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Foster & District Historical Society

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What's On

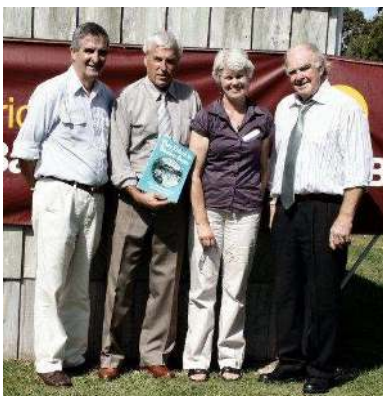
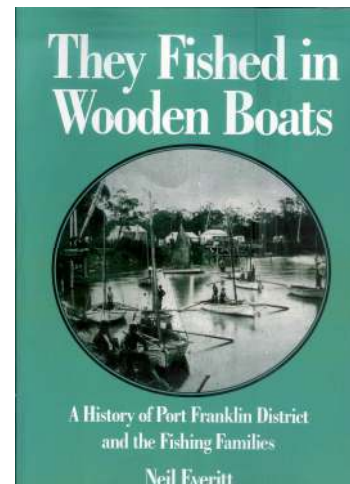
- 5 April: Members meeting – Tom Martin will be speaking on his father, Percy Martin, one of our district's pioneers
- 8-10 April: Sea Change Festival, Corner Inlet
- 9 April: Opening of Art, Music & Literature Exhibition, 10.00 am
- 9-10 April: Mega Book Sale at the Museum
- 3 May: Members meeting – speaker to be advised
- 5 May: South Gippsland Historical Network meeting at Foster Museum
- 21 May: Gippsland Association of Affiliated Historical Societies AGM

Congratulations

Congratulations to Neil Everitt and everyone involved in the tremendously successful launch of Neil's book: *They Fished in Wooden Boats, a History of the Port Franklin District and the Fishing Families*.

A wonderful day was had by all on Sunday 13 March at the Port Franklin Hall, when many people caught up with friends and kin they hadn't seen for years. Especial thanks to Noela Cripps and Jennifer Jones for making the day so successful.

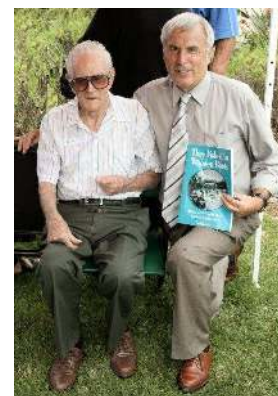
As many of our members will know, the book sold out at the launch. The good news is that the book is being re-printed and will be available shortly for the same very reasonable price of \$28 plus \$15 p&p. If you would like to order a copy, please contact Noela Cripps on 5686 2459.



Llew Vale, Toora & Foster Community Bank, Neil Everitt, Cheryl Glowrey & Graeme Rogers.



Launching the book: Neil Everitt and Cheryl Glowrey



Neil Everitt and Jimmy Soderlund

What's On for the Sea Change Festival

Exhibition Opening – all welcome

Saturday 9 April 10am

Our new exhibition, titled the Art, Music and Literature of South Gippsland, will be opened on Saturday 9 April by Cheryl Glowrey, Principal of South Gippsland Secondary College and a member of Foster & District Historical Society.



The exhibition will feature items which tell the story of the creative interests of the people of South Gippsland, including:

- The former Stony Creek Mechanics Institute Library – including the original cupboard it was stored in - and records from the Foster Mechanics Institute
- The art collection of the South Gippsland Shire before amalgamation, including Nicholas Chevalier's, *Wentworth River Diggings Gipps Land* published by Charles Troedel, 1863-64
- A first edition of 'Bracken' by Bernard Cronin
- Works by Mary Grant Bruce
- A collection of poetry, 'Bush Thoughts' by Will Rumble.

**The exhibition will be open from 8 - 30 April in the Shire Room at the Museum
South Gippsland Secondary College students will be playing live music
during the Sea Change Festival weekend**

Mega Book Sale

In conjunction with the Exhibition, during the weekend of 9-10 April we will be having a mega book sale – many books will be heavily discounted. Come and find a bargain and learn more about the history of our area.

Community Church Service

A Combined Church Service will be held at the Catholic Church in Foster on Sunday 10 April beginning at 10am. The theme of the Service is 'Celebrating Community' and local clubs and organisations – including the historical society – will be represented.

Vale

Members were saddened to hear recently of the passing of one of our members, Geraldine Van Booren of Toora.

The Foster & District Historical Society is a member of the South Gippsland Historical Network, an affiliated member of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, has been appointed by the Public Record Office of Victoria as a Place of Deposit for non-permanent public records and is an accredited museum through Museums Australia (Vic).