

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc. Keeping Stonnington's History Alive! February - March 2013 Newsletter No. 41

17 March Claremont Avenue Malvern area walk

Sunday 17 March 4pm

Join members of the Society for a walk around the area including Glendearg Grove and Malvern Station.

Numbers strictly limited. Bookings essential.

Members Gold Coin, Non-members \$5 (+ optional \$5 for walk book)

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082



Albert Kemp, butcher, Glendearg Grove Malvern c1912 Reg No 1606

23 March Pets in the Park - Central Park Malvern East

Saturday 23 March 10am- 4pm

City of Stonnington's Pets in the Park is a popular event held every year in Central Park Malvern East. The Malvern Historical Society stall and large display of photographs are always well received by both the adults and the children from the local community. Can you spare an hour or two to help us? This is an opportunity for our members and supporters to become actively involved in Stonnington's local history. All help appreciated.

Please call Lorraine Sage, President, 9885 9082.



Bandstand in Central Park East Malvern c1920 Reg No 1212

23 March Kings Arcade, High Street, Armadale

Saturday 23 March 2pm Prahran Historical & Arts Society

Mr Richard Balsillie will give a presentation on the Kings Arcade in High Street Armadale. This will be accompanied by a visual presentation, together with childhood memories of this historical arcade.

Grattan Gardens Community Centre, 40 Grattan Street, Prahran 2pm

No charge. RSVP Gabriel on 9529 7442

Kings Arcade, Armadale c 1942 Reg No 60680

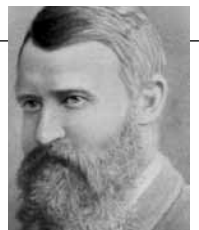


24 April Community milestones from 1856

Wednesday 24 April 10am-11am Stonnington History Centre staff will trace the key development within our city from 1856 using timelines for Prahran and Malvern.

Free. Bookings required. Telephone 8290 1360 or book online at www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/history

James Hugh McAlpine c1870 Reg No 12145



Additional Diary Dates

National Trust Heritage Festival comes to Stonnington! See the details on page 2.

Malvern Historical Society – Message from the President

Thank you for forwarding your subscriptions and donations and for your ongoing support of the Society and its work. If anyone has any suggestions for activities or memorabilia you may like to donate to the Collection please let us know. If you have received this issue of the newsletter free by email you may like to consider becoming a financial member of the Society! I look forward to the continuing support from Members and Supporters of Stonnington's Local History.

Lorraine Sage, President 9885 9082

Stonnington Research Enquiries



12 Chapman Street East Malvern 1955 Reg No 1009

During the past few months the Society and the Stonnington History Centre have received enquiries relating to St Andrew's Gardiner Cricket Club which was formed in 1916, plaques on historic sites in our area and from a staff member at La Trobe University, who is creating an Australia-wide book to commemorate the centenary of WWI.

The Stonnington History Centre was contacted by the curator at the National Motor Museum asking for permission to use the photo of 12 Chapman Street, Malvern East in an upcoming exhibition.

One of our members, Marjorie Cameron, enjoyed finding the article on the Pattinson family in our last newsletter. Marjorie's sister Iris married James (Jimmy) Pattinson around 1943. Marjorie remembers many visits to their very happy home in Bowen Street Chadstone. Marjorie also shared the story that Iris was named by her father after he first saw his new daughter and he discovered her eyes were the exact blue of the irises in his garden!

James Howie recalled walking past the Cranbourne Dairy in Darling Road as a child. He remembered watching the milk bottling and capping machine that could be seen working inside the side glass window. The shimmering bright aluminium strip would feed at speed over the open milk bottle tops and be pressed down onto each to form the bottle top seal.

These are just a selection of the range of enquiries researched with great skill by the Stonnington History Centre staff, David Tuck, Ellen Porter and Simone Sharpe.

“Scanning the Telegraph: the old grey scale she ain't what she used to be”

I imagine that from time-to-time you must wonder “where's our paper?” Well – it's coming, but maybe not until March 2013. I've just had an update from the Trove people at the National Library, and they tell me that the actual scanning of the microfilm has been completed, and the data is now with an agency for ocr processing (optical character recognition – the process that will allow us to keyword search).

This is code for India, I'm pretty sure. You may have wondered why when you use Trove you first see an intelligent and intelligible set of search results, and then when you select a particular article, you see lots of gobbledegook on the left hand side of the screen. This gobbledegook is the machine translation, and is typically pretty unimpressive. However, the good grammar and syntax of the short summary on the initial search results are the independent input of cheap, English-speaking off-shore workers (aka 'the ocr agency'). They manually type in the first few lines of each article!

