

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc. Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

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21 May Malvern Historical Society Inc Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21 May 7.30 pm AGM Guest Speaker: Dr Andrew Lemon

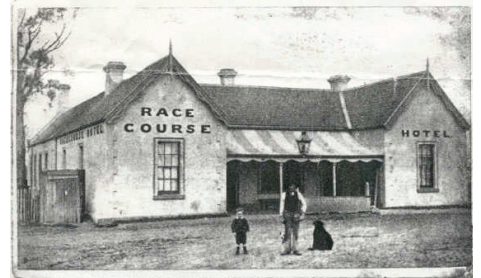
'Early Horse Racing, Melbourne - and Prahran and Malvern... it's not just about Caulfield'

Wesley Hall - St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Gardiner (the Hall is on the south side of the Church). Corner of Burke Road and Malvern Road, Glen Iris

RSVP: President Lorraine Sage 9885 9082

Bookings would be appreciated so that sufficient seating is provided.

Following the AGM, our guest speaker will be Dr Andrew Lemon, former President of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, who is recognised as the foremost expert on the history of horse racing in this country.



Racecourse Hotel, Waverley Road East Malvern 1885 reg No 8220

25 May 'Brass and Keys'

Sunday 25 May

Stonnington City Brass Malvern Town Hall 4pm Enquiries: 0413 197 261

Enjoy a band of 30 brass players with special guest John Thorn on piano.



Stonnington City Brass Band Logo

14 June. The Work of the Public Record Office Victoria.

Saturday 14 June 2pm

Jelena Gvozdic, an Access Services Officer at the PROV (the Archives of the State Government of Victoria), will speak about the work of the PROV, the collection including the digital records and the current projects.

As the State's archival authority, the PROV holds records created by Victorian government authorities relating to the State's courts, municipalities, schools, public hospitals and other public offices. The records date from the establishment of the Port Phillip District in the mid 1830s.

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Lloyd Street Primary staff 1948
Reg No 55029

25 June History Matters

Wednesday 25 June 10am. Making history in Stonnington 1994 - 2014

Stonnington History Centre staff invite you to join Stonnington's CEO Warren Roberts when he reflects on the City of Stonnington's major achievements and challenges as we mark the twentieth anniversary of the City of Stonnington.

Bookings are required. The talk will take place at the Stonnington History Centre. Book online on the Stonnington History Centre website or call 8290 1360



Mayor and Councillors, City of Stonnington 2000 Reg No 7693



Group photo c 1908 Reg No 10939

In the Stonnington History Archives there is a large framed photograph (Reg No 10939) of people on a stand, apparently watching a parade, but what does it depict and when was it taken? Since it hung for many years in the Prahran Town Hall, we can assume it was taken in Prahran.

The crowd looks like a fairly ordinary group of people, respectably dressed but not very formal, with the exception of the man in the top hat on the right. Three of the men wear a mysterious signia on their lapels. The group includes many women and children amongst the moustachioed gents. Their dress indicates that the picture was taken about 1900 to 1908. So what is going on?

We have some clues. The section of projecting wall on the left with the faint picture of the Prince of Wales feathers on the shield leads us to the ceremonial arch built for Prahran and St Kilda Councils for the arrival of the Duke and Duchess of York for the opening of the first Federal Parliament in 1901. The arch was designed by the Prahran architect, Charles Kirkham, and erected at St Kilda Junction at the border of the two municipalities.

Despite its solid appearance, it consisted of painted canvas on a timber frame and it was hung with shields and greenery and decked with flags. The building in the background with its five arched windows and the distinctive parapet and the street lamp in the foreground all confirm this identification. Several photos of this arch exist all taken from the north, but the mystery picture was taken on the south side. The design and decoration of the arch mainly agrees with that in the other pictures. The street lamp matches. There is just one problem. In all the other pictures of the arch, there is a large Havelock Tobacco sign obscuring the parapet of the building behind the stand, while in our picture there is none.

