

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

June - July 2013

Newsletter No. 43

26 June Guided tour of Trams: Moving Pictures Exhibition

Wednesday 26 June 11am Old Treasury Building, Spring Street
Melbourne (top end of Collins Street)

Join members for a guided tour of the exhibition which includes rare early photos of trams and a wide range of memorabilia. View the illustrated timeline which includes details relating to horse trams, electric and cable trams and view the historical 1910 film of Melbourne featuring cable trams rattling through the city.

Cost: \$5.90 Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082. Bookings essential



Burke Road Gardiner c1915 Reg No 69

20 July Visit to St. Mary's Church. Malvern East

Saturday 20th July. 2pm.

Join members for a visit to St Mary's Church, 91 Manning Road Malvern East (opposite Emo Road) We will be having a tour of this beautiful Church, with particular emphasis on the stained glass windows. Light refreshments to follow.

No charge. RSVP by Wednesday 17 July Lorraine 9885 9082.

St Mary's Church, East Malvern 2009



22 July Public Records Office Victoria Free Tour

Monday 22 July 11am- 12 pm.

Ever wondered what it looks like deep down in the Public Records archive?

Find out on the free one-hour guided tour that ventures beyond the Get Smart security doors, through the air locks and into the repository. Who knows what you might encounter among the 100 kilometres of records and 180 years of history in the collection! Tours of the Victorian Archives Centre last one hour and a minimum level of fitness is required to walk and stand for the full hour.

Bookings: PRO Victoria 9348 5609

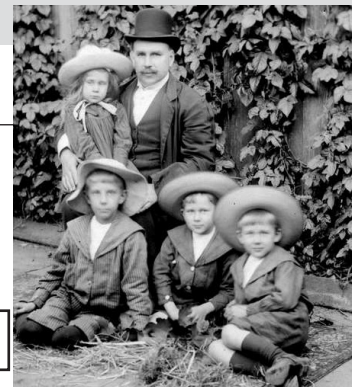
7 August Conserving your family photos.

Wednesday 7 August 10am - 11am Stonnington History Centre

Hear photographer Peter King explain how to look after your irreplaceable family photos, both prints and digital files, a repeat of the very popular session held in 2012.

Bookings 8290 1360 Bookings essential.

Bailey Family, Sorrett Avenue, Malvern (undated) Reg No 7806



The Shrine of Remembrance 'the Enemy Within' Exhibition.

The Duldig Studio, Burke Road Malvern East is participating in the current exhibition at The Shrine of Remembrance 'The Enemy Within'. The Duldig Studio has loaned 16 works of art and other items from the permanent collection, including sculptures, drawings and photographs. The Duldig family were interned at Tatura between 1940 and 1942 before Karl Duldig joined the Australian Army. We urge everyone to visit this very interesting exhibition at The Shrine of Remembrance.

Until 29 September 2013. Free admission.

Stonnington Research Enquiries

During the past couple of months enquiries have been received relating to Winderra, a property in Williams Road, early settler James McAlpine's wife Isabella (McColl), coach houses in Kooyong Road, Toorak, George Lansell, William Jasper Rose, Gordon Grove Malvern, the origin of the street name Moorhouse and the Murdoch family's time at *Heathfield*, Kooyong Road, Toorak. Contact has also been made with the family of William Oliver. One challenging request came from a young student working on an estimating building heights project. He wanted to know the height of the main tower of the Malvern Town Hall (to the top of the flag pole)! The best estimate appears to be about a height of 30.5m!



Front view of *Heathfield*, Kooyong Road, Toorak 1944

Reg No12515



McAlpine family wedding (undated) Reg No 7414

Bronwyn Worrall, Property Manager at the National Trust property *Labassa*, is seeking information on a number of people with a connection to *Labassa* who lived at one time in Malvern. They include a former housekeeper Emily Brearly and her husband James T Brearly. Emily was employed at *Labassa* for around 40 years, from the 1920's through to the 1950's. James was a fruiterer in Dandenong Road East Malvern, just around the corner from Finch Street. They are listed as living at *Glenelg*, 53 Finch Street, East Malvern in 1918.