Once you've located an item of interest, you can zoom in on the original article scanned as image. Or you might get lucky and have a near perfect machine-generated transcript on the left hand panel. In theory, this will happen more often as the technology improves – the ability for the software to accurately read the scanned material.

David Tuck, Stonnington History Centre

National Trust Heritage Festival 2013

Steve Stefanopoulos, Malvern Historical Society member and Heritage Collection and Records Manager at Loreto, Mandeville Hall in Toorak, has put together an amazing program that will focus attention on Stonnington's local history during the Heritage Festival. Events include tours of Mandeville Hall mansion with afternoon tea on Sunday 21, 28 April & Sunday 19 May 2013 at 1.45pm. For bookings and costs just ring Steve on the number below.

Steve's Stonnington Heritage Walks include walks around • Albany Road, Toorak (Saturday 20 April, 2pm) • Mercer and Huntingtower Roads, Armadale, (Saturday 27 April, 2pm) • Stanhope Street, Malvern, (Sunday 5 May, 2pm) • the streets surrounding Sacre Coeur, Korowa and the Malvern Campus of Caulfield Grammar School, Glen Iris, (Saturday 11 May 2pm, and • Union Street, Armadale, (Saturday 18 May, 2pm).

Cost per walk: Adult \$20, Concession \$15, MHS/National Trust members \$15. Walks include 40+ page walk book.

Bookings: Steve Stefanopoulos 0418 546 103 steve.stefanopoulos@loretotoorak.vic.edu.au

When you book remember to mention the special price for Malvern Historical Society members!



Merriman's Dairy Union Street 1912 Reg No 5620

Celebrating 125 years of trams in Stonnington

Stonnington's first cable tram routes were along Toorak Road to Irving Road and along Chapel Street to Prahran. They began in 1888, only three years after cable trams first appeared on Melbourne's streets (in late 1885). They were powered by the engine house that operated on the corner of Toorak Road and Chapel Street from 1888 until 1926 (where the Capitol Bakery later stood).

The low-key announcement, in its entirety, of the first cable tram service in Chapel Street, published in the Prahran Telegraph, 27 October 1888, read as follows:

'The tram cars on the Chapel Street line were making trial trips from Monday till Thursday evening, and at a quarter to six yesterday they began to carry passengers. All day yesterday they were well patronised, and no doubt residents will not fail to take advantage of so ready a means of locomotion.'

Cable trams had a 'grip' that attached to a moving cable which ran under the road from the steam-powered engine house. Cable trams appear to run along three tracks, but these are actually two parallel tracks for the wheels plus a separate one in the centre for the grip to attach to the cable. The front car of a cable tram was called the dummy, and contained the driving 'grip' mechanism. Conductors began service with these earliest trams, although all were male until World War Two, when a shortage of male labour made it necessary to employ women for the first time. Passengers sat in the enclosed rear car or tram, or on seats in the open dummy car. Melbourne's first twenty cable trams were imported from New York, after which time trams were made locally in the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company's factory in Fitzroy.

Electric trams were soon to take their place, however. Prahran and Malvern were among the first suburbs to introduce electric tram routes. In 1908 the two councils got together to form the Prahran & Malvern Tramways Trust (PMTT), and in 1909 began laying what was to become the most comprehensive suburban tram system in Melbourne at that time. The grand Malvern Depot building in Coldblo Road — which still stands — was designed by architect Leonard J. Flanagan, who also designed the Hawthorn and Kew tram depots. The official opening was held on 30 May 1910, and many people turned out to watch the first electric tram leaving the Malvern depot. The uniforms were supplied by Read's Store in Chapel Street, Prahran.

In 1920 the Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board (MMTB) took over the operation of all of Melbourne's tramways from the separate councils. In the mid-1920s the MMTB began to replace all cable trams with electric lines. Cable trams along Chapel Street and Toorak Road were replaced with electric trams in 1927. Melbourne's final cable tram ceased operating in 1940.



First tram leaving Malvern Tram Depot 1910, 30 May 1910 Reg No 1104



Chapel Street, looking south past Malvern Road, c1905 Reg No 2276.1

A short video of the Malvern Tram Depot opening can be seen on the Australian Screen website at www.aso.gov.au. Photographs and more information can be found on the Stonnington History Centre's website at www.stonnington.vic.gov.au.

Simone Sharpe Stonnington History Center 8290 1360

Time to unearth the family albums!

