

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc. *Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!* June - July 2007 Newsletter No. 7

24 June MELBOURNE - BEFORE TV!

Sunday 24 June 3pm

Robin Grow, Art Deco Society President, will talk to us about where and how people lived, worked, shopped, travelled and were entertained in the era from the early 1930s to the early 1950s. It is also the era when the Art Deco style became popular across Melbourne and examples in Stonnington will be included.

Northbrook, behind Malvern Library, High Street, Malvern

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Coughlin's Dairy, Wattletree Road
c1930's Ref: 10673

27 June HISTORY OF THE PRAHRAN TECH' 1915-1990

Wednesday 27 June 7pm

Prahran Mechanics Institute Library 140 High Street Prahran

Bookings essential. Ph 9510 3393

Joint PMI and PHAS talk. **Dr Judith Buckrich**, author of

Design for Living, A History of Prahran Tech will be the guest speaker.



Prahran Technical School,
High Street 1927 Ref: 7842

22 July OUTER CIRCLE RAILWAY

Sunday 22 July 3pm

Arthur Tonkin, a railway enthusiast, will talk about the history of the Outer Circle Railway between Hughesdale and Fairfield, including the Black Bridge, a single line timber trestle bridge over Gardiners Creek and the Waverley Road Station.

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Remains of Waverley Road Station, East Malvern
1940 (now part of the Urban Forest). Ref: 5239

Annual General Meeting - May 2007

The Annual General Meeting of the Malvern Historical Society Inc was held in May. At the meeting Bruce McBrien was re-elected President, Jane Nigro Vice President, Robin Brown Secretary and Peter Frawley Treasurer. Roxanne Dennis, Di Foster and Bronwyn Worrall were re-elected and Lorraine Sage and Irene Jablonka were welcomed onto the Committee. Stan and David Stout were thanked for their involvement with the Society over many years. Bruce McBrien gave an entertaining talk about 'Melbourne's Grand Houses'.

Also at the meeting changes to Rule 33 of the Constitution of the Malvern Historical Society Inc were discussed. A motion was passed to replace the existing Rule 33 with the new Rule 33 with the following wording:

33 All archival material owned by the Malvern Historical Society Inc., however held, are now the property of the City of Stonnington. In the event of the winding up or the cancellation of the incorporation of the Association, after paying all debts any monies, investments and bank accounts to be transferred to and become the property of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Inc.

This changed wording updates the existing rule to take account of the change in Local Government boundaries whereby the Malvern City Council was amalgamated into Stonnington City Council. The change also reflects that there are no assets shown in the annual accounts which the Society lodges each year with Business & Consumer Affairs as required by Law.

Malvern College



Malvern Boys' College c 1892 Ref: 2738



Corner of High Street and Glenferrie Road looking south west 1960's

The corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street was occupied by the Tradesman's Club from 1900 to 1922. The Club was renamed the Malvern Club in 1918. In 1924 eleven shops, designed by prominent architect Walter Burley Griffin, were built with frontages to High Street. They were later demolished. By 1971 Malvern Council had acquired most of the land and a city square was established.

The Rev William Reid appears as the principal of Malvern Cottage (College?) at the Congregational Sabbath School in Glenferrie Road, south of Wattletree Road in 1889. Around this time Rev Reid also operated the College from premises in Malvern Road.

In 1890 the school was located on the north west corner of Glenferrie Road and High Street opposite the Malvern Shire Hall.

John S. Charles took over as Principal in 1892 and the school became known as Malvern Boys' College. John Charles had studied medicine at Glasgow University and had been an assistant teacher for four years at Ballarat College, before moving to Portland College where he was principal for 13 years.

One of his Portland students, Francis Henry Gough, followed John Charles from Portland College to Malvern Boys' College where he became a boarder. He was Dux and matriculated in 1895. Gough, who had been born at Branxholme, in western Victoria, in 1878, completed Pharmacy at Melbourne University then Dentistry at Sydney University. He died in 1955.

In 1901 the school moved to a timber or iron building at 2 Mercer Road occupied by the Malvern Gymnastic and Athletics Club, which was run in association with the Malvern Harriers. By 1906 Malvern Boys' College was registered (#125) as a secondary school with 28 pupils and in 1909, due to competition from Government and Public schools, Malvern Boys' College was closed. While John Charles retired from day-time teaching he continued to run evening classes at his newly named Armadale & Malvern Business College at 8 Union Street Armadale. The same year he applied (apparently unsuccessfully) for registration of the Business College.

Stop Press!

The Society is delighted to announce that our application for East Malvern Community Bank funding has been successful.

The \$4715 received will be used to produce jigsaw puzzles and a picture book for toddlers, using photos from the Stonnington Local History Collection. Our aim is to introduce children to local history.

