

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

Malvern Historical Society Inc.

Keeping Stonnington's History Alive!

March 2018 - Newsletter No. 72

Sunday 25 March Pets in the Park - Central Park Malvern East 11am - 4pm

Can you help - especially between 11 am and 2 pm? Members of the Malvern Historical Society Committee are busy planning our stall at the City of Stonnington's Pets in the Park in Central Park, Burke Road, Malvern East. We hope you can join us. You'll be able to help us share our local history books and brochures, and get the chance to talk to a wide range of people and to hear the local history stories. If you can help for an hour or two sharing Stonnington's local history just give Lorraine a call: 9885 9082



Burke Road Malvern East c1940
Stonnington History Collection MP4504

14 April Local History Walk Clarence Street Malvern East

Saturday 14 April 9.30 am

Join members of the Malvern Historical Society for our walk along Clarence, Chanak, John, Boardman, and Findon Streets Malvern East. This area had strong links to the local horse racing industry.

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082 Members: Gold coin. non members: \$5

Malvern Dairy, 39 Clarence Street, Malvern East 1933
Stonnington History Collection MP 7996



OUR MODEL DAIRY

18 April Visit to the East Malvern RSL

Wednesday 18 April 10.30am

Join members for a visit to the East Malvern RSL, Stanley Grose Drive, Malvern East (close to the corner of Winton Road). The first official meeting of the East Malvern RSL Sub-Branch was held on May 23rd 1933 in a great barn loft at the rear of a house in Darling Road.

Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082



East Malvern Returned Soldiers' League 1977
Stonnington History Collection MP14676

8 May Guided tour of Holy Eucharist Church Malvern East

Tuesday 8 May 10am

Join members for a tour of Holy Eucharist, 1241 Dandenong Road Malvern East (corner of Sutherland Street). Holy Eucharist, designed by architects Alan Robertson & Associates, was opened in 1962. The red brick former church building dates from 1929. Bookings: Lorraine 9885 9082

Holy Eucharist, Dandenong Road Malvern East
(M.Costa 2018)



16 May Malvern Historical Society - Annual General Meeting

Guest speaker: Graeme Ryan, Golf Society of Australia. The history of golf courses in Malvern.

Wednesday 16 May 7.30pm.

Join members of the Society for the Malvern Historical Society Annual General Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Graeme Ryan, President, Golf Society of Australia. The Golf Society records the history of golf throughout Australia. Did you know that in the 1920s the Van Cooth family had a private 9 hole golf course on four acres of land surrounding their Wattle tree Road Malvern East mansion. RSVP required: Lorraine 9885 9082



Dimoia, Wattle tree Road, Malvern East c1920
Stonnington History Collection MP2304

A special thank you to retiring Treasurer John Isbel

John Isbel has been our Treasurer for the last two and a half years but due to some health issues it has been necessary for him to resign. John has been a most efficient and competent Treasurer. He has a good knowledge of the activities of the Society and this has been greatly appreciated. We thank John for his contribution to the life of the Society and wish him well in the days to come. We are pleased to welcome Ann Ahin as our new Treasurer and we look forward to working with her.

Lorraine Sage, President

Facebook Fun! Sharing the memories of Malvern's trams

'Goodness, it was hot in the summer! We had an 'Aunty Gloria' who was a ticket seller on the No. 5 tram. Lovely old trams... going to work on the No 5 into the city... wow that's over 40 years ago! All that beautiful wood! Took the number 8 to school. Not built for comfort but the iconic conductors made up for that! Beautiful timber...I love these old trams. Oh the memories!!!

Depending on how long the trip was or how the weather was, "will I sit inside or outside today?" I'm so glad I lived through that era, I used to travel up by tram to Glenferrie Road from Tooronga Road after walking down from Malvern Girls High School. My mum worked for a real estate agent there even though we lived in Mt Waverley. We lived in Malvern for a short time after coming back home from a trip to England. Hanging on the running boards with our school bags and the ridged floors that let the rain run out. Then there were the canvas blinds if it got really wet! Beautiful things! Lots to love about those wonderful carefree days and nobody whining - it was hot and it was cold but we just went along with it. No 64 Tram from East Brighton to Melbourne Uni. Very relaxing way to do it and never boring. Happy memories with me mum. Wonderful connies.