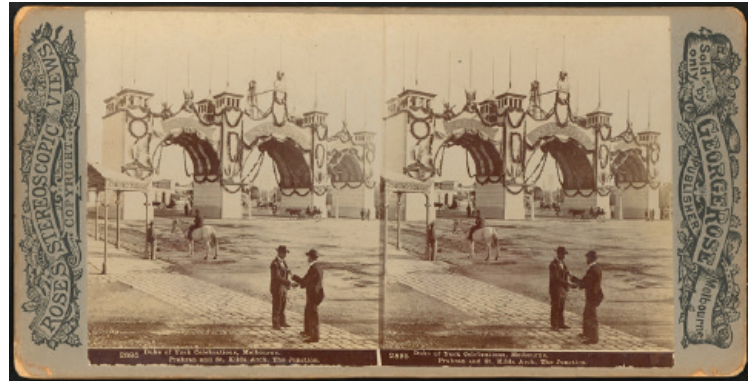


This picture apparently shows the actual procession, with the stand full of people and others on the roof looking over the parapet – and the Havelock sign. It appears to have been taken on the great day, but could possibly have been a dress rehearsal. In the week leading up to the grand event there were practice exercises. The carriage horses practised every morning driving through the arch to the accompaniment of loud band music. In the Gustav Damman photo below a corner of the empty stand and the Havelock sign can be seen

Given the complex geometry of St Kilda Junction, it is difficult to work out the exact position and orientation of the arch. The George Rose photo in the SLV showing a tram passing through the central arch sets it centrally in the road.

Arch of Welcome at St Kilda Junction for Royal tour 1901 Reg No 991

The photo in Stonnington Archives (Reg No 12047) is taken from the north west shows that the arch stands well clear of the kerb. The last three photos were obviously taken either before or after the ceremony. Was the picture of the parade one of these practices and was the Havelock sign taken down for the great day? Has anyone any other suggestions? The royal visitor did not leave the way he came. He departed by train. And no, our photo is 100 years too early to have been photoshopped to remove the sign.



Diane Nicholas 2014

**Duke of York celebrations, Melbourne – Prahran and St Kilda arch, The Junction, St Kilda.
Photo by George Rose (SLV H93.302/6**

Stonnington Research Enquiries

One family researcher provided details relating to his Great Grandfather, Walter Stutterd, who was a builder and photographer in the Armadale / Malvern area. Walter built and lived at 15 Inverness Avenue, Armadale in 1890. The family believe he also lived at 18 The Terrace, Armadale and 405 Dandenong Road, Malvern and that he may have built some of the houses in St James Road, Armadale



**15 Inverness Avenue Armadale 1992
Reg No 12992**

We were asked to identify the exact location of the Methodist Church, in Burke Road and the early Baptist Church in Waverley Road East Malvern. Pauline shared information about William Loakes and his family. Their connection with Valetta Street Malvern started in 1938. One generation 'modernised' the little house and took down both the lace work and the verandah and replaced it with a 'sunroom'. The next generation worked hard to replace everything just the way it had been!

We have been contacted with enquiries relating to Darling Road, Malvern East in the 1930's, the Lavender family war collection, information for a planned DVD on the history of the Outer Circle Railway, details relating to New Street, Armadale, 50 McKinley Avenue, Malvern and we were asked about the origin of the name 'Charnwood' which can be seen on the front of a building in Malvern East. We are often contacted by people wanting to give a Stonnington Local History themed gift to family members and friends.

We have had a number of interesting responses to the articles in previous issues of the newsletter including one relating to an old sign on a building close to the corner of Malvern and Tooronga Roads. Pam Weaver (nee Pettitt) sent an email to the Society after seeing the photo of the postman from the 1960s. She was able to tell us that 'The postie's name is Bill...just Bill to us, and we were very fond of our Bill. He was our very devoted and trustworthy postie from, I think, 1951 when I moved to 3 Ferncroft Avenue East Malvern just after my 4th birthday until sometime, I think, in the 70s around 1974 when my husband and I moved to England.

