

Vale—Mary Cornell

28.6.1925 - 24.10.2013

Mary's early childhood years were spent at Fish Creek, South Gippsland, with her parents, brothers and sister. Later as a young girl the family moved to Burwood where Mary went to school. Mary married Ron Cornell and they had 2 children, Rosalyn & Ralph. Mary was a much loved Nan to grandchildren Kate; Taryn & Stephanie and Great Nan of Sebastian and Noah, all of whom she was very proud.



Ron's family had 6 acres of land in Stephenson's Road (from Monomeith Crescent down the hill towards High Street Road) where they grew flowers. Mary's nephew Kevin (a long-time resident of Waverley), tells in the early days SP betting was conducted down the dip of the hill and when police raided, the punters would escape any way possible, even running through the Cornell farm destroying some of the flowers due to go to market.

Ron and Mary moved into a new brick home on the Cnr. of Monomeith Cres. and Stephenson's Rd in the early 1960s living very happily there

with their family. Sadly, Ron passed away some 30 odd years ago. Mary was later employed by Nicholas Aspro operating a Coding Machine of their products for some years, enjoying the work and friendships made there. Later she travelled overseas through Europe, the United Kingdom with a friend and they had a wonderful trip together.

Mary had a number of interests including being a member of the Waverley Historical Society, Waverley Garden Club, and National Seniors Association, also she participated in Strength Training with Monash Link and the Monash Friday Friendship Group. Mary loved her garden and gardening where she happily spent a lot of time tending her Camellias, Roses, and many other species, always having a lovely "show" of flowers dependent upon the season. Mary had great success at striking Daphne cuttings which she gave to friends. Mary will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends.

Lauris Kay

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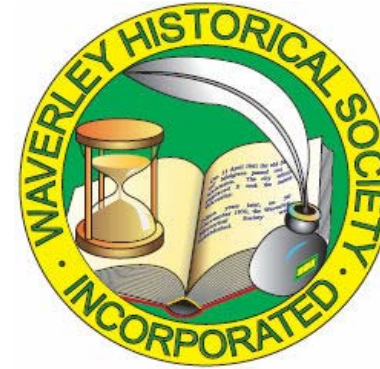
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Shire of Mulgrave.— Commencing at the junction of Stephen-street and Highbury-road; thence easterly along Highbury road, southerly along Huntingdale road to a point about 649 feet south of the south side of Highbury road westerly by a line to the eastern boundary of lots 62 Keogh-street, southerly along the said boundary a distance of about 20 feet to Carmody-street, easterly along Carmody-street, northerly along Stephen-street to the commencing point.

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Did you know? - A skippet

Have you heard of the term *Skipper*? The Concise Oxford Dictionary states: *Small cylindrical wooden box used to enclose and protect large seal attached by ribbon to deed.* In the National Archives resides the Royal Commission of Assent to the creation of the Commonwealth of Australia; this is signed on vellum by Queen Victoria in July 1900 and is attached to an exquisite **pewter** skippet.



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THE LITTLE BLUE HOUSE

This appealing two-storey weatherboard cottage is still standing, but not for long. Facing Springvale Rd, it is surrounded by an established garden and a huge farm shed. Mick Lawless, who grew up in Mount Street Neighbourhood House, subdivided this land in 1949. Rob Page bought this part. According to the most recent owner, the house was built by Mr Foster of Waverley Rd. Later G.S. Gair and A.V. Mann each had it for ten years. A sympathetic extension maintained the "olde world" look - central kitchen, beautiful tiled fireplace, light fittings, balustrades, curtains, wallpaper etc. It really is charming, but if you want to see it, hurry!

Can you add to our knowledge of this house? Please share your memories with us.

Please note that General Meetings are now held every two months and are evening meetings starting at 7.30 pm. Special activities will be held in most alternate months. We are located above the Mt Waverley Library 41 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley.

Bows for Strings

Did you know that right here in Waverley/Monash, we have a violin maker? I came across it quite by accident and chatted to the friendly owner, Nicolas Fyfield, and this is what he told me.

The company is called *Bows for Strings*, and operates from a shop in Glenwood Avenue in Glen Waverley. It restores, buys and sells antique instruments and sells, rents and services new ones too. Over the 15 years it has been operating, it has supplied many of the school music programs in Melbourne, and donated a substantial amount to community orchestras.

Talking about the history of violin making in the area, Nicolas said, "There used to be a violin maker called Tony Czek who lived in Mount Waverley for 40 years or so, repairing and servicing the bowed instruments of players, both beginners and professional. Tony moved to Kew and retired around 1998. I visited him and enjoyed inspecting his workshop. I was working for my uncle in the craft at the Violineri in Richmond at the time and thought it was a prudent time to start my own business from home in Mount Waverley."

