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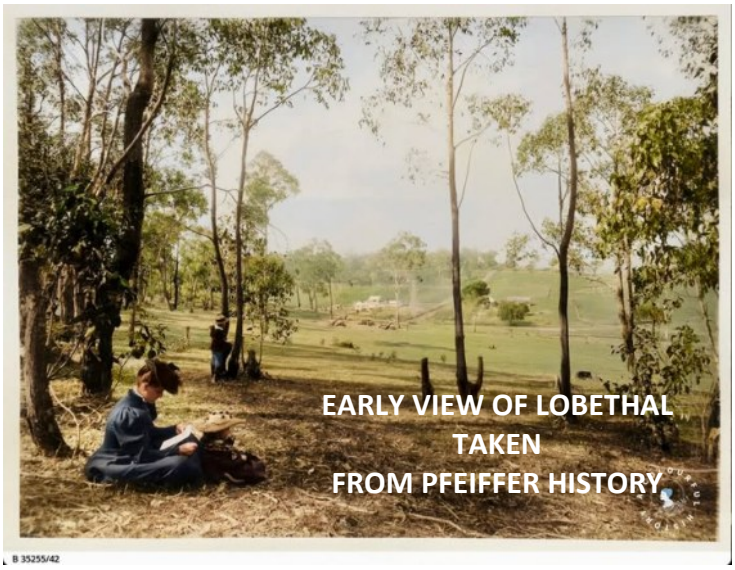
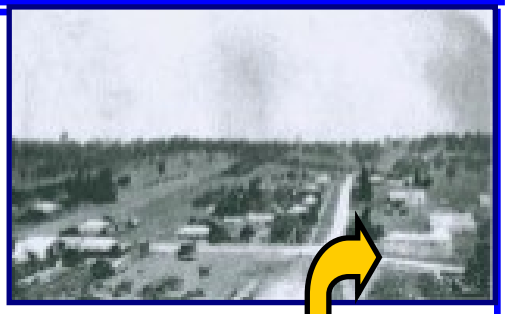


Pfeiffer family…..Were descendants from the first people who immigrated to Lobethal. The family has been renowned for their music ability with singing and instrumental. The Lobethal Harmony club has had the benefit of members of the Pfeiffer family supporting us as Music Director, (Geoff Pfeiffer and Beryl Powell (nee Pfeiffer) and David Powell and Lincoln Powell.



Birthplace of Clara Serena…
The home was at the place on the right as you enter Lobethal from Woodside, at the intersection near the Woolen Mills.
Her name has been part of the Scholarship program now for 14years with all the winners have had their names added to the history of the Clara Serena Memorial Scholarship. Take a copy of the Clara Serena history. I repeated the details about Clara Serena this week as our attendance of club members was only a few who received the Newsletter. It is good to reflect over what other people who have helped the Lobethal Harmony club for years.

Next Concert At St Andrew's Uniting church

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1 Alfred Place Sunday Sept. 21st

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Welcome again
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Clara Serena Kleinschmidt ...*Lived at Lobethal in 1890, she became a gifted Contralto and won a scholarship to receive training at the Royal College of Music in London. She qualified in 1911 with a diploma of credit, and after further study in Italy and Germany she took the name Clara Serena in 1913. In 1918 the Australian Musical News described Serena's voice as "even and mellow" and commented that her "splendid" physique and admirable breathing enabled her to deliver the highest notes with thrilling volume and richness. In 1924 she created the role in Rutland Boughton's Alkestis at Covent Garden and in 1926 she appeared in Vienna, Berlin and Paris.During seasons of opera at Covent Garden in 1928,1929, and 1931 her roles included Amneris, Deliah, Edna and Waltraute. She joined the British National*
Opera Co in 1937. During her career she was befriended by Dame Nellie Melba and Ada Crossley.
Clara Serena Memorial Scholarship… *Has been named after this lady who lived in Lobethal and developed her talents in Music. We the Lobethal Harmony club wish all young people, all the best with their music.* career.

Thank you...*the Scholarship committee wish to thank everyone for their help, last Tuesday.*

Next Concert....*Will be held on Sunday September 14th at the Valley of Praise hall. Rehearsal at 1pm, concert at 2pm. Rosalind Hughes has collected Posters and leaflets from me and she is distributing the information to the residents at the Valley of Praise, and to the Uniting church members, at Lobethal. The hall where we will be holding the concert is located behind the office area on 85 Main Street.*

Next Meetings ..... Scholarship committee *could we meet on Tuesday September 16th at 6:15pm, to review this years Scholarship management, and planning for next year.*
Concert Planning committee *meeting to be Held on Tuesday September 23rd at 6:15pm.*
Exec meeting *30th September beginning at 6pm. Planning for next year on the Agenda*

Next Coffee & Tea "Chefs *Total so far $812.65 Thank you. Next Coffee "Chefs" are Colin and Peter Dickinson. Thank you. A big thank you for the members who assisted with the supper last Tuesday, it was great.*

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