I remember all the workers smoking, so cold in winter and so hot in summer your bare legs would stick to the seats! They weren't that nice when I used to take them to school in the 60s and 70s Used to slide the door across on cold days, kept it quite warm inside. I don't remember them looking that nice. Used them to get to and from school, to swimming lessons on Saturday morning and netball on Saturday afternoons. My memories are trams being over crowded and always standing for the adults. Those bossy tram conductors.'

We're very happy to say we are now being followed by over 1700 on Facebook!

Nikki Cooper

Bendigo Tramways - Tram No 7



Image: Courtesy Kathie Knight, Bendigo Heritage Attractions 2018

Bendigo Tramways Heritage Rail Workshop is located at the Bendigo Tramways Depot, the oldest operating Tram Depot in Australia. Bendigo Tramways have run a successful crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to restore Tram No 7. Apparently the tram is now 102 years' old.

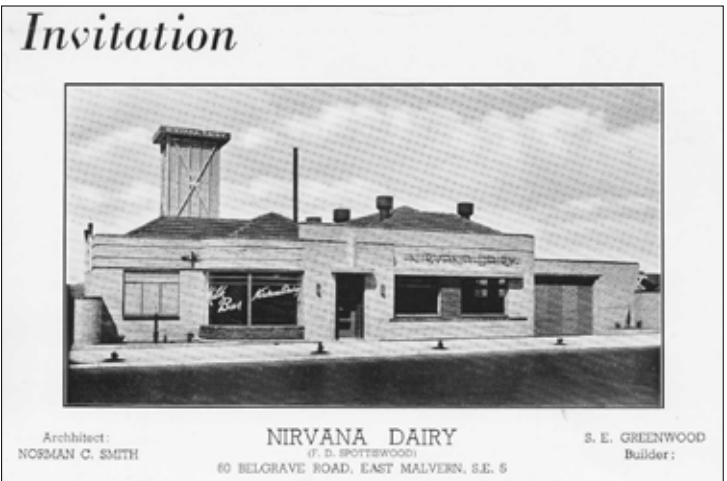
www.bendigotramways.com.

www.bendigoheritage.com.au/

Nirvana Dairy and Dairy Bell, Belgrave Road Malvern East

Nirvana Dairy was opened for business on 25 October 1938. The Dairy at 60 Belgrave Road was owned and operated by F. D. Spottiswood. After Mr Spottiswood the dairy was owned by Richard Cappey and then sold to Victorian Dairies Ltd in the 1950s.

The dairy was purchased by Ball & Wayne in 1970 and let to Dairy Bell P/L in 1971. Dairy Bell purchased the property in 1973. Victorian Dairies Ltd still owned the adjacent buildings in Belgrave Road for some time.



Nirvana Dairy, 60 Belgrave Road Malvern East 1938
Stonnington History Centre MP7724

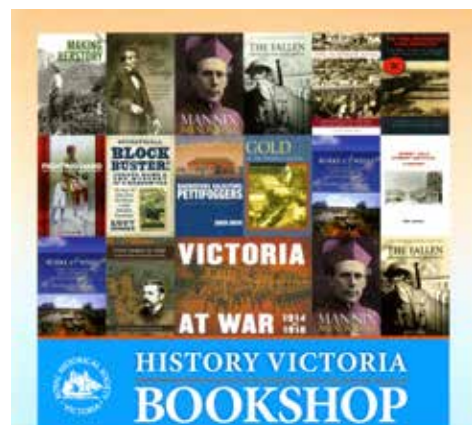
Dairy Bell Ice Cream Pty Ltd was established by Andre Razums and John Stanford in 1970. The company took over the Spottiswoods' East Malvern business, Nirvana Dairy, in the mid 1970s.

Today, Dairy Bell's products include a range of Kosher and Halal certified products and they also service specialty groups with products such as a Polyunsaturated No Added Sugar line for the diabetic and kilojoule conscious customer. In March 2015 Bon Appetit Australia acquired the Business and Trade Name. Dairy Bell still has a Malvern East outlet, 89 Chadstone Road Malvern East.

