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Things are happening at Paynesville Maritime Museum and it is an exciting time to get involved. We issue the PMM e-Bulletin most months to keep you aware and give an opportunity to join in. Feedback is welcome as we can only improve if we know your likes and dislikes.

Coming Events

SORRY _ Due to Covid-19 **we are still not open** but we hope to reopen very soon.

The Monthly Committee meeting is usually held on the first Wednesday each month. The next meeting will be on 8 July in the office.

Members are welcome to attend Committee meetings, contact Jan Cook on 5156 6582 so we can arrange a larger venue

These are being held via email at the moment

From The Shed

With the Covid 19 we have continued to be shut down. We will open as soon as the Lions resume their Market Day

The Gilseman book should be right to get to publishers this week , just have a little more fine tuning to do ,,thanks to Debbie for her help we are getting there as the dead line is looming .

Big thanks to the Paynesville community and district Bendigo banks grant. Just to tempt a copy of page 1 is below.

And Thanks to Anna for all her tireless work ,, plus Creating this teaser for the book

All the best.

Jan Cook

President PMM

Jan has been busy reorganising the shed to have it ready for the next open day and now requires assistance to move items from storage and install in the shed.

Some repainting work has been done on the signs but low temperatures and limited sunshine have delayed progress. A photo of the worst is below, but there are more to do.

Membership Renewal

We have had a good response with members renewing their membership. Thank you very much.

If you haven't already renewed it would be great if you could renew now.

Also please remember that any member of your immediate family that has an email address and is interested in receiving *The PMM e-Bulletin* and *The PMM Journal* is able to do so just by you advising us of their name and address. All inclusive in the one membership subscription.

Let us build more history buffs for the future!

Research

Gilsenan story is progressing well and will be ready for print in book form very soon. This tells us about Alfred Gilsenan.

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Alfred James Gilsenan: The Man Behind the Name

The Alfred James Gilsenan Reserve holds a prominent place in Paynesville, but though the name may be familiar to many Paynesville residents, the man behind it, himself once well-known in both Paynesville and the wider district, has begun to slip from the common memory.

The son of a schoolteacher and missionary, in his lifetime Alfred Gilsenan survived fire, flood and storm, and rose to the position of Shire President. Though in itself this was a great achievement, perhaps a greater one was the position he gained in the hearts of Paynesville's residents, as a man who in private was generous and compassionate, and who worked hard for the common good. While the recreation reserve which bears his name was a project dear to his heart for around forty years, there are many other facilities, past and present, in Paynesville which are touched by his influence. Regardless of whether he had a personal interest in various sports and pursuits in which community members were involved, he sat on committees and supported clubs to improve Paynesville and the quality of life of its residents.



Portrait of Alfred Gilsenan in its original frame. From the Gilsenan Family Collection, photographed by Andrew Bould.

Photograph of A J Gilsenan's freezing works, from the Gilsenan Family Collection.

Not least of his achievements was in furthering the cause of the Gippsland Lakes fishermen. Though not a fisherman himself, he held the role of local ice factor for almost half a century, and became both agent and advocate for the men whose ice he supplied. In those positions he made a considerable difference to the conditions under which they worked, and to their recognition in the broader community.

For some time a project, spearheaded by our late President, Rob Cook, has been underway to ensure that the contribution of Alfred Gilsenan to Paynesville, the Bairnsdale Shire and the Gippsland Lakes fishing industry is recognised and recorded for future generations. Thanks to the assistance of the Gilsenan family and the generosity of Bendigo Bank, an account of his life will shortly be available in book form.



COLLECTION

Part of the display in our shed, currently being moved to take advantage of the increased space.



As it was

To the new arrangement with lining and new shelving

More to be installed





Touching up paint on interpretive sign after removing rust.



Repainted and looking respectable again

This e-Bulletin is sent to friends and supporters of PMM as well to our members, if you would prefer to not receive these e-Bulletins then please reply by return and request it.

For those who can see it is a good thing to support and belong to, then tell us and we will send a membership form. Membership is just \$30 per year.

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