



1878

MOUNT DUNEED PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY



1978

with compliments
Mt. Duneed Regional Primary School

1978

STAFF

Head Teacher — Mrs. Jillian Wilson
Assistant Teacher — Mr. Paul Jones



*First Teacher, Mount Duneed,
Alexander Stewart*

FORMER TEACHERS

A.J. Abercrombie, 1878-82; T. Job, 1882-89; H.P. Bechervaise, 1889-91; W. Errey, 1891-96; V.P. Nolan, 1897-1900; W.G. Catron, 1900-05; O.E. Farrer, 1905-09; A.V. Deeble, 1910-11; C.W. Bradhurst, 1913-16; T.J. Macartney, 1916-20; J.E. Marshall, 1920-24; A.L. Debney, 1924-26; F. Hope, 1926-28; E.M.E. Clinton, 1927; J.T. D'Helin, 1928; H. McGregor 1928-29; School closed 1929-34; G.A. Law, 1934; G.R. Mead, 1935; M.R. Kent, 1937; H.M. Collins, 1939; M.T. Sims, 1943-44; J.E. Colleshaw, 1944; O. Tryhorn, J. Eltham 1944-48; J.W. France, 1948-54; H. Thornley 1954; C.F. Bailey, 1954; D. Darby - G.S. Stuart, 1954-57; A.P. Anderson, 1958-59; D.B. McKinnon, 1959-63; G.F. Rafferty, 1963-66; J.H. Scarlett, 1966-67; M.C. Thompson, 1967-68; L. Sealey, 1968; J.F. Edward, 1968-69; M.C. Thompson 1969-72; P.F. Gaylard, 1972-77; J.L. Wilson, 1977-

MT. DUNEED THESIS

Mount Duneed was first sighted by Batman's party in the winter of 1835, when they travelled from Corio Bay to Pt. Addis and back. The pastoralists who followed in 1836 quickly spread their flocks on the pastures surrounding the Bay. Dr. Thomson soon established his headquarters on the south bank of the Barwon at "Kardinia" (now Salvation Army Children's Home). The area extending from the Barwon near Marshall to Moriac and Jan Juc by 1849 was known as "River Station". Dr. Thomson had huts and camps on Armstrong's Creek and Freshwater Creek.

This valuable land appears to have been surveyed and offered for sale approximately in the years 1854 to 1855. The parish plan shows the original purchasers of the small holdings offered. Among the names listed are some which have been associated with our district since then – Burville, Rainford, Preston, Brown, Williams, Radford, Stewart, Ford.

Some of the early settlers established substantial homes and buildings which can still be seen today. Mt. Duneed is divided into two Shires by the Torquay Road. West of Torquay Road is Barrabool Shire, East belongs to South Barwon Shire. Four buildings have been erected at Mt. Duneed (originally called Mt. Direction) for educational purposes. The first, a slab building having Mr. Lewis as Head Master; he served only for a short time.

The second school was also a primitive structure and served the purpose until 1863. Mr. Lewis was transferred to Germantown (now Grovedale). Mrs. Isabella Stewart (who died in 1927 at the age of 96 years) became Head Teacher after Mr. Lewis. She was then succeeded by her brother, the late Chief Inspector Alexander Stewart. Because of increasing number of pupils, he was assisted by his sister Miss Lily Stewart. This led to a more up to date building which resulted in the erection of the present stone building known as the Church of England 1863. Local people donated. Stewart family headed the list with 40.00 pounds. Builders were John Harkness and son James.

A local committee controlled the building and appointed the teacher.

The school was known as a Common School. Education was not compulsory, neither was it free. Therefore, every Monday morning children took fees to the Head Teacher.

April 1867 Mr. Stewart went to a larger school and obtained the highest position in the state as inspector. Many former pupils were at the 50th Jubilee held in March 1928. Many remembered his successor, the late Mr. A.T. Abercrombie. A concert was held to raise funds for a ceiling for the school.

In 1868, over 100 children attended the school, so applicants for a pupil teacher were called; Two only applied and Thomas Rainford was appointed; Miss Jane Ellis went to Grovedale.

In 1877 the present State School was begun and opened on 11th February, 1878.

For the Jubilee celebrations Mr. Rainford was Chairman and Treasurer. Messrs. W. & H. Wohlers and Alford were joint secretaries assisted by local ladies.

Back to school commenced at 10 o'clock and with all seats filled. Mr. A.G. White introduced the Hon. H.F. Richardson, M.L.C. – Past Councillor of South Barwon. He also presented trophies. Councillor Richardson (a former resident of Mt. Duneed) who knew Mr. Abercrombie, presented the school with a photo of this former teacher.

Mr. W. Burville unveiled this photo. Oldest visitor in attendance was Mrs. Jacka (in her 90's). A sports carnival was held in paddock lent by Mr. Anderson. A concert was held in the evening. Former scholar Mr. Harkness of Colac, moved vote of thanks. The resolution was seconded by Mr. W. Hill of Melbourne.

After the 50th Jubilee in 1928, there were so few pupils at Mt. Duneed and Freshwater Creek schools, the teacher Mr. H. McGregor held 2 days at Mt. Duneed and 3 days at Freshwater Creek, alternating every week. Finally in 1939 Mt. Duneed closed to re-open after 4 years.

An arbour day was held once a year to enable each pupil to plant a pine tree in the school plantation adjoining the school ground. One year during the 1930's only one pupil attended the school and the plantation was taken over by Grovedale State School. When numbers increased again at Mt. Duneed they again controlled the plantation.

The old school was built of brick on stone foundations. There was a gallery in the school. Large photos of the first teachers were hung on the walls. Also above the large fire place an Honour Roll of the Mt. Duneed residents who represented their country during the 1914-18 war was a feature.

Dances and euchre tournaments were held in the school to support school funds.

School and district picnics were held once a year at Torquay. A large tarpaulin was spread down and all food pooled.

Send off and return home welcomes were held in the school for all men who joined the forces during the 2nd World War.



POST OFFICE

Building situated near present phone booth housed both store and post office. The Landale family managed this business until 1871 when Charles Lamond obtained a slaughter licence and conducted a butchers shop, with the P.O. His daughter Bella was a Registrar of Births and Deaths for over 50 years at the P.O. Eventually butcher's shop closed and after many owners Mr. Lampard took over and opened a saddlery store. His wife, Florence carried on the Post Office and General Store until she retired. The Post Office was then controlled by two brothers, firstly E. & A. Jackson and then A. & J. Jackson. 1956 saw the Howard family manage the Post Office. Eventually the district was able to phone Geelong Telephone Exchange automatically and local calls direct. With the introduction of Roadside Delivery the Post Office became obsolete.



Mrs. Lampard



BLACKSMITH'S SHOP 1902.

Situated where La Campagnola now stands and originally run by Harry Adolf. Mrs. Tom Evans remembers taking her pony to be shod (approximately 1929). Eventually the Blacksmith's business was sold to Gus Cherry.

A bootmakers and repairers shop was also in this vicinity.

YARBROUGH INN

Situated on the corner of Stewart and Torquay Roads. A wooden building on a stone foundation, probably established after closer settlement in the late 1850's. Earlier council minutes indicate it was not used as an Inn by 1864. Mr. Palmer was the Inn Keeper. Originally he was a Game Keeper to the Earl of Yarbrough in England. 1874 Rate books indicate it was occupied as a "Tenement" home by Mr. Rosser, with owners shown as John Stewart and Co - Flour Millers. Eventually this building was sold to the Presbyterian Church and shifted to land purchased by them alongside the cemetery (South side) to be used as a Manse. Unusual for the Manse to arrive first and the church never materialized and the building was sold and moved to property owned by Syrett family of Grovedale. The site of the Manse is now owned by C. Grimmer.

The gum tree where the Inn stood, still remains on the corner of Torquay Road and Stewart's Lane.

FLOUR MILL

A three storey mill was on Stewart's property beside Armstrong's Creek. The building was brick on stone foundations. The mill was operated by water from the Creek and had flat stones for grinding grain. The flour was sifted through silk machines and auger conveyed flour to top floor to be bagged and then a chute loaded bags to wagons.

