

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

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Open House 29 -30 July 2017

Open House run an annual program of talks, tours, workshops and interviews that explore issues, challenges and success stories of Melbourne's built environment, see <http://www.openhousemelbourne.org/buildings>

At the heart of their program is the Open House Weekend, where people visit significant buildings and sites across the city to learn about how the built environment and urban planning issues influence our culture and shape our future.

Within the City of Stonnington you will be able to visit Como, Duldig Studio, Firestation Print Studio, Malvern Town Hall, Mandeville, Northbrook (home of the Stonnington History Centre) and former Northbrook stables (home of Stonnington Brass), Prahran Mechanics Institute, Prahran Town Hall, Stonnington Depot and Umina (Country Women's Association).

Umina (CWA) 3 Lansell Road, Toorak (Undated)
Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 2482



Malvern Municipal Band 1993
Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 57167



Visit to St Paul's Dandenong Road Caulfield North

Wednesday 9 August 2 pm

Join members of the Society for our visit to St Paul's Anglican Church, 530 Dandenong Road, Caulfield North. The first church, opened in 1904, directly opposite the southern end of Glenferrie Road Malvern. In 1910 it became known as the Parish of St Paul's, Malvern and Caulfield. Today it has grown into a parish with a unique worship style.

RSVP Lorraine 9885 9082.



The Rialto East Malvern area walk - 23 August 10am

Join members of the Society for a walk around the area just north of Waverley Road Malvern East. Find out about the people and places of historical interest and learn how this part of Stonnington developed.

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082 Members: Gold coin. Non members: \$5 All welcome!

Malvern Historical Society Inc - Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Malvern Historical Society Inc was held on 15 May 2017. At the meeting Lorraine Sage was re-elected President. Also re-elected were Jane Nigro - Vice President, John Isbel - Treasurer, Pat Brincat - Minute Secretary, and Committee Members – Marisa Costa, Francesca Di Mattina, Gilah Leder, Neil Shepherd and Graham Thurston. We were very pleased to welcome Ann Ahin, a new Committee member.

The thanks of the Society was expressed to the following for their assistance and help during the past year - Jim Cranage, Cranage Partners, Chartered Accounts, 31 Station Street, Malvern, for reviewing our financial books for 2016, Linda Tassone of Jeffreys Books, Glenferrie Road, Malvern, for selling our various publications, Ron Polak and the staff of MBE. - Glenferrie Road, Malvern, for undertaking all our printing requirements, the City of Stonnington for their financial assistance during the year, and Ellen Porter, Simone Sharpe and Janet Buick from the Stonnington History Centre for their endless assistance and the help they so graciously give when answering the Malvern Historical Society's questions. Mr. Michael O'Brien, MP was thanked for publicising our various events during the year on his Community Notice Board. After the formal part of the evening everyone enjoyed a very informative, illustrated and educational presentation by our guest speaker Sandra Pullman. Sandra spoke about the life and work of horticulturalist Ina Higgins.

Lorraine Sage President 9885 9082

214 Wattletree Road, Malvern

The house at 214 Wattletree Road was built in 1914 for John Hines, who with his wife Flora (nee McDonald of Marnoo Vic), lived in Tooronga Road. Hines also farmed at Wallaloo, north of Stawell.

John was one of nine children (three girls and six boys), whose parents, Samuel and Rosa (nee Chinery), arrived in Victoria as teenagers around 1853. Rosa's father owned 'Nedging Hall' in Kersey, Ipswich, England. Rosa became pregnant to the Chinery's farm hand, Samuel Hines, who was from Suffolk. Although the custom was to place an unwed mother in to the poor-house, Rosa's father allowed the couple to marry and paid for their fare to Victoria. Samuel and Rosa first went to Clunes, where with their sons, they established a carting business. The family members took up selections of land in the Marnoo district around 1874, with son John selecting land at Wallaloo, near Marnoo.

