say that with the block in the Rises (the first taken up) under the Duffy Land Act, that one of the questions to answer at the end of the residence term was what residence had been done. This was rather a puzzler. Eventually, it was inserted that a dwelling house had been erected, in which there had been residence. My father had erected a house, and whoever rented the land lived in the same. The late William McKinnon, formerly of Camperdown, whose widow and family have resided since 1875 at Widgiewa, near Narandera, where they have a good grazing property had the adjoining block to my father's and often one person rented the two.

Well, my father while at his work in Colac, in thinking about the fine trees about the Gellibrand, worked himself up to such an extent that he felt inclined to take up as much land as he could there, and settle down for life. In 1875, when he did go out of business, selling his land from £3 and £4 an acre, and left for Riverina, he could have taken 100 acres himself and my sister and I 340 acres each, making in all 740 acres. It was not having a practical knowledge of farming, and the limited area for grazing, while he with his family could take up 2560 acres each in N.S.W. that eventually decided him to cross the Murray, as against selecting in the Yarrowonga district, where many of his friends were going in 1875, and the land there, he fancied the most. It was the late Alex Hamilton, architect of Colac, in whose office I was for three years, that first put Riverina in my father's head. He said to him, as you cannot plough and have no practical knowledge of farming, why not cross the Murray into N.S.W., where you can take up enough land for grazing. Therefore, in September, 1875, we took up 1920 acres of land in Hay district (45 miles out, at Gunbar) and the following March another 640 acres, being amongst the first selectors to go north of the Murrumbidgee River. Eventually, by increasing the area from time to time, as our finances would allow, we put some 45,000 acres together, all having the right to be made freehold, and a good proportion of it is now such. All this is, however, by the way. I mention it to show that my father's judgement re the forest country south of Colac has been proved to be right, much as same is to be regretted. And it was this – That it would take at least 30 to 40 years to deal successfully with the timber, ferns, etc.: that the original selectors, with hearts like lions, would not receive the financial results they were entitled to: that it would be those who would come in 30 or 40 years after and buy the land that would receive the reward. And it seems to me that after 40 years that is the state of the forest country at the Gellibrand and the Beech Forest to-day. Remember the latter was not discovered in 1875, so my father knew nothing of that. A ride out to Mt. Sabine was a yearly trip while he and another were about the first that rode down Loutit Bay (now Lorne) when the Mountjoys had not even a spare room for strangers, but gave them shakedown in their kitchen.

On any previous trips to Colac I had not the time to go as far as the Beech forest by the narrow gauge railway, so in March of this year, 1917, with my wife and some friends, I had a day's outing. It is only fair to state I learnt on the trip that the best country was from Beech Forest to Lavers' Hill, the terminus of the railway, while I afterwards met in Colac Mr. John Silk, an old schoolmate, who had settled down at the Carlisle River, and learnt there was some splendid country there. One leaves the train at the Gellibrand River for the Carlisle.

On leaving Colac, one is struck by the number of villa residences out by the cemetery and the old town common. Many a Saturday after I learnt to ride I was sent out to look for cows on this Common – all timbered land. There were three land marks. The springs, about the centre, on the southern side: a waterhole on the eastern end, and I think a yard on the western end. But I know many a time through going from cattle here to cattle there I got missed up, and did not know where I was until I struck one of these places. I remember the first three acre blocks taken up on the Commons, just beyond the cemetery, under, I think Rural Store Licences. There were either two or three houses there for some few years. A clay pipe or two and a few boxes of matches, most likely empty, and an empty sardine tin or two, in the window, evidently were required to fulfil the conditions. Anyway it was some years and after we left Colac, that a rush for these acres blocks took place, and I have no doubt paid the parties well, owing to the increase in land values.

The paddocks on what we called the sandhills, and further south, are now all cleared, with a few good sub-sequential, but after some distance (I am writing this from memory, set having made any notes) the paddocks had the appearance that there was not a profitable settlement, ferns in places being thick, and part seemed in a state of nature. As we got nearer the Beech Forest it was evident the land was richer. Many homes were to be seen, and more milking cows and a few sheep, but I had expected to see good paddocks laid down with English grasses, and in this I was disappointed. After half an hour's stay at the Beech, as it is locally called, we returned to Colac., the trip taking from about 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the distance being, I think, about 35 miles.