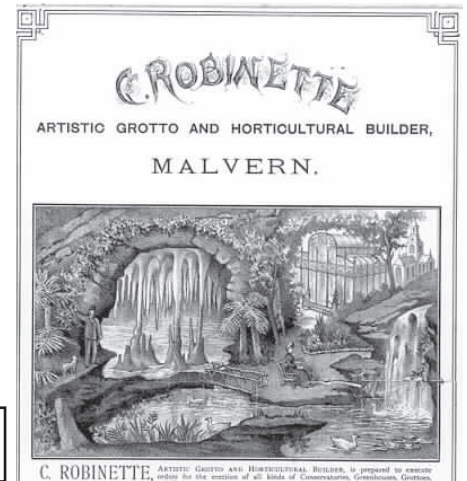
One of the things I loved about Christmas was waiting at the gate to give Bill his Christmas present. He always appeared so surprised and pleased. My Mother used to laugh when she'd hear Bill's postman's whistle and go to the window to check before going to the letter box to discover Bill standing by the box quite engrossed in reading one of the postcards I'd written home. These spanned many years...my childhood holidays from home, and later my prolonged sojourns in England both as a single and married woman. I was often tempted to send Bill a card of his own but concluded that not only might he be embarrassed but it was much more fun for him this way. My Mother met Bill at the Caulfield shops a few times after his retirement and we think he lived in Caulfield. Bill never married. He was an apparently contented man who stayed in the one job with the same postal route, for, I'm guessing over 40 years. I know my mother was astounded when he told her. Bill are you still here? You were great!

We weren't able to answer one recent request. We were asked if we could identify the name of the cream paint colour used on the NAB bank building on the South East corner of Wattletree Road and Glenferrie Road, Malvern. The lady said she would love to use this colour on her own home! All of the enquiries have been expertly handled by Simone, Ellen and David!

The National Library of Australia - Paper research

The National Library of Australia conservators have recently created a website <http://paper.naa.gov.au> in which they have compiled a timeline of paper creation from 1750, as well as information on the quality and identification of machine-made commercial papers in the National Archives' collection. Visitors to the website can search for images of watermarks which are often unique to a brand and can give valuable information on the paper's date, technology and place of manufacture. The site also includes information such as when the paper was used, its provenance, sheet thickness and details of the mill or firm that made the sheet. Did you know that old rags and sour milk all played a part in the history of paper-making! The conservators' full report can be read online. <http://paper.naa.gov.au/assets/data/Final-Report.pdf>

Early advertisement for C. Robinette Artistic Grotto and Horticultural Builder Malvern c1880s Reg 1069



Tales from the Courts

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

Mercy of a sort

Margaret Martin, a girl of about 17 or 18 years of age, charged with larceny from a dwelling. She had been living as a servant with Mrs Foster of West Beach, St Kilda, and after leaving her situation, her mistress discovered that she had been robbed of a gold chain and other articles of jewellery. A portion of the stolen property was traced to the shop of Mr Shrimpton in Chapel Street where the prisoner pawned them and where she was arrested. The Bench, being unwilling to subject the girl to the contaminating influences of gaol life, ordered her to be locked up for 24 hours. Prahran Telegraph, 27 November 1880

A slippery situation turns serious

John Whelply, charged on remand with unlawfully wounding David Eccles, a cabman in the employ of Mr Charlton, of High street, Prahran. After an initial altercation, the prisoner had struck Eccles on the temple with a screwrench several times. Eccles admitted that he had sprinkled some grease or put the remains of a sausage over the prisoner's cab lamps but said that this was done unintentionally. John Caffin, William Williamson and Joseph Tobin, cabmen, and Constable Dempsey, gave corroborating evidence. The Bench thought the case too serious for them to adjudicate and committed the prisoner for trial. Prahran Telegraph, 20 October 1880

Geoff Currey

Malvern Valley Primary School Year 1 Local History newsletter.

Sian Katsineris and her Year 1 class at Malvern Valley Primary School recently explored their local history. The Malvern Historical Society provided display photos and brochures and each child received a copy of our recent publication *Amazing History Amazing Stonnington*. Working together the class put together their own local history newsletter and they are very keen to share what they discovered with our Malvern Historical Society members. Read on to find what five and six year olds find interesting!

Malvern Valley Primary School Year 1 Local History newsletter.

Chadstone was a cottage and a small farm - built in 1858 for William Johnston (Abby).

At Waverley Road there was a chickenfarm. (Catherine).

I LEARNT THAT THERE'S AN UPSTAIRS AT CHADSTONE (Elena).

There were 400 children at Chadstone Park Primary (Emily).

I learnt about Chadstone cottage, it got demolished (Jade).

Chadstone Park Primary's classrooms were dark because there were no windows (Connor).