John Hines and his wife Flora had one child, Rosa Chinery Hines. Rosa married Alexander McPherson, a farmer of Mitchell's Hill, close to Marnoo. The property at Wattletree Road was passed from John and Flora to their daughter Rosa. Rosa and her husband Alexander (Alick) McPherson occupied the house from 1948 to 1974. Upon Rosa's death the property remained with her husband. As Alick and Rosa had no surviving children the property was inherited by Alick's orphaned, dependent niece Ida (nee McPherson) and her husband Denis Dowty. The house has never been sold and remains in the extended Hines/Dowty family.



214 Wattletree Road Malvern 2017

Dandenong Road Armadale 1911

Con R. Dodman wrote on the reverse side of the first photo 'All of these fine big trees are taken down and Sharp the Timber Merchant has bought them. The councils are making a roadway each side and the tram lines will come down the centre of rockwork and lawn. So it will not look too bad when it is finished. Travellers say when it is finished it will make it one of the finest roads in the state'.



Dandenong Road Armadale 1911
Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 60713



Dandenong Road looking West 1911
Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 9129

Malvern Harriers Athletic Club's 125th Anniversary exhibition

The Malvern Harriers Athletic Club was established in 1892 after several members of the Malvern Gymnastic and Athletics Club enjoyed a run together after gym practice. It is one of Australia's oldest athletic clubs. This initial run soon evolved into organised cross country and hares & hound events throughout the local area. In 1994 Malvern Harriers amalgamated with the Malvern Glen Iris Women's Athletic Club, which had formed in the 1920s. To celebrate this milestone, Malvern is hosting a 125 year Retrospective Exhibition showcasing photos, news articles, trophies, uniforms and other memorabilia from 1892 – 2017. Please join them in this celebration at the exhibition launch 2 pm, 26 August at the Northbrook Pop-up Gallery, 1257 High Street Malvern (at the rear of the Stonnington History Centre, behind Malvern Library).

Additional exhibition openings include: Sun 27 Aug 12 – 4 pm, Sat 2 Sept 11 am – 4 pm and Sun 3 Sept 11 am – 4 pm.

RSVP: enquiries@malvernharriers.com.au by 22 August, 2017

Malvern Harriers Athletic Club c1920
Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 2329



Malvern - A 'Caring Suburb' in Johannesburg South Africa



Malvern is one of Johannesburg's oldest suburbs, dating back to 1889. The suburb was closely linked to the Jumpers Mine across the railway line in neighbouring Cleveland. The early miners were from Cornwall. In the early days the suburb was known as Morrystown, named after law agent Hyman Morris. In 1904 its name changed to Malvern. It is believed to be named after Malvern in England, the health spa with rolling green hills. The association was made because the ridges of Malvern offered a pleasant respite from the bustling, dusty gold-rush town of Johannesburg.

Meanwhile in June 1901 in Malvern Australia, Malvern Councillor Donald Munro, was given three months leave of absence to visit South Africa. Munro travelled to South Africa where it appears he established business links, but within a few months he returned to Malvern, Australia. Newspaper reports said he enlisted and served in the War, but there is no War record of that happening. The Boer War ended in May 1902.

Munro returned to South Africa with his wife and three young children and settled in Johannesburg. Donald and Catherine died in Johannesburg, Donald in 1946 and Catherine in 1934. The question remains - was there any link between Donald Munro from Malvern in Melbourne and the naming of Malvern in Johannesburg?

In Johannesburg, Malvern is five kilometres east of the city centre and has its own slogan 'The village suburb for families where neighbours are side-by-side friends'. The residents believe this is partly a consequence of low wire fences and gates, a feature long gone from other suburbs in Johannesburg.

The suburb is dominated by Jules Street, a wide, busy street, with honking taxis looking for customers all the way into town. Jules Street is believed to be the longest, straightest street in Johannesburg. The houses in the suburb are generally small two or three-bedroomed homes on small properties, with distinctive turn-of-the-century features including cosy verandas, strip wood floors, pressed steel ceilings, and low picket fences.