Former *Labassa* owner, Stanley Stuart Sergeant lived at various times in Harold Avenue and Willoby Avenue Glen Iris and later at 68 Finch Street, East Malvern. Anne Jackson continues her search for a photo or portrait of William Philpott. At the moment she is making contact with William's brother's descendants in Argentina!

One of our members made contact after noting that the former Maternal Child Care Centre and Chadstone Library in Bowen Street Malvern East have now been demolished. Do you remember this very intimate library with its community designed mural at the entrance and librarians like Janet, Tollie and Shane helping and entertaining young and old alike!

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



R. G. Moss, Library, Bowen Street Chadstone (Malvern East) 1985 Reg No 12136

National Cultural Policy

On 13 March 2013 the then Arts Minister, Hon Simon Crean MP, announced the Australian Government's new Arts Policy. There are very positive elements in it for the cultural heritage sector including digitization of documentary heritage in Australia. Historical Society members are invited to read the policy noting the key sections which affect our sector: Expansion of digital access to national collections by building partnerships with community organizations; \$3.2 million has been allocated for Creative Partnerships Australia to help bring cultural organizations closer together; Streamlining of the administration by the Australian Tax Office of Gifts to cultural organizations; Development of a National Arts and Cultural Accord between each level of government to set out the principles of support for arts and culture; and Establishment of a national network of museums and galleries through Museums Australia and the National Museum by sharing resources and improving access to collections. The new Minister for The Arts, Hon Tony Burke MP, has announced his intention to implement the National Cultural Policy. (Source: <http://creativeaustralia.arts.gov.au/>; March 2013)

News from the Malvern Historical Society

Malvern Historical Society Inc - Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Malvern Historical Society Inc was held on 15 May 2013. At the meeting Lorraine Sage was re-elected President. Also re-elected were Jane Nigro - Vice President, Robin Brown - Treasurer, Patricia Brincat - Minute Secretary and Committee Members - Jane Brewster, Francesca Di Mattina, Janine Hurley, Bruce McBrien, Faye Pattinson and Graham Thurston. David Hunter was thanked for his contribution to the Committee over the last two years. Janine Hurley was welcomed onto the Committee. We would like to thank James Cranage, Cranage Partners, Chartered Accountants, 31 Station Street, Malvern, who agreed to review our financial books for 2013. After the formal part of the evening everyone enjoyed a very interesting presentation by our guest speaker Richard Balsillie. Richard shared his memories and video of growing up in Armadale in the 1950's and 1960's.

RHSV Award of Merit

We thought you would like to share in our exciting news! Very long standing member, past President and currently Vice President of our Society, Jane Nigro, has been awarded an Award of Merit by the Royal Historical of Victoria for her untiring services to local history, both locally and at State level. This is in recognition of all the work, time and effort that Jane has contributed over a great many years.



Committee members Jane Nigro and Dorothy Ratcliffe 1984

The Malvern Historical Society is proud to know that one of our Members has been acknowledged with this Award. It is indeed a great honour for Jane and also for the Society. The sincere congratulations of the Malvern Historical Society are extended to Jane as the recipient of this very prestigious Award of Merit. We were delighted that Lenore Frost and Kate Prinsley from the RHSV were able to visit Northbrook to present Jane with her Award of Merit. Thank you also to the Mayor, Cr Matthew Koce, for his words of congratulations.



Historical Society Meeting 1974

Lorraine Sage - President and Bruce McBrien - Immediate Past President

Congratulations Jane!

