

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

June/July 2015 Newsletter No 55

29 July Nail Can to Knighthood: the life of Sir Macpherson Robertson K.B.E.

Wednesday 29 July 10:30am

Join members of the Malvern Historical Society for a guided tour of the RHSV's new exhibition featuring the life of Sir Macpherson Robertson K.B.E. The RHSV is fortunate in having material relating to Macpherson Robertson, including photographs, confectionery packaging, recipe books and company documents, donated by the Robertson family and by former MacRobertson's staff. Macpherson Robertson (1859-1945) was born on the Ballarat goldfields. He became a well-known Melbourne businessman and philanthropist. Over the years he built up a large confectionery business. As part of his contribution to the 1934 Victorian Centenary celebrations, he paid for the construction of the Mac. Robertson Girls' High School, the MacRobertson Bridge over the Yarra and the National Herbarium building.

RSVP Required by Monday 27 July Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082



**Construction of MacRobertson Bridge
c1934 - Reg No 10061**

Malvern Historical Society Inc - Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Malvern Historical Society Inc was held on 20 May 2015. At the meeting Lorraine Sage was re-elected President, Also re-elected were Jane Nigro - Vice President, Robin Brown, Treasurer, Pat Brincat, Minute Secretary, and Committee Members Stella Barber, Francesca Di Mattina, Gilah Leder, Neil Shepherd and Graham Thurston. Jane Brewster was not available for re-election and was thanked for her contribution to the Committee over the last few years. The thanks of the Society was expressed to the following for their assistance and help during the past year - Jim Cranage, Cranage Partners, Chartered Accountants, 31 Station Street, Malvern, for reviewing our financial books for 2014, Linda Tassone of Jeffrey's Bookstore, Glenferrie Road, Malvern, for selling our various publications, the staff of M.B.E., Glenferrie Road, Malvern, for undertaking all our printing requirements, the City of Stonnington and the East Malvern Community Bank-Bendigo Bank for their financial assistance during the year and David Tuck, Ellen Porter and Simone Sharpe from the Stonnington History Centre for their endless assistance and the help they so graciously give when answering the Malvern Historical Society's questions. After the formal part of the evening everyone enjoyed a very informative and educational talk by our guest speaker Dr. Helen Doyle. Helen spoke about her recent book *Suburbs at war: The former cities of Malvern and Prahran during the Great War*. Helen had many fascinating stories to tell relating to the two councils, the war effort and the events that shaped the perspective of those at home.

Lorraine Sage - President 9885 9082

Diary Dates

25 July - Saturday - 10am to 4.30 pm Visit the Reading Room at the PROV Victorian Archives Centre and find out more about starting your family history. Wills, Probate and Coroner's records and online indexes available.

PROV Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne. Tel: (03) 9348 5600

2 August - Sunday - 11am to 4.00pm Reunion of past Moore's - Reads Stores staff members and families. Prahran Central Food Court, Corner Chapel Street and Commercial Road, Prahran. For more details contact the Prahran Historical and Arts Society.

Gabriel 95297442



**Prahran Hotel and
Read's first store 1905
Reg No 12160**

Parliamentary Friends of History and Heritage

Following a suggestion by the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, the Commonwealth Minister responsible for Heritage, the Hon Greg Hunt, initiated the promotion of a Parliamentary Friends of History and Heritage group within federal Members of Parliament. The purpose of the group is to make Members of Parliament aware of the issues and challenges facing heritage protection and promotion in Australia.

Commonwealth Funding of History and Heritage

Members of the Society may not be aware that the Commonwealth has now effectively withdrawn from the funding of Historic Heritage except for sites considered of national significance. The Environment Department provided operational funding through grants to Voluntary Environment, Sustainability and Heritage organisations until 2014. This was discontinued and replaced in the 2014 Budget with the Community Heritage and Icons Grants. There is no longer funding for small community grants. At the moment there is no current national funding to provide grants for community heritage organisations or a clear path to assist community and private owners of heritage properties.