Two stone cottages were built beside the mill for employees. Mr. H. Stewart's father was the engine driver and timber growing on the property was used for firing of engine. Operations ceased in 1892.

HILLSIDE

A single storied blue stone house most probably built with imported materials and has two Burmese Temple Gods guarding the front door. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. J.W. White since 1947.

The land was originally taken up by Captain Alexander Fyfe (a Geelong business man) in 1856 and was intended to be a two storied home. After the ground floor was completed, Captain Fyfe chartered a ship to bring more decorative temple stones from Burma for the 2nd storey. Unfortunately the ship was lost at sea and the captain was unable to complete his home.



"Hillside"

James Henty then purchased the house – land to add to his nearby holdings and for some years used it as a country holiday home.

James Stewart was successful in tendering for a 4 year lease of 683 Acres during 1875-1879.

1878 Andrew White bought the house and land and on his death in 1900, A.G. White purchased same from the estate and lived there until his death in 1946. A.G. White attended Mt. Duneed school in 1878 till 1880.

Grapes were originally grown at Hillside about 1860 and to this day old grape vines still hang on the rafters of the homestead. On one side of the property was a blue stone quarry and on the other side a scoria quarry.

Scoria from this quarry was used for mixing with scoria imported from Italy for the 1956 Olympic Games. This proved most successful.

The Barrabool Shire and contractors paid royalty on all scoria removed, mainly being used for roads. The quarry is now closed and is the home of the Pistol Club.

ROWANDS

In 1855, Charles Rowand, road engineer for Geelong and Western District purchased a 38 Acre block and built a bluestone property in 1858.

Swiss people by the name of Chas Auguste Pierrehumbert leased the land and grapes were grown and processed. The phylloxera disease in the late 1870's would seem to have ended this activity.

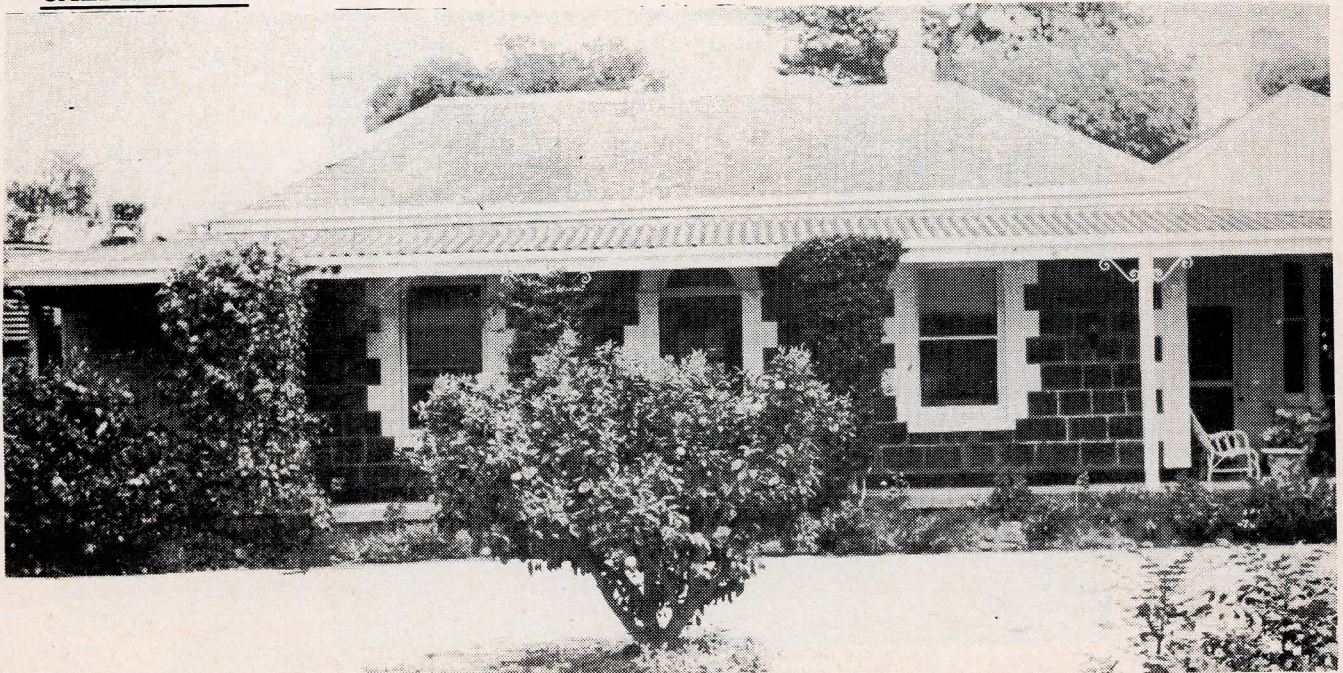
Mr. Robert Purdie is shown in the rate books as owner in the 1880's. At the time he was the only newspaper agent in Geelong. He commuted between Geelong and his property daily in a pony drawn jinker. He was a bachelor and lived with three spinster sisters. Other members of the family lived elsewhere. John Purdie's nephew Robert, attended Mt. Duneed School.

This property after changing hands twice is now owned by G. & J. Baker who carry on a business manufacturing multi-flavoured ice-cream.

When repair work was being carried out on the old homestead a bottle was unearthed containing a copy of the Ballarat Miner and Weekly Star dated Friday, October 22, 1858, also a copy of Geelong Daily News dated October 21, 1858. A Maundy coin (4d value) dated 1854 and a letter from the original owner was also found.

10 acres have been subdivided and now owned by Dr. and Mrs. I.J.B. Young, veterinary surgeon.

CALDER PARK



Calder Park was purchased by William Corbett Wilson under Crown Grant in July 1857 and changed owners as follows:

William Owen 1858

Mrs. Mary Pfiel 1882

Jane Brearley 1887

Mrs. Jane Walker 1902

F. & E. Ely 1940

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John Laurie 1874

Mary A. Chamberlain 1884

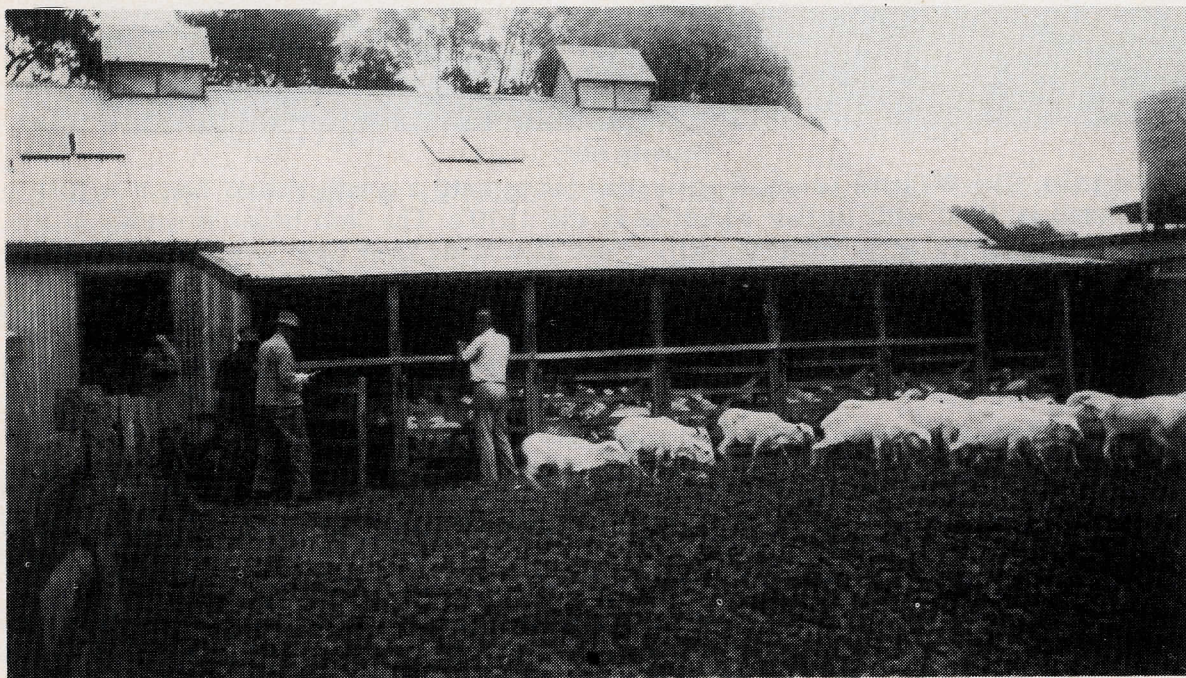
Mrs. Mary Bell 1891

David McLaren Whitelaw 1908

R.V. & S.A.M. Moon 1954

The property consists of 2 allotments, I & J Section 20 Parish of Duneed. Originally 71 acres, 3 Rds. 11 Per. and has only been reduced by a few perches in the South East corner, taken by the Country Roads Board to form the present roundabout on Torquay Road. The property has a frontage to three roads:— Feehans-Torquay and Mt. Duneed. The home is a large old world home, mainly constructed of Blue Stone with timber extensions. It is surrounded by a well established garden and is sheltered by beautiful trees, many years old. As this book goes to print this home is still owned by Mr. and Mrs. R.V. Moon but the property passes to the new owners on 1.2.1978.