Members of the Committee recently searched the Stonnington History Centre catalogue for photos from the early 1970's and found that only a limited number of local photos have been donated for this period. Do you have any photos of your family, your street, your home, inside, outside or the backyard?

We are always looking for material relating to this and other periods. Scanning of the photos can be arranged. Just call the Stonnington History Centre 8290 1360.



A.B.C. Studio Waverley Theatre East Malvern 1976 Reg No 5166

Sharing internet gems

I'm sure many of you have had a eureka moment when searching the internet – that moment when you land upon a page that really excites you. If you want to share that information with someone else, ideally all you have to do is highlight and copy the text shown in the address bar at the top of the web page, and paste that into an email. Voila – easy!



But sometimes the address shown is horrendously long and complicated, and you have a sinking feeling that there is no way this is going to work. Your misgivings are often well-founded. What to do?

Well, you could use free programs like tinyurl, and they will work for a while – maybe even a long while. However, they are not guaranteed to be permanent. Cataloguers at libraries like the State Library increasingly are setting up their own permanent shortened address links, called permalinks or persistent links.

Let's take a case study. Say you are searching for the MMBW plan that includes the 'Catholic empire' opposite Malvern Town Hall. Go to the SLV catalogue, and type 'mmbw high street malvern' into the search box. Trawl through the results to find that No. 1744 is the plan that you want, 40 feet to the inch. <http://handle.slv.vic.gov.au/10381/125659>

Click on the zoom function at the spot labelled 2 (below), and look: there's the Sacred Heart High School. Amazing – so clear! Now click on the spot labelled 1 to show the persistent link – then right click over the short address, and select 'copy link'. Paste that link into an email, and you can send that link with every confidence.

If you are looking at the full catalogue record rather than the scan of the plan, you should look for a field called 'link to digitised item' – this is the persistent link (I wish they'd called it that, to avoid confusion!)

What if the gem you've found is in the web catalogue to the Stonnington History Centre – will the same process work? Sadly, not at present – we have no persistent links set up, but we're working on it. Your options are either to record the prefix and registration number of an item (eg: MP 8679), or if there are quite a few items, take a screen capture of the search page that retrieved the set of results of interest. It's a bit clunky, but it works.

David Tuck, Stonnington History Centre 8290 1360

VICNAMES

The Register of Geographic Names, VICNAMES, holds more than 200,000 road and place names including landscape features such as mountains and rivers, bounded localities such as suburbs, towns, cities and regions, and physical infrastructure such as roads, reserves and schools. You can log on to VICNAMES to search for all registered place names in Victoria. <http://services.land.vic.gov.au/vicnames>

The Duldig Studio

Many of you will remember our very successful visit to the Duldig Studio last year. Their current exhibition, *A Malayan Bungalow*, tells the story of artists Karl and Slawa Duldig (née Horowitz) who fled Vienna in 1938 with their baby daughter, Eva and found brief refuge in Singapore. This is an incredible story of survival, resilience and Inspiration in a pre-war Singapore. The exhibition includes drawings, sculptures, photographs and a collection of remarkable historic documents that trace the artists' lives in Singapore before their eventual deportation in 1940 to internment in Australia.



Duldig Studio 2012

Exhibition closes in June 2013 Bookings essential. Donna Cooper 03 9521 0525 donna@duldig.org.au

Tales From The Courts

Edited reports of proceedings in the Prahran and Malvern courts as published in contemporary issues of the Prahran Telegraph.

Dad serves up a hot breakfast

John Knott, retired publican, inflicting bodily harm on his son, Joseph Knott, aged eleven. The father, who was intoxicated, had been preparing breakfast and had a frying pan on the fire, [when] without provocation [he] threatened his son with a knife and afterwards poured hot fat out of the pan over his head and hands, injuring him so severely that it was necessary to send for Dr Cooke. Police arrested the prisoner who appeared to be mad, was very violent and suffering from the affects of drink ... The defence stated that the prisoner bore a good character and that the injuries were accidentally received. One months imprisonment and ordered to enter into his own recognizance of £50 and to find a surety for a like amount, to keep the peace for six months. Prahran Telegraph, 29 July 1882

Hot gospel causes friction

Christopher Toomey and Thos. Toomey, assaulting Samuel George and William Roberts. It appeared that George, who is one of the leaders of the Salvation Army, had been preaching at the corner of Commercial Road and Chapel Street, when he was brutally assaulted by the two prisoners. Roberts went to his assistance and was also assaulted. The defence said the Salvation Army had no right to excite religious animosities by street preaching. Accused each fined 10 shillings with £1 pound, 7 shillings and sixpence damages. Prahran Telegraph, 12 August 1882

