

# Geelong Bottle & Collectables Club



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**"On the Road Again ..."**

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The Geelong Bottle & Collectables Club meets on the fourth Monday of every month (except December) from 7.30pm, upstairs at the Barwon River Pavilion, under the James Harrison Bridge near the intersection of Barrabool Rd and High St, Belmont

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## **Front cover: "On the Road Again ..." from David Smith**

Our Cover photo is snap follows a short road trip to the new Glenlyon collectables fair organized by Club Vice President, Cam Ward. A car pool was quickly filled as Allan Snowden and David Smith joined the fray.

Albeit the fair was not affiliated with any specific club, as a four-day event the travellers were keen to get amongst it and snatch any bargains. The plan included departing by 6:30 am but didn't plan on the wet and windy conditions on arrival one which may have kept numbers down. However, after such a long hot dry spell and all those fires and smoke, no-one was really complaining.

Arriving approximately 8 am to find about 30 cars in the car park and about 40 stallholders it was straight into doing the rounds and finding items. Both Cam and David came away with some bottles to keep and sell, Alan zero.

A quick call into the Daylesford Mill Markets produced a small brass Geelong and District Waterboard plaque for David and a picture frame for Allan. The journey included a drop in on Joe Votava (our cover models Cam, Joe and Alan) with Joe's eclectic collection never failing to surprise!

Allan finally bought something, at Joes ??



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*Reminder: Auction #39 starts January 29th  
through to February 8th, 2020*

**Our President “*trumps*” them all,**

...

**A Word from The President’s  
desk.**



**so**

It's a very busy time of year and so on behalf of the President, David Smith and all the Committee, we take this opportunity to wish our members, families and friends all the very best for 2020. We look forward to your involvement and input during the year to ensure the future health of the club. The future health of our club is also dependent on existing members encouraging new members along and to join the club.

2019 was a productive year for the GB&CC. We successfully trialed a new format for our Christmas Break-Up venue which seems to have been enjoyed by all in attendance, and were also pleased to have author Gregory Hill attend a meeting to address the club. More about that gem later.

Our monthly meetings have produced some terrific finds with Finder of the Year award going to Alan Snowden. Congratulations Alan who always has some new find up his sleeve to show at meeting nights.

No doubt with the State Show dates now fixed for Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> through to Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> we have a huge year ahead of us, for planning, volunteers, and the running of a successful show. The GB&CC has a history of producing a great show weekend and with our loyal members there is no reason this should not be the same in 2020. Remember, we all need to do our part to participate and/or attract stall holders too.

Thanks to the wonderful work of our Bunnings BBQ crew (see article overleaf) we have been able to set up the club in a strong financial position. We are extremely grateful for their efforts.

Our sympathies are with Colin Francis at his time of grief and Tony Keunen has taken over the Editor role to relieve Colin. The January edition may be a bit patchy but will gather momentum as he develops the role.

Yours in Collecting, David Smith

## Guest Speaker

The GBCC was greatly honoured to have a pre-eminent speaker for our October meeting with author and leading Australian Pottery expert **Gregory Hill** discussing the fascinating, and many quite unknown histories of Victoria's earliest potteries.



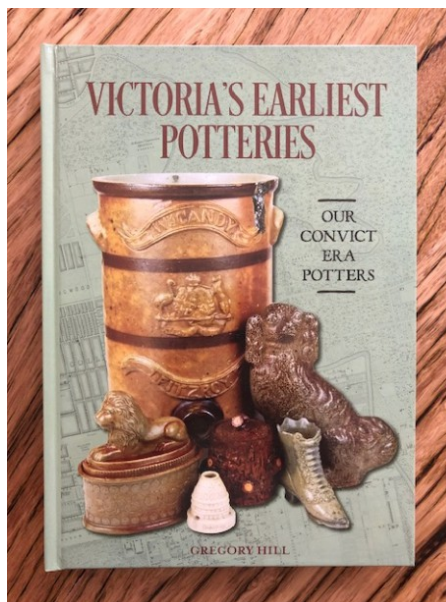
Gregory began his interest in Australian pottery from the 1960's and expanded his knowledge to become an author, recognized advisor and researcher of commercial potteries. As a collector he brought along many wonderful pieces as examples from little known, often very short-lived factories around Victoria.