History Victoria Bookshop

The Royal Historical Society, History Victoria Bookshop is the leading bookshop specialising in histories about Victoria. You can browse through the books at the RHSV, 239 A'Beckett Street Melbourne or visit the online catalogue.

www.historyvictoria.org.au/shop



News from the Stonnington History Centre

The Malvern Historical Society would like to wish Ellen Porter, Stonnington History Centre's Team Leader, a very happy retirement. Ellen started working for Stonnington in February 2006. Initially she worked at both Malvern Archives (at *Northbrook*, with Di Foster) and Prahran Archives (in the RSL Hall in High Street, Prahran, with David Tuck), as well as in the libraries. Ellen helped with the merger and relocation of the two archives, which saw the formation of the Stonnington History Centre at *Northbrook*, 1257 High Street, Malvern, in 2008. Since being promoted to Team Leader in early 2015, Ellen has steered the History Centre in a new direction, with a new exhibition program, expanded public facilities, and a new cataloguing system. She has made many friends among customers and staff during her twelve years with Stonnington, and we all will miss her warmth, wit and wisdom.



**Di Foster and Ellen Porter
November 2016**

The Malvern Historical Society members thank Ellen for everything she has contributed towards the on-going success of the Stonnington History Centre and all the support she has given the Malvern Historical Society. We have all enjoyed working closely with her. Her commitment and enthusiasm has seen the Stonnington History Centre develop into a state-of-the-art archive. We wish Ellen a happy retirement enjoying time with her family and especially her time exploring rural Victoria.

The Malvern Historical Society is looking forward to working with Historian Simone Sharpe who will take over as the Team Leader of the Stonnington History Centre on 26 March 2018. Simone has worked in the Stonnington Library and Information Service for 17 years, the last 6 of which have been at the Stonnington History Centre. With a PhD in Australian history, and studies in Records Management and Archives, Simone is looking forward to her new role.

Lorraine Sage, Malvern Historical Society.

Malvern Historical Society display at Phoenix Park Library Malvern East in April

Enjoy the Malvern Historical Society display 'Reflections' at the Phoenix Park Library, 30 Rob Roy Road Malvern East from 3 - 30 April.

Come and see the Malvern Historical Society publications and collect copies of the eighteen 'Explore the City of Stonnington' brochures.



**Glenferrie Road Malvern, looking south c1915
Stonnington History Collection MP679**

Australian Heritage Festival 18 April – 20 May 2018

In 2018 the festival will focus on what makes a place special, encouraging everyone to embrace the future by sharing the strengths of all the cultural identities. The 2018 Australian Heritage Festival theme is My Culture, My Story, celebrating the diversity of cultures that have shaped our shared heritage. The Festival reaches from the City to the regions and local communities, just click on 'Festivals near me' to find out what's happening in Stonnington.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/vic/>

Australia Day Honours

We are delighted to share the news that Peter Frawley, a long time Malvern Historical Society member, and former Committee Member and Treasurer, received an Australia Day Honour. Congratulations Peter, a well deserving recipient!

Family History Club at the Stonnington History Centre



Curious about your ancestors? Whether you are a beginner or an experienced family history researcher, come and join our friendly monthly group where you can meet with fellow enthusiasts and explore the many genealogy resources available at the Stonnington History Centre.

First Wednesday of the Month 3 - 4.30 pm: 4 April, 2 May, 6 June

The centre's collection also includes books, journal articles, photographs, Malvern building plans, maps, subdivision plans, rate records, newspapers, research notes, and general local history information.

**Arthur Rudolph Bailey and his children c1902
Stonnington History Collection MP7806**

The Malvern Repatriation Local Committee

The Malvern Repatriation Local Committee was formed on October 28, 1918. The members who were appointed on the executive by the Defence Department were W. A. Sanderson, President; J. W. Hill, J. H. Moss, W. T. Williams, R. H. Stainthorpe, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer; Councillors F. H. Francis, M.H.R., and L. W. Holmes, the two last mentioned being Government nominees.

In addition to these men, who were the executive, there was a sub-committee consisting of Councillor Waters and Messrs. F. Cason, J. Turner, and N. Jenkins. This sub-committee did excellent work. The Repatriation Local Committee started without any funds, and it had to depend upon local subscriptions, receipts from concerts, and such like efforts for its funds. Up to April 1, 1922, the Committee had collected the sum of £913/11/-. Cases to the number of 1,600 had been before the Committee, and dealt with in a sympathetic and helpful manner. Every soldier who enlisted from Malvern received on his return from the war a personal letter of welcome from Miss Ruby Stainthorpe, the honorary assistant secretary of the Repatriation Committee.