The Australia's Community Heritage online portal

The FAHS supported the establishment of the Community Heritage website. This website is a place where individuals and groups can share information and stories about Australia's heritage. The purpose of the website is to encourage the collection and sharing of information, stories and anecdotes related to people, places and events, and to provide a forum for historical societies.

www.communityheritage.net.au

First Tram in Glenferrie Road south of Wattletree Road



Tram enthusiast Ron, who often locates early photos showing Prahran & Malvern Tramway Trust trams, recently discovered this photo on State Library of Victoria Flickr.

The image shows the opening of the section of tramline in Glenferrie Road, Malvern, south of Wattletree Road.

This section, along Glenferrie Road and Dandenong Road as far as the Windsor Railway Bridge, was opened on 16 December 1911.

The Gascoigne Estate

The Gascoigne Estate appears to take its name from the Gascoigne Land Company. It is likely to have been established to handle the selling of the land in East Malvern perhaps under the control of the Victorian Mortgage and Deposit Bank. Michael Cannon, in his book *The Land Boomers: The Complete Illustrated History* (reprint, Carlton: Melbourne University Press, 1995), has suggested that land, which had been difficult to sell, was renamed with 'a more grandiloquent title' in an effort to make it more appealing to buyers. However, regardless of which entity was first named (the company or the estate), the exact origin of the name Gascoigne for the land in East Malvern is not known.

Gascoigne Estate, Malvern C1885 Reg No 901



Congratulations Kelly O'Dwyer - Federal Member for Higgins

The Malvern Historical Society extends to Kelly and Jon our congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the birth of their daughter Olivia. The Society also would like to express our sincere thanks for the excellent Federal Electorate of Higgins Anzac Centenary Memorial Map that has been produced as part of the Anzac Centenary.

Lindsay Bros Grocery, corner of Station Place and Dandenong Road, Malvern

We have received an email from Robert who is researching his family history. His family includes Joseph Lindsay, father of the Lindsay brothers. Robert has now donated a copy of the photograph of the building and family



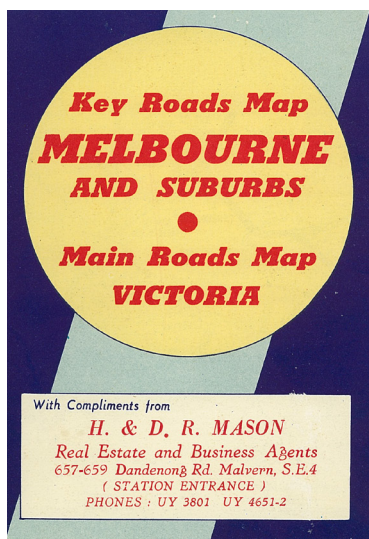
The Union Store of J. Lindsay, with Post Office and grocery store, one of the first stores on Dandenong Road Malvern c1880 Reg No 120 Published in *The History of Malvern* John Butler Cooper (1935).



Lindsay Bros. provision merchant, Dandenong Road, Malvern and the walkway through to Malvern Railway Station, along Station Place. c1900 Reg No 6547



Lindsay Bros. Dandenong Road c1890



Jill, a MHS member, recently donated a copy of a brochure advertising H. & D.R. Mason, Real Estate and Business Agents, 657-659 Dandenong Road, Malvern SE.4 (Station Entrance) Phones: UY 3801 UY 4651-2. Jill worked in the office there from 1957 - 1966. The building was previously Lindsay's and then Goudie's Grocery Store.