<http://www.joburg.org.za/index.php>

Photo reproduced from City of Johannesburg website (www.joburg.org.za). Article "The caring suburb of Malvern" - https://joburg.org.za/index.php?option=com_content&id=914&Itemid=0 (viewed 20/07/2017)

Donald Munro, Northbrook 1255 High Street Malvern

Northbrook, now the home of the Stonnington History Centre, is a Victorian Italianate villa. It was built in 1888-89 to the design of architect Charles D'Ebro, who was also responsible for *Stonnington*, Prahran Town Hall and Prahran Market. *Northbrook* was built for auctioneer Donald Munro, on 2.5 acres (1 hectare) of land facing High Street. Munro, the son of James Munro, Premier of Victoria, was a partner with W L Baillieu in a successful auctioneering business, until he was financially ruined by the economic crash of the 1890s. He never lived in his new home. In 1890 he was elected to Malvern Council and he became Shire President in 1895.



Northbrook, High Street Malvern 1929
Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 5028

Another Melbourne - South African Link

The Hawthorn Historical Society recently featured Albert Isaacs' article 'Hawthorn in Cape Town'. While researching his family's history Albert was sent a photocopy of a page from the Cape Town and Peninsula Street Map, the local street directory, showing the streets in the southern Cape Town suburb of Crawford.

The streets in Crawford include Glenferrie Road, Riversdale Road, Taronga Road, Burwood Road, Camberwell Road, Clive Road, Burnley Road and Church Street. Interestingly, Glenferrie Road and Burwood Road intersect! Also close by are St Kilda Road, Melbourne Road and Perth Road.

www.hawthornhistoricalsociety.com.au

Samuel Hattam

In response to the article on Samuel Hattam in the May newsletter, members of the family have been in touch and we can add that after Samuel Hattam's wife Amelia Albertina died, on July 6th 1936, Samuel married again. He married Jessie Doreen Scott at the Cheltenham Church of Christ on 12 March 1941. They had one child, Samlyn Joy, born 6 January 1943. After Samuel's death on 25 March 1946, Samlyn and her mother moved from Finch Street to a house in Grace Street that Samuel had purchased in August 1942. Samlyn married Duncan Alan Crockett at the Malvern-Caulfield Church of Christ on 27 March 1965. They had two sons who were raised in the Grace Street home. The house has just been sold after being owned by the one family for almost 75 years.

Thanks also to Bernard Bolch who provided additional Hattam links including:

http://www.hattam.co.uk/bmd_vic.html

Stonnington Indigenous Marker No 3 Helen Baillie



Pro-Indigenous activist, Helen Baillie, opened her house in Punt Road as a hostel to Aboriginal people from the 1930s until the late 1950s. A ‘Christian Communist’, according to her ASIO file, Helen acknowledged Aboriginal people as the original inhabitants of our land and argued that settler Australians had a duty towards them. She travelled widely to learn more about Aboriginal matters. In 1932, she formed the Victorian Aboriginal Fellowship Group, an association for Christians interested in Aboriginal welfare. She was a life member of the Australian Aborigines’ League, formed in 1936 to secure equal rights for Aboriginal people and she liaised with the Association for the Protection of Native Races in Sydney and the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society in London. An associate recalled that Helen was ‘driven by a feeling of guilt that her ancestors had taken the land’. After 1951, Helen became a member of additional activist groups including the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and the Council for Aboriginal Rights.

Elder Jim Berg was a boarder at Helen Baillie’s home during the 1950s. He described Baillie as ‘a giver’... she gave what she had to everybody who came looking for assistance; she gave them a roof over their head or money. Elder Henry (Banjo) Clarke also lived at Helen Baillie’s home. He came with his family from Framlingham Aboriginal mission, near Warrnambool during the depression to look for work. When Helen Baillie died in 1970, Banjo Clarke asked for a memorial to be built to remember all the good she had done. He recalled his impression of Baillie: She could be strict with the blackfellahs living with her too. She would remind everyone of their Aboriginal principles and duties to each other, and once, when one of the blackfellahs was in hospital, she made all the blackfellahs that was staying with her go and sit on the lawn outside the hospital, the Aboriginal way, so that the sick person could feel their spirit. Miss Baillie did more than anyone I knew of at that time for Aboriginal people, never stopping to think about herself. And yet she has been so much forgotten. www.stonnington.vic.gov.au