Geoff Currey

Gascoigne Estate, Central Park and the (Royal) Melbourne Golf Club

The area, located in Crown Allotments 74, 75 and 77 to 86 in the Parish of Prahran, originally sold in 1857. A track leading from Melbourne to Dandenong ran diagonally across the site at this time. Part of Finch Street was formed in 1860, but the land remained undeveloped until 1879, when the railway link between Oakleigh and South Yarra opened. This provided a ready means of access to and from the general area by means of the Caulfield Station to the south of Dandenong Road. By 1880 a small number of houses were under construction and Finch Street, Coppin Street, Kerferd Road, Beaver Street and Central Park Road (then known as Hunter Street) had been gazetted.

Over the next five years much of the land was consolidated into a single ownership, and in March 1885 the Gascoigne Estate (a subdivision of Crown Allotments 79 to 82) was offered for sale by the Gascoigne Land Company. This area included the allotments of Coppin Street, the east side of Tooronga Road, the south side of Hunter Street (later Central Park Road), and the west side of Burke Road. In November 1885 the Gascoigne Extension was offered for sale, comprising Crown Allotments 83 to 86 and including Anderson Street, the north end of Finch Street, Belson Street, Nott Street, Kingston Street and the land now occupied by Central Park but at this stage subdivided into suburban allotments. Manning Road, Bates Street, Epping Street, Turner Street and Douglas Street were created in 1890, and in 1891 the Waverley Estate was offered for sale. This estate was adjacent and to the south of the Gascoigne Estate, and comprised the area bounded by Coppin Street, the east side of Finch Street, Waverley Road and the west side of Burke Road.

Development was slow, and was brought to a standstill by the dreadful depression of the early 1890s. Quick to take advantage of the hiatus was the Melbourne Golf Club, later the Royal Melbourne Golf Club. Much of the land was taken over for a golf course in June 1891, the contractors Finlay & Conacher having laid out the links in a matter of weeks. A clubhouse was established in an unoccupied Italianate villa at 16 Turner Street and another empty house across the street was used by the associates and caddies. When the Royal Melbourne Golf Club removed to its present home at Sandringham in 1901, the course was taken over by Caulfield (later Metropolitan) Golf Club, but the course was abandoned to domestic development when that Club also moved on in 1907.



Members of the (Royal) Melbourne Golf Club at East Malvern in 1891. The members are standing in front of the clubhouse in Turner Street. Reg No 168



Associates at Royal Melbourne Golf Club in front of the clubhouse in Turner Street, East Malvern c1892. Reg No 183

Taking Local History to the Community

The MHS talk to members of the North Balwyn Probus Club, Heritage/ Genealogy Group, went well. Lorraine and Jane represented the Society at the recent meeting of the South Metro history group, hosted by the Sandringham Historical Society. Jane took part in the Local Government Professionals Public Art Hypothetical at their annual Conference in February.

The joint Prahran Historical and Arts Society and Malvern Historical Society meeting at the Malvern Town Hall was very successful. Rhiannon Wapling, from Connections Uniting Care, shared a DVD, photos and stories relating to the Methodist Babies Homes.

The Stonnington History Centre staff conducted an informative tour around the History Centre, sharing the history of the old photographs and paintings on display. Thanks David, Ellen and Simone. The SHC also recently provided research for the U3A Deepdene walking group.



Jane Nigro, MHS, Rhiannon Wapling,
Connections Uniting Care and
Gabriel Hermes, PHAS.

Additions to the Stonnington Local History Collection

- Photo of Mrs Ethel O'Mullane and daughters Nellie (born 1909, married name Priddle) and Olive Beryl (born 1913, married name Sheedy).
- Photocopy of prospectus for Adamsdown, a school in Dandenong Road, Malvern c1895 donated by Trevor Hart.
- Complete set of St Roch's Church notices for 2012 donated by Rev. Father Ian Waters
- Collection of papers relating to municipal boundary discussions and the establishment of the Hedgeley Dene Overlay donated by Nicki Hanslow
- Photo of the west side of Glenferrie Road, looking north from roughly midway between the railway and Wattle tree Road.



Glenferrie Road Malvern c1907 Reg No 60716



Mrs Ethel O'Mullane and daughters c1927
Reg No 60683

New Members

We would like to welcome our latest new members John Upjohn and Michael Palmer.

Have you enjoyed viewing the photos in this issue?

Material for the articles has been researched from the **Stonnington History Centre Collection**. The database contains over 60,000 records. To view enlargements of photographs and to read more, just go to the website. www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/history

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