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From the President

An album of aerial photos of Oberon was recently given to the museum by John and Marylyn Baxter from Swatchfield, who indicated the album was left in the library at Swatchfield when they purchased the property. A memo inside the cover of the album indicates it was given to William Cater by Monty Cotton in 1989. The oblique photos of the town were taken in November 1945, possibly by the government photographer monitoring the Oberon Dam construction progress. The quality of the photos makes it possible to identify different buildings in town and indicate just how much Oberon has grown in the last 80 years. Monty was a keen photographer and pilot but if he had taken these photos there would also have been some photos of his family's newly

constructed sawmill (Timber Industries). The committee is yet to decide how these valuable pictures can best be displayed.

In recent times the Rusty Restorers have been working on the 1943 Chev Blitz donated to the museum by the Bates and Longmuir families of Jeremy Station, Burruga. This has been a great project to work on. The blitz appears to have spent much of its recent life in the open so there is much rust to remove, and repairs to be made. However it is coming along nicely and will be an impressive item when completed.

Although not set in stone yet, the More Oberon Treasures committee thinks we have enough stories for a book to be published (40+), and for the time being we will aim to try and make that happen.

Publication will however be subject to some more financial assistance to make the cost of each book affordable. Stay tuned - it will be great read and a valuable addition to our local social history. Unfortunately, we lost another of our “treasures” recently. This sad fact underlines the importance of capturing their stories while we can.

The museum has had a good year. We are demonstrating that we can be financially viable, and we are achieving our objective of preserving local history. This has been due to our volunteers who have kept our doors open during the year. As usual we are hoping other members might consider helping us in this regard. If you are interested, please contact Secretary, Pam Dellow on 0418 671 754.

Have a safe and happy Christmas break.
Col Roberts

A stand looking for a tank!

The museum has an old tank stand without a tank. A new tank would look a out of place so we are on the lookout for a small round galvanised iron tank 700-900mm in diameter (the height is not important). It does not have to hold water, just be strong enough to remain in place and carry the museum's name. Please contact Col or Tim if you can help.



More Oberon Treasures

There are now 30 Treasures' stories on the website. If you haven't visited recently go and have a look! The address is oberonmuseum.com
Click on **More Oberon Treasures** on the menu bar.

Correction

Our last newsletter showed a photo of the Inwood family in front of a beautiful wedding dress display. The dress was worn by Bruce's mother, Nellie Kennedy, when she married his father, Darcy Inwood, in 1948. Bruce and Sharon have donated the dress to the museum. Our apologies for getting the dress details wrong last time!

Jenolan Caves Souvenir Collection

Barry Richard has donated a souvenir crockery collection which was made for, and sold out of, Jenolan Caves between 1917 and 1978. They are no longer

available and are regarded as collector items. Well worth a look!



Blitzing it!



Reminder: The Museum will close from Sunday December 21 and re-open on the weekend of Saturday, January 3.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and a great New Year!