History of Malvern, from its first settlement to a City (1935) J.B. Cooper (p153)

The Declaration of the Armistice

At the Malvern Council meeting following the declaration of the Armistice, the National Anthem was sung, and a resolution of gratification at the cessation of the war was passed with patriotic fervour. At the same meeting Councillor Henderson mentioned that in connection with the Seventh War Loan, the quota allotted to Malvern was £345,000. The sum raised was £276,000. Mr. Charles Wood, of Matson Lodge, Hopetoun Road, Malvern, expressed a wish in the year 1919 to the Council to present a war memorial in honour of Malvern residents who had lost their lives fighting in the Great War. The Council accepted his offer.

The granite memorial bears the inscription:—

In Memory of

Those Brave Men,

Residents of Malvern,

who gave their lives in the Great War 1914—1919

Erected by a Grateful Englishman.

On Sunday afternoon, March 18, 1922, the gift was the subject of a ceremony at which about 3,000 persons were present. On the various panels are recorded the names of the fallen, but unfortunately the list does not contain the names of all the men who enlisted from Malvern, and who were killed. The donor, Charles Wood, died on July 7, 1924. All the missing names are to be found on the many honour boards displayed in the churches and State schools of Malvern and other public institutions, for instance on the Prahran and Malvern Tramways Trust Honour Board there are the names of 140 men. The ceremony of unveiling that honour board was performed by General Williams on September 28, 1918. A memorial service and a church parade was held on October 13, 1918, in the Central Park of Malvern in memory of those tramway men.

To commemorate the landing at Gallipoli a service was held in the Town Hall on Anzac Day, April 25, 1922, and the service continues to be held on each recurring anniversary.

History of Malvern, from its first settlement to a City (1935) by J.B. Cooper (p156)

Bakery, 1227 Malvern Road Malvern

Around 1879 George Lay established a bakery in Malvern Road, on the site of present day 1227 Malvern Road, on the east corner of Acre Place. George Lay is listed as owning a weatherboard house of 3 rooms, shop, stables and bakehouse. Bakers, Craddock & Ambery, then J. Lewis, ran the business in the 1880s.

In 1887 Henry Stanton with wife Albertina and son James took over the old bakery and by 1907 the present day two storey brick residence had been erected. In 1920 plans for the addition of a bakehouse and new oven were submitted to Council. The Stanton family ran the bakery until the 1960s. You may know it as the former home of SIDS and Kids.



View from Stanton's Bakery, corner Malvern Road and Acre Place Malvern looking north-east towards Hawthorn and Glen Iris. The gasometer can be seen in Toorak Road. 1908 Stonnington History Collection MP5034

Malvern 1911 Another Year of Progress

‘For many years past the town of Malvern has been progressing at a most satisfactory rate, and a comparison with the town of the present day and some ten years ago shows what gigantic strides have been made. During the whole of that period new buildings, both businesses and residential have been erected, which have materially increased the rateable value of the town. All the residential properties are of architectural design, and tenants and owners have added to the beauty of their residences by their well kept lawns and flower gardens, which enhance to such an appreciable extent the attractiveness of this suburb.

Of course the construction of the High Street tramway, from Prahran to Burke Road, has materially added to the value of land and property, and the popularity of the town. The local council, together with its Town Clerk (Mr F. Hughes), and its surveyor, have also done all they could to advance the interests of the town. The Malvern Gardens have for many years been a beauty spot which has attracted thousands of visitors from all over the metropolitan area, but the gardens do not stand alone as a breathing place for residents or visitors in which to spend a pleasant afternoon. The Central Park at the tram terminus, the cricket ground at the rear of the town hall, the Glenferrie Road reserve at the corner of Toorak Road and Glenferrie Road, and the new Union Street reserve all come in for their share of attention, while the newly formed Dandenong Road, from the Caulfield station to the Malvern station, has placed that thoroughfare among the many fine streets of the metropolitan area. During the past week or two the duplication of the tram line from Glenferrie Road east has commenced, and the work is progressing at a very rapid rate. These increased facilities are really required to meet the demands on the tram traffic.