STRETTON PARK



Shearing Time, "Stretton Park"


Originally owned by the White family, the name of the property derives from the Village of Stretton in Warwickshire where the Whites originated. On 26th April, 1952, 9,461 Acres were auctioned in 24 lots. Prices varied from 5 pounds 5 shillings an acre for 308 acres to 70 pounds for 85 acres. All lots with the exception of No. 17 were sold, this block contained 317 acres and was passed in at 34 pounds 10 shillings an acre.

SUMMER HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams and their two sons George and James, with their niece Elizabeth Frear arrived in Melbourne by the sailing ship 'Lochiel' in 1853. 1854 a prefabricated iron house was brought from England in sections and quickly erected. It is noted that only approximately 4 of these

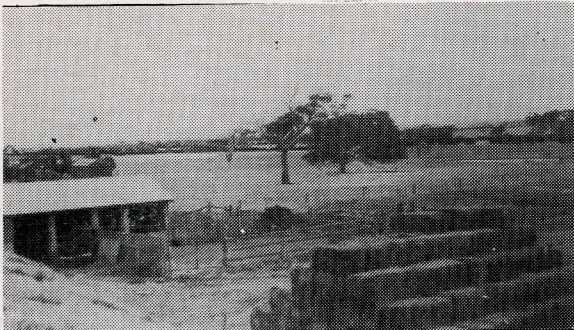


"Summer Hill"

buildings now exist. The Williams family lived in this house until a weatherboard house consisting of 4 rooms was erected in 1860 with further additions in the 1870's. The Iron house is shown in the picture on the left with its  rounded roof. Note also stone shed (left fore of picture) and stone wall (surrounding south side of house), also built in 1860's. Mr. G.W.F. McIntyre, purchased this property and Mr. and Mrs. S. Seiffert with their two sons Lindsay and Murray were the tenants for many years. Mr. W.McIntyre now owns this property.

DOOLIEBEAL, 1856

Present owner Harry Stewart's grandfather had the home built from bricks made of clay, taken from the property. The hole can still be seen when entering the property at the front gate. The land was originally purchased from the Crown. Harry married Myrtle Allen in 1920 and settled in another home on the property, which was destroyed in the 1944 fires. Eventually they moved into their present original family home where they raised their two sons, John and Donald. This land is still used for dairying. Harry and Myrtle were very active in local activities, particularly the Tennis Club. They both attended the local school. Dooliebeal is an aboriginal name meaning 'Red Gums'.



*Dairy
"Dooliebeal"*



*"Dooliebeal"
after fire*



"Dooliebeal"

OAKGROVE 1863

Year 1852 saw Joseph and wife Elizabeth Rainford arrive on board the ship 'Araminta' from Liverpool. In 1857 they settled and built their home by having cut and squaring the bluestone blocks, which can still be recognised in the front section and by 1863 it was completed. They had 3 sons and 2 daughters. James carried on the family tradition by being a very active member in the Church. James won the Geelong Rifle shot championship 2 years in succession. His sister Margaret taught both State School and Sunday School at Mt. Duneed for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Armstrong now own the property.



Rainford Family



"Oak Grove"

FIRE

January 14th 1944 began as an ordinary day to become a terrifying experience for the residents of Mt. Duneed.

It is believed the fire started near Waurn Ponds due to a car using a Gas Producer. (During war Gas Producers were fitted on cars to conserve petrol as rationing was in force). A strong Northerly wind soon fanned the red terror through Mt. Duneed, destroying or damaging everything in its path. Finally to be exhausted at the sea. Lack of water and fire equipment not as efficient as today enabled the fire to dictate its own terms.

Approximately 14 homes, 2 Churches and the school were destroyed. One local resident lost his life as a result of the fire. The above fire is often confused with the January 13th 1939 Black Friday fire.

VINEYARD

Many vigneron's appear on the early rate books in 1876. Mr. Schultz had a 60 acre vineyard and orchard alongside a lane west of J. Rainford's property. Water from Armstrong Creek was used to supply orchard (uncertain of method). Mr. James Rainford who lived nearby received all his fruit free in repayment for shooting (Shanghai) the parrots attacking the fruit. Mr. Schultz sold his wine on the property. Rates on this land in 1876 1 pound one and ninepence, Barrabool Shire. On the opposite side of the lane a blacksmith's shop operated.

MONUMENT

In the grounds of St. Wilfred's Church a sundial has been erected from the brick ruins of the burnt out church.



RECREATION RESERVE

1909 – A meeting was called to nominate Trustees to control Mt. Duneed recreation reserve. The reserve to be used as grazing land and sporting venues etc. 1912 – The Trustees decided to erect a Rotunda of an Octagon shape, approx. 15' in diameter. Mr. Rainford moved this motion, Mr. Preston seconded. Prominent names appearing in early minutes – Rainford, White, Williams, Preston, Feehan and Forster. Cost of Rotunda and fencing 20 pounds 18 shillings and elevenpence.

On 24th July 1962 a special meeting of the Trustees allocated 100 pounds to be spent on the proposed oval for the Cricket Club provided the cricket club contributed 70 pounds. Mr. Cyril Howard was nominated as the representative to meet the Shire Engineer, Mr. Spence to discuss details. One cricket club member also attended.

Prominent names to appear during 1950 and 60's.

Evans, Grimmer, Seiffert, T. Rainford, R. Baker, Barclay, Gelletly, G. Baker, Feehan, Payne, Russell and Baulch.

Early meetings of the reserve were often held in the Rifle shelter shed on the common. Later meetings were held in the Rotunda.

Janet Allen and Charlie Preston both planted a Pine tree in the original plantation around Rotunda and the gum trees were planted on Arbour Days arranged through the school. Horse drawn wagons were a common method of journeying to the reserve and rotunda for Church picnics etc. The shortest term as president would be C.W. Howard elected 12.10.62 died 17.10.62.

CEMETERY

Cemetery is located next to Recreation reserve on Williams Road formerly Cemetery Road. 1st internment appears to be Robert Dow, 1860, John Harkness, 1864, killed on the main road when his vehicle overturned after striking a heap of road metal. Earliest born of those interred would be John Ford 1787-1870. Other early settlers buried there are Agnes McKenzie 1794-1883, mother of John McKenzie of "Ghazeeport". Henry Brien 1799-1864, Deborah O'Brien, 1796-1883. This cemetery is used by a very large surrounding district and approximately 403 burials have been made there.

TELEPHONE

Approximately 1890 telephone poles were brought from Geelong by bullock wagons to Mt. Duneed and Torquay Post Offices. To unload the poles the leaders were unhitched from their team and then hitched to the pole. The following residences: Rainford, White, Schultz, Wool Shed, Stretton Park and Burvilles were all connected to one private line to Geelong. Later other residents were connected through the Mt. Duneed Post Office.

S.E.C.

First brought to Calder Park in the late 1930's and then became available to the local residents.