Prahran Market



Vince Russo (on right hand side) stallholder, Prahran Market c1960's Reg No 23067

Although land was sold throughout Prahran in 1840, it was not until the 1850s that the community really began to grow. In 1856 Prahran's first Council was elected. At the time the area was well known for its small farms and market gardens and at first goods were sold or bartered locally or carted into Melbourne. What was needed was a central market place in the municipality of Prahran. This was organised by the Prahran Council in 1864 when a small Prahran Market began in Greville Street. The Prahran Market opened on its current Commercial Road location in 1891. *Prahran Market: Celebrating 150 Years* by Lesley Sharon Rosenthal Melbourne Books (2014) is available from the Prahran Market or from Jeffreys Books info@jeffreysbooks.com.au

Vale Cr. Adrian Stubbs

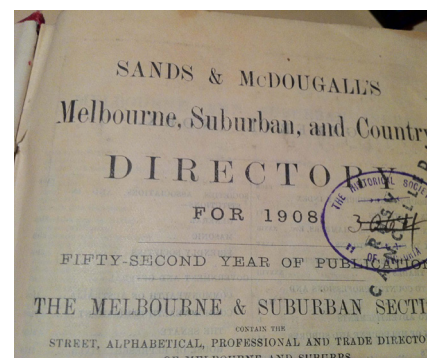
The Committee and Members of the Malvern Historical Society were saddened to learn of the death of Adrian. We appreciated his encouragement of our various activities. Adrian was always very enthusiastic about the history of Stonnington. He was a valued supporter of local history and saw the importance of preserving our history. Thanks Adrian for your friendship and the support given to the Historical Society. **Lorraine Sage - President**

Sands and McDougall Directories

Sands and McDougall started publishing as Sands, and produced their first Melbourne directory in 1857. The company became Sands and McDougall in 1862 and continued to publish their directory every year until 1974. Over the years the company also printed stationery, bank notes and Melbourne's tram tickets. In 1902 a Victorian country commercial section was added and in 1911 all of country Victoria was included in the listings. There were three main sections - an alphabetical listing of surnames; a house by house, street by street listing within each suburb, and a trades and professions alphabetical listing. Doorknockers combed every street, requesting information on residents. It was then printed in the directory, which typically included a street directory, maps, a directory of banks, societies, associations and institutions plus government, colonial, ecclesiastical, legal and municipal listings. One of the biggest ones was the 1927 edition, weighing in at almost four kilograms and with 3520 pages between its covers. Today they are a valuable resource for researchers. The Directories are available at the State Library, the RHSV and The Stonnington History Centre.

Microfiche at the Stonnington History Centre

The Stonnington History Centre holds the Sands & McDougall Directories on microfiche and they are available for use in our public resource room here at Northbrook. The Directories for the earlier Malvern municipality have been photocopied for ease of use. Although the Malvern and Toorak Libraries have held the Directories, they will soon no longer be available for use at these locations as all local history resources can now be used at the Stonnington History Centre. The History Centre also hold CD Roms of the Sands & Kenny Melbourne Directory from 1857 to 1861, the Digger series of Births, Deaths, Marriages, Immigration and Inquest records for Victoria and BDM records for South Australia. All of these are available for public use in our resource room. Recently MHS member Roxanne spotted a hard copy of a 1908 Sands and McDougall directory in a second handbook shop. The Society have purchased it for the Stonnington History Collection.