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, I was delighted to learn that Jane Nigro has been awarded an Award of Merit for outstanding service to the Malvern Historical Society. Jane became a foundation member of the Malvern Historical Society in 1972 and has remained on the committee since that time. She has served many years as President as well as holding the positions of Secretary and Vice-President, the position she currently holds. Jane's outstanding leadership, innovative ideas and tireless work have contributed significantly to the Society's list of achievements and accolades.



Di Foster June 2013

I congratulate Jane for her energy, commitment and enthusiasm over 40 years as well as her excellent relationship with both Malvern and Stonnington Council.

Jane's leadership and motivation has resulted in the exceptional growth in the Society's membership and range of activities. Her contribution to local history has played a significant role in the development of a small local history collection into today's expansive archive housed in outstanding facilities at Northbrook.

Well done Jane!



Lorraine Sage, Cr Matthew Koce, Mayor, City of Stonnington, Jane Nigro and Lenore Frost June 2013

Di Foster - MHS Committee member 1988 -2009

Holy Advent Church, Kooyong Road, Armadale

A member of the public recently visited Holy Advent, on the corner of St George's Road, and discovered it is now closed. Concerns were raised about the fate of the memorials in Holy Advent Church which include many stained glass windows and plaques, and a WW1 Honour Board. The researcher is looking into the history of Bertram Atkinson, a serviceman from the First World War. In the process, he found that Bertram was married on 26 April 1915 by his father, Rev. James Cook Atkinson, in the 'new' Holy Advent Church.

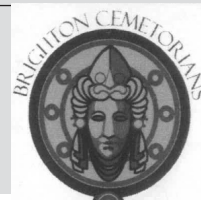


Postcard of Holy Advent, northeast corner of Wattletree and Kooyong Roads Armadale 1913 Reg No 617

Bertram's bride was Urseline Agatha, youngest daughter of Walter and Mrs. Baudinet. The Baudinet family lived at 16 Wattletree Road. The original church, on the north east corner of Wattletree Road and Kooyong Road, was built in 1891 for the Primitive Wesleyans. In 1898 St George's Malvern Parish purchased the church. Twelve years later a new church (Holy Advent) was built on the corner of St George's Road and in 1928 the old church on the corner of Wattletree Road was converted into the parish hall. This building has since been converted into a private residence.

Brighton Cemetery

In 1853 twenty-nine acres was reserved in Caulfield South for a cemetery. In December 1854 the first Trustees were appointed making it the oldest continuous Cemetery Trust in Melbourne. Since the first recorded burial on 14 October 1855, over 66,000 interments have taken place. The Brighton Cemeterians are pleased to announce that their new website is now online and can be viewed at <http://brightoncemeterians.org.au/>



Malvern Caulfield Recreation Club

The Malvern-Caulfield Bowling Club was formed, with 75 members in 1907. Members elected the first committee in July 1908. The first office bearers were President Cr T. E. King, Vice Presidents A. Campbell and Dr H. L. Murray, Secretary R. H. Underwood, Treasurer Douglas Jacobs and Committee members Sydney Fox, E. H. Cooke, H. Norman, A. Cameron and Col. C. Elliston. The club grounds were established at a four acre site on the corner of Dandenong Road and Queen's Avenue, Caulfield and were officially opened on 6 February, 1909 as the Malvern-Caulfield Recreation Club.



Malvern Caulfield Recreation Club Committee
Reg No 60802

The grounds included a bowling green and croquet lawn. In 1972 when the Dandenong Road site was required for an expansion to Caulfield Technical College, the Education Department purchased four properties on the east side of Serrell Street and the bowling club moved to East Malvern. The club closed in 1995 and after much negotiation with the State Government, Stonnington Council purchased the site. The land was subdivided into residential allotments and a new park was created. The new street was named Bowlers Way.

