

MALMSBURY MECHANICS INSTITUTE

The institute, as an organisation, was founded in 1862. To begin with they used the old Caroline Chisholm shelter shed building as a meeting room, after it had been 'renovated' for the purposes of a council chambers by the newly-formed Malmsbury Borough Council.

Once the Town Hall was built, the Institute had more use of the building, but the State Government decided to sell the land which comprised the shelter shed reserve. After lobbying from Council, the site was subdivided and one of the allotments was purchased by the Borough which quickly sold a portion of it to the Mechanics Institute. By then the shelter shed was in disrepair.

By 1876 a new building was under construction, consisting of two rooms and a corridor. There was a lull in activity some time later but in 1895 the foundation stone for a hall at the rear was laid and construction was completed in 1896. Red tape over the design of a public building held up the official opening of the Federal Hall until January 1897.

By the middle of the 1900s the library ceased functioning and the institute declined. In the 1970s the building was handed over to the then Shire of Kyneton and is currently owned by their successor, Macedon Ranges Shire Council.

In its lifetime, the building has been used by the Malmsbury Mechanics Institute, as an IOOF Lodge, billiards hall, craft centre, BINGO hall, dance classes, a bank agency and many other functions. With a new resurgence in community activity, funding for much-needed structural works have been acquired to give it a new life.

RESEARCHING LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY AT MALMSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

Opening Hours: 9am—2.30pm Fridays Feb-Nov

CLOSED TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS

Other times by prior appointment.

To do supervised "self-research", please phone or email research coordinator Susan Walter on:

(03) 5423 9383 or

malmsburyhistorical@gmail.com

A FEW DAYS BEFORE YOUR PLANNED VISIT to ensure volunteers will be on hand and can prepare for your visit

No digital cameras or memory sticks/flash drives allowed on the premises without prior arrangement.

No pens allowed during research, pencils only please

Fees:

Supervised on-site research (members free):

\$25 half-day (9am-12pm)

\$30 full day (9am-2pm)

Research Conducted by research committee:

\$50 per surname or subject

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

CURRENT AS AT JULY 2022

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON
FORTHCOMING EVENTS, INFORMATION SOUGHT
AND LOCAL ATTRACTIONS.**

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In 1987 a local committee was formed to research the history of Malmsbury and to organize a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Alexander Fullarton Mollison in the district. The site of Mollison's head station of his pastoral run "Colliban" later became the site of the township of Malmsbury. Once the celebrations were over, the group continued to meet, initially as a constituent group of the Malmsbury Advance Association. After about a year or so, the group became incorporated as a separate entity called the Malmsbury Historical Society Inc.

Our area of interest is mainly Malmsbury but our collection also covers the surrounding arrears of Drummond, Denver, Edgcombe and Green Hill.

The Society's home is the historic Malmsbury Mechanics Institute, formerly the site of one of Caroline Chisholm's shelter shed for travellers

Malmsbury Historical Society meets monthly from February through to November. Visitors and researchers are welcome at our Friday open days and other advertised events. We recommend making an appointment to ensure we have members on hand to assist you.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: * _____

Signature(s): _____

All Members agree to abide by the Rules of the Society. All Applications for membership will be formally approved by the Committee. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible.

Please choose from the following options:

Active Members (includes insurance):

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| Single | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Couple | \$35 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Additional members in the same household | \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> per extra person |

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Please return this form to:

The Treasurer, Malmsbury Historical Society Inc., 71 Mollison Street, Malmsbury 3446 VIC

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