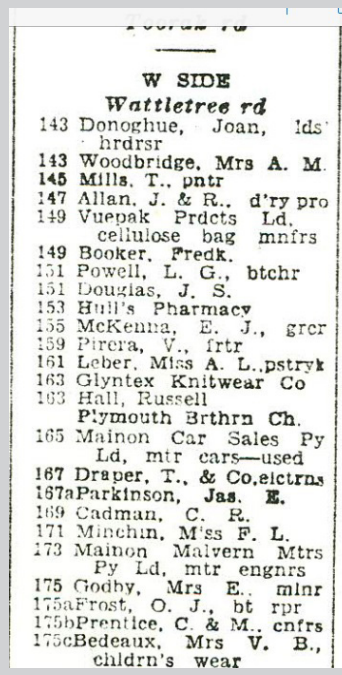
**1908 Sands and
McDougall directory**

Directory Confusion

Have you ever thought how Sands and McDougall compiled their directories? Nobody knows for sure how it was done, nor do we know for sure how long it took for information to get into the directory. Sometimes an entry is listed as "out". This indicates that someone actually visited the address to check. How many times did he knock on that door before, in despair, he wrote "out"? I imagine some poor fellow in those early days, walking up and down streets in his three piece suit, collar and tie, his bowler hat on his head, knocking on doors and asking the name of the householder and carefully writing the names against each number. Sometimes he (and there is no doubt that it was a he) misheard the name or chose the wrong alternative spelling. When the fellow responsible for the area turned south from Toorak Road into Orrong Road, he trudged along in open country with only a few big estates on either side. He didn't bother to register which side of the road they were on. When he crossed Malvern Road the poor chap was faced with a wilderness of rough railway land, brickfields, smoking brickworks, giant clay holes and paddocks with here and there a house and halfway along the block, one lonely little brick hall. Until 1887, the Directory only listed Orrong Road, West Side, as if there were nothing on the east side of the road. But in fact, the little hall is shown on the MMBW map, quite definitely on the east side. The Prahran Rate Collector seems to have followed a similar procedure. Usually, he went up one side of the street listing occupiers and owners and then went down the other side. You can trace his route through the rate books. But when it came to Orrong Road, he too bundled both sides together. The hall wasn't listed at all because, as a church property, it was exempt from rates. Fortunately, the clincher comes in the City of Prahran's Deeds and Titles Register. This is a giant, 10-kg, leather bound ledger that lists the title details of all the properties acquired by the Council for roads, parks

and other council purposes. There are separate pages for Orrong and Toorak Parks, listing the previous owners, the dimensions of each lot and sometimes its title reference. (Unfortunately the title numbers were no longer current). Finally the names in the directories could be sorted. Those listed on the Orrong Park page were on the west and Toorak Park properties on the east. We use the Sands and McDougall directories for family and house historical purposes, but before we get too cross about any confusion or inaccuracies, we have to consider the original purpose of the directories. We must remember that they started in a time before the telegraph or telephone. People communicated by writing letters. They would write a note to warn friends of their impending visit. They used the directory to find an address as we might use the White Pages today. Of course, delivering the mail was no problem. The postman knew which side of the road the recipient lived. He probably stopped sometimes for a chat. On the day of your visit, as you alighted from the train at Toorak Station and started walking it would not have been so hard to find your destination.

So when you puzzle over some anomaly, spare a thought for the S&M man, slogging along under a burning sun or splashing about in pouring rain to gather this information for you. Diane Nicholas 2015.



Detail from Sands and McDougall directory. Burke Road, Glen Iris, 1957

Local Malvern Papers - to the 1950's

- Malvern & Armadale Express. 1880s-1900s
 - Malvern, Caulfield & Armadale Recorder. 1890s
 - Malvern, Caulfield & Oakleigh Dispatch. 1930s
 - Malvern & Armadale Recorder. 1890s/1900s
 - Malvern Argus. 1890s-1930s (incorporated into Prahran Telegraph from 1902, often with identical content only different masthead)
 - Malvern Courier & Caulfield Mirror. 1900s/1910s
 - Malvern News. 1900s/1910s
 - Malvern Spectator. 1930s/1940s
 - Malvern Standard. 1900s
 - Malvern Advertiser. 1940s/1950s
 - Prahran News; News of Prahran, Windsor, Balaclava, St Kilda; Prahran and Malvern News; St Kilda-Prahran News. 1948-1959
 - Prahran Chronicle. (In 1886, known as "St Kilda Chronicle and Prahran, Toorak, South Yarra, Windsor, Armadale, Malvern and Caulfield Record"/in 1891 known as "Prahran and St Kilda Chronicle, South Yarra Gazette, Toorak Times and Malvern Standard")
- (As you can see, there was some overlap between the Malvern and Prahran local papers)