It was a rare opportunity for members to mingle with an expert as knowledgeable as Greg and several members brought items for inspection, one piece in particular which highly impressed Greg.

Gregory Hill has recently released his latest book **Victoria's Earliest Potteries** and the club has purchased a collection of Greg's publications which are all available for loan from our Library.

**Editor's note:** I was quick to be the first borrow the new book, and can highly recommend the publication for its fascinating information, historical pictures and suburban maps.

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**Next Meeting: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**7:00pm for 7:30pm start.**



# Club Minutes

## **General Meeting**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Present:** Noel Dawson, Ernie Taylor, Alan Snowden, Graham Tomkins, Paul Bruce, Les Bell, Peter Macmillan, Tony Keunen, David Smith, Joe Votava

**Apologies:** Cam Ward, Darryl Souter

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Moved that the minutes as distributed to members were a true and correct record Moved Ernie Taylor seconded Les Bell Carried

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

From Minutes It was resolved that “November would be a normal meeting at the clubrooms and that the Xmas breakup (date and venue) **would be determined at the next meeting** Moved Cam Ward seconded Peter Macmillan Carried ----It was resolved that the Xmas breakup would be Monday 2nd December at Buckley’s Hotel at 6.30 pm Cam Ward to reserve a table. Numbers were confirmed for our Xmas break up at Buckley’s

**Treasurers Report:** *Presented by Treasurer Alan Snowden*

|                                      |                 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                        |                 |
| Bunnings BBQ 28 <sup>th</sup> August | \$604.35        |
| Subs                                 |                 |
| Supper                               | \$9.55          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$613.90</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE August</b>            |                 |
| Accommodation Guest Speaker          | \$115           |
| Greg Hills Books for library         | \$235           |
| Stamps and Stationery (Colin)        | \$111.70        |
|                                      |                 |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>             | <b>461.70</b>   |
|                                      |                 |

Moved “That treasurers report be received as a true and correct record” Moved Noel Dawson seconded Tony Keunen. Carried

### **General Business**

#### **Major Business –2018 Show**

- ! **David will contact Basketball Stadium and confirm dates and ask them to prepare a contract . Dates are October 2nd to 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**
- ! **It was resolved to standardise the wording on all our promotions.**

## **2020 Geelong Collectable Fair and Exhibition**

### **“The Victorian State Show”**

**Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Venue AWA Basketball Stadium**

**15 Crows Rd**

**Belmont**

*To be used on all of our communications about the show*

- ! *Alan raised the idea of involving other Geelong collectables clubs offering space for them to promote their clubs at the State Show ---letter to be written by secretary to clubs offering them space It was resolved that space would be available at no cost to clubs Members to advise Paul on clubs to invite*
- ! *Paul introduced the idea of having a lost skills/trades component to the show where people demonstrate their skills to the public —they may also want to sell things they make  
He indicated the idea had been trialled successfully in Kyneton and had great success in attracting the public It was resolved that Paul will follow up and develop the idea further for us to implement at our show.  
Members to give any ideas or contacts to Paul*
- ! *Noel introduced the idea of inviting the Australian Historic Telephone Society to the show —they may set up a working display that would engage the public Noel to follow up*
- ! *We agree to have Darren the artistic glass photographer. We will need to provide space David to contact*
- ! *David will follow up with COGG to get us included on their event calendar*
- ! *Cam indicated that Penrith used a flyer to promote their show which had raffle ticket attached that was activated if they attended the show Cam to follow up with Dave Negus to get a copy of the flyer if possible—for Committee to consider*
- ! *Graham Tomkin to approach Lamplighters re their display*

! **Social Events/Projects:** *No Discussion*

#### ! **Reports**

*10<sup>th</sup> Nov Roycroft Auction Small crowd in hall —es Bell happy with purchases*

*23-24 Nov Morwell show Well attended Good Marketing and had local TV coverage before the event*