News from the RHSV

The Genealogical Society of Victoria has recently relocated to smaller premises and has donated the bulk of its library collection to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria. The collection of 480 large crates of books and periodicals was delivered, together with shelving, to the RHSV in late March. This created problems in terms of storage space but fortunately a large basement area known as ‘The Armoury’ on the VCO side of the Drill Hall became available. This secure room was used to store weapons in earlier times. It has now been converted into a library ‘stack’ area.

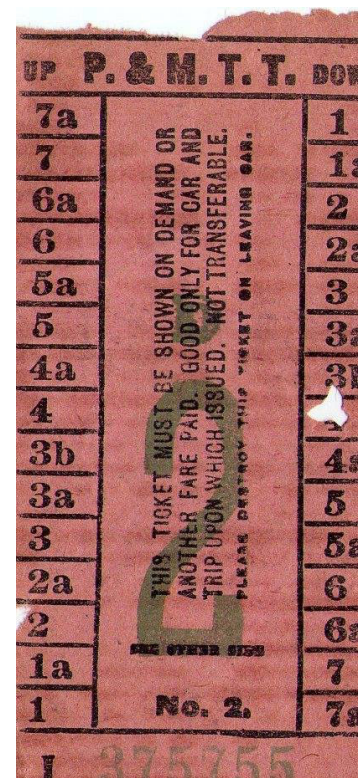
The RHSV’s next exhibition ‘Standing on the Corner’ will be on display between July and December. Melbourne’s Hoddle Grid created a city of corners and intersections. The exhibition illustrates how Melbourne’s corners have been used across 110 years. The RHSV is now open on Saturdays from 10am - 4pm. Visit the exhibitions, use the library and manuscript collections and visit the book shop. The images collection will not be accessible at the weekend.

RHSV 239 A’Beckett Street, Melbourne, 3000

Facebook Fun!

Who would have thought that a photo of a tram ticket would bring back so many memories! It’s from the days when we had a conductor clipping your ticket...he’d walk up and down the tram selling tickets. ‘I can even remember the smell’. ‘My Nanna used to save all the used tickets and we played with them as well as cotton reels when we visited my grandparents. She had hundreds’, ‘I also remember it was a big treat as a child when the conductor would give you the little ticket stub when he had finished one of the packs of tickets!’, ‘Funny thing is that I have saved a quantity of the cardboard ones that had to be inserted into a machine that stamped the date on. You have reminded me that I should find them for my grandchildren’, ‘And my Dad had an old saying when us kids were cheeky.....I’ll smack your bum with a tram ticket..and I now say this to my Grand babies, only I had to explain what a tram ticket was.....Argh the good O’l days!’, ‘More reliable than Myki’, ‘One conductor on the No 69 tram along Glenferrie Road used to entertain the school kids by spinning his cap!’ ‘I worked with an ex-conductor and he loved the job, entertaining his passengers with his quirky wit. He was one of the last ones. A lost era’.

Nikki Cooper



East Malvern Motorcycle Club

Wes Brown made contact with the Malvern Historical Society in response to the Society's Facebook post regarding the East Malvern Motorcycle Club. Many of you will know Wes due to his long association with the Malvern Municipal Band and Stonnington Brass. Wes's playing days started with the cornet in 1933, when he joined the Carnegie School Band. This continued with the Army band in the 1940s. Wes's motorcycle days began, just prior to being discharged from the Army in 1945, when they were selling off surplus motorcycles. The addition of a side-car to his new bike meant that Wes could take the family to the various race meetings. This led to a long association with Hartwell Motorcycle Club. Wes recalls the East Malvern Motor Club meeting at Jordanville near the corner of Waverley and Huntingdale Roads. The Club initially acquired its name around 1939 when the inaugural members lived in East Malvern. The EMMCC celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2014.