On inquiring how so much of the land was unimproved, and in places the ferns were so thick that I could see it paid to fence the ground in, even although most of the big timber had been cut down and burnt or removed for firewood. I was told it was the labour difficulty: that the soil before reaching the Beech Forest was not worth the expense of paying for labour: that to be successful a settler had to do the work himself with his family: that after clearing the land it was one continual fight to keep ferns and noxious weeds down. Where a man has his own labour, with the low price of land (I was offered 300 acres at a very low price) it seems to me that successful settlement should yet take place. I saw one or two good orchards, and as the rainfall is over 50 inches, and land now being required for returned soldiers for orchards and dairying. I think the land near the railway should be considered for same. I understand a couple of ploughings will about kill ferns, but they must then be kept from coming up again. Potatoes grow well, fruit trees seem to flourish, and dairying should be a success. If only sufficient areas were fenced in and made for same, a decent living should be made. My experience as an expert land valuer has been in Riverina, where the average rainfall is 15 to 18 inches, and in Harden and Young districts, with an average of 23 inches, the former being purely grazing and the latter splendid wheat growing and grazing. It would however, be foolish for me, from a casual visit, to state the capabilities of land about the Gellibrand and the Beech Forest with an average of 50 inches, and accompanied with a fight against nature.



A fern gully in the Otway's

The opinion expressed to me by several in Colac when I mentioned I had been to the Forest was that there was a possibility a lot of land taken up would eventually go back to a state of nature. Now this would be disastrous state of things and should only be the last resort. If successful homes are established, it seems to me it will have to be on comparatively small areas. Men with money going in for grazing will as a rule, do much better elsewhere. Therefore, if a successful small area settlement can be established, the business men in Colac should leave no stone unturned to bring it about, even by subsidising any movements to effect same.

VICE ADMIRAL ROBERT WALLS AO RAN RTD

15 March 1941 – 28 August 2023

The recent funeral in Canberra of Vice Admiral Robert Walls AO RAN Retired, on September 11th, told the story of a man, born and educated in Colac who rose through the naval ranks to be second in command of the Royal Australian Navy.

Robert Walls was the son of Andrew Walls who was appointed Town Clerk of the newly established Borough of Colac in 1938 shortly after it was severed from the Shire of Colac. Andrew Walls held that position until 1956 having seen Colac grow from a Borough to a town in 1948.

Robert Walls was born in Colac in 1941 and was educated at Colac West Primary School and Colac High School. He is still remembered by some of his former schoolmates living in Colac. Having completed 3rd Form he joined the 1955 class at Flinders Naval Depot/Cerberus. Not yet 14 years of age he was in the last intake of 13 year old entry. Discipline at Flinders naval Depot was harsh and Cadet Midshipman Walls regarded those years as the worst of his life.

Following graduation in 1958 he went to sea in the training ship HMAS Swan and then did further training at the Britannia Royal Naval College in Dartmoor U.K. As a sub lieutenant he continued his training followed by a variety of postings, culminating in 1965 serving as an Officer of the Watch on the guided missile destroyer *HMAS Hobart*. Hobart was the first of the RAN vessels to receive full systems and operations training in the US. Walls undertook a range of courses including that of Air Intercept Controller. Subsequently, Hobart became the first RAN destroyer to serve in the Vietnam War where Walls served as Air Intercept Controller for the US nuclear powered cruiser USS *Long Beach*. Hobart came under shore-based fire on numerous occasions and was awarded a US Navy commendation for meritorious service.

Various postings and training opportunities both sea and shore based over the ensuing years culminated in Walls being given command of *HMAS Tobruk* in 1978. This was a heavy lift ship and his first operational mission was to transport 8 helicopters and stores to Israel in support of a UN force operating in the Sinai Desert.

Walls was promoted to Captain in 1984 and in 1987 was given command of destroyer *HMAS Brisbane*. At the same time he was heavily involved in writing a white paper 'Defence of Australia 1987'. In December 1987 Robert Walls was made a Member of the Order of Australia. He was promoted to Commodore in 1988 and in 1989 spent a year at the National Defence College in New Delhi, India. He then led a team of 3 who flew to the Middle East to set up arrangements for the RAN deployment in the Gulf War and represented Australia at planning conferences for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 1991 he was promoted to Rear Admiral and Maritime Commander. In his relentless demand for excellence he was regarded as a 'fearsome leader' but was highly regarded as a mentor, who thought about matters deeply and shared great advice. Among his responsibilities were the 1994 Defence White Paper and the 10 year Defence Plan.

In 1995 he was promoted to Vice Admiral and appointed Vice Chief of the Australian Defence Force, a position he held until his retirement from the uniformed service in 1997.