#### **Bunnings BBQ Dates**

Our next dates —Friday 6th December 2020 Dates not known at this stage

Members who can help please tell Paul or Alan

#### **Upcoming Shows and Swap and Sell**

1-2 Feb 2020 Warrnambool

22 Feb 2020 Latrobe (Tas)

13-14 March Coolamon NSW

2-3 May Caloundra Qld

2-4 Oct Geelong State Show Vic

9-11 Oct Cannington WA National Show

### **Latest Finds**

1<sup>st</sup> Les Bell mauve Bollington Cordial

2<sup>nd</sup> David Smith Thistle Whisky

3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Snowden Seppelt Decanter

3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Snowden Scotty Dogs

Next meeting: Next meeting is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January



*The Most  
Important Date in  
our Calendar.*

*– Make your plans NOW!!*

## Grateful Thanks

It was our May-June 2016 volume #106 Newsletter that contained some great pics and words about the GB&CC foray into hosting our first Bunnings BBQ as an initiative from Paul Bruce. Pictures showed Smithy, Alan, Noel, Graham, Peter under the headline "Club snags cash lifeline".

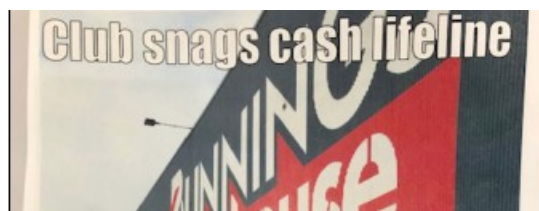
Three and a half years later, and how true that message was and still is, as the Club is financially secure thanks to our wonderful volunteers during that time, and the 2020 State Show is underpinned by our regular sausage sizzles.

A look at the roster for 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 lists this month's volunteers, all of whom earn our deserved thanks and appreciation for the contributions: Paul, Alan, Cam, Noel, Graham, Mara & Sylvia. Special thanks to each and every one of you, and to everyone else who has made these days an ongoing success.

The attached is just an example of the time & planning that goes into this huge fundraiser.

|    | A   | B              | C            |
|----|---|----------------|--------------|
| 1  | <b>Geelong B &amp; C C BUNNINGS BBQ's</b> |                |              |
| 2  | <b>as @ Wednesday 29th January 2020</b>   |                |              |
| 3  | <b>Wed 29th Jan 2020</b>                  |                |              |
| 4  | <b>8.00-10.00</b>                         |                |              |
| 5  | Alan Snowden                              | Cam Ward       | Mara/Sylvia  |
| 6  | <b>10.00-11.30</b>                        |                |              |
| 7  | Alan Snowden                              | Graham Tomkins | Mara /Sylvia |
| 8  | <b>11.30-1.30</b>                         |                |              |
| 9  | Alan Snowden 12.30 -1.30                  | Mara /Sylvia   | Noel Dawson  |
| 10 | <b>1.30-4.30</b>                          |                |              |





*Out of the  
archives –  
article May  
June 2016*

### *Greetings from your new Editor:*

*Firstly, it has been requested to explain on behalf of our previous Editor, Colin that due to a family loss that we haven't issued an edition beyond #122.*

*Our immediate thoughts are with Colin at this time. Due to these difficult times, the baton has been passed to me, so I will do my best. However, I shall get on the front foot early and remind Readers that it is YOUR input that can make the Newsletter **Trump-worthy**, ie. Make it great again!*

*We need your snippets, articles, events, photos, whispers and **new found digging spots** to make for a really interesting Newsletter.*

*P.S. The digging spots are not for the Newsletter - they are just for me 😊 but send through any gossip to: [keunentony@gmail.com](mailto:keunentony@gmail.com) otherwise you will be subjected to relentless photos of my Golden Retriever as a space filler. **Seriously, we want to share your news.***

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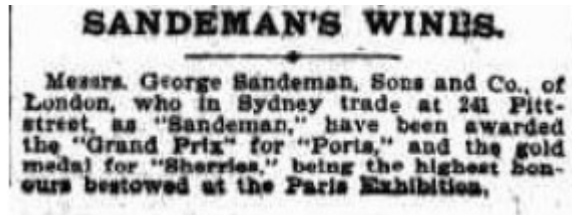
### **Events Calendar**

- ! 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – Berwick Swap Meet (Arkoona Park)
- ! 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Lang Lang Swap Meet (Lang Lang Showgrounds)
- ! 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Murtoa Auction (check with Bruce Lowenthal)
- ! 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Newstead Swap Meet (Racecourse Reserve)