Glenferrie Road and High Street are in themselves quite hives of busy industry, and after some seven months’ trial those who considered that the tramway would reduce the amount of business done in Malvern must have had proved to their satisfaction that such has not been the case. Both in High Street, Glenferrie Road, Station Street and Claremont Avenue many business places have been and are still being erected, and these buildings are imposing.

While the volume of business in the town has increased, the popularity of Malvern as an up to-date and healthy residential area has not by any means been affected, but on the contrary it has made the town even much more popular. Judging by the rate at which the town has progressed, it will soon be difficult to find vacant land to build upon if the same progress continues for years to come. Malvern people generally are justly proud of their town, and the Malvern Council, its officers and the citizens generally must be congratulated on the fine spirit of enterprise which they have, and are still showing in the advancement of the town. Another factor in the development will be the Dandenong Road tramway, which will give greater opportunities for residents to visit the seaside on a summer evening, and enjoy the sea breezes of St. Kilda and other seaside places’.

Malvern Standard 28 January 1911



**Mayor McKinley and Party at the City of Malvern Celebrations in the Malvern Gardens. 1911
Stonnington History Collection MP7561**



**City of Malvern celebrations June 1911
Stonnington History Collection MP9711**



**Glenferrie Road, Malvern c1911
Stonnington History Centre MP60270**



**High Street Malvern looking east towards the
Malvern Town Hall c1911
Stonnington History Centre MP212**

East Malvern Tennis Club

The first tennis tournament ever played in Australia was held in January 1880, on the courts of the Melbourne Cricket Club, built two years earlier. It was called the Championship of the Colony of Victoria, and was won by A.F. Robinson. In September 1882, the tennis Committee of the Melbourne Cricket Club convened a meeting of club representatives at Young and Jacksons hotel to promote the game and to make arrangements for dates and conditions of inter club matches. The East Malvern Tennis Club began with the formation of the Gascoigne Land Company in 1886, but the date of formation cannot be ascertained with certainty as the early records of the Club were destroyed by a fire at the Clubhouse in 1958.

The Gascoigne Land Company subdivided several sections of land in Malvern East. The club had two tennis courts in Beaver Street. The earliest recorded owners/occupiers are listed as Peter and Caroline Mercer. Brothers, Peter Stewart Mercer and James Stewart Mercer, were house, land and estate agents. The company, known as J.S. Mercer & Co., 98 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, was the agency for the sale of land in the Gascoigne Estate. The *Australasian*, March 20th 1886, records a meeting of fourteen tennis club representatives to decide on rules and fixtures for the year. Peter S. Mercer is recorded as representing Gascoigne. Gascoigne Tennis Club, by which name the club was known prior to its adoption of its present name, was in existence as early as 1886. In 1890 the name was changed to the Malvern Recreation Club Ltd. In 1903 George Ambrose Kitchen, who resided in Finch Street, Malvern East, is listed as part owner of the tennis club. His father, John Ambrose Kitchen (1835-1922) owned *Kalooma* in Finch Street.

The first listing of the name East Malvern Tennis Club in the Rate books appears in 1908. The Lawn Tennis Club became the East Malvern Tennis Club on 24th June 1908. At the time the Hon Sec was listed as K.A.Brien, 31 Rose Street, Armadale. The club became an Incorporated Public Company on 27 November 1922. The Memorandum and Articles of Association stated that ‘the annual subscription for members would be, in the first instance, two pounds ten shillings for Gentlemen and one pound ten shillings for Ladies and thereafter such sum as the members in general meeting may determine provided that a member elected on or after the first day of September in the financial year shall pay as a first subscription the sum of One pound five shillings for Gentlemen and Fifteen shillings only for Ladies provided the committee so decide’.

From 1943 the Club consisted of four porous courts. The Clubhouse was a weatherboard building, one main room, men’s room, toilet and shower and ladies’ room, toilet and shower. All rooms were off the main room including the kitchen which was small but adequate. There was a lawn running the full length of the courts. It was left to the members during the working bees to keep the lawn mown, and to keep the courts up to scratch. In 1958 fire destroyed the EMTC clubhouse in Beaver street within a few minutes. The local newspaper at the time recorded that the captain of the tennis club fought the blaze with a garden hose which was too short to reach the fire. Later a youth was tried and charged in Malvern Court. In April 1958 the property, measuring 200 feet by 143 feet, was sold for \$3,000. In 1958 the East Malvern Tennis Club changed its registered office to 10 Moira Street Malvern East. The Moira Street land was leased from Malvern Council.