MT. DUNEED HALL

Mr. and Mrs. L. Payne donated the land in 1948 to the progress association to be used for the erection of a Meeting Hall. This was completed and used for Regional Films originally.

MT. DUNEED RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Mt. Duneed was part of the Freshwater Creek Brigade from 1946 until 1957, when the Mt. Duneed brigade was formed. Original Office-Bearers: President, P. McCann; Secretary, G.A. Baker; Captain, R.C. Baker; Lieutenants, C. Grimmer, D. Evans and H. Burville; Communications Officer, J. W. White. Brigade received a 'Grazcos' trailer unit, knapsacks, Lowdown pumps and tanks. Two mobile radios operated, one being privately owned, and brigade having other one.

The brigade disbanded in 1966. Adjoining brigades, Connewarre, Grovedale, Torquay and Freshwater Creek each receiving our members and equipment.

FIRE TOWER

As early as 1946 fire spotting was discussed with Freshwater Creek brigade. When the Mt. Duneed brigade was formed in 1957 a voluntary watch was kept using 2 field telephones connected to neighbouring homes. Eventually using brigade radios.

1961. A 20' Tank stand was erected to be used as a spotting tower. August 1962 the Barwon Group Fire Detection Tower Committee was formed and permanent manning of tower commenced. Original committee: J.W. White, R.C. Baker, A.E. Purnell, G.W.F. McIntyre, A. Dans, C. Ham, F. Grove, D. Bridges. Finance for this project is provided by C.F.A., surrounding Municipalities and Fire Brigades. 1978. A new concrete tower is in process of being erected. Working in conjunction with similar towers at Mt. Anakie and Mt. Gellibrand enables a complete coverage of No. 7 Fire Control Region.

WATER

1955 saw the first application for a water supply to Mt. Duneed either by artesian or from extending existing mains from Geelong. Original committee: P.W. McCann, R.C. Baker, D. Evans. 1956 saw extensive test boring by the Mines Department prove unsuccessful. 1966 the S.R. & W.S. Commission proposed a limited water supply scheme for Mt. Duneed, and Connemare. This proposal was rejected because of small number of residents benefiting. 1969 S.R. & W.S.C. proposed a new scheme involving 35 miles of pipeline to serve Freshwater Creek - Mt. Duneed - Connemare and Breamelea. The scheme was implemented in three stages and could be classed as the greatest asset to Mt. Duneed.

MT. DUNEED MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

An association was formed in approximately 1895 by Rev. T.J. Windsor, C.O.E. minister. A constitution was drafted and all persons must be over 15 years of age. Debating was a popular item. One such debate was Smoking - versus - Non-smoking. Smokers winning this debate. Committee consisted of F. Feehan, F. Richard, F. Paech, F. Rau, F. Stacey, J. Thompson, G. Gogoll, S. Shell, R. Preston, H. Stewart, E. Johnson, E. Blyth, P. Edney, J. Rainford, Will Preston, R. Stacey, Walter Preston, C. Bradhurst, R. Ellis, F. Baensch, A.G. White, D. Whitelaw, F. Foster, C. Gogoll, J. Kent Snr., J. Kent Jnr., J. Trigg.

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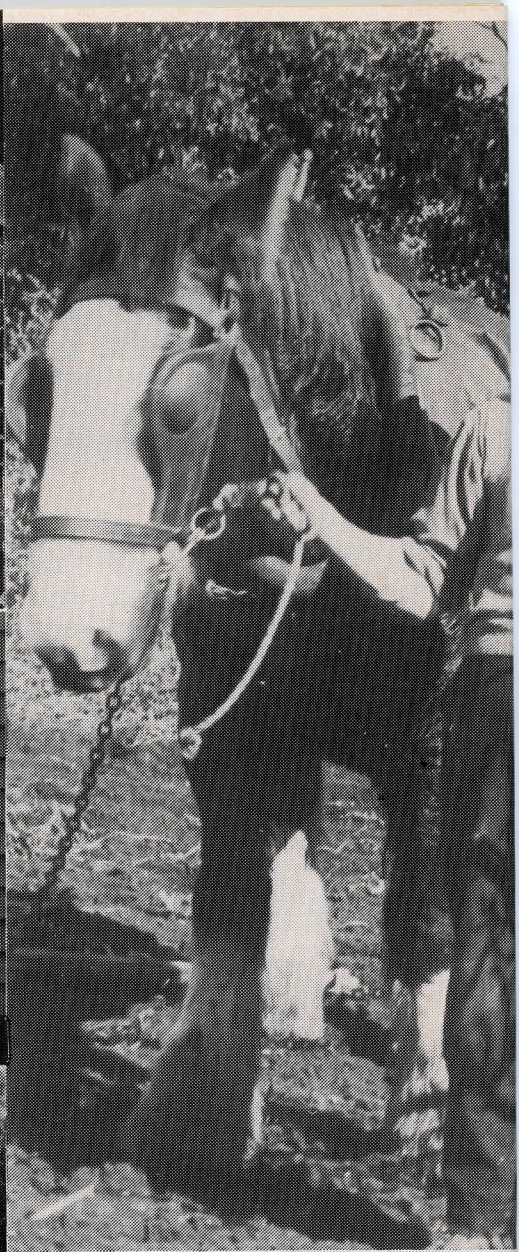
1850. Originally all land was held by Dr. Thompson. Then John Armstrong leased nearly all property from Mt. Duneed to Barwon Heads from the Crown. Armstrong Creek which crosses Torquay Road near Whites Road was named after him. Before the area was subdivided people leased land from Armstrong. Water became a serious problem as no facilities such as galvanised tanks, were available. Settlers used water from the Creek and springs. Very clear and exceptionally clean water was available because with no cultivation, the creek was very clean.

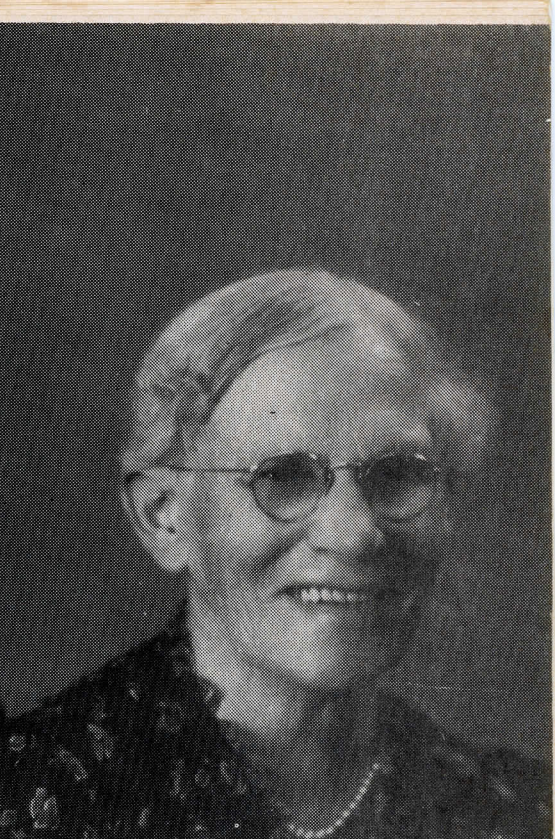
A stone shed built by the creek served the women as a wash-house. The area still retains the name 'The Wash House'. Thompson Creek was named after Dr. Thompson. It is noted most dwellings had an underground tank.

ROADS

In the early days there were two main tributary roads to Barwon Heads and Torquay. Made of loose metal which was transported by Council drays and dumped in spals approximately 1 mile apart on the side of the road. Men were employed to crack stones into 2" pieces with a napping hammer. When completed the pieces were squared into heaps for the council to measure. Each man was paid by the yard. Finally the council "Dray men" would spread the metal on the road. Naturally roads were very rough and horses would often have trouble with stones embedded in their hoofs. Drivers found it necessary to carry an implement to remove stones. A bag hook was commonly used.

1956. After the Olympic games a Surf Carnival was held at Torquay which Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh attended. The largest number of cars ever to use Torquay Road resulted. From early morning vehicles were bumper to bumper and for the return journey at one stage the traffic travelling to Torquay had to detour.