At first Nicolas ran a workshop servicing stringed instruments for musicians and music shops. Then it became clear that there was a need for sales of both new and used instruments, and for rentals, too. A common problem with instrument rental is their uncertain quality. *Bows for Strings* rents out instruments at competitive rates, set up to a high standard of accuracy, using quality fittings. The company also prides itself on having worked with international instrument makers to raise the quality of the student-level products available in Australia, so that it can deliver high standard rental instruments.



MarJo Angeico

Selection of Violins

In this capacity it coordinates with school music departments to supply and maintain both class sets and individual instruments.

"Violin history in the Waverley area is strong," says Nicolas. "There are many MSO players in this area as they moved here several decades ago when it was mooted that the MSO would have its headquarters combined with the ABC in Highbury Road. Perhaps this is why Huntingtower School has such a fine Camaraderie orchestra, stacked with MSO players and their children."

After 10 years *Bows for Strings* moved to the shop in Glen Waverley, near the swimming pool. All staff members are players, and several violin makers work or have worked there, including Glen Nichols, Mathew Ingram, Daniel Scully, Ian Dolphin, Yana Zhang.

Here is another aspect of local history - one that reflects one of the finer things of life, and one that may not have crossed our radar before.

MarJo Angelico

WHERE IS THE WHS?

Our rooms, which are located above the Mt Waverley library in Miller Crescent, are open each Wed (except over the Christmas break), from 1pm to 5pm, or by appointment, for individual research and working discussion groups. When the library entrance door is locked at meetings, use the doorbell at the far left to gain entry. Members are asked to bring a plate of supper to general meetings which for 2014 are every second month.

How Things Panned Out in the Shire of Mulgrave

Nineteenth century Melbourne did not smell good. There was no sewerage and the drainage system was inadequate. Dunnies typically had a pit under them – the cesspool. Wash-up and laundry water was run out into open gutters of suburban streets and back lanes, while the wastes of industry went into the Yarra and its tributary creeks.

As one observer remarked in 1875 "the drainage and sewerage of the city and suburbs are simply disgraceful. . ." Instead of the usual contemporary reference to the capital of Victoria, "Marvellous Melbourne", the Sydney Bulletin renamed it "Marvellous Smellboom".

But it was not only the smell. There was also a clear connection between filth and disease. For example the mortality rate in Adelaide had dropped from 23.5 per 1000 in 1881 to 14.31 after only five complete years of sewerage.

The possibility of sewerage had long been discussed but always deferred for fear of the cost. Inevitably, cheaper alternatives were sought. An obvious one was the introduction of a pan collection and, in fact, the Melbourne City Council had begun one in 1866. This was potentially a great improvement on cesspools, providing always that the collected nightsoil was properly disposed of, but it still left the problem of waste washing and laundry water.

Consequently, in the 1870s several suburban Councils had abolished cesspools and introduced a night soil removal system whereby the contractor emptied each pan into his iron cart then replaced it unwashed in the closet. Collection was weekly and, in order to spare residents as much as possible from the bad smell, was required to be done between 10pm and 3am. Thus the contractor was labelled "nightman". By 1920 most Councils had introduced a double pan service where the full pan was closed with a lid and exchanged for an empty one that had been "cleansed with superheated steam and tar-painted inside".

After much argument and delay the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) had been established in 1891 and given the task of sewerage the whole Metropolitan area. The scheme adopted was that recommended by the overseas expert, James Mansergh, but considerably amended by the board's first engineer-in-chief William Thwaites.

There would be four main sewers converging

on one pumping station at Newport, the lowest point in the system. From there the sewerage would be pumped along the Rising Main as far as Brooklyn where it would be high enough to flow by gravity along the main outfall sewer to the sewerage farm at Werribee.

All these works had, of course, to be completed before any individual properties could be connected. Also, the connections could not go ahead until the area concerned had been carefully surveyed and mapped showing all buildings, roads and streets. As well, and most importantly, levels had to be established as all sewerage had to flow by gravity to Newport.

Thenceforth, as further properties were connected, the main sewers were extended. But all works ceased for three years during each of the first and second World Wars. However, work had continued on the project during the 1930s Depression.

With the completion of the railway line from Darling to Glen Waverley in 1930, the Shire of Mulgrave (later City of Waverley) had been on the verge of becoming a suburban area of Melbourne. Until then, as Susan Priestley (*Cattlemen to Commuters*) observed:

"... the Shire night-soil contractor used a patch of ground near Gardiners Creek, on High Street Road. Only small home blocks received a pan service. Any-one with more than five acres was free to dispose of their own refuse. Nevertheless the indelicacy of the sanitary depot could not be allowed. Early in 1929 arrangements were made to use the M.M.B.W. at Moorabbin, at a cost to the shire of three shillings per pan per annum."