Did you know that Chadstone used to be a cottage? (Tom)



**Chadstone Park Primary School Grade 4
1954 Reg No 14118**



Radio Station 3UZ at Chadstone Shopping Centre 1960 Reg No 1591

I learnt that there are lots of cameras at Chadstone Shopping Centre (Jesse).

Disney Frozen toys are the most popular for girls at Toys R'Us in Chadstone (Keani).

There used to be a cottage where Chadstone Shopping Centre is now (Joanna).

I learnt that Chadstone Park Primary had all of its tables facing one direction in the classrooms (Darius).

I heard that they make 9000 hot chocolates a day at Chadstone (Jensen)

Did you know that John and Emma Evans grew plums, cherries, apples and pears where Chadstone now is? (Eleni)

Chadstone Park Primary had different playgrounds (Jack S).

Our school was called Chadstone Park Primary (Priya)

Did you know that Chadstone was an orchard and cattle farm? (Isabella)

Have you heard there were 2 ovals at MVPS and one of the ovals was shared with the high school next door? (Niveda)

Chadstone Shopping Centre used to be a cottage but it was demolished (Jacinta).

Malvern Valley Primary school had a high school next to it. The second playground had a monkey bar and a sandpit and the other playground was the same (Xander).



Cows grazing in Chadstone Road 1959 Reg No 1197



Chadstone 1904 Reg No 756

Chadstone Park Primary did not have the same playground as MalvernValley has now (Lucas).

Did you know that Chadstone Park Primary School changed its name to Malvern Valley Primary School in 2001? (Stephanie)

I now know that trams in the past had only one carriage (Adam)

Did you know that Chadstone is the largest shopping centre in Australia? (Ethan)

Have you heard that Chadstone is the Fashion Capital? (Joe)

I heard that Frozen is the most popular movie at Chadstone (Jordan)

In 1909 Chadstone was sold to the Convent of The Good Shepherd (Jack)

Have you heard that Chadstone Park Primary was built in 1952? (Luka)

Did you know there are over 9000 car parks at Chadstone? (Ronina)

Have you heard the golf course had chairs and signs? (Ben)

At Chadstone Primary there was a fire and then the name was changed to Malvern Valley Primary (Holly).

I learnt that Chadstone Park Primary School had 400 children.

I I think that they were all very friendly (Alexandra).

I now know that Malvern Valley was burnt down in 2004 (Bryan)

I now know they had a radio station at Chadstone (Wissam)

In 2011 the centre opened at Malvern Valley Primary School (Emo)

I now know that Waverley Road was a chicken farm (Nevani)



Convent of the Good Shepherd 1985 Reg No 7732

Thanks for reading all the amazing facts that we've learnt!

New Members

The Society would like to welcome our latest new member Bruce Waxman and Daniela and Bruno Angelico

Taking Local History to the Community

Thanks Pat and Jane B who led the recent walk along Finch Street Malvern East. Both our stall and our display at Pets in the Park at Central Park, Malvern East,



created lots of interest. Thank you to our enthusiastic team of helpers including Alex, Gwen, Lorraine, Pat, Jane, Roxanne, Glenys, Denis, Margaret, Bronwyn and Pete.

Our trip to Herring Island went very well. Thank you Jane B for organising this for us. Members enjoyed the novelty of a very short punt ride before we joined Friends of Herring Island guide Damian Curtain for a tour of the island. We were all surprised by the size of the Island and the range of artwork set amongst the indigenous vegetation.



Pre service teacher Katrina Hall recently worked with a local class using our local history material. She said her Year 4 students loved *Amazing History Amazing Stonnington* and especially enjoyed finding all the places they knew on the map. One student even followed up the lessons by visiting the Stonnington History Centre at Northbrook to find out what the street where he lives is named after!



Donations to the Stonnington Local History Collection.

- *The Courier* (2007-2010), newsletter of St Andrew's Uniting Church, Gardiner, donated by Lorraine Sage
- Selection of real estate brochures donated by Margaret McNamara
- Photos of the Malvern Historical Society visit to Herring Island donated by Vanessa Crew
- Jan Lewis, Secretary of the Apollo Bay & District Historical Society, recently donated this photo, found among goods donated to the Apollo Bay Opportunity Shop. The photo shows the Grade 4A class at Gardiner Central School in 1923. There were 67 children in the class!



Grade 4A Gardiner Central School 1923

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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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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