Simone Sharpe, Local History Officer

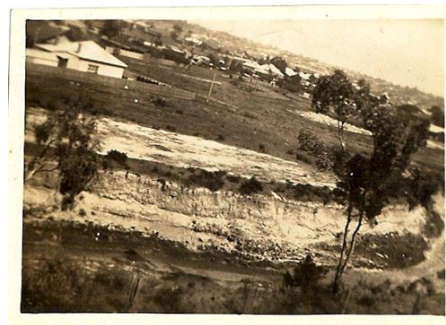
Royal Historical Society of Victoria Affiliation

The Malvern Historical Society is an Affiliated Member of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. The RHSV is the peak body for historical societies throughout Victoria. Their roles include advocating on behalf of society members, supporting the local history movement and representing the interests of its members on the broader cultural map of Victoria. Societies that are members of the RHSV receive benefits including professional support, access to the Victorian Local History Catalogue, membership of the RHSV insurance scheme, information about funding and are part of both the Victorian and the Australia wide local history networks.

Gardiners Creek c1915

The photograph was taken looking south-west across Gardiners Creek from Hawthorn, towards the last house in St Edmonds Grove and across the reserve to the rear of the houses in Carroll Crescent (including no. 39) Glen Iris.

Looking south-west across Gardiners Creek c1915 Reg No 60080

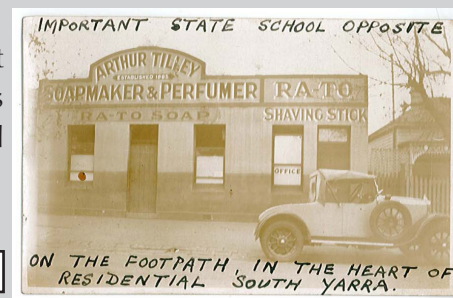


Stonnington Research Enquiries

This is just a small selection of the enquiries that are handled so expertly by the Stonnington History Centre staff Ellen, Simone, Janet and Peter! If you have any information contact the Stonnington History Centre history@stonnington.vic.gov.au Tel: 8290 1360

Historian Stella Barber is looking for photos, memorabilia, or stories about Tilley's Soaps which was established in Surrey Road South Yarra in 1865 and is still going strong today. The founder, Captain Arthur Tilley, was a founder and President of the South Yarra Rifle Club.

Arthur Tilley Soap Maker and Perfumer, Surrey Road, South Yarra



A young student wanted to know what had previously been on the Malvern Central site. Malvern Central Shopping Centre was opened on 27 July 1987 by the Mayor of Malvern Cr Ray Lang. The 14,000 square metre Grollo built complex, comprised Target and Safeway stores and 46 speciality shops. The complex also included 38 one-bedroom units. The site had previously included Howson Street, a small street with rows of early timber cottages. The entire street was demolished for the new Centre.

17 Howson Street Malvern 1982 Reg No 14964

Orrong Pottery

For years I have read references to a pottery situated on the site of Toorak Park in Orrong Road. Unfortunately I could never find them in directories or the rate books. But now we have Trove and at last, there they are. The first mention is an article in The Argus 5 December 1881, referring to a meeting of shareholders in the Orrong Pottery Company Limited. The shareholders were being shown the drawing of a kiln from which emerged a great variety of household articles. The pottery started early in 1881 and was taken over by Lloyd and McKenzie about 9 months later. One wonders what expertise if any, these two men brought to the business. Herbert Lloyd was the publican of the Bush Inn at the corner of Malvern and William Roads and Robert MacKenzie was presumably the "A good man" who advised him that the pottery was a profitable business to get into.