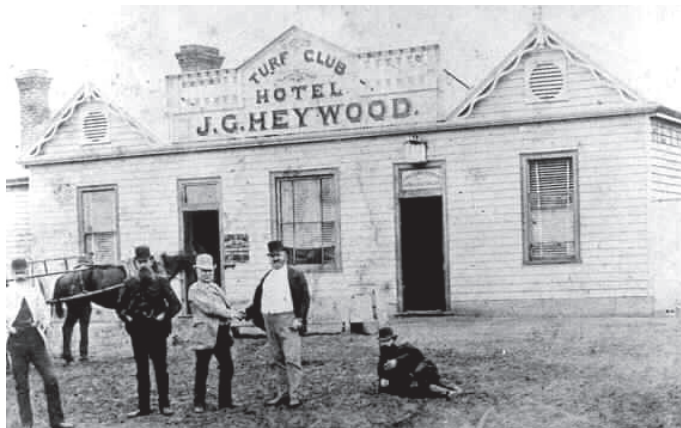
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Missing from the landscape – Turf Club Hotel

The original weatherboard single-storey Turf Club Hotel was built in 1871 in Dandenong Road, opposite the entrance to Caulfield Racecourse. John Heywood, a prominent racing personality, was the hotel's publican until the turn of the century. At one time the hotel also included a Post Office. In 1879 the railway line severed the direct route from the racecourse to the hotel. The timber hotel was replaced by a two storey brick building in 1923. Dan Murphy's took over the building in 1994 and in May 2007 the brick hotel was demolished.



Publican John Heywood outside the Turf Club Hotel
c 1880 Ref: 5212



Turf Club Hotel Dandenong Road East Malvern 1923 Ref: 1134

Creating history - Central Park East Malvern

Stonnington Council and the Friends of Central Park group have been working together to enhance the area around the Cenotaph/War Memorial on the corner of Wattletree Road and Kingston Street in East Malvern.

Rosemary cuttings, Flanders poppies and a Lone Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) have all been planted.

The war memorial, donated by 'A Grateful Englishman' Charles Wood, was first erected near the Malvern Cricket Ground in 1922, relocated to the Malvern Town Hall in 1932 and then to Central Park East Malvern in 1992.



War Memorial outside the Malvern Town Hall c 1935 Ref: 144

Recording history- old advertising signs



Waverley Road, East Malvern 1929 Ref: 228

Older advertisements still exist on the facades of mainly commercial buildings in Stonnington. The MHS would like to record these advertisements before buildings are demolished or signs painted over.

We would appreciate any members' help with this project. Are you able to take a photo of a sign that you have noticed? Or can you let us know and we'll arrange for it to be photographed? Information needed would include:

- 1) Description of advertisement e.g. Ebbott's Fuel Merchants,
- 2) Date of photograph and name of photographer
- 3) type of camera used,
- 4) Location of Advertisement e.g. street address, north, south, east, west wall, and
- 5) if possible any date on the advertisement.

We look forward to your photos and suggestions!
Roxanne 98857194

Taking Local History to the Community

Our recent walks and the bus trip have all been well attended. We would like to thank the family who invited the 35 walkers into their beautifully restored house, c1890, on one of the walks! The Committee has decided that for the next two months we will be holding our meetings, with guest speakers, on Sunday afternoons. Two Committee members represented the Society at the recent Stonnington History Committee Meeting. Connie Gibbons, General Manager Social Development and Madeleine Grove, Acting Manager Diversity and Community Planning, both attended. Local History Officer Ellen Porter has been putting together the 150th Anniversary Travelling Photo exhibition. It will be on display in all the Stonnington Libraries over the coming months before it is moved to the wider Stonnington community. Ellen is also responsible for the history displays in the glass cabinets in the Stonnington Libraries. The displays are rotated between the libraries every two months and the current themes are junior football, East Malvern Golf Course, early correspondence related to drains and the Prahran Corporate Stables c1910. The Society recently received notification that our **Malvern Historical Society -Keeping Stonnington's History Alive 2006** program has been nominated for a Museums Australia (Victoria) Victorian Museum Award. President Bruce McBrien will represent the Society at the award ceremony.

Donations to the Local History Collection

Digital image of 79-87 Glenferrie Road, donated by Margaret Wayth and Mrs Kirby. (Mrs Kirby's grandfather is one of the workers in the photo)

Set of Aerial photographs of Malvern c 1960, donated by Clive Elliott (note photo on page 3 of this issue)

St.Joseph's Malvern- Church renovations 2006 booklet, donated by St Joseph's, Stanhope Street Malvern

Set of eleven photos of **Waratah**, Clendon Road, Toorak c 1925, donated by National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

Lesley Kerr **Malvern Special Needs Playgroup- First 30 years** (2007) purchased for Stonnington History Collection.

Research relating to the Pipe Organ in St James Church of England Church, Glen Iris, donated by Gerald Davis.



79-87 Glenferrie Road.c1909 (west side, close to Wattletree Road) Ref: 12032

Grand Tour of Mandeville Hall

Sunday 29 July 2pm Mandeville Cres Toorak.

See areas rarely opened to the public!

RSVP by 20 July Angela 0410 443 377

Cost \$30 (Concession \$20) includes booklet, guided tour and afternoon tea



Mandeville Hall 1885 Ref: 2088

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to new members Wanda Nelson, Norman Middleton, Brian and Ethel O'Donoghue, Ward Keebaugh and Ewan and Sandra Morgan.

Have you enjoyed viewing the photo's in this issue?

Photo's from the Stonnington Local History Collection appear with their reference number. To view an enlargement and read more go to the website below. Material for the history articles has been researched from the Stonnington Archives.

www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/library/history/catalogue/historysearch

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The Malvern Historical Society Inc is a member of the Stonnington History Committee, an affiliated member of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, a member of the South Metro History Group and has been appointed by the Public Record Office of Victoria as a Place of Deposit for non-permanent public records.

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