Among numerous awards, Wes Brown was made a Stonnington Citizen of the Year in 2004 and a Legend of the Australian Motor Cycling Club in 2015.

Di Foster 2017

Event No. 12. 2nd. Division.
SIDE CAR SCRATCH.

No.	Name	Machine	Club
9	B. Mack	B.S.A.	East Malvern
63	L. CIANCIARULO	Norton	Harley
69	G. Murphy	Norton	St. Kilda
77	N. Doderil	Triumph	Hartwell
78	H. Musieka	Levis	Ivanhoe
98	A. Trounson	Harley	Hartwell

1..... 2.....
3rd..... Time.....

Event No. 16
ALL POWERS "A" GRADE.

3	J. Donovan	Velo	Ballarat
10	G. Rumble	B.S.A.	East Malvern
11	R. Peters	Ariel	A.J.S.
16	M. Cooper	B.S.A.	Box Hill
21	G. Blythe	A.J.S.	St. Kilda
35	L. STEVENSON	Velocette	Dandenong
36	D. Smith	Panther	St. Kilda
52	S. Cooper	B.S.A.	Box Hill
60	R. Jones	A.J.S.	St. Kilda
63	A. Johnstone	Velo	Hartwell
79	C. Heaton	Ariel	St. Kilda
99	K. Rumble	Triumph	East Malvern

1st..... 2nd.....
3..... Time.....

Open Speed Scramble, East Malvern MCC 13 August 1950

Embassy, Metro, Dendy Theatre, Glenferrie Road Malvern

The Embassy Theatre opened on the south west corner of Glenferrie Road and Stanhope Street Malvern in 1935. It was named the Metro Malvern cinema from 1953 until 1970, the Dendy from 1971 until 1981. It was again known as the Metro from 1982 until 1986, when the theatre closed and the building was demolished.

Recently we were asked whether we had any information on the theatre from the late 1930's when Vincent Nailon was the projectionist.



Embassy Theatre, corner Glenferrie Road and Stanhope Street 1948. Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 6596



Glenferrie Road Malvern c1950
Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 4507

Constable Humphrey

The Stonnington community look forward to meeting the newest member of the Prahran Licensing Unit!



Waterloo Cottage and Melbourne High School

Drawings of Waterloo Cottage in South Yarra, circa 1920, bring attention to the fact that Melbourne High School now stands on that site. Melbourne High School commenced in 1905 in Spring Street on a site now occupied by the Royal Australasia College of Surgeons. It was coeducational then, but in 1927 with the old building falling down, the boys were given the brand new building in South Yarra while the girls languished first in the old school, and then at Government House (there was no Governor in those depression years), until thanks to the generosity of Sir McPherson Robertson, a new school was built – MacRobertson Girls High School. The boys school was built on part of Lot 6 of the 1840 land sales, the first in the Prahran area. Lieutenant Charles Forrest bought his seventeen acres for £29 an acre. Forrest, a soldier, was commissioned in 1827, attended the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and served with the 35th Royal Sussex Regiment in Mauritius. In 1839 he resigned to settle in New South Wales. After buying the land in Prahran in the Port Phillip District he resolved to move there. He bought five cows for his land, and in July 1840 set the foundations of a cottage on his site that he described as ‘on the river Yarra, south side, 2 miles from Melbourne’.



**Forrest Hill and cutting, South Yarra 1896
(copy of watercolour sketch).
Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 2353**

Two ticket-of-leave men from Tasmania built the cottage, probably the first house in Prahran, which the Forrests lived in and called Waterloo Cottage. His father had served at the Battle of Waterloo. In 1843 Forrest moved to a larger brick house that he had built at the other end of his property on what is now the corner of Chapel Street and Toorak Road. The bricks were made from the famous clay of the area that later gave rise to a number of brickworks in Chapel Street.

