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Legendairy Cow Mooves In

So we have our new cow in the Ratalang Basham Conservation Reserve, placed appropriately near the old Basham dairy buildings, for it is there to commemorate the local dairy industry, including that of the Basham family, who started here in 1830. The cow is the braincalf of Colin Ekers of the Southern Fleurieu Historical Museum, with the co-operation of the Council and various groups, (a couple of which I will confess to having some involvement with), and was made by James Stewart (not the actor, but a Councillor and sculptor, who also had a little to do with a motorbicycle sculpture in Strathalbyn that has its own history, about which perhaps one of Strath's Library crew might like to write for us), with his mentee Tracey Grivell. Her Moojesty was made out of old farm equipment, historic, discarded and rustic, and will now greet walkers and cyclists in our wonderful forest. A formal unveiling was held on July 25th, with David Basham MP and our Mayor, Keith Parkes, doing the formool bits. A good crowd, as can be seen below, were milking it all in and enjoying. I have made a little CD, which will be available in the History Room any moonute now, of pix of unveiling, newspaper clippings etc.



Cow, listening to Mayor Keith Parkes



Meanwhile, back in the History Room, above be a pic of where our DVDs live, with many fascinating things within their plastic. Amongst others there, I have made quite a few vidfrodeos of persons giving interesting talks and slide-shows to National Trust audiences, mostly in Port Elliot. This means that if you missed some of these – including fascinating talks by Lorraine Pomery on P.E., the Ngarrindjeri Story by Chris Tapscott, and various others – you can, if you are local, borrow these and view them on your giant screen at home, popcorn in hand. One of the more recent ones is the Early Development of Emergency Services on the Fleurieu South Coast, a really interesting talk by another Councillor, Michael Scott, who has had many years experience with our emergency services. This vidfrod has an exciting extra introduction - yet another of our Councillors (and I swear none of them are paying me for these plugs), has found an exciting piece of our local history. Bronwyn Satchmo Lewis has found the bugle that belonged to Eli Hillman, the first driver of the horse-drawn tram that became our railway. Said bugle was stolen from Goolwa Museum many years ago, when it was there on loan from the Royal Geographical Society, and disappeared till now. We will forgive Satch for returning it to said Royal Geos, since she at least told us the story, and blows a little note -



**HAPPY RESEARCHING
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