



Franklin History Group Inc

## **NEWSLETTER – Christmas 2017**

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**OPENING HOURS: 10:00am - 5:00pm**  
P.O. BOX 243, FRANKLIN 7113 Tas

**FHG MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO A PRE-CHRISTMAS FUNCTION**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 6.00 pm**  
**At the Evaporators**

### **DETAILS**

As per usual, our December meeting will take the form of a pre-Christmas celebration. All members and their partners are invited. Chicken salads will be provided, as will red and white wine, and some sweets. If you wish to bring a dessert or other delicacy that might take your fancy, please feel free to do so. All we ask is that you RSVP to Alan (see email address above by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.) We hope to see as many members and their partners to celebrate another successful year.

### **PROGRESS WITH PLAQUES FOR THE HISTORIC WALK**

Thanks to Ruth, Carol, Jane Johnson, Harry, Naomie, Rob Linnell, and Alan, the texts for the plaques are almost ready for their final edits. We thank these members for their hard work in researching the history of the various buildings and sites, and ensuring the written material makes historical and grammatical sense. A sample of the photographs to be used on the plaques is included later in this newsletter.

### **RELATIVE OF PERCY CHERRY MAKES CONTACT**

Recently this writer received a 'phone call from the *Huon Valley News* that a relative of Percy Cherry, from England who was hoping to make contact with our group. He had recently visited the site where Percy was buried and was eager to become acquainted with the area where Percy lived before heading off to World War One.

It was suggested he visit our exhibition in Franklin, and perhaps purchase a copy of Jan Whitford's *Four Men of The Huon*, which he did. He then travelled to Cradoc to photograph the statue of Percy at Cradoc Park. He later 'phoned to express his appreciation for the guidance.

### HARRY'S "SHOW AND TELL"

At the October meeting Harry gave an entertaining and informative talk on the origins of postage, through his extensive collection of historic post cards. He explained how Rowland Hill devised the system of postage stamps, whereby the sender paid for any mail to be sent, rather than the person receiving the mail, as was the tradition up until the 1830s.



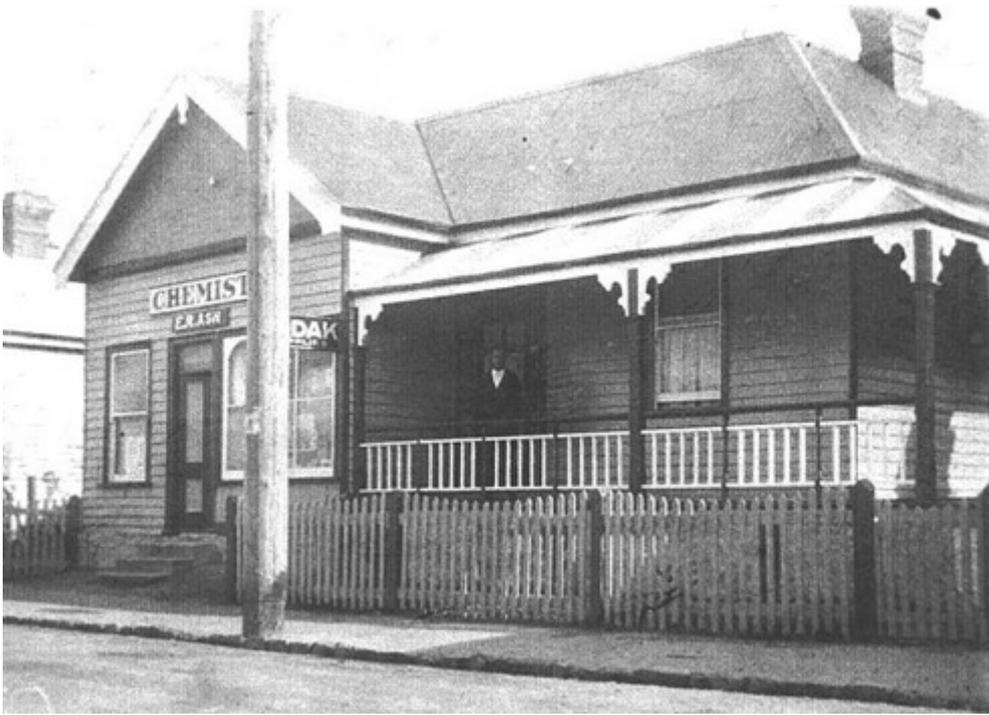
A sample of Harry's collection



Blackman's Shop



Dr Dawson's house



E.R. Ash's Chemist shop



The original Huon Times building