



'NEWSLETTER'



Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

February 2017

As a member of the Society you are offered **TWO FREE** guided walks.
Details in the Happenings list below.
Numbers are limited so get in early and book your place.

Museum Happenings

February Monday 20th - Management meeting commencing at 9:30am (All welcome).

February Sunday 26th - General meeting & Historical talk and afternoon tea commencing at 2pm
"The Lagoons – Sandgate waterholes."

March Thursday 16th - (**FREE**) **For members only.** 'The Pier historical walk', with morning tea.

March Monday 20th - Management meeting commencing at 9:30 (All welcome).

March Saturday 25th - Historical walk 9:30am – 11:30am 'Pier and Moora Park'.

March Sunday 26th - Historical Walk 'Sandgate Historical Houses'. 9.30am – 11.30am

And looking forward to June.

Saturday 3rd June - (**FREE**) **For members only.** Bald Hills Cemetery walk (Including damper & billy tea.)



Discovered in the Museum.

During the continuing long term project of numbering each museum item and entering them in the new museum database some interesting items have been discovered.



- A box Brownie camera produced between 1939 and 1940, for one year only. It has two lenses, one for portrait photos. It is in excellent condition.
- Several boxes of Microfiche of the *Moreton Mail* 1886-1899. Unfortunately, no viewer.
- Air brush sketch of a windmill in Phillips Street Bracken Ridge circa 1937
- An Autoharp which can be played to sound like a guitar, mandolin or banjo.



History Spot

In April 1880 Sandgate was proclaimed a municipality under the title "The Borough of Sandgate. In May that year the first election was held and the following Aldermen were elected;

William Deagon – Captain William Townsend – George Bott –Richard Board – Robert Kift and Edward Barton Southerden.

Edward Southerden was appointed as Mayor of Sandgate. He served in this capacity from 1880-1881. He was followed by William Deagon who took the reins from 1882-1884.



Back in time.

- 1867 - 150 years ago Hiram Wakefield, as owner, opened the Osborne Hotel and held the licence until 1870.



- 1887 - 130 years ago the Baptist Church on Flinders parade was opened.



- 1887 - 130 years ago the Sandgate Post Office was built.



Projects in the Museum

- The Atkin Monument Restoration project
- Accessioning and cataloguing - a HUGE ongoing project.
- Creating a Strategic Plan for the management and continued operation of the museum.
- Developing a new Historical Society website and establishing Facebook access.
- Redesigning the museum displays.



Museum opening days.

Wednesdays and Sundays 10am – 3pm

Other times by appointment.

As you can see from the above projects we are in need of keen workers with some very modern skills. If you know of someone who fits the above qualification, and they have some spare time, please encourage them to join us. Also if YOU have some spare time, volunteer staff is desperately needed for the regular opening days - Wednesday and Sunday. Training and support will be provided but your main job will be to meet and greet and you will always be rostered on with one of the old hands. We would really like to see you in the museum

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