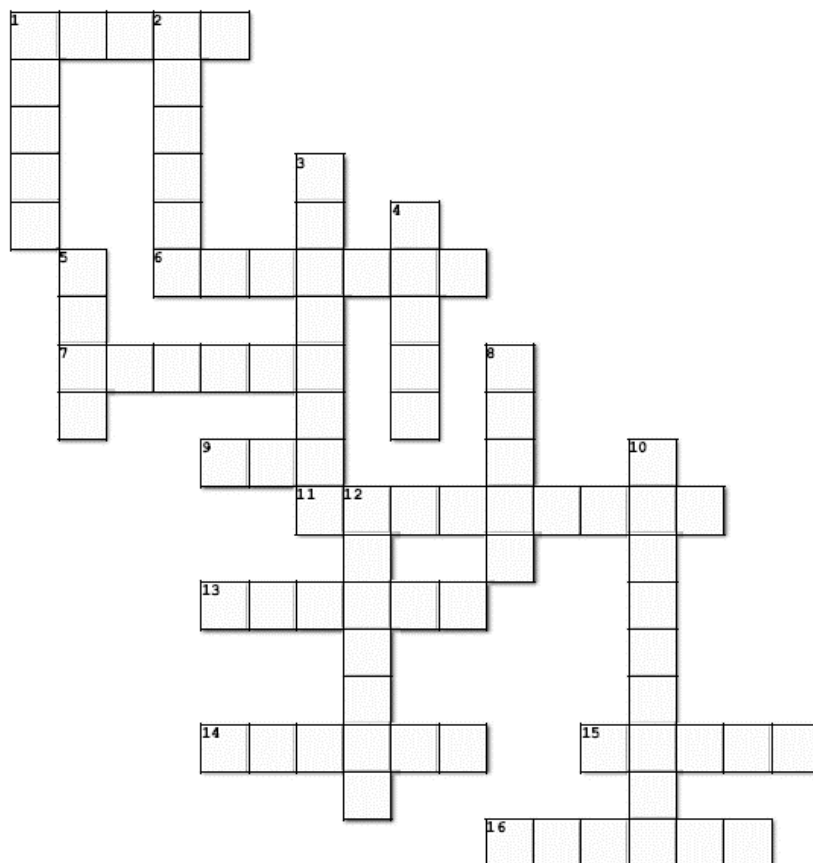
Upon retiring from the RAN his expertise was eagerly sought by a number of Australian and foreign companies in the defence industry. Robert Walls interest in the modern RAN did not wane, and he was always ready to share his thoughts with those who sought his counsel on difficult matters facing both the navy and the broader defence community. He was a member of the Advisory Council for the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University and the Australian Committee for Security and Co-operation for Asia and the Pacific.

His funeral was conducted at the chapel of Duntroon Military College, Canberra, on September 11, 2023 with full military honours. The coffin was carried from the chapel to the parade ground on a gun carriage yoked by 120 uniformed members of RAN where it was saluted by a volley of gunfire.

Robert Missen

Prior to his death Robert Walls gifted his and his father's collection of Colac & District history books to the Colac & District Historical Society.





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Across

1. Established the Colac Herald 1869
6. Doctor and pastoralist who bought Corunnum.
7. Owner of large store in Murray Street
9. Early shop keeper at 1 Murray Street
11. Owned the Polwarth Steam Flour Mills
13. First chairman of the Colac Waterworks Trust
14. First Colac Shire president
15. Explorer of the Western district with Gellibrand.
16. One of Colac's earliest policemen

Down

1. Respected doctor of Thornbank
2. One of the first magistrates of Colac
3. Through The Magic Lantern.
4. Brothers of metal fabrication
5. First Colac historian
8. Commissioner of Crown Lands for Portland Bay Pastoral District.
10. Doctor who built Mooringarara
12. Breeder the Dreeite Cotswold sheep

COLAC AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ROSTER 2023 - 2024 - 2.00 PM – 4.00 PM

Please Note: History Centre closed from 4pm Sunday 17th December 2023
Reopening 2pm Thursday 18th January 2024

Month	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
December 2023	7 th D. Missen 14 th L. Spence	1 st R. Missen 8 th G. Bray 15 th E. Angel	3 rd R. Osborne/N. Ryan 10 th G. Knox 17 th R. Osborne/N. Ryan
January 2024	18 th G. Splatt/ A. Robb 25 th J. Knight	19 th E. Angel 26 th Closed	21 st R. Osborne/N. Ryan 28 th H. Paatsch
February 2024	1 st D. Missen 8 th L. Spence 15 th G. Splatt/ A. Robb 22 nd J. Knight 29 th R. Missen	2 nd R. Missen 9 th G. Bray 16 th E. Angel 23 rd R. Perrin	4 th R. Osborne/N. Ryan 11 th G. Knox 18 th R. Osborne/N. Ryan 25 th H. Paatsch