When the war ended in August 1945, the MMBW, finding itself way behind schedule, had decided that it would give priority in the Shire of Mulgrave, to the supply of more water which is what they rightly presumed the Public would expect, rather than extend sewerage.

Thus it was not until the 1950s that we see notifications of sewerage works being completed in Mulgrave. As was the normal practice of the Board, these notices were published in the Victorian Government Gazette and property owners were instructed to connect to the newly-laid mains. A typical notice appears on page 3267 of the Victorian Government Gazette for 9 November 1957 which reads: (*see over page 8*).

Laurie Burchell

Do you remember *Stanley*?

Cast your mind back to the mid 1960s. Do you recall the advertisements on the TV and in print featuring *Stanley*, a downtrodden attendant at the Golden Fleece Service Station? Do you know where the advertisements were filmed? It was right here in central Waverley! The Golden Fleece service station on the west side of Blackburn Road at Pinewood Shopping centre was the venue.

Golden Fleece was the retail operation of H.C. Sleigh and was promoted with the large Golden Ram image which also appeared as a light on the top of the petrol pumps (*these Golden Ram / "Woolly Bull" lights are now much sought after by collectors*). The company was originally part owned by the Caltex Corporation which supplied the fuel from its refinery in NSW. In the 1980s, with strong competition in the fuel market, Caltex took over the Golden Fleece operation and the service stations were gradually re-fitted with Caltex livery.

In about 2010 the Caltex station was demolished and the site is now occupied by a discount butcher in a new building. Shown is a still frame from a 1966 TV advertisement.

Philip Johnstone



Caltex Pinewood Sep 2009



Tasman Meats Pinewood Nov 2013

DISPLAYS & OPEN DAYS

September Glen Waverley Library
Notice display board

The items used in the displays included old photos, artefacts, old Melway street directories, *Then and Now*, *Once there was Jordanville* and other books for sale.

Beverley Delaney

Celebrating AUSTRALIA DAY in Monash

Many visitors were welcomed at the Open Day held in our rooms on 27th January 2014. Aerial maps, old local newspapers and photo albums were on display. The most popular exhibits were "Going to school in times gone by", the "History Mystery Quiz" and "Toys of Yesteryear" – a display of colonial games played by Australian children. We look forward to seeing some of our members at the next Open Day during History Week in October 2014.

Margaret Boyes

SPEAKER AT OCT MEETING

Our member, Ray Price, spoke at an afternoon meeting of the WHS on *Preserving Past and Present for Posterity*.

Members who were interested in Dr Broome's interesting and informative talk will look forward to reading his history of the League when it is published later this year.

Margaret Boyes

Can you help?

There is a shop in the corner shops at Waverley and Stephensons Roads. It has a bull-nose verandah and is three metres further forward than the other shops in the strip. Whose shop was it originally? How old is it? Is there a photo of it when it was the only shop there?

More on the History of Avondale Grove, Mount Waverley

On 8th August in 1955, we signed an agreement with builder, A.G.Sledge, to build our home at 7 Avondale Grove, Mt. Waverley. However, he insisted on coming out first to check the location of the block, because of the state of the unmade roads, and only agreed to do the building when we pointed out that he would be able to come in via the small lane beside the old Lechte home in Cheviot Road that led up from Alvie Road.



7 Avondale Grove c.1967

As with Ian Smith our block was covered with blackberries and we spent months having family working bees to remove them before approaching a builder.

Another historical fact was that we were just inside a "brick area" so it had to be brick, and at the time restricted to only 10 squares depending on the size of one's family. We appealed against this saying that my mother would be staying regularly and we were allowed 12 squares. Also, houses outside the 'brick area' were not considered as permanent! We moved in early 1956 and next door on the corner, the Lescuns came a week later. We had outside toilets; fibro constructions with the "Nightman" calling regularly.

It was a great relief when we were allowed to install septic tanks.

Later other neighbours followed:

the Ryans, Browns, Scroggies, Masons, Brauns, Holland-Kings, Phelans and Robertsons.

The street was often a quagmire so we wore gumboots to the station, changed into shoes, and left them there for the walk home. Of course the train was a one carriage "red rattler" and involved changing trains at East Malvern. If you got to the station a few seconds late, the driver, if given a wave, would allow you time to board.

We were delighted when the street was graded. Everybody had contributed a load of gravel which we raked and rolled out, making access much easier. The only telephones available had dual connections, with someone else sharing the line (a *Duplex* service). This made us very careful not to pick up the phone while the other person was using the line!

I lived there until 1987 and only moved because of the death of my husband in 1984. My two boys had by then completed their

education over a period of nearly 15 years at the Sherwood Road kindergarten, Park Lane Primary School, Kingswood College and the University and had moved on. Finding the house and garden more than I could manage, selling was the only option. However it is still good to be part of the neighbourhood.