The pair soon fell out. Lloyd felt McKenzie had not fulfilled his side of the arrangement and they parted company. Lloyd then gathered a group of businessmen and formed the Orrong Pottery Company, which was duly registered as a public company on 4 February 1882 under the Companies Statute 1864. Among the board members were Herbert Lloyd, Peter Langwill, James Jamieson, James W. Todd and E.F MacGeorge. The solicitor, Hugh William Sinclair was

the secretary and their registered office was at 34 Collins Street west. The company began with loads of optimism, much enthusiasm and huge ambitions. They bought the land from two brick makers, Solomon Rees and Joseph Ellis, and leased another piece of land from the council for their drying sheds. This gave them a total of 8 acres, 2-3 acres of which was occupied by the clay hole. The pit yielded a variety of clays. Most important for them was the white clay suitable for pottery, but there were also red and yellow clays for porous pottery and bricks. They appointed as manager an experienced potter with good credentials, Stephen Clive. He hailed originally from Staffordshire, the home of England's potteries. At 16, he had started to learn the trade at Wedgewood's, "under the manufacturer", and soon rose to be a very young manager. When he was 21 he started his own business, which he had for four years. Then he took the position of manager at the Minton Pottery in Otago, New Zealand, where he stayed for about 9-12 months before starting his own business which he ran for another two years.

Under Clive's guidance, the works expanded rapidly. They had three kilns, one a large glost kiln, said to be the largest of its class in Australia. (This is where the glazing is fired) and they had plans for more kilns. Clive brought four skilled workers from Staffordshire and the company advertised in the Prahran Telegraph for workers. By August 1882 the company employed 50-60 men and had 12 apprentices being trained by the skilled potters. Soon the pottery was producing a wide range of goods in "majolica, Rockingham and cane ware, blue and jet and red ware". Among the products were pie dishes, basins, nests of pudding bowls, milk bowls, jelly cans, teapots, jugs, candlesticks, tobacco jars, rustic jars, monkeys (a globular vessel with a straight upright neck) as well as a large consignment of small ink wells for the government. Then there were porous bottles, flower pots and porous blocks. In addition to all that, the company still produced 30,000 bricks a week. A steam engine was installed and the latest pipe-making machinery was ordered from England. As well as the necessary sheds, they built a warehouse at the Orrong Road entrance, which was soon filling with a wide range of wares. The plant was valued at about £10,000.

In August 1882, Lloyd and Clive appeared before a meeting of the Royal Commission into Tariffs to argue the case for the retention of the existing tariff. Lloyd claimed that when their new kilns were working they would employ about 40 more workers. He showed them samples of their earthenware and also a few pieces of white ware, some of which did not impress the commissioners. He admitted that these were still "in their infancy." They were producing crockery worth about £150 per week which was selling well but they did need the present tariff retained. Clive confirmed this, stating that wages here were double those in England. On the other hand, he was full of praise of the "colonial youths". They learned more readily under skilled workers than their English counterparts and made better workers. Some days later the Commissioners inspected the works and over refreshments wished the company success before hurrying back to the Customs House for their next meeting. Then just twelve months after the Orrong Pottery Company had been registered with such enthusiasm, Gemmell and Tuckett were advertising the auction of "a very fine collection of earthenware, the manufacture of the Orrong Pottery Company to the earthenware tradition. Comprising water carafes, bread plates, majolica jugs, majolica teapots, Rockingham teapots, plain teapots, pudding bowls, barker rustic teapots, filters &c. Terms liberal at sale."

Next, tenders were invited for the "purchase of the freehold and leasehold lands of the Orrong Pottery Company Limited at Prahran together with three pottery kilns, steam engine, boiler, shafting, new pipe-making machine, extensive sheds and warehouse; also wheels, saggars, moulds, blocks and cases &c." The stock of finished ware could be "taken at valuation". In March 1883 the registered office was downgraded to 61 Little Collins Street west. On 21 August 1884 at an Extraordinary General Meeting held in the secretary's office, a resolution "that the company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Statute 1864" was passed. Sinclair was appointed liquidator. In January 1885 Sinclair made a final call for creditors to submit their claims by 18 February and a week later he laid the accounts before the shareholders to show how the winding up had been conducted.

