

# MT HORROCKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



## Spring Newsletter 2023

### PIONEER PENWORTHAM COTTAGE

Out in the hills behind Penwortham on a quiet county road is a little old cottage with a long history.



Andrew & Dorothea Pawelski, eldest daughter Mary Wiesneoski, Joseph Pawelski, Albert, and Johanna (in the white dress, married a Kluska)

The original land was granted to an Edward Stirling in 1856. Then in 1879 the land was split and bought by Andrew Pawelski.

The actual time the cottage was built has been difficult to pinpoint however old-time locals think it was sometime in the 1860s-70s, builder unknown.

Several families have lived in the cottage over time, The Chewings, Pawelski's, Smith's, Sincock's, and Neindorf's.

In 1921 it was purchased by Florence Liddy, wife of Jeremiah Liddy and they and their family lived there until 1949.

It was then taken on by Thomas and Irene Faulkner (nee Liddy) and they had 5 children.

In 1970 their son, Leo Faulkner took on the property and lived there with his wife Gay, raising 4 children until 2019.

A local winemaker Ben Marks now owns the cottage and the property, is slowly renovating it starting with a new roof and extensive work by a stonemason.



Leo Faulkner (MHHS member) outside the cottage where he once lived.

### FJ HOLDEN CLUB VISIT

Mt Horrocks Historical Society hosted members of an FJ Holden club in September. President Wendy Spackman gave an overview of the Horrocks story to the group. It was great to see such a line-up of these iconic Australian cars in the paddock behind the cottage.



**Would you like to read other articles in our current newsletter?**

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