- ! 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Maldon Antique Fair (Maldon Footy Ground)
- ! 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ballarat Swap Meet (Ballarat Airport)

## Travelling Portugal - Tony Keunen

In 2019, my wife and I did a tour of Portugal which included a wonderful tour and tasting of some fine Sherry, Port and Madeira wine in the well-known winery **Sandeman** in the city of Porto. Sandeman was founded in 1790 and is easily recognized by its logo of a man wearing a Portugese student's cape and a wide Spanish



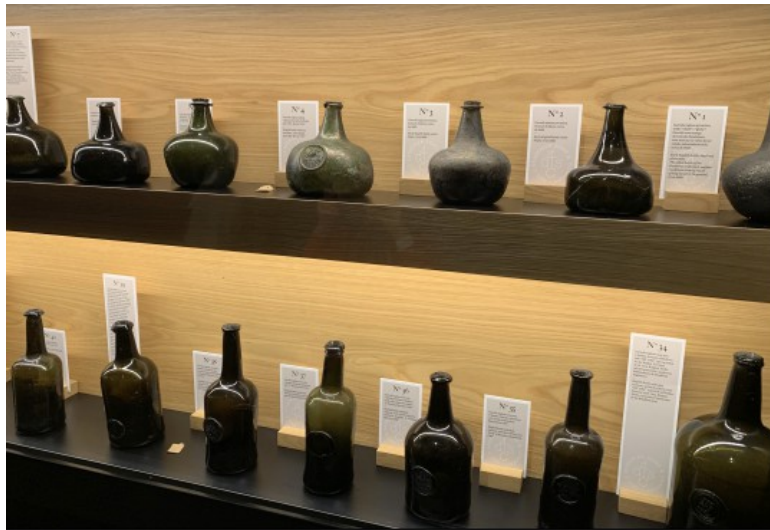
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Interest I found in NLA Trove, Sandeman wines being advertised in Australia since the 1830's.

We toured the cellars and found the wines very nice indeed, but even

nicer was the huge collection of sealed onion and mallet bottles on display – my mouth drooled for the wine and the bottles.

The owners must have put out a curator to build such a large and varied collection, and my wife knew exactly where I would be when the others on tour asked "Where's Tony?" Well worth a visit if you're ever in Porto !





### **Club Christmas dinner**

Something with a little bit of a different flavour this year was the Club's Christmas gathering with members meeting up for dinner at Buckley's Hotel, Breakwater.

The turn-up was very good, with partners joining too as we all dined and enjoyed the wonderful fare provided from the Pub menu. The only thing missing was Hany's famous black rice but it was terrific that we could gather and celebrate a successful year.

There may be the opportunity for a mid-year club BBQ too, but from the general feedback old Buckley may be our hide-out for another year.

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### **Finders Keepers**

Below is the list of monthly Latest Finds for 2019, and we saw some terrific items come through our doors. Thanks to everyone for bringing in their items of interest as this is the heart and soul for discussion between members.

After a count of all votes, it has been announced that **Alan Snowden** is the winner of the Finder of the Year award for 2019 – congratulations Alan!

Meanwhile we share the list so as to help you remember the monthly winners.

|      |                                 |            |
|------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Jan  | Two Early 1840's Sealed Bottles | Paul       |
| Feb  | Dahlke Water Filter             | Cam        |
| Mar  | Watson Whisky                   | Alan       |
| Apr  | Gaelic Old Smuggler Jug         | Alan       |
| May  | Hans Irvine wine sign           | Paul       |
| June | Old Camera                      | Eli France |
| July | Gunsser Ballan Torp             | Tony       |
| Aug  | E Nash Geelong Sundial          | Cam        |
| Sept | American Civil War Swords       | Colin      |
| Oct  | J. Richardson Wine Store flagon | Tony       |
| Nov  | Mauve Bollington Cordial        | Les        |

I'll be happy to receive photos of the above for our next newsletter issue.

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Hope you enjoyed this somewhat rushed newsletter, and hope to receive your articles and submissions. [keunentony@gmail.com](mailto:keunentony@gmail.com)