The area was very wet and swampy. The Yarra overflowed often, and a stream rising from near Dandenong Road and Kooyong Road flowed diagonally across Toorak Road and Chapel Street before flowing into a large swamp. This area is now the school oval. Water from the other side emptied from Darling Street and Yarra Street on to the flat swamp below, ‘making a bog where the MHS sports ground is now located’.



Waterloo Cottage c1925

Stonnington History Centre - Reg no 2351

With Forrest the pioneer settler in his cottage on top of the hill, the area soon became known as Forrest Hill. The north side was quarried to make way for Alexandra Avenue, and on the south side the brickworks used the valuable clay.

The Government bought the Forrest Hill land for £12000 in order to construct a boulevard. The left-over land they planned to subdivide and sell. A tussle developed between the State Government and the Prahran Council, which wanted to convert the government land on Forrest Hill into a park and recreation area.

However, the move to build new state high schools in the metropolitan area made the various municipalities very keen to attract a high school to their area, it would be prestigious as well as serving the needs of young people. Prahran Council was at the forefront of the bids to attract a high school. Prahran won the day and the attractive new building a ‘castle on the hill’ was built and occupied from 1927 when the boys marched there from Spring Street.

The four Houses at Melbourne High School commemorate these beginnings, they are: Waterloo, Forrest, Como and Yarra.

Alan Gregory 2017

The Colliers and the Conniberes

For some 70 years, two great mansions stood side by side in Irving Road, *Southdean* and *Werndew*, and for some thirty years three aging bachelors lived in one, while three aging spinsters lived in the other. *Southdean* was a two-storey brick mansion with 16 rooms, built in 1873 on 4½ acres. It passed through various owners and eventually George Connibere bought it. Connibere came from Devon and established a successful drapery business. He settled in St Kilda where he became a councillor and Mayor. He and his wife, Emma, had four children, Charles Wellington, (b. 1864) Emma Eliza (b. 1865) Ernest William (b.1867) and Frederick George (b. 1868). Emma died quite young, in 1886. About 1909 George bought *Southdean*, where the whole family lived out their lives. When he died in 1945, the house passed to his brother,



Southdean c1965 (SLV)

<http://handle.slv.vic.gov.au/10381/234428>

Ernest W. R. Connibere. From Ernest, the house passed to George's children. George was always a very generous philanthropist and his children followed his example.

In 1889, the three brothers had established the soft furnishing business, Connibere, Grieve and Connibere, in Flinders Lane. About 1920, they sold the firm to Sargood's and invested very successfully in city property. They were shrewd businessmen who always worked in harmony both in business and charity. Together with Emma, they lived quiet, abstemious lives, 'model bachelors, reserved, correct to the point of austerity'. The siblings donated generously to hospitals and religious and abstinence causes. They built the nursing homes of the Royal Melbourne and St Andrew's hospitals, and in 1939 at the height of a polio epidemic, wards at the Orthopaedic Hospital at Mount Eliza. Eliza and her brothers paid for the YWCA building, they donated a maternity wing at the Women's Hospital and supported the YMCA, the Eye and Ear Hospital, the Prohibition League, the Melbourne City Mission and similar charities. Emma died in 1936, Charles in 1941 and George in 1945. Each left their estates to the remaining siblings until Ernest was left alone in *Southdean*. In 1949 he sold the house for £25,000 and moved into a smaller house nearby. The furniture and contents were auctioned over two days. The 24-page auction catalogue was sold for 2/-, with the proceeds going to the Red Cross. The proceeds of the sale of *Southdean* went into a charitable trust which still exists. The house was bought by Mr Roche and the land was subdivided to form Cole Court. In 1992 *Southdean* was demolished.

Next door to the three old Connibere bachelors lived three old Collier spinsters in *Werndew*. *Werndew* was built in 1888 for Jenkin Collier. It was an impressive 2-storey home with 20 rooms and a central dome. There was a ballroom in the basement and speaking tubes to the main rooms.

