SINGABULI OCTOBER 2016

HISTORY

Over the years the club has undergone many changes, both in membership and in activities. We have recently been doing some long overdue maintenance work on the BMC hut which has required the removal of the posters that have adorned the walls for many years. The reason for the posters being on the wall was revealed clearly when they were removed. They were pasted to the walls to cover up various holes in the wall sheeting, as a kind of cheap wallpaper. This was not an unusual practice in those days.

The walls have now been properly repaired with pieces of replacement sheeting and then painted. The posters, which were just considered scrap paper at the time they were used, are now being properly preserved and have also been photographed. What was once a piece of scrap is now a piece of history.

Our other significant project being undertaken is to sort through our archives. The material on the following pages have come from both these activities.

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A collection of concertinas - Back row Richard Evans, Malcolm Clapp Front: Greg Wilson, Helen Romeo (Helen Brain in those days), Richard Depledge Taken around 1984 or 1985 in the BMC hut. Photo: Bob Bolton



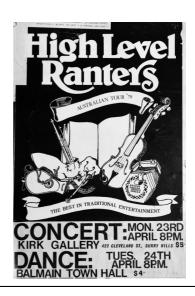




Danny Spooner and Martyn Wyndham-Read in concert. Martyn spent considerable time in outback Australia before returning to the UK. He is currently touring Australia again and will appear at the Bush Traditions Gathering in Goulburn and in the BMC Hut for our October Duke's Place.

Photo: Bob Bolton







This is detail from an invitation to the Henry Lawson Concert at Como. The flyer gives the following information and includes the poem Waratah and Wattle which is reproduced below.

"This Annual Henry Lawson Concert celebrates the memory of Australia's National Story-teller and Poet who, around 1920, was a frequent visitor to The Bonnet, Como, where he had a holiday shack."

It also says:

- You are cordially invited to arrive early in order to inspect, while the light is good, the Art Exhibition which will be on show from 2 pm.
- Light refreshments available for grown-ups and children.

Waratah and Wattle

You may sing of the Shamrock, the Thistle, the Rose, Or the three in a bunch, if you will; But I know of a country that gathered all those, And I love the great land where the Waratah grows, And the Wattle-bough blooms on the hill.

Australia! Australia! So fair to behold -While the blue sky is arching above; The stranger should never have need to be told, That the Wattle-bloom means that her heart is of gold, And the Waratah's red with her love

Henry Lawson

A Henry Lawson Appreciation Group has been meeting on the second Sunday of each month on the verandah of the Como Hotel at 11am. They are hoping to be able to run a Henry Lawson Festival in 2017 to mark the 150th anniversary of his birth.