Helene Durkin



7 Avondale Grove Dec 2013

Wellington Township (Part 2)

In the last issue of *History Here* we explored the corner of Wellington and Springvale Roads. This time we continue southwards. Originally called Spring Vale Road, this mile grid road was named because of the proximity of reliable springs that could water cattle being overlanded from Gippsland for the Melbourne markets, along what is now the Princes Highway. The coming of the railway to Dandenong and Pakenham in 1877 moved the business and social activities of the locals southwards to where Springvale is now, as railways often do. Something that stands out on the 1945 aerial (see last issue) and is still true today is how crooked this section of Springvale Road is. The cause is Mile Creek East (4.), which



1945 Aerial Survey Photograph

drains a lot of the Wheelers Hill and (now) Mulgrave area. Though the creek is barrel-drained along Springvale Rd now, the wide green swathe along the east side of the road and the deep drains mark its presence. Mile Creek East crosses Springvale Road just north of the six-way intersection and then crosses the highway and enters what once was Ranfurly Golf Course. (5.) The trees along the creek in the middle of the old course are still standing. This small private golf course had been closed for seven years when the aerial photo was taken, but still the distinctive lines of trees are visible. The club was a victim of the



Spring Vale Hotel ca1880

Great Depression, and in 1938 when it disbanded, the remaining members joined Amstel Golf Club on Ferntree Gully Road, Mount

Waverley. At the time, Ranfurly's president was Merv Officer. Merv's father Sid was president of Amstel, so the transfer of membership was an obvious choice. The old clubhouse, barely more than a humble weatherboard home, was still standing at the start of 2013, crowded by shops and factories so only a small part was visible from the street. It is possible that its roof is just visible over the service station in this 1954 photo. (Note the snow!). In the coloured aerial view shown arrowed, is what is believed to be part of

the old golf club building which is now hidden behind some of the current buildings.

Another view of the site in 2010? is shown below. In 1966 Amstel Golf Club moved out to Cranbourne, but it still acknowledges the Ranfurly connection through an Honour Board of

Secretaries and Treasurers, and the second half of its 36 holes (Ranfurly Amstel), completed in 2002.

The two arms of Mile Creek (West and East) join just south of our map and eventually spill into Dandenong Creek, south of Dandenong. The establishers of the Wellington Township, Polak and Riley, must have been thrilled when nearest

neighbour to the south, Matthew Bergin, opened his hastily constructed weather-board Spring Vale Hotel (8.) in October, 1857. The original structure was destroyed by fire in 1865, but replaced by a more substantial brick building

shown here. In March 1863, to the west of the hotel on what is today the south-east corner of Albert Crescent and Dandenong Road, Scots-



Motor garage on the corner of Dandenong and Centre Rds

man John Young purchased 1½ acres. On it he built a four-roomed weatherboard house and soon established a forge and carpentry shop. The business remained within the family for over half a century. (9.) Further west along Dandenong Road,



Possibly one of the old golf club buildings arrowed.

local pioneer identity James Coates, who married into the Chapman family, opened a General Store which was also known for its good range of drapery. Coates became postmaster in 1864 and by 1868 had extended the business to become the Post Office Hotel. Coates sold the land and business to Joseph and Mary Ford in 1877. (10.) Much of the surrounding area is still large park-like factories.



Some were established at about the same time as

Petersville, including David Chemicals, Bosch, Dulux, and Martin & Kings' huge Volkswagen Assembly works (11.), for example, which all settled on McNaughton and Centre Roads in the early 1950s. Coates PO Hotel became part of a road reserve. For many years this reserve ran through the City of Monash from north to south, starting in Tally Ho and running between Blackburn and Springvale Roads. It was designed to relieve traffic pressure on both those roads as the population grew. Westall Rd is a part of it; however, once Eastlink was a certainty, most of the Route 7 reserve was sold. It can still be traced, going through the England Road development, Holmesglen TAFE, Grace retirement village, and the recently released Rose subdivision near Wesley college.

Springvale Road has been widened so many times that many of the original land lots have disappeared. The big six-way intersection now covers a huge amount of land. Once, each road met another separately. Route 7 does not divide Monash in two, but both Westall Rd and Eastlink thrive and do the job that the town



planners had foreseen many decades before. The Martin & King Industries Ltd factory on Centre Road, Westall, has disappeared.

Much of the Mile Creek is invisible underground, except for its trees, and the Enterprise migrant hostel has been gone for 20 years, except for its name. The Springvale Hotel has gone through a few face changes, but still stands where it was originally. Ranfurly has been relocated to Cranbourne, 64 years after its closure. Changes, changes, but each leaves a little trace for history detectives to find.

MarJo Angelico & Clive Haddock