Jenkin Collier came from Wales in 1852 and became a building contractor, first in Melbourne and then in country districts. He married Alice Elizabeth Brown and they had a son, Herbert and three daughters, Alice, Annette and Enid. In 1863 he began cutting sleepers with a mill at the Goulburn junction. Then he and his partners built the last 85 km of the Melbourne-Echuca line for £300,000. He went on to build the Deniliquin-Moama railway. He acquired substantial pastoral properties in Queensland and New South Wales. Collier was a director of several Melbourne companies including the Melbourne Hydraulic Power Co. and the City of Melbourne Bank. After the crash of the 1890s, the directors of the bank were charged with issuing false balance sheets but Collier was exonerated. Mrs Collier died in 1920 and Jenkin died the following year, leaving his fortune to his children.

None of the children had married. Herbert was educated at Melbourne Grammar School and became a pastoralist in Queensland where he died three years later. The three sisters lived on in the mansion. In their youth they had been typical gay nineties belles, but in old age they led a quiet life. They shunned publicity, donated generously but anonymously to charity to support the disadvantaged. They had an office in Collins Street where they employed a secretary and they went to the city every week for a meeting in the office. They sometimes took the tram to Prahran Market to buy supplies.

They entertained their friends but weren't seen by their neighbours. Annette died in 1947 aged 82, leaving her share of the fortune to her sisters. When Alice became infirm, she moved into a nursing home but Edith continued to live in the house with a small staff. Alice died in 1950 leaving her fortune to Edith. Edith died in February 1954 leaving everything to charity.

The house had to be cleaned and cleared for sale. The cleaners were very thorough. On top of a wardrobe they found a bag of sovereigns. They found a large wad of notes in old socks stuffed into a lounge chair and a jewel case filled with jewellery in a mattress. There was a safe without key, perhaps left from their father. It was opened by a locksmith. It contained a hoard of sovereigns. The cellar was stocked with vintage wines, apparently untouched by the sisters.



Werndew 1910 (SLV) http://search.slv.vic.gov.au/MAIN:Everything:SLV_VOYAGER2180084

When the house was opened for inspection prior to the auction, thousands came for a sticky-beak and to spy out the contents. Fashionably dressed women armed with secateurs, trampled the garden taking cuttings. Thousands attended the auction of the contents. The press of people looking for bargain Dresden china and antiques was so great that at one stage the auctioneer had to climb in the window of one room. The house was finally sold and promptly demolished to form Cleve Court and the land subdivided. The Collier Charitable Fund still operates today under guidelines laid down by the sisters. Each year the Trustees of the Fund made grants from the Fund's income to worthwhile organisations and projects in Australia. The total of the grants made to date exceeds \$92 million.

Diane Nicholas, 2017

Field Naturalists Club of Victoria

The Field Naturalists Club of Victoria (FNCV) is the oldest organisation of its kind in Australia. Their book, *Understanding our natural world: the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria 1880–2015* Gary Presland, Field Naturalists Club of Victoria: Blackburn, 2016 is the first detailed history of the Club. This environmental study group has had a significant impact in the fields of conservation, nature preservation and the study of natural history in Victoria. In tracing the story of the FNCV, the book also charts the major shifts in the preservation and conservation of the natural environments of Victoria over the past 135 years.

<http://www.fncv.org.au>

New members

We would like to welcome our latest new members Trevor Lockett and Gillian Ednie, Meredith Di Mattina, and Carol and David Jenkins.

Taking Local History to the Community

Thanks to Pat, Lorraine and Jane, our recent walk leaders for sharing their local knowledge on the Allenby and Wilton Vale area Malvern East walk. We enjoyed a very successful visit to the Firestation Print Studio. Thanks Edith and John for providing us with so many interesting facts about the history of the old Malvern Fire Station building and for showing us examples of so many different printing techniques. After both of these events members and visitors enjoyed getting together at a local coffee shop. The Conference Room at the Phoenix Park Community Centre in Malvern East proved to be an excellent venue for our AGM. Lots of space, lots of walls for display and an ideal area for sharing our delicious supper! Thanks Bob, from Stonnington Council for all your help at the venue on the night.