PROMINENT PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH DISTRICT

Dr. Thompson, former Mayor of Geelong, occupied all the land at Mt. Duneed

Henty, James, M.L.C. The explorer, owned 'Hillside' and often stayed there as his holiday retreat.

Flynn, Rev. John. Rev. John Flynn (of Flying Doctor Service) attended Ormond College with Rev. G.A. Stewart. Rev. Donald Cameron (Director of Home Mission) together with Rev. J. Flynn journeyed to Rev. G.A. Stewart's parents home 'Doolibeal' at Mt. Duneed. They discussed means of raising money for Flynn's Project of the Island. This took place under a beautiful shady gum tree. While in the district Rev. Flynn toured the area lecturing and showing slides to raise money for the pedal wireless.

Williams, George. For many years Barrabool Shire Secretary.

Streeton (1867-1943), Arthur Ernest. Sir Arthur Ernest Streeton was born at Mt. Duneed 8th April 1867, the third son of Charles Henry Streeton, a schoolmaster. Sir Arthur was created a Knight for service to art in 1937. Charles Henry Streeton was Head Teacher in the Parish of Kensington which took in areas of Drysdale - Leopold - Bellarine and Mt. Duneed. The first eight years of Sir Arthur's life were spent at Mt. Duneed. He attended the local school. Paintings by this artist are in the Geelong and Melbourne Art Galleries.

Rowand, Charles. Charles Rowand was the engineer of the first Barwon Bridge completed in 1848.

Moon, Rupert V. Rupert V. Moon was awarded the 'Victoria Cross' during 1914-1918 World War.

Gell, A.S. A.S. Gell who lived near Whites Road corner was the first South Barwon Garbage Collector.

Hampel, Carl. Carl Hampel lived with close relations for a month to two month periods over two years to paint landscapes of Mt. Duneed and neighbouring districts. Carl was of the same school as Sir Arthur Streeton knowing each other well.

Paintings of local landscapes by this artist:

'Evening Brookvale' (Burville) - 'Moonlight on a Cottage' (Dooliebeal)
'Little White Gate' (Horseshoe Bend Rd.) - 'Gums' (Armstrong Creek Reserve)
'Grey Afternoon' (Connewarre) - "Grey Day in Barwon Valley."
'Clouds Over Connewarre' - 'Wintery Weather'.

Together with other of this artist's paintings they were on exhibition (70 all told) at the 'Atheneum Hall' Melbourne 1921. Carl went to London to live in 1923 and was killed with his wife and child in an Air-raid in 1942.

White, John W. John W. White served as a councillor on the Barrabool Shire 1933-1946 and then as a South Barwon councillor 1946-1952. The family served 89 years continuously on Councils.

Feehan, Patrick. Patrick Feehan won military medal in the 1914-1918 First World War.

CHURCHES

1863. St. Wilfred's Church of England commenced services. The fire of 1944 destroyed original church. The present church was built by the boys from the Geelong Grammar School under the direction of Mr. H. Kirwood. Architect Mr. L. Hinchfeldt.

Miss Ellis was the first organist. Other residents to play the organ were Mesdames Collins (A. White), Alford (Stocks), Kempton (Blyth), Kelly (Seiffert), Grimmer (Payne), Templeton (Payne), Misses E. Stewart and R. Ball. Present organist is Mrs. J.W. White.

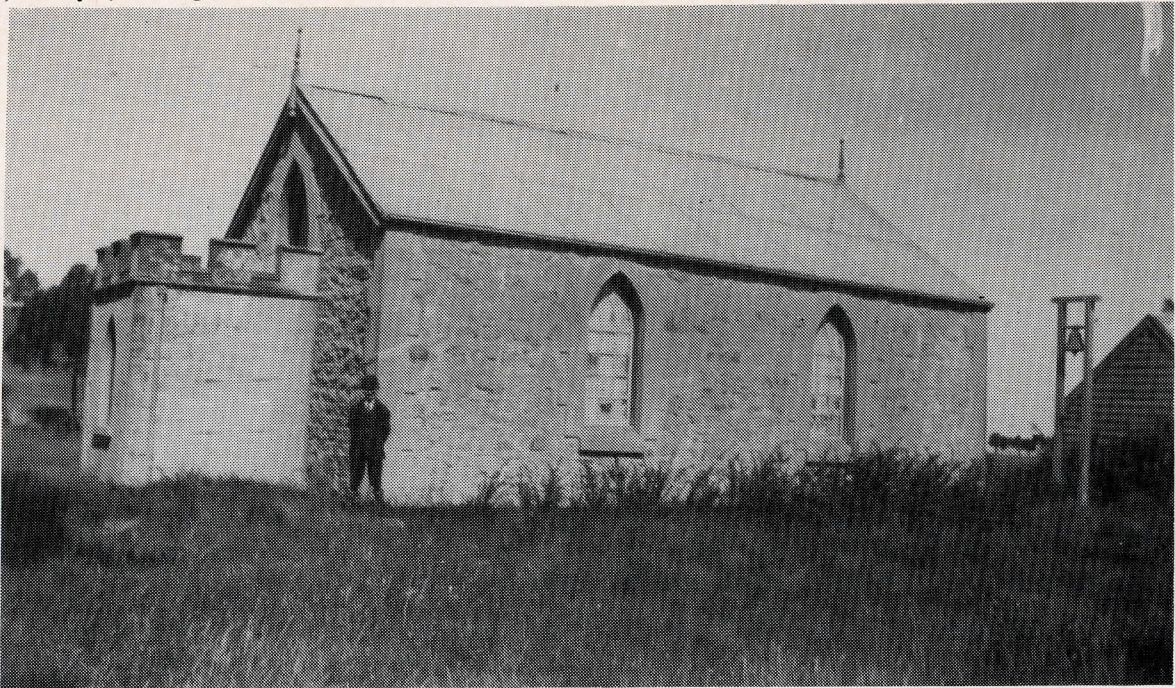
1913 was the Jubilee year and Mr. Harkness was present who also attended church when it first began. Other prominent names associated with the church, Morrisson, Hewitt, White, Rainford, Lampard, Seiffert, Moon, Carey, Chesterfield, Hunt.

PRESBYTERIANS

Rev. Milne held evening services in the Church of England as there was no building of their own.