The name of the company was finally struck off the companies register in March 1898. What went wrong with the Orrong Pottery Company? Why did they wind up so soon? Was it because they failed to find the "suitable material" Clive said he needed to mix with their white clay? Did they run out of suitable clay or did they simply fail to make a profit? Was the competition from imported goods too much? Will we ever know? Prahran council bought the pottery land and other blocks cheaply - it was "a striking picture of desolation", and on 7th August 1885 Lady Loch, the Governor's wife, declared "the lands of the City of Prahran known as the Toorak Park, the Victoria Gardens and the Prahran Reserve dedicated to public use and enjoyment as pleasure grounds and places of recreation." For years Toorak Park served as the Orrong Road tip but by 1893, the clay hole had been filled. The site was then levelled and the oval formed.

On 7 October 1893 the first cricket match took place between Malvern and Hawksburn. Malvern were all out for 21, including 7 ducks, Hawksburn were 5 for 119. When the rain stopped, a postponed official opening was held on Monday 23 October, with the band playing, music, sports and wrestling until, when the company was full of wine, they adjourned for lunch.

Diane Nicholas, 2015

New members

We would like to welcome our latest new members:

Anne Ashbridge, Patricia Cedergren, Eril Willmott and Janine Mayhew

Taking Local History to the Community

Members of the Malvern Historical Society Committee attended the launch of Helen Doyle's new book 'Suburbs at war: The former cities of Malvern and Prahran during the Great War'. Lorraine represented the Society at the unveiling of the WWI Monument at Malvern Depot. Lorraine and Jane attended the recent Stonnington History Committee meeting. The MHS would like to thank Grill'd, 217 Glenferrie Road, Malvern, for their \$100 donation. Do you have your copy of the excellent Kelly O'Dwyer Federal Electorate of Higgins ANZAC Centenary Memorial Map yet? If you would like a copy, just ring the Higgins electoral office (03) 9822 4422. Ron from MBE Malvern continues to work on the upgrading of the Malvern Historical Society website. We are trying to make it user friendly for both children and adults and to include lots of links to the Stonnington History Centre. Did you know that both Stonnington libraries and Jeffreys Bookshop, 140 Glenferrie Road Malvern, stock our local history books? They always make great gift ideas! Jane attended the History Teachers Association of Victoria conference and the Association of Eastern Historical Societies' Seminar.



Norm Maddock and Kelly O'Dwyer M.P. Malvern Tram Depot April 2015 (Photo: Ron Scholton)

Additions to the Stonnington History Collection



•Photos of the MHS volunteers at Pets in the Park donated by Gregor Howie. •Photo of the Foundation Stone of the Gardiner Congregational Church in Malvern Road Glen Iris. Thanks to Greg Eccleston who helped identify it. The original church building, which had been converted to a home C1970, has just been demolished. •Cutting from The Sun News-Pictorial Sat 23 June 1934 donated by Geoff Pryor. The caption notes that 24 peppercorn trees, which lined a driveway in Valentine Grove, Armadale, had been cut down. It also calls the house, pictured in the image, John Gardiner's cottage. It is now known that John Gardiner's cottage was on the Scotch College hill in Hawthorn. •Information relating to St Paul's, Dandenong Road, Caulfield, donated by Margaret Dunbar (Glen Eira Historical Society). • eBay items were purchased on behalf of the MHS by Di Foster. These included a Toorak Bowling Club 1913 badge, an Australian WW1 Appreciation Certificate issued by Malvern Council for Jesse Wright, a 1952 Toorak Teachers College Glenberrie School Year Book and a WW2 Australia Malvern Light Horse Show Dog Gymkhana Badge (ARP Tooronga Oval November 1942).

Members of the Malvern Historical Society were saddened to learn of the death of both Ruth Walsh and David Gunter, valued members of the Society. Our thoughts are with their families 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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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.

OTHER STONNINGTON HISTORY CONTACTS

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