Paint it Black! Letter to Malvern Council, 26 November 1942

Gentlemen

On Monday last I and my 12 year old son had occasion to use one of the public conveniences on this city. Imagine my embarrassment and disgust on entering the place to find it placarded in large letters with the most obscene writings. The expressions I noticed did not, and could not possibly evade the notice of the lad. I suggest that in order to curb these vandals and perverts, the insides of all lavatories etc in this and in fact in Melbourne generally be painted black, with tar or some other dark colors that prevent or discourage filthy minded people from writing thereon. It is a disgraceful state of affairs that decent people who are sometimes compelled to use these places have to put up with this nuisance. In South Africa all such places have sanded or roughened walls that prevent people using pencils or other writing material from disfiguring them. Hoping something will be done in this City of Malvern to clean up such places and that the idea is adopted generally as regards government property.

I am, yours truly E H Harrison

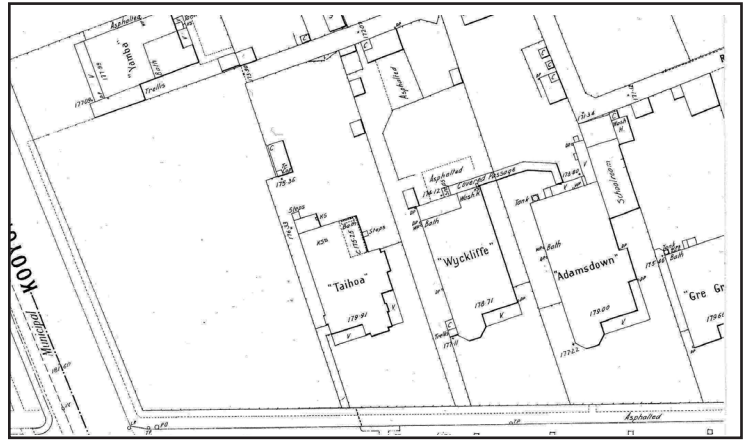
Adamsdown

Adamsdown was a school for girls, some of whom also boarded there. It had a kindergarten for both boys and girls up to the age of 7. It was run by the Misses Bruford - Miss Mary Bruford, Miss Martha Elgar Bruford and Miss Elizabeth Britiffe Bruford.

The first school operated in Dandenong Road, Malvern, from 1890 to c1905. According to an undated school prospectus from its years in Dandenong Road:

'Adamsdown is situated in the highest part of Malvern, within ten minutes walk of the Malvern or Armadale Station. There is a large playground, with a tennis court for the use of the pupils. The rooms are large, lofty, and well ventilated. There is a comfortable sitting room for the use of the boarders. The bedrooms are arranged to accommodate two girls each. The course of instruction extends from Kindergarten to Post Matriculation, and includes Scripture, English in all its branches, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, German, Latin, Class Singing and Elocution. Plain Sewing and Fancy Work Classes are held. Particular attention is paid to the manners, deportment, dress and general training of the pupils.'

Adamsdown was a brick house of 10 rooms, built in 1890 between Kooyong and Egerton Roads, and originally numbered 9 Dandenong Road, Malvern. The school was originally based in this house, although it later comprised both *Adamsdown* and the house next door, called *Wyckliffe*, also a brick house of 10 or 11 rooms. A MMBW plan (c1902) shows the two houses were joined by a covered passageway, with extra school rooms in the grounds. The address was later renumbered 515 Dandenong Road, Armadale. Both *Adamsdown* and *Wyckliffe* have since been demolished and replaced with blocks of flats. Sometime in 1905 the school moved to Alma Road in Caulfield (on the south side between Khartoum Street and Bella Vista Road), where it continued to operate under the name Adamsdown. In 1915 the school was taken over by the Church of England as a girls' grammar school, with the Bruford sisters remaining for some time. This building was later renamed Lovell House.



MMBW Plan c 1902 State Library of Victoria

Extra Charges per Term:				
Laundry, 2 Guineas.		Stationery, 2 6.		Seat in Church, 7/6.
Boarders are requested to bring with them 4 sheets, 4 pillow cases, 4 table napkins, 4 ordinary towels, 4 bath towels, warm dressing gown and bath slippers.				
Extras.				
Piano	HERR SCHRADER	...	...	6 GUINEAS.
	MISS OSBORNE	...	...	4 or 3 ..
	MISS STEWART	...	...	2 ..
Violin	HERR SCHRADER	...	...	6 ..