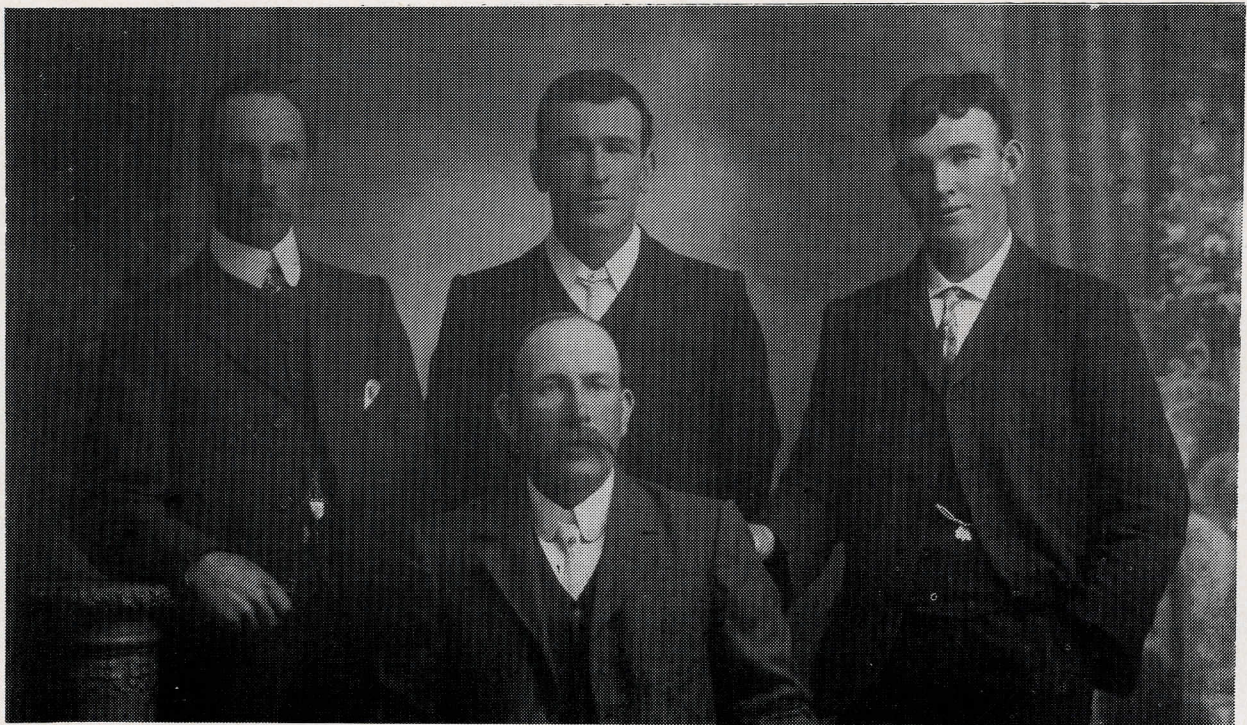
WESLEYAN

A Church was built on its own ground beside the Mt. Duneed Common on Russells Road. At the church was an old bell on a wooden frame. Each Sunday morning the bell would be rung. 1944. Fire saw the destruction of the church. Ruins still remain on site. Prominent names: Williams, Burville, Swayn, Broughton, Radford, Melhuish.



Wesleyan Church

SPORTING ACTIVITIES



Rifle Club

The first preliminary meeting was held March 23rd 1900. 1937 Honorary members, A.G. White, J. Rainford, E.G. Williams and J.W. Williams. Mt. Duneed successfully won the Geelong Rifle Club Union Shoot No. 14. Team members, E. Williams, J. Rainford, P. Feehan, F. Feehan.

School Sports

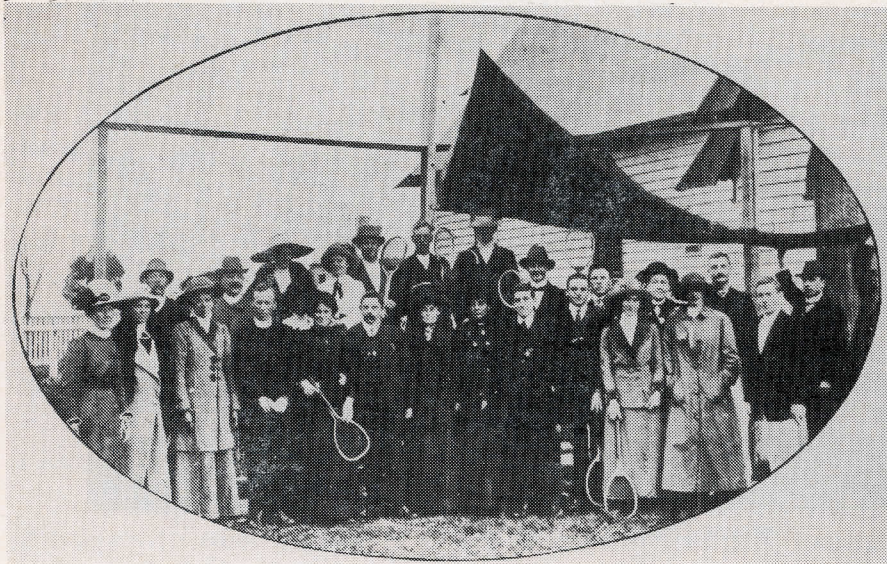
Mt. Duneed has been unsuccessful in gaining 1st place in the Barrabool and District Sports for the Shield but the school has had individual winners of Championships.

Bruce Howard won Junior 1969
Jenny Howard won Junior 1970
Jenny Howard won Senior 1972

Pistol Club

A pistol club is still active and conducted in the old scoria pits off Williams Road.

Tennis



First Pennant Geelong Churches' Association – Won by Mount Duneed – Marshall.



Rose Bowl, 1925

Tennis was played at St. Wilfred's and open to the public. Mt. Duneed – Marshall won the first pennant in the Geelong Churches Protestant Association in 1913. In 1925 Mt. Duneed was successful in winning the A section of the Barrabool Association. The captain Harry Stewart was presented with a rose bowl. Fire destroyed the courts in 1944. 20.9.68, the subject of tennis courts was discussed at a meeting. Residents decided on a Do-it-yourself Tennis Club to be constructed on the reserve. Tractors and scoops levelled the area and the Barrabool Council laid the courts and fenced same. The opening on 7.12.1968 saw Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stewart play the first game (original members from St. Wilfred's). Miss Lamond (90 years) a former resident also attended. For many years a team was entered in the Coast Association. Lack of interest in 1974 saw the Council resume responsibility of courts.



The Mt. Duneed Tennis Club is lacking one thing... a tennis court, but members are seeing that this oversight is soon rectified. They are making their own tennis courts on an area of Crown land off Feshans Road. Yesterday 12 men and seven tractors were busy levelling out the proposed courts.



Mr. H. Stewart, Life Member of Geelong Church Tennis Assoc.

Table Tennis.

In approx. 1959 two teams were entered in the Southern District Table Tennis Association. Our 'B' team was runner-up to Waurn Ponds. Team consisted of C. Dodds, A. Dodds, N. Howard.

Cricket

1970 saw Mr. Tors Evans be elected to a Life Member. The district has had varied success with their teams being successful in winning premierships. Names connected with the teams were Bevan, Dodds, Vale, Howard, Drayton, Cameron, Baker and Rhodes. Premierships were all 'B' Grade.

Successful years	1953-54	Captain	A. Cameron
	1958-59	"	C. Dodds
	1966-67	"	C. Dodds
	1968-69	"	R. Dodds

Because of the close proximity to Geelong, it has been found too difficult to maintain the interest in the club.

PREMIERS, 1953-54



Back row (L. to R.): H. Rechenberg, C. Dodds, R. Baker, A. Jackson, A. Rhodes, A. Dunkley, A. M. Dodds,
Centre: A. R. Dodds, T. Rechenberg (v.capt.), Mr. D. Evans (Vice-Pres.), Mr. J. White (Pres.),
A. Cameron (Capt.), E. Bevan.
Sitting: B. Cameron, M. Cameron.

GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

A cottage which was situated near the corner of Torquay and Mt. Duneed Roads (in present plantation) was used as a residence for the following teachers and local residents – Abercrombie – Job – Armbrust – Patullo. The remains of the underground tank still remain.

After the fire of 1944 a tent was erected in the Church grounds but blew down on first day. School was then held in sleep-out of Mr. and Mrs. L. Payne's home, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. F. Dyer. Eventually school was held at Stretton Park until present school completed. 1964 saw the formation of a School Mothers Club. Office bearers were President, Mrs. F. Dyer; Secretary, Mrs. J. Rau; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Howard. Many efforts were tried to raise money including a Flower Show held in the Mt. Duneed Hall.

1940. Because of low numbers, 3 at Mt. Duneed and 5 at Paraparap, school was part time between the two. November 1940, G. Law (Head Teacher) returned to Mt. Duneed from Paraparap to find a Military Union in possession of school. 12 - 3 ton trucks some containing petrol and explosives greeted him. Reporting the incident to Dept. officials, the South Command were directed to remove all equipment and vacate school site immediately.

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CROPPING

1947. Mr. R.C. Baker cropped 3 acres of Asparagus for commercial sale on his property. This continued for 7 years until labor costs forced this venture to be uneconomical.

POULTRY FARMING

1970. Mr. Don Forster commenced building two sheds to house 7,000 fowls for egg production. 1975 saw an additional shed built for the purpose of raising his own and other poultry farmers replacement fowls.

BAKER'S BARN

1966. George and Joy Baker operated General Store mainly selling their ice-cream and originated the first delivery of newspapers to local districts.

LA CAMPAGNOLA

1972. Mr. J. Codone purchased the property of Baker's Barn and soon after closed the petrol pumps. The trading name then became La Campagnola. Primarily it became take-away foods specializing in Pizzas, later to become a Bring Your Own (that is Wines, Alcohol etc.) Restaurant. Gellati is now made on the premises and with 5 vans they travel to coastal resorts and other venues and sell direct to the public. Wholesaling of take-away foods is also planned. 1978 sees another large venture, with the construction of a Caravan and Private en-suite Park being opened by April.

