

## MEET THE AUTHOR - MICHAEL COLLINS



As part of the Library's introduction to authors, Michael was invited to give a talk on Remembrance Day based on "Our Boys at the Front..." The visuals were put together by Murray and excerpts were read by Colin, Diane, Janet and Val.

### FIRST DAY COVERS

Our latest is our Christmas 2011 issue.

100 Years of the Navy	\$6
Colonial Heritage (2nd in 4 part series)	\$8
Royal Wedding	SOLD OUT
Christmas 2011	\$6

Call the Museum to purchase on 5976 3203

*An ideal Christmas present for the avid collector*

### FOR SALE - Ideal Christmas gifts

<i>Our Boys at the Front - The Mornington Peninsula at War 1914-1918 from the pages of The Peninsula Post.</i>	\$39.95+ post.
<i>Mornington in the Wake of Flinders - an historical survey.</i> by Leslie Moorhead	\$29.95
Souvenir Tea Towels	\$10.00 each
Sketches of Mornington by Duncan Forrester	\$15.00 each

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# MORNINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



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## NEWSLETTER

November 2011

Newsletter No. 255

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We were thrilled and very proud to receive the Victorian Community History Award - Best Collaborative/Community Work for *Our Boys at the Front - The Mornington Peninsula at War 1914-1918 from the pages of The Peninsula Post*.

These awards are organised by the Royal Historical Society of Victoria in partnership with the Victorian Public Record Office and are presented at Parliament House. This really has capped off a wonderful year for the Mornington & District Historical Society. We have now had a further 200 copies printed.



*Michael, Diane and Professor Weston Bate at Parliament House October 20.*

Val has continued her research into those buried in the Mornington Cemetery and following her highly-acclaimed talk at our September coffee morning, she (and Murray) were invited to repeat this for St. Mark's Real Mens' Breakfast group on November 2. Val has agreed to be our speaker for next year's Leslie Moorhead Lecture as she will have more to tell us all, and so well illustrated by Murray.

It was therefore not surprising that about 60 people turned up to our Cemetery Walk this year to hear Val's latest find! A wonderful response to the advertising we received in connection with

## WOLFDENE

Yet another perfect day (we are envy of the Food and Wine Festival organisers) for our garden party at this historically important establishment. Margaret Fallaw was our generous host and speaker for the occasion which we shared with St. Peter's Anglican Church also celebrating 150 years.



*Photographs by Derek Smith*

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

Helen Frame, Judy and Bruce Unmack  
We hope you enjoy your membership with us.

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## Dates for Your Diary 2011

Website: [www.vicnet.net.au/~mornhsoc](http://www.vicnet.net.au/~mornhsoc)

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Visitors warmly welcomed

**FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 12.30 \$5**  
**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM**

Bring a plate of Christmas food to share.  
Drinks supplied.

**THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY**  
**AUSTRALIA DAY BOOKSTALL AND MUSEUM OPEN 10am**

Helpers needed. Call Frank 5975 1604

**MT. ELIZA HERITAGE PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY**

Mt. Eliza Community Centre from 10 a.m.  
Helpers needed. Call Janet 9787 8685

**TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 10.30 \$5**  
**COFFEE MORNING ST. MARK'S FRIENDSHIP ROOM**  
**Cnr. Barkly St & Waterloo Place, Mornington**  
**OUT OF OUR ARCHIVES**

A series of short talks on special items from the archives which you may not have seen.

**MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 9 a.m. \$30**  
**BUS TRIP TO PT NEPEAN, NEPEAN H.S.**  
**AND FIRST SETTLEMENT SITE**

Morning tea included but lunch at own expense. See enclosed booking details.

**BOOK STALL**  
**WANTED: GOOD CLEAN BOOKS**

Novels, History (particularly of the Peninsula), Biographies, Travel, sport and childrens books are preferred.

NO MAGAZINES - Thank you

Ring Frank in October 5975 1604 or Derek 5977 0666  
to arrange delivery or pick up.



## MORNINGTON'S 150TH (the gazetting of the township)

Many thanks to all who helped. Val won the Grand Hotel's Best Dressed Prize - a weekend at Strachan's Road B&B - just around the corner!

The *Picnic in The Park* was a wonderful day for families. We put on morning tea for invited dignitaries and organised a telegram to arrive via our resident Morsecodian Bill Hall, addressed to Cr. Bev Colomb congratulating Mornington on the 150th.

Vicky attended Vale Street Primary School for Governor Chernov's unveiling of the time line. Then we attended the reception held by the Shire in the evening.

To mark the occasion, we have reprinted Leslie Moorhead's history of Mornington Shire *Mornington in the Wake of Flinders - an historical survey*. Her son Gary was only too pleased that this should happen. We also had special tea towels printed as Helen Broad encouraged us to do by bequeathing us blank tea towels



Photographs by Derek Smith

History Week. We now have purchased a portable public address system for such events.

Also as part of History Week we presented a display at the Mt. Eliza Community Centre. This will be repeated for the Australia Day activities. We are building up our collection of Mt. Eliza photographs and material through being so visible in the township. Thank you to those who helped on that weekend.

*Diane White*

## MORNINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S HELEN BROAD HISTORY PRIZE

This year, all six secondary schools are participating. So far we have presented prizes to:

Kaitlin Holloway  
Millie Palone  
Alexandra Johnson

The Peninsula School, Mt. Eliza  
Padua College, Mornington  
Toorak College, Mt. Eliza

Mornington Secondary College, Mt. Eliza Secondary College and Balcombe Grammar School prize winners will be presented at award ceremonies in December. The names of these students will be published in our next newsletter in February.



Alexandra Johnson with Diane and Dawn at Toorak College