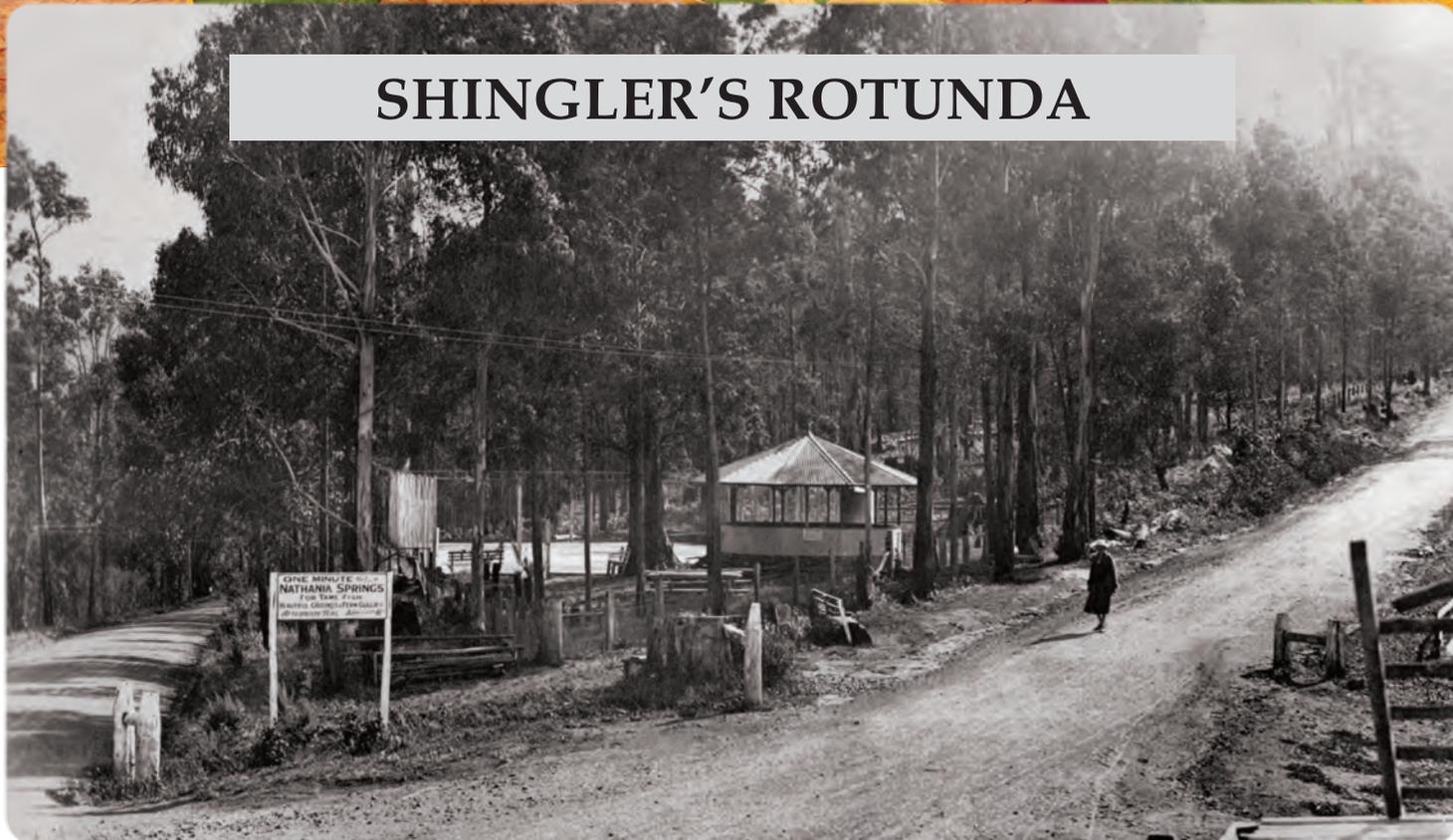


SHINGLER'S ROTUNDA



Shingler's Rotunda and a tennis court built by Mr Shingler stood at the junction of Monbulk & Monbulk-Olinda Roads.

Shingler's Rotunda was built to house bands and other entertainment on weekends. It was located at the junction of Monbulk and Monbulk-Olinda Roads.

John R. Shingler of St Kilda bought Lot 71C (formerly Bayne's property) in 1924 which included the land from what is now the *Watering Hole Tavern* and *Aquamatic* down to the *Sassafras Creek*, through *Frank Irvine Reserve*. Later, Charles Shingler of Caulfield owned the adjacent 4 allotments (49, 50, 53 & 54) in *Hunter's Belvue Estate*, near *Nathania Springs* while his wife, *Annie Shingler* had her name to a house in *Tavistock Road*.

John Shingler built the rotunda and a tennis courts on this prominent corner of his land in 1926. He and other locals organised some memorable events to help raise money for hospitals.

On Sunday 17th October 1926, 'Hospital Sunday', as it was widely known, was a big day for Monbulk with a band playing in the rotunda. Charles and Annie Shingler, who lived on the corner of *Olinda-Monbulk* and *Tavistock Roads* organised



American Indians in their native dress at the 1926 Hospital Sunday.

some special attractions. These included Harry Lauder, the Scottish singer, and a group of American Indians in their native dress. There was a parade with people collecting money for hospitals along with lots of other attractions.

On June 26th 1960 the rotunda was moved to the Monbulk Recreation Reserve where beer was served from it at the football finals. Mr Shingler also sold cooked mutton birds (short-tailed shearwaters) at the football matches on a Saturday afternoon. As the old rotunda started to disintegrate its timber was used by schoolboys in their war-games.

The site of Shingler's Rotunda is now occupied by *Aquamatic*. It had previously been occupied by Wensley's Hardware Store, Byrne's Monbulk Hardware (1984), Homestead Hardware and McCracken's Water Services.

MUSICAL FESTIVAL MONTH
Monbulk —Shingler's Rotunda, Kingsville
and Yarraville City Band, 2.30 p.m.

The Age Friday 24 October 1930



Shingler's Rotunda Monbulk 1930s.

MOTORING.

Motorists to help the hospitals.

To attract the hundreds of motorists who visit the Dandenong Ranges at week-ends a special programme of band music will be given at Nathania Springs on Sunday by the Kingsville and Yarraville Citizen Champion B grade bands. Mr. R Shingler has erected a rotunda on his property at the corner of the Monbulk road and "turn off" to Nathania Springs. The two bands will give their services. The American Indians, now appearing at the Capitol, will also take part, and char-à-banc proprietors will run a special service to Monbulk from the Cathedral corner.

The bands accompanied by the Indians, will reach Belgrave at a quarter past 12 o'clock and Monbulk at a quarter to 1 o'clock, and will be entertained by Mr. W. Thompson. Motorists have volunteered to convey the bandsmen, Indians, and official collectors. All motorists visiting the locality on Sunday next are asked to attend and help the hospital funds. Further particulars can be obtained from Mr. R. Shingler, at the Autocar Industries, Russell street.

The Argus Tuesday 19 October 1926.

*A char-à-banc is a type of horse-drawn vehicle or early motor coach.



Moving Shingler's Rotunda to the Recreation Ground 1960.

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