The new clubhouse and courts were officially opened at Moira Street on Sunday 4th October 1959. Mr. R. N. Vroland, President of the LTAV, formally opened the clubrooms. The president of the East Malvern Tennis Club at this time was C.J.Woodgate. Initially there were 6 courts, over time this expanded to 10 courts. Before the freeway was built the entrance was off Moira Street. The Club changed from a Company by Limited Guarantee to an Incorporated Association on 15 November 2015 (at the AGM) and is now officially known as “The East Malvern Tennis Club Incorporated”. The Club won the Tennis Australia Newcombe Medal Award for ‘Most Outstanding Club in Australia 2016’.

www.eastmalverntc.com.au/about/club-history/

East Malvern Tennis Club c1984
Stonnington History Collection MP 61233



Naming of Bretonneux Square and Villers Square Malvern East

The War Service Commission purchased land in Malvern East in 1919 to be sold to returned servicemen and their families. The streets were named after WWI places of battle (Bretonneux, Fontaine, Villers) or Buddhist philosophy (Karma, Nirvana). The sale of allotments was administered by the Commonwealth Department of Repatriation, which offered low-interest loans to assist with house-building on this land.

In October 1920 a meeting was held at the Melbourne Town Hall where it was decided that the city ‘adopt’ Villers-Bretonneux in France, ‘in memory of the great Australian victory in August 1918’. A Villers-Bretonneux Appeal Fund raised well in excess of the £20,000 it had aimed for, with much of the money coming from school children, following a drive by the Education Department. The money raised was used to rebuild the school in the French town, which may still have a plaque commemorating the donation from Victorian school children. Apparently every classroom had a sign which read ‘N’oublions Jamais L’Australie’ (Never let us forget Australia). Australian soldiers were instrumental in saving Villers-Bretonneux from two invasions by the Germans in April 1918, and about 1200 Anzacs lost their lives protecting the town. The French town has streets called Anzac, Melbourne and Victoria, so it is possible that this strong connection with Melbourne led to the choosing of Bretonneux and Villers for the War Service Commission streets.

Stonnington Indigenous Marker No 6

Corner of Toorak Road and Rockley Road, South Yarra (Melway: 58 F3)

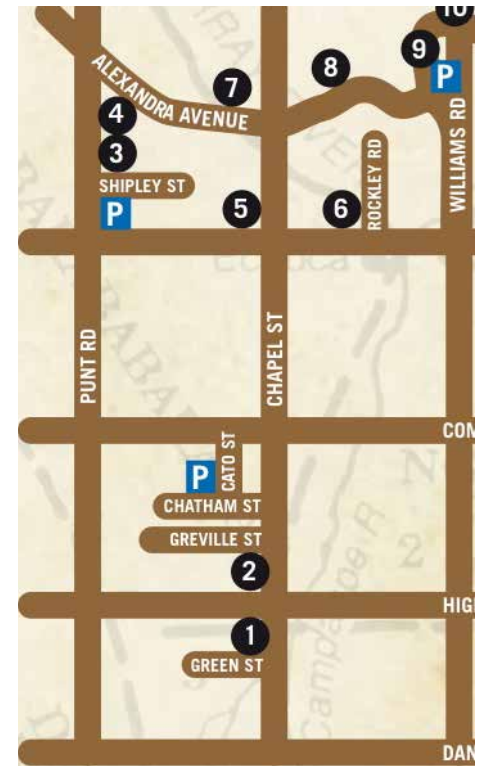
The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Richard Bourke, decided to establish a Government Mission for Aboriginal people at the Port Phillip settlement. In 1837 Governor Bourke placed George Langhorne, an Episcopal missionary from Sydney, and a nephew of Port Phillip Police Magistrate Captain William Lonsdale, in charge of the mission. Langhorne seemed a wise choice for the role given his experience with Aboriginal prisoners on Goat Island in Sydney Harbour.

Toward the end of 1838 food shortages led to trouble between Aboriginal people and settlers. Episodes involving the theft of potatoes and destruction of stock and the subsequent brutality of Police Magistrate Lonsdale's men lead to friction between Langhorne and Lonsdale. This tension became a major impediment to the operations of the mission.