Following the First World War, an honour board was erected at Lovell House to commemorate previous students who had served overseas during the war. Some had served as nurses, but a number of men were also listed, who had attended kindergarten at the school. Martha Elgar Bruford passed away in 1936, and Elizabeth Britiffe Bruford passed away in 1938. In 1938 the Adamson Old Girls arranged for a mural tablet and baptistry seat to be placed in the Holy Advent Church of England (on the corner of Kooyong and St George's Roads in Armadale) in honour of the sisters.

Simone Sharpe Stonnington History Centre

Tales From The Courts

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

Geoff Currey 2013

Those damned railway gates ...

John McLaren was driving his horse and dray over the Gippsland railway. John Henry, gatekeeper, stated that the defendant had driven up and attempted to open the gates on the Dandenong road; he had warned him he could not go through as a train was in sight, but he opened the gates and crossed the line, the train passing shortly afterwards. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined £1 and one shilling with £2 and 12 shillings costs.

Prahran Telegraph, 20 May 1882

Walter Arnold was sued by the Board of Land and Works for damaging government property. The defendant drove into a railway gate when crossing the Gippsland line on the Dandenong road. He was reading a book at the time and refused to pay for the damage done. Fined 5 shillings with £4 and 12 shillings costs.

Prahran Telegraph, 3 June 1882

New Members

We would like to welcome our latest new members Mary and David Crosby

Taking Local History to the Community

MHS Committee member Jane Brewster has agreed to become our Events Co-ordinator. Jane will be responsible for coordinating the six month programme of activities and she would love to hear your ideas!

(Email: Jane.brewster@usa.net) Many members of the Society enjoyed the April tour of the Brighton Cemetery and joined Steve Stefanopoulos on his guided walks around Stonnington. Lorraine Sage and Jane Brewster represented the Society at the recent South Metro history group meeting, hosted by the Prahran Historical and Arts Society. Jane Nigro was recently re-elected onto the Royal Historical Society of Victoria's History Victoria Support Group committee.

We would like to thank the Stonnington Council's Leisure Department for including the Society's details in the recent issue of the *Walking for Pleasure* booklet. Thanks also to the Stonnington History Centre staff for arranging to have e-book versions of the Society's publications *Greetings from Malvern*, *William Philpott: pioneer Victorian first class cricketer* and *Back when*, placed on the Stonnington History Centre website. www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/history The SHC staff also have plenty of copies of all of the *Explore Stonnington* brochures at the moment.

The Society would like to thank John Isbel for arranging the posting and delivery of each issue of our newsletter. Thanks also to Michele Froidevaux and Ray Orr who have provided both the graphics and production skills for our newsletter over many years. We look forward to working with the new team Shaye and Ron at MBE Malvern.

Additions to the Stonnington Local History Collection

Malvern Municipal Band cap donated by Marc. The name Norm Worsley appears on the inside of the cap.

The Prahran and Malvern Tramway Employees Band was formed in 1911 at the home of Charles Snelling and included players from other local bands. The most notable of the band's many competition successes were the New Zealand Nationals in 1926 under Harry Shugg and six consecutive South Street Ballarat contests under Harry Philpott (1960-1965). Since 1932 the band has practised in the Malvern band-room, the old stables of Northbrook, High Street Malvern. The band was re-named the Malvern Municipal Band in 1946 and the Stonnington City Brass in 2000.



**Malvern Municipal Band winners Victorian Championship
Royal South Street, Ballarat 1963 Reg No 1566**

Members of the Malvern Historical Society were saddened to learn of the death of Norma Bates, a valued member of the Society. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

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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Community Bank Branch **Bendigo Bank**

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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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