

## Australia Day Quiz

### Answers

1. 50. Australian post codes were allocated geographically in 1967 and introduced in readiness for the first mechanised mail processing centre in Australia, operational in 1968. World-wide interest was attracted by the new electronic equipment and OCR technology.
2. False. In 1968, 75% of all mail bore a post code.
3. False. It was the Post Master General's department. The PMG was only split into Australia Post and Telecom Australia in 1975.
4. True. For the mail sorting machines to be able to locate the postcode, envelopes needed to be rectangular and of certain proportions.
5. False. That was not till 1990.
6. True. Australia Post says that postcode squares should not be used for machine-addressed mail, or mail going overseas.
7. False. Postcodes superseded earlier systems, like Melbourne's letter/number codes (eg N3, E5 *which were based on the British Post Office system*) and a similar system once used in rural NSW. These allowed Australia to have the first mail handling machines in the world in 1930.
8. False. Only occasionally. The decision to allocate a new postcode is based on operational efficiency. Only if the change will make delivery much easier is it worth trying to get the public to change its habits.
9. True. All this occurred on the one year, the jubilee of settlement.
10. True – but only one per town.
11. False. That occurred in 1849, although at Federation, the Government established the Post Master-General's Department to provide postal services to the nation.
12. False. It could process 25,000 letters per hour.

*It is of interest to note that in some countries more digits are used to provide more detailed locations, eg USA, while in others countries, alpha characters are used to give more detailed locations, eg. UK. The variations in address information used throughout the world is a fascinating subject in itself.*

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working on a new course in Cranbourne West, but *Ranfurlie*, with its newer infrastructure is continuing where it is.

This general outward shift of courses has always occurred, but the problem for clubs is that golfing as a pastime is in decline. It peaked in the 1990s and numbers have lessened fairly steeply, mainly, it seems, because we don't have the time any more. In the future I think we can expect more mergers and closures, and possibly a change to smaller courses, as few have time to play 18 holes regularly now.

#### Some logos:



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**Endnote:** The history of the tennis club tells a similar story. It is part of Melbourne Cricket Club, having moved in stages from the MCG, and having been the originator of the Australasian Championships, later to become the Australian Open.



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### THE HOUSE

The Lechtes were a large and very active family in old Waverley. Many of the eleven siblings stayed in the area and farmed after growing up, and were active in A-Grade cricket, tennis, the Red Cross, and High Street Rd Methodist church.

This house, seen in the 1945 aerial view surrounded by a large orchard, was not far from the old family home or from the Coolstore (near Medina St). After FH Lechte, R F Frankland (1960s) and then John Strickland (1970s) lived there, but by then land was being subdivided. Part was used by AV Jennings for storage.

Please note that General Meetings are now held every two months and are usually afternoon meetings starting at 2.00 pm, (except where advised). Special activities will be held in most alternate months. We are located above the Mt Waverley Library 41 Miller Cres., Mt Waverley.

### Coming Events

**Thu 22 Feb 7pm** Helen Doxford-Harris : *Women in Council*

**Sun 18 March 1pm** Historical walk, Dampier Creek and Essex Heights, MW

**Thursday 26 April 7pm** Celestina Sagazio : *Springvale War Cemetery*

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## AUSTRALIA DAY DISPLAY 2018

The Waverley Historical Society's meeting-room provided a cool respite on a very warm Australia Day 2018. Nowadays, at least, we know when the next cool change will come, and maybe so too, did the Aboriginal nations before us who, with their wise reckonings and knowledge, somehow coped with the harsh climate of this continent, for fifty thousand years.

In keeping with our Indigenous Theme, the room was decorated accordingly. Norma Schultz and our own Dutch-born member, Alfred, had set up a creditable selection of Aboriginal information and displays, including details of the Scar Tree in Valley Reserve, and booklets outlining the whereabouts of Indigenous memorials in and around Monash. The Society's selection of history books added to the collection, along with a detailed map of Australia showing the locations of the plenteous Aboriginal nations and languages.

As well as the informative Aboriginal display, we had two tables set up with aerial maps of early Mulgrave/Monash land allotments depicting, in particular, the patchwork effect of orchards and farms before subdivision and development took place. Folders of early newspapers were there for browsing.



