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NEWSLETTER

April 2015

REPLACEMENT OF HALL FLOOR

After numerous attempts by the City of Ballarat (owners of the building) to eradicate the borers, that have slowly been munching their way across the Hall for the past few years, and repair the aging floor a complete replacement has now been undertaken.

The borer infestation was worse than first thought meaning that not only the floor boards but the joists and supports also required replacing. It also meant that none of the timber could be reused.

The City of Ballarat also took the opportunity to lower the level of the sub-floor soil to improve drainage and ventilation.

To avoid the possibility of the borers returning celery top pine was used as this timber is a natural borer deterrent.

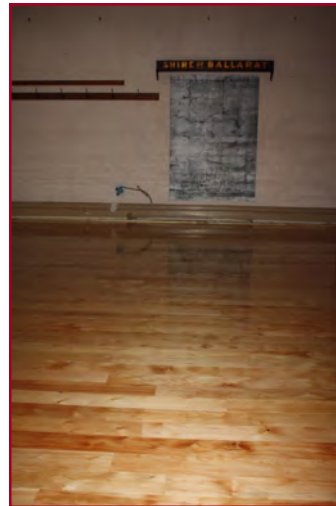
Despite the inconvenience of having to remove everything from the Hall and being unable to use it for a number of weeks the members of the LDHS very much appreciate the efforts of Chris Hutton and his team at the City of Ballarat, especially Lois and Ruth who will no longer have to fear falling through the floor again.

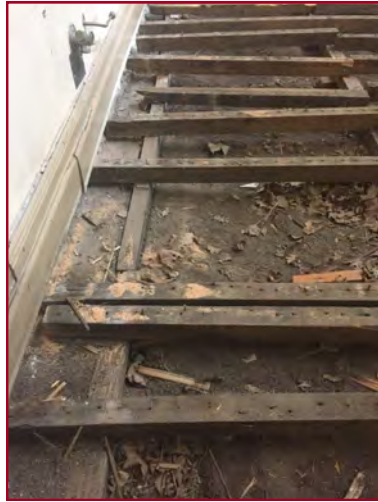
Having these works undertaken have also provided us with the perfect opportunity to renew all our displays, this work will be undertaken over the next few weeks. So why not visit the new look Hall on the next open day?

Once again, A very big
THANK YOU
to the
City of Ballarat.



Before
(left)
&
After
(right)







The front door step, this was after the first two coats of lacquer, still more layers to be Completed, but so far the floor looks fantastic.

HERITAGE WEEKEND

“A CENTURY OF SERVICE”

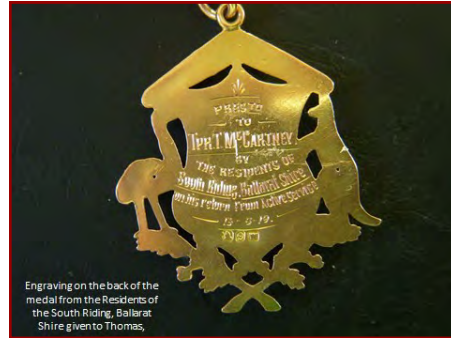
9th & 10th May 2015

***This year, the Society has been asked to attend at the
Ballarat Library.***

Held over the Mother's Day weekend, the 2015 Ballarat Heritage Weekend will celebrate 'A Century of Service' and will tell the story of Australia's commitment to military service. Within the CBD there will be an exciting program of free entertainment, activities, performances, an antique fair, military vehicle displays and tours that reveal a side to Ballarat not seen in everyday view . Come along to discover many other fascinating things about Ballarat's history. Why not indulge mum too? Enjoy the sounds of brass and strings along the heritage streetscape as you sample culinary delights at one of Ballarat's popular new cafes and restaurants.

HAVE YOU SEEN US - MISSING

If you should come across the below items, please contact Alan McCartney on 0421 904 367



Inscribed on the back of the medallion is “Pres to Tpr F. McCartney, by the residence of SOUTH RIDING, BALLARAT SHIRE on his return from Active Service 13.8.19.

This medallion is of sentimental value to his family, also missing is his three war medals, these are also engraved along the rim of the medals with his name and service number.



Also missing are three medals like these ones.



AFTERNOON TEA AT THE BURRUMBEET SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HALL
12th April 2015

A wonderful afternoon was had after the proceedings around the re-opening of the Avenue of Honour at Burrumbeet.

Afternoon tea was supplied by the Burrumbeet Memorial Hall members and the scones were cooked on the premises by Paul Beechey.

There was a display from Geoff and Barbara Hughes regarding Geoff's grandfather who was in the Light Horse Field Ambulance prior to the outbreak of WW1.



There was a display of memorabilia from the Learmonth and District Historical Society regarding William Mervyn Leach showing his photo, medals, identification book and post cards that were sent to his mother during his time overseas.

Also on display was some memorabilia

from Susan Meyer regarding the Henderson family.

The Burrumbeet Hall has a numerous amount of district Honour Boards which



also made a wonderful display within the hall, they were admired by many of the visitors.

Above, the guys hanging the Windermere & Cardigan Hall, Honour Board (this hall has now closed).



The **WELCOME HOME TO OUR BRAVE BOYS**, banner was kindly loaned to the Burrumbeet Hall for the day. This belongs to Wanda Chapman (nee Henderson) and has been in her family since WW1.

The photos are some of the crowd on the day.



**The Ballarat Star newspaper
- Tuesday, 30 October 1917**

WINDERMERE - MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service in memoriam of the late Privates J. Kay, J. Lamb, and R. Charles, was held in the Burrumbeet Presbyterian Church, on Sunday evening. The Rev R. Jones preached an impressive sermon, taking from his text, 2nd Samuel, 1-25, and also gave a fine address too the children from Exodus 17, 15 "Jehovah nissi" (The Lord is my banner). The first two named young soldiers had previous to enlistment resided with their parents at Burrumbeet, both families being staunch



supporters of the church. Private R. Charles was born in the district, and had resided here for many years, but previous to enlisting had resided for some years in Geelong. All three were highly respected. Many of the congregation were moved to tears as the minister very feelingly referred to the sorrowing relatives, and mentioned the fact that these fine young men had of their own free will given their lives for their country. Though the evening was cold and showery the church was crowded to the door.

Right - Private James Alexander Kay. KIA 1916. France



***LEARMONTH & DISTRICT
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Meetings: Third Tuesday of the month.
(Except December & January)

Where: The Old Shire Hall
326 High Street, Learmonth.

Time: 8 pm

2015 Dates

19th May

16th June

July - AGM, Learmonth Bowling Club (To be advised)

18th August

22nd September

20th October

17th November. Ladies please bring a plate.

No meeting in December or January

**The society is now open on the 4th
Sunday of every month except
December, or by appointment,
phone the secretary below.**

Membership

Single \$20.00 — Couple/Family \$30.00

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