QUARRYING

Christian Baum, wife Elizabeth and their children arrived at Melbourne in October 1854. They settled at Mt. Duneed on an 80 acre block leased from Sir James Henty. The old well is still there on Russells Road, now owned by Mr. Asby. The land was leased till 1876 when they moved to Gippsland. While at Mt. Duneed Christian and Son Gottfried quarried scoria from 'Baum's Quarry' near his home. Scoria was spread on roads in the Shire. This quarry eventually closed. After many years of the name disappearing from our records, a 4th generation descendant, G. Baum and wife are building their new home within close proximity of the family homestead.

*Christian and Elisabeth Baum,
with the first of their 8 children
to be born at Mt. Duneed;
Gottfried born 1856.*



BLUE STONE

Blue stone was quarried in the late 1800's till 1932, on Joseph Williams' property situated in Mt. Duneed Road. The stone was crushed for use on roads. Property now owned by C. Grimmer.

MARL

Marl pits were very rich in agriculture lime. Water Burville's and Gogoll's properties in Burvilles Road had many of these pits. Local ground would not grow successfully until trenched with marl. Super Phosphate was not available at this time. With the advent of Super the pits became obsolete and closed.

AIR PORT (existing)

1963 saw Mr. and Mrs. L. Mahon turn their 73 acres into an airport. Known as Schutt Airport they concentrated on a Flying School. 1973, the Mahons' took over the flying school and it became Grovedale Airport now Geelong Airport. 2 Runways were erected. One North-South, 3100' length 300' wide and the other East-West 1900' length 200' wide, 2 Hangers capable of 5 Air Craft in one and the other holding one. 3 Full time and 2 Part-time instructors are available. 2 Part time casual commercial pilots and 2 Part-time licenced main engineers. 1977 - a new service began with passengers able to fly direct from Airport to Tullamarine. Originally 1 aeroplane operated but now 10 are available with 6 privately owned planes based there.

TOLL GATE

A toll gate in the vicinity of Boundary and Torquay Roads was conducted in 1861 by John Williams. 1869 to 1873 the Bright family (also Woodcutters) controlled same with the charge of 6d. 1871. D. Chambers was the tollkeeper. The tollkeepers were not appointed. They leased the toll annually by tender. Charges varied according to the number of horses and wheels on each vehicle. Tolls discontinued in the 1870s. As can be well imagined they were very unpopular.

ARMY CAMPS

During the Second World War an Army Light horse camp was established in the Mt. Duneed area. A number of other training camps were situated around the district.

BLACK GATE

So called because on the Torquay end of road a black gate was erected. Public was entitled to use same for thoroughfare, so long as gate was closed after entering. It became quite an identity when arranging to meet people on the Torquay Road and still bears the name Black Gate Road.

FEEHAN'S ROAD

Named after Mr. P. and Miss M. Feehan whose family were associated with Mt. Duneed for 97 years being prominent in all form of activities of the district.

PROPOSED AIR PORT

1975-76. Many sites were inspected for the new Airport to serve Geelong. Considered sites were at Gheringhap, Fyansford, Lovely Banks, Grovedale and finally Mt. Duneed was selected. Land between Ghazepore and Torquay Roads bounded by Ghazepore on the West and Williams Road on East and Dickins Road on the South.

BARRABOOL SHIRE

Barrabool Shire's boundary lies west of Torquay Road which includes School, Hall, Tennis Courts, Recreation Reserve etc. From 1859 to 1890's properties of Stewart, Lamond, Gogoll (all east of Torquay Road) were rated in Barrabool. During 1965 the council celebrated their Centenary.

CITY OF SOUTH BARWON

East of Torquay Road becomes South Barwon. St. Wilfred's Church is included in this Shire. December 6th 1974 saw South Barwon proclaimed a city.

Many local residents have served their respective shires as councillors.

Names still associated with Mt. Duneed since Jubilee Year 1928:

De Courcsey Evans (Tors). 81 years. (Belmont). (1 Daughter). Tors and late Daisy Evans lived south of St. Wilfred's on their dairying property. A very prominent figure in all activities associated with the district.

1968 saw tragedy strike the family when Mrs. Evans on a trip to New Zealand with Tors and their daughter Joy, was drowned when the 'Wahine' foundered in Wellington Harbor.

Joy now owns the former Post Office in Mt. Duneed. D. Foster owns the original home-
stead.

Tom and Maude Evans. Tom and Maude live on the property adjoining the school. Originally owned by Mr. Anderson (Maude's father) and used for dairying purposes. The two families of Evans' are brothers and sisters. Tom when relating his exploits of younger days in the district recalls names: Don and Cliff Stacey, Bert and Alan Duffield and makes you realize they lost nothing not having TV. Pranks such as a wet bag placed over Mr. Brown's chimney to mention one.

Harry & Myrtle Stewart (2 Sons). Harry has lived all his life at 'Dooliebeal'. Myrtle came to Mt. Duneed aged 12 and lived in Russells Road. The original home can still be seen behind where Dekkers now live. With son Don (a former student) they are still dairying this property.

John and Elizabeth White. (2 Daughters). John is a direct descendant of Andrew White the former owner of Hillside and Stretton Park. Their daughter Jan and husband George Shea-Simmonds with their children, make 3 generations in the district. Their property 'Bimbadeen' is situated on Williams Road nearby to Hillside.

Mrs. Florence Payne (Portland) (2 Daughters). Florence and late Laurie Payne lived on Upper Mt. Duneed Road. Their property 'Bellevue' was used for dairying. Mr. and Mrs. Payne did much work in the district and they donated the land the Mt. Duneed Hall stands on. Daughter Dorothy and husband Charlie Grimmer live in Williams Road. Donald their Grandson with wife Carol and family Deborah and Brent, live in Upper Mt. Duneed Road. In the near future Donald's children will make 3 generations to attend Mt. Duneed School.

Eunice Burville (Grovedale). (4 Sons). Eunice and late Harry Burville lived in Burvilles Road on their dairying property. Harry's schooling was at Mt. Duneed. In later years they built on the corner of Whites and Torquay Roads. Their 4 children attended Mt. Duneed School.

Hill, Leslie (Lal). Lal has lived at Mt. Duneed for 50 years. The original home was burnt in the 1944 fires. The property was originally dairying but now used for grazing.

Blyth, Jesse. (2 Sons). Jesse and her late husband John, lived in the original homestead. John was one of the 7 Blyths to attend Mt. Duneed School. His grandfather was on the ship "Earl of Charlemont" when it was wrecked at Barwon Heads. Jesse, an English girl came to the district and married. Their son Malcolm, and his wife Janice with their family make 3 generations in the district. Mrs. Blyth remembers during late 1939 and early 1940's frequently borrowing children (transfers and all) from her sister in Melbourne to keep the school opened.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 1978

A meeting held in the Mt. Duneed Hall formed a committee to make arrangements for the Centenary Celebrations to be held on March 11th, and 12th, 1978.

Office Bearers: Chairman — Norm Howard
Secretary — Mrs. Jan Shea-Simmonds
Treasurer — Mrs. Gaye Foster

Historical Information: Mrs. Myrtle Stewart — Mrs. Dorothy Grimmer.

Committee: Mesdames Dorothy Dyer, Elizabeth White, Judy Gibson, Joyce Howard, Maureen Dodds, Messrs. Donald Grimmer, Donald Stewart and R.C. (Dick) Baker.

At the time of printing the following arrangements have been proposed.

March 11th — Welcome by Chairman at 1.45 p.m. Official opening by prominent member of the public. Roll Call. Unveiling of plaque. Tree planting by oldest pupil present. Visitors book to be signed. Geelong West Technical School Band to provide music. Sale of Sherry Glasses with appropriate motif. Raffle consisting of 1st prize — Hamper of groceries. 2nd prize Fruit Cake and Bottle of Champagne. 3rd prize Box of Chocolates. (All prizes donated). Sweets and soft drinks available. Hiring of amplifier from former pupil A. Forster. Donation box to be available. Name tags supplied. Afternoon tea supplied by ladies. Mr. and Mrs. C. Grimmer donated the Centenary Cake decorated by former pupil Lynette Ashton (Grimmer). The cake to be in two blues, color of the school, with a picture of the original school on top. To be cut by oldest former lady pupil present.

