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# the Memory Bank

Quarterly Newsletter of the Millthorpe & District Historical Society



## The President Writes

Our big day for 2015 has been and gone, the Opening of the Trevor Pascoe Pavilion, featuring Australian Inventions. It was a huge success, exceeding all expectations, even though Dick Smith could not make it in person, low cloud over the mountains preventing him from flying his helicopter to Millthorpe. However with the aid of modern

technology, he was able to bring us greetings via a mobile phone and the loud speaker system. Max Hazelton kindly filled in for Dick and unveiled the plaque.

The Australian Inventions Theme will continue into 2016 with Hayley keen to fill all the back wall with more information panels, and another feature profiling Australian Inventors the likes of:

**Hugh Victor McKay**, the controversial inventor of the stripper harvester, and the largest industrialist of the time in the British Empire. The factory at Sunshine in Victoria covered some 70 acres.

**James Harrison** who made an Ice Making Machine and in 1873 thought he would revolutionise the fresh meat trade to England by packing it in ice. The project was a dismal failure because the ice melted in the tropics and the meat went rotten.

**Lance Hill** the developer of the Hills Hoist.

**Ben Lexan's** Winged Keel and many more.

Trust you have a Merry Christmas and may 2016 be prosperous for you and the Museum.

Peter Whiley  
President



# Photos from the big events





# Our newest Life Member



Mrs Rosemarie Amos received the prestigious honour of being awarded a Life Membership of the Millthorpe and District Historical Society at the Society's Anniversary Dinner. Her work for many years as a member, treasurer since 2001 and tireless worker was recognised by the Millthorpe community.

"Rosemarie is the lynch pin of our museum", said secretary, Jacki Irvine. "Her enthusiasm and knowledge of the museum, the members and the district's history is amazing. Rosemarie always manages to pull together all the threads and ensures that museum events, presentations and relationships reflect what a wonderful facility we have." Congratulations Rosemarie.



**Golden memories of a tireless volunteer**

By ANSLEY PRITCHARD

PRESERVING memories of rural life was a passion for Trevor Pascoe, who tirelessly volunteered his time with the village's historical society which operates the Golden Memories Museum.

Mr Pascoe died suddenly aged 66 in 2012, after being diagnosed with the disease long condition cancer.

His legacy will be preserved with the opening of a new museum pavilion, named in his honour, from 11am tomorrow, which will house more than 300 memorabilia that changed the face of agriculture in the region.

Entrepreneur Dick Smith AC is flying in via helicopter with his wife to present a plaque during the opening ceremony.

"I'm pro farmer and always look to promote living on the land," he said.

"And I love small country towns. I like so many others, live in a city on the coast and it's great to visit the anywhere below the Great Dividing Range."

Following the ceremony, the museum will be open for tea for the rest of the day.

Millthorpe and District Historical Society secretary Jacki Irvine said it had taken three years to complete the pavilion, with funding from the state government, Harvey State Council and Catta Valley Operations.

"Trevor was instrumental in the process," she said.

The day will also include the launch of the book *The Pascoes: A Family Saga*, a publication on Trevor's family history.

Trevor's sister-in-law Judy Pascoe said he had been working on his family history for at least 40 years before his health deteriorated, causing him to leave the United Kingdom for research.

She helped with double the publishing so the book could be launched on the same day as the pavilion opening.

"He virtually had the book typed," she said.

"It just needed to be typeset and that's what we've achieved."

The event will include a barbecue with Devonshire teas and coffee available.

Entertainment will be supplied by Jason and Chloe Rowell.

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**LEGACY:** A tireless volunteer, the late Trevor Pascoe (above) will be remembered when the Millthorpe and District Historical Society opens a new pavilion in his honour tomorrow.

Left: Entrepreneur Dick Smith will attend the official opening of the Trevor Pascoe pavilion in Millthorpe tomorrow.

**Santa's pet rescue project**

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"We hope to raise awareness about our stray animals."

Co-treasurer Laura Ferguson encourages families thinking of buying cats or kittens at Christmas gifts to consider long-term costs and care.

"They are a lifelong commitment," she said.

"Providing socialisation, food, bedding and toys is important."

Herons Farm is a local registered charity that takes in and cares for stray, injured, unwanted and neglected cats and kittens.

200 cats has rescued more than 200 cats since it was established three years ago.

Santa Paws will take place at Bessie's Restaurant, 192 March Street, from 10am to 4pm on December 5 and 6.

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**GOLDEN MEMORIES:** Millthorpe and District Historical society volunteer Peter Amos with an 1884 Sunshine stripper harvester which was feature in the Trevor Pascoe museum. Photo: PHIL BLATCH

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