The Society was represented at the recent RHSV Seminar at Kilmore. Also, thank you to Christine Worthington, RHSV Collections Manager and Volunteer Coordinator, for offering microfiche parish maps to the Stonnington History Centre.

Pat and Di have been the guest speakers, on behalf of the Society, at a range of recent events. Both have certainly been informing and intriguing audiences.

Unusual ring in Paxton Street

One local resident has discovered this ring on the side of her house. Perhaps it is a ring for tethering a horse.



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/Discover/History

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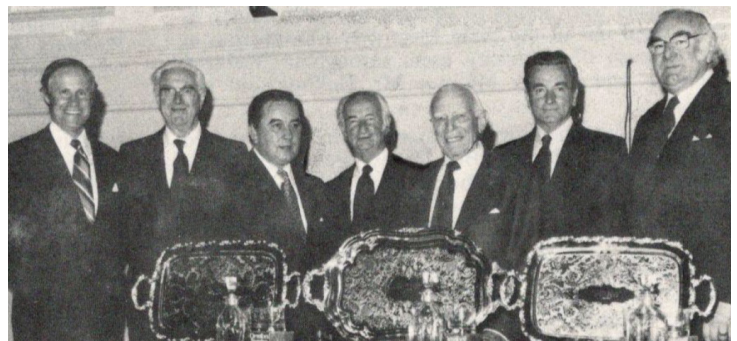
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Additions to the Stonnington History Centre Collection

Lois Comeadow has recently donated research notes relating to local Malvern resident Flight Lieutenant George Hendy. Anita and Nicholas Fothergill shared their family album, relating to Ina Higgins, with members at the AGM. Of particular interest was an early photo of Sacre Coeur, Burke Road Glen Iris showing the main convent building. The Society recently purchased a copy of *A Matter of Honour: Being the Service History of the 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles in the Boer War* Editor and Publisher Robin Droogleever 2017. This valuable biographical resource records the lives of over 1000 men who served in the 5th Victorian Mounted Rifles contingent.

Thankyou to Helen Harris, Box Hill Historical Society, who discovered an article in the Australian Municipal Journal February 1979. The article 'Long serving councillors recognised at Malvern' relates to the retirement of three councillors with over 80 years of service between them. Cr Tom King served as a councillor for 45 years, Cr Ernie Johnson 19 years, and Cr Colin Cameron 18 years. In November 2016 another long serving councillor, former Mayor Claude Ullin (AM), retired from local government after 25 years serving as a member of both the Stonnington Council and the former Malvern Council.



Farewell function for long serving Councillors 1979.

From left: Peter Birrell, Town Clerk, Ian McLaren, OBE, Hon Alan Hunt, Cr Julius Pollack, Ex Crs Tom King, Ern Johnson and Col Cameron.

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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 and a member of the South Metro History Group.

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Malvern Historical Society Inc P O Box 184, Malvern Victoria 3144

Date:

I would like to

- Join the Malvern Historical Society
- Purchase Malvern Historical Society membership as a gift
- Renew Malvern Historical Society membership

Annual Membership Options

- Individual \$13
- Full time student \$9
- Family \$20

Donation \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Member information

Name/s _____
Address _____
Suburb _____ Postcode _____
Phone _____ Mobile _____
Email (please print) _____ Signature _____

- Yes I'd prefer to receive the newsletter by email only.

Is this membership a gift? Yes No (please circle)

Name of recipient _____ Name of giver _____

Payment options

- Paying by Direct Transfer
Commonwealth Bank BSB No: 063187 Account No: 10104883 Account Name - Malvern Historical Society
*** Please make sure the message/reference box states your name and what the payment is for.
***We would appreciate the return of your completed form by mail or by email.

- Paying by Cheque
Please make the cheque payable to the Malvern Historical Society Inc. Kindly forward your cheque and completed form to the Malvern Historical Society.

- Paying by Cash

I would like to assist with:

- Committee and administration
- Newsletter
- Walks
- Talks
- Afternoon teas & suppers

Find out more:

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