

# THE BARHAM-KOONDROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.



**The Barham-Koondrook Historical Society, Inc. is located in Punt Road, Koondrook adjoining the Koondrook Baptist Church and opposite Apex Park on the banks of the Murray. Our rooms are open each Wednesday 10.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. or by appointment at other times when mutually suitable.**

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## **HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY**

In 1985, a meeting was called in Barham to form a committee to update the book “The History of Barham”, written by T.R. McConnell and published in 1951.

Originally titled the Barham Historical Research Group, under the first president, Jack Keck, the group had several homes in Barham – in private houses, at the Bowling Club and upstairs at the School of Arts Hall.

Committee members Evelyn McConnell and Olwyn Alexander spent countless hours poring over copies of old district newspapers at the Kerang Library to gather material for the early BORDER JOURNALS. Local typists assisted with the early stencils and the Barham High School assisted with printing.

Then, in 1995, the Myall School building (which had been closed under the State Government re-shuffle) was purchased by the Kerang Shire, donated to the group and relocated to an empty block, owned by, and next to the Koondrook Baptist Church. This became our new home and the group’s name was changed to the title we use today.

In 2003, the land we occupied in Punt Road became superfluous to the needs of the Baptist Church and was purchased by Stan Roberts and family and donated to the Society. The gift covered both the land and the Church building itself, which was in a poor state of repair. We are currently seeking funding to carry out the required renovations.

# CURRENTLY AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS

## BARHAM-KOONDROOK HISTORICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 124, KOONDROOK, VICTORIA 3580

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Border Journals 1-5	\$12	Wonder of Tulla Plains	\$20
Border Journals 6-10	\$12	Tramways Book	\$4
Border Journals 11-25	\$5 ea.	Nurse Rosen Book	\$15
Set Border Journals 1-25	\$80	B-K Mem. Hosp. Book	\$10
Journals 26 & 27	\$12 ea.	WW1 War Book	\$25
Tulla Soldier Settlers Book	\$20	BRIDGE Newspaper History	\$10

POSTAGE AND HANDLING CHARGES ARE EXTRA

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## RESEARCH ROOM CHARGES

Entry fee - \$2.00 per person

A4 text photocopy - document, book-page, newspapers etc. - 30¢ per page

A3 text photocopy - document, book-page, newspapers etc. - \$1.30 per page

A4 photocopies of photographs - (30 cents per page + \$1.00 per photo "image use" fee)

Prices for digital prints on photo paper on application.

DIY research with staff guidance ----- \$5.00 per hour\*

DIY research with major staff assistance ----- \$10.00 per hour\*

\*Hourly rates do not include copying charges.

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### "MAIL ORDER" RESEARCH FEES

Research can be undertaken by our volunteer staff at \$10.00 per hour plus applicable copying costs and P&H. A minimum advance payment of \$10.00 is required; please nominate an upper limit for your spending on research.

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## WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS!

Like most similar organisations, our Society is suffering from a lack of volunteers and we would welcome anyone able to donate a few hours of their time on any Wednesday. Most of our present small crew of volunteers have been "on the books" for at least a decade and none of us is getting any younger. So if you'd like to assist in preserving the important history of our region, please contact a committee member or drop in to see us at our Punt Road rooms. Many thanks.

We have recently published a history of the BRIDGE newspaper and are working on our next BORDER JOURNAL and the digitisation of 50,000+ negatives from the collections of local photographers, Sam Dalley and Rudie Metzler. These men recorded many of the social events around the district – weddings, deb balls, family celebrations and the like – as well as businesses, farms, buildings, scenery etc. And until we get the scanning completed, these extremely valuable images will remain hidden away - unindexed and unavailable to interested parties.

Still, this is part of our charter – to locate and preserve any and all material relating to the families, businesses and history of Barham and Koondrook and surrounding districts. So we also welcome the donation (or loan) of any such material – photos, maps, titles, certificates etc.

Restoration of the Baptist Church building will require support from funding sources and the community at large. Any monetary assistance given will be greatly appreciated.