Part of the WHS Australia Day display 26.1.18

Only a small number of visitors attended, but we are hopeful these will yield new memberships. Thank you to Norma and Alfred and other committee members for your efforts on the day.

Virginia Barnett

### 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. If the main library entrance door is locked during meetings, use the doorbell at the far left to gain entry. Members are asked to bring a plate of afternoon tea to general meetings which for 2018 are every second month.

## VALE

### Wesley Anderson Marriott

8.4.1928- 11.1.2018

Mt Waverley lost one of its best known and widely loved characters with the passing of Wes Marriott on 11.1.18. He is survived by his devoted wife Dorothy, four children, eleven grandchildren and six great grand children.

After education at Waverley Primary school, Caulfield and Footscray Technical Schools he had a successful career with the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works for over forty years. He retired as manager of plumbing inspection for the southern region of Melbourne.

Having been raised on a local market garden, he was a true *Son of the Soil*. He loved his own garden, hot house and shade house. After retirement he assisted many people in their gardens, they became his friends.

He was a long standing member of the Waverley Historical Society. We remember him most for his genuine love of people.

The funeral service for Wes was held in the Boyd Chapel of Springvale Botanical Cemetery on Thu 18 January 2018.

A F Mitchell

### Research Enquiries

Requests for our assistance continue throughout the year. From 1.11.17 to 31.1.18 (3 months) we have had 80 queries, primarily via email and from within Monash city covering street origins, church histories, family history, land use and gold discovery in Black Flat. During these exchanges we often gain some more information for our archives, a true win - win situation.

### Welcome to New Members

Cliff Harding, Doug Groom, Mary Thomas

## The Shifting Sands of Golf Courses

MarJo Angelico

It is a well-known fact that golf courses are usually built beyond the bounds of suburbia – on the very outskirts of the city.

*"Records show that many of the state's earliest clubs were forced to relocate as the population base grew. Well-known metropolitan clubs such as Royal Melbourne, Victoria, Kingston Heath, Metropolitan, Yarra Yarra, Commonwealth, Northern, Kew, Riversdale, and Keysborough all began life in different locations to where they are today. These club relocations also spurred (sic) the development of new clubs as break-away members decided to do their own thing, with Huntingdale, Box Hill, and Eastern all born from the original movement of the Riversdale club."*

<http://www.golf.org.au/site/content/document/0017552-source.pdf> p68.



We know of course that Riversdale came to its present site in Monash just before the Depression, which means it has stood there for 80 years – quite outstanding. Originally, Surrey Hills Golf Club, established near Mont Albert railway station in 1892 (the second oldest club in Victoria), it moved to Riversdale in 1907 and changed its name. It continues to be a stayer because it has been able to sell off parts of its land, (which was originally 160 acres on its Huntingdale Rd site), at strategic moments in its history – approximately 40 acres to *Waverley Riding School* in about 1929, and more recently to the Glen Iris Valley tennis club on the High St Rd frontage. (See endnote).

We can add to the list of shifters the *Waverley Golf Club*, which opened in 1927 on the NE corner of Blackburn and Waverley Roads, and shifted to Rowville in 1963. (It is now merging with *Churchill Golf Club* in Endeavour Hills.)

A third course, *Amstel*, had its beginnings in Waverley. The Dutch owner of the land in 1876 named his holding *Amstel Park* after the river

which flows through Amsterdam. It was a very large undulating property bordered by a creek with steep ferny banks and shady trees, and he had hopes of building a tourist park with gondolas on a lake and parkland approaches. His dreams were cut short when he had to attend to more pressing matters, but the name stuck through later owners and eventually became a locality name. When golf players frequented the site and built a course there in the 1920s, they retained the name.



Original house now incorporated within the Riversdale Golf Club complex.

In 1938 another golf course, *Ranfurlie*, which had been on the six-ways corner of Springvale Rd and Princes Highway, succumbed to the Depression and disbanded, its members transferring to *Amstel*, which helped save *Amstel*. The *Ranfurlie* name was never forgotten. For all the subsequent years a *Ranfurlie* honour board was kept, and the *Ranfurlie* green-keeper became *Amstel's* keeper during WWII.

