

# Helensburgh Historical Society Event

Thursday 21 February 2019 at 7.30pm-9pm, Helensburgh Community Centre

## **BULGO BEACH, Past and Present**

John Arney will speak about the Bulgo Beach Shack Community.

By the late 1800s miners and railway workers were visiting Bulgo beach, in 1909 a 14 week coal strike saw miners setting up camps that over time developed into family plots and which later became the site of the more permanent dwellings.

Good times, long strikes, financial downturns, personal hardships and later attempts by NPWS to evict the shack owners have produced the unified community that flourishes today.

The talk will give you an insight into the historic association between the people of the Helensburgh District, its miners, railway workers, armed services personnel, local factory workers, and their associations with Bulgo, the shacks and the community lifestyle.

Additionally, this year, the annual guided walk-in Heritage Day will be held on Sunday, 14 April. (numbers are limited, and bookings are essential – details at the February 21 meeting.)



*Bulgo Beach c1920s*