March 12th — Church service to begin at 1.30 p.m. to be an ecumenical service to be followed by afternoon tea at the school.

Shire of Barrabool and City of South Barwon both donated \$100 towards the celebrations.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

Grateful acknowledgement is made to all those who have generously assisted with this Centenary history of Mt. Duneed and we cannot unfortunately list them all.

As is the case with any historical study of this kind, many deeds and many people will be left unmentioned, through lack of information and because time and space do not permit.

We sincerely regret this, but perhaps with your assistance an even more complete history may be forthcoming in the future. Should an error in reporting be found we would appreciate being notified to enable correction of books given to Historical Centres, schools, libraries and councils be updated with the correct data.

As we step into a new century for our school and district, we pay special tribute to those hardy men and women, boys and girls, who pioneered this district with faith, courage, vision and toil.

We remember with pride, the teachers who helped to shape the destinies of pupils who have passed through the school since 1878.

From the ranks of these pupils have come the ordinary men and women who have served Australia in war and peace, in prosperity and adversity, making their contribution.

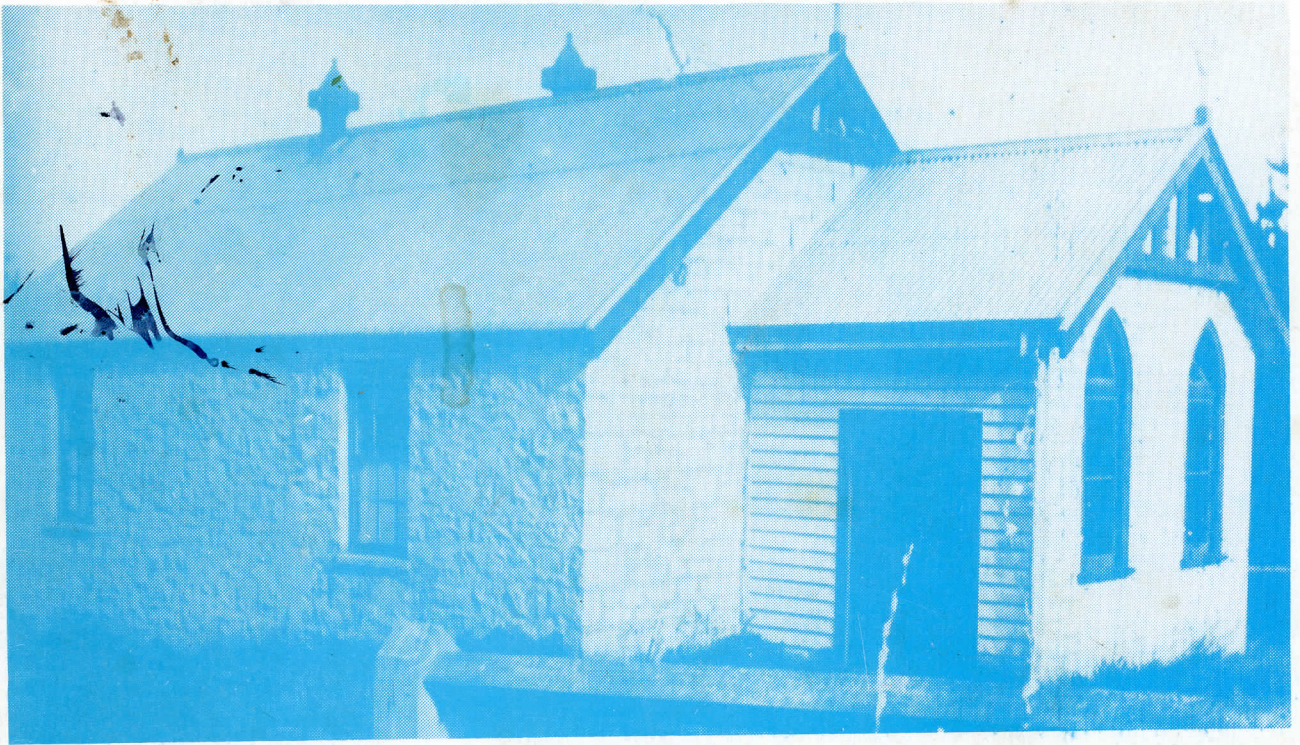
Whatever the future may hold, may we face it with the hope that the best is yet to be.

Mrs. Charlie Grimmer
"Bookaloo"

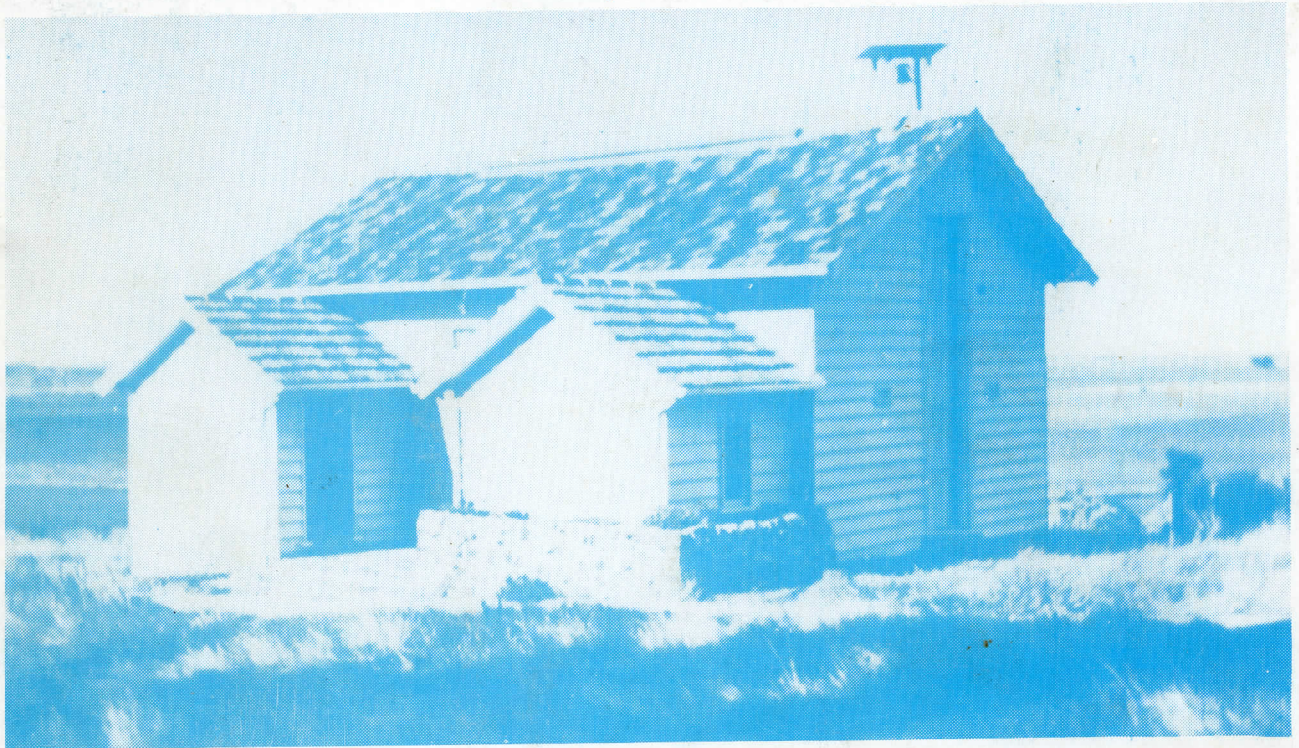
— Mr. Norman Howard
"Four Winds"

March 1978.

Special thanks to Mrs. Myrtle Stewart
Mr. Harry Stewart
Mr. Stewart McAdam
Mr. Donald McKinnon.



The Original St. Wilfred's



Present St. Wilfred's