Langhorne's assessment of the mission was that the ultimate goal of the plan he was given was 'the intermixture by marriage of the Aborigines among the lower order of our countrymen as the only likely means of raising the former from their present degraded and benighted state'.

Langhorne acknowledged the objective of the mission had failed with regard to the employment of the Aborigines and the education of their children. Later assessment of the failure concluded that Aboriginal people did not settle permanently, and the attendance of the children was sporadic and dependent on tribal movements. The land allocated to the reserve became increasingly valuable and pressure grew to move the mission and have the land put up for sale or given over to a purpose more beneficial to the white community.

The mission closed in August 1839. Lonsdale recommended that the reserve land of 895 acres be laid out in suburban allotments and sold. On 21 December 1839, Assistant Protector William Thomas wrote to Governor Gipps requesting that the proceeds from the sale of the land be used to establish an agricultural settlement for the Aboriginal people of his protectorate district. This petition came to nothing. Langhorne pursued pastoral pursuits near Dandenong until his death in 1897.



Chadstone Shopping Centre c1960

Chadstone Shopping Centre was Victoria's first and Australia's second regional shopping centre when it opened in October 1960.

The name Chadstone first appeared in 1878 on the gate of the farm on the east corner of Dandenong Road and Chadstone Road. The farm, owned by the Evans family, was situated on 5.5 acres of land on which plums, apples, cherries and pears were grown. Around 1908 the Evans family sold their land to the adjoining Convent of the Good Shepherd. In 1958 the Convent sold the land to Myer, who subsequently developed the site.

Thank you to Keith Oliver who shared this image with us.



Chadstone Shopping Centre c1960

Chadstone Park State School

Ross Hull recently sent through some of his old school photos. Ross was at Chadstone Park State School from 1965 until 1967. Ross' mother had the deli on the south west corner of Waverley and Warrigal Roads, Chadstone, at the time, opposite the Nicholas Aspro factory. Chadstone Park Primary School (State School 4669) began in 1954. In 2001 the school changed its name to Malvern Valley Primary School. In 2004 the Malvern Valley Primary school suffered serious fire damage. The school council and community worked closely with the Department of Education to design and build new school buildings. In July 2006 there was an official ceremony to mark the move into the new buildings.



Chadstone Park State School 1966 Grade: 3B

New members

We would like to welcome our latest new members James and Margaret St John, Naum Tered and Pamela Vassalotte

Taking Local History to the Community

Thanks to Pat, Lorraine, Marisa, Ann and Jane, our recent walk leaders and helpers, for sharing the local history with members and residents in the Urban Forest, Malvern East area and in Wheatland Road Malvern. If you would like a copy of any of our walk notes just send the Society an email malvernhistorical@yahoo.com If you would like to help with the research for an upcoming walk let us know.

State Library of Victoria - Autumn 2018 program

Revisit what's been described as the most brilliant feat of World War I: the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux. In the face of an overwhelming German force, Australian forces launched a stunning counter-attack to recapture the town. Dr Ross McMullin, a Creative Fellow at the Library and an award-winning biographer and historian, will explore this critical battle on its centenary, Tuesday 24 April. <https://www.slv.vic.gov.au/whats-on>

13th Malvern Scouts Group 90th Anniversary

A scout group was formed at the Grange School in Ash Grove, Malvern East in 1926. It became the 9th Malvern Scout group. When the school closed in 1929, the scouts continued to use the old timber classroom facing Oak Grove as their scout hall. The land in Oak Grove was transferred to the Scouting Association in 1937 and a new brick hall was built in 1965.



Some time after this the 9th Malvern group ceased to operate, and 13th Malvern moved from Burke Road, Malvern East to Oak Grove. In 1991 the old timber hall was demolished and a new brick frontage was added to the 1960s building.

John Riches and 13th Malvern Scouts
c1960 Stonnington History Collection MP7610



Scout Hall 3 Oak Grove Malvern East, 1991
Stonnington History Collection MP 14032



Members of the Malvern Historical Society were saddened to learn of the death of Ross Heale, a great supporter of the Malvern Historical Society over many years. Cr Ross Heale was Mayor of the City of Malvern 1983-1984. He was a Councillor from 1977/78-1985/86. Our thoughts are with Ross' family at this sad time.

Malvern Mayor, Cr Ross Heale 1983

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 65,000 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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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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