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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

A reminder to all members that our annual General Meeting will be held **2.00 p.m.**, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2002 at the Yarra Glen Living and Learning Centre, Anzac Avenue, Yarra Glen.

The main business of the meeting will be the presentation of the President's Report, the Treasurer's Report and election of Office Bearers for the following 12 months. Nomination forms may be obtained from the Secretary.

We require nominations for the following : President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 General Committee.

**Subscriptions will be due at the Annual Meeting. \$ 7.00.**

Unfortunately Frank Straford will not be available this year as he has decided to move from Yarra Glen to Beechworth. A loss to our society and the community, but we do wish Frank and Rosemary every happiness in their new venture.

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**AIR CRAFT CRASH.**

On the night of 15<sup>th</sup> April 1942, at approx. 11.15 pm, a Lockheed Hudson bomber while on a night training flight crashed at Christmas Hills. All of the crew of five were killed when a 250 lb bomb exploded. They were : Pilot Officer Richard George Banks, Pilot Officer Ronald Loris Nall, Sergeant Alan William Amey, Sergeant Norman Leslie Thomas and Leading Aircraftman Keith William Higgie.

It is believed the plane crashed at "Four Winds", Skyline Road. However this is to be confirmed.

We would be grateful for any information regarding the actual crash site as it may be appropriate to erect a small memorial.

## **“BREAKNECK”**

As reported in the last Newsletter, the Society arranged for a plaque to be placed at the foot of “Breakneck” This was a most successful day and was well attended with representatives from Kangaroo Ground, St. Andrews and Healesville lending support. Councillor Di Moore attended on behalf of the Shire. After Mick Woiwod completed the formalities by unveiling the plaque the group retired to Gulf Station for afternoon tea. We are also grateful for the coverage provided by “Mountain Views”.

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## **“RAILWAY STATION”**

Despite our hopes we do not seem any nearer to having the roof repaired on the Railway Station. The Steels Creek Garden Club has done an excellent job of providing a garden bed and plants on the platform. It has certainly improved the appearance of the area.

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## **STEELS CREEK SCHOOL.**

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May 1921, school inspector, Dew wrote the following about the Steels Creek School. “The school room should be remodelled and enlarged.....**It would be better still to build a new school”**.

I has always been suspected that a new school had been built during the 1920s as two photographs exist showing two quite different buildings.

Now evidence has turned up confirming the existence of another building. From “The Advertiser” 17<sup>th</sup> November 1922 : “The opening of the Steels Creek School took place on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. In introducing Mr W. Everard, M.L.A., the chairman (Mr. E.A. Cary) said it gave him great pleasure as Mr Everard worked very hard in getting the children an up to date school.

Mr Everard gave a sterling address, saying he was very pleased to be present. He had known Mr E.C. Morris for a good many years, who had taught the children for 35 years, He was very pleased that Miss Morris had taken the school over. He was sure she would follow her father in his good work”.

We now have conclusive evidence that the present building is the third on the site.

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**“Hoogies”** have continued to provide us with space for our photo display and we are most gratefull.

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