As the Waverley population sky-rocketed in the 1960s, demand for residential land rose and prices escalated, so *Amstel* club saw that it was time to move. It found cheap land in Cranbourne and opened its new course there in 1965. In 2002 it opened an extension across the road and named it *Ranfurlie*, after the club that had merged with *Amstel* 68 years earlier.

Now it seems, after over 50 years in Cranbourne East, the *Amstel Golf Club* has been closed to make way for housing, as the wheel has turned full circle and Cranbourne is now escalating in demand for housing and in land value. Apart from protecting some significant trees (including scar trees) and the 20% open space requirement, the whole 48 hectare site will become up-market housing. *Amstel* is

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## Australia Day Quiz Time

**How well do you remember recent history? What do you know about Australia's post codes?**

1. Post codes were introduced to Australia - 40, 50, 60 or 70 years ago?
2. It was many years before the Australian public embraced the plan. True or False?
3. The newly constituted "Australia Post" was the body that designed the system. True or False?
4. "Post Office preferred" envelope shapes were introduced at the same time. True or False?
5. Orange "post code squares" were introduced on envelopes at the same time. True or False?
6. Post code squares should not always be used. True or False?
7. There were no earlier postal sorting systems to assist in allocating mail to areas. True or False?
8. New post codes are constantly being created. True or False?

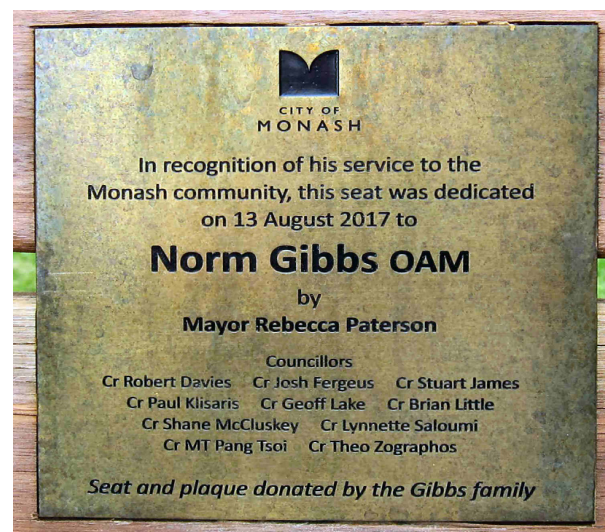
### Now for the Not-so-recent...

9. In 1838, a number of world firsts occurred. First adhesive postage stamp issued. The world's first stamped stationery solely intended for prepayment postage sold. The world's first commemorative issue stamp was sold to mark 50 years of colonisation in Australia. True or False?
10. In 1844, the first red post boxes were provided. True or False?
11. Uniform postal rates were introduced with agreement from the colonies in 1900, just prior to Federation. True or False?
12. In 1972, Melbourne Mail Exchange introduced a new machine that could process up to 8,000 letters per hour. True or False?

Answers See P. 8

## New Plaque in Waverley

A new memorial plaque has been placed in the grounds of the Mt Waverley Community Centre. It is a Bronze Plaque on a seat located on the lawn area west of main entrance. Melway reference 70E1.



A Kruijshoop 2017

Norm Gibbs is a long time member of the WHS and well known in the local community.

The Waverley Historical Society maintains a listing of known plaques throughout Monash City at: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~whsvic/plaques&markers.htm>

If you know of any other plaques located in a public place and readily viewed that are not listed please advise the WHS of the details so that they may be included.

### An Enquiry – can you help?

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm not sure whether you'll be able to help me or not but I was once on holiday in Chelsea (Victoria) over summer 1964/65. My family and I met a girl who was about 19 at the time, Carol Bailey from Mount Waverley (Victoria). I was (5) at the time and living in NSW (and still do).

She must have thought I was a good little kid because when we returned home she sent me a Disney Songs LP in the mail. I tried a couple of ways to locate her in 2014 as it was the 50th Anniversary of this event. Mount Waverley Primary and High Schools records didn't go back far enough. She'd be about 73 this year. Maybe she has a relative or friend still in the area? I realise this is a "Long Shot" and like looking for a "Needle In A Haystack," but any assistance you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again, Peter

## The Milne - Young Story

Alexander Milne left Calder in Scotland in 1852.

While on board ship, he purchased land in the Brighton-Bentleigh area, but some of this land did not exist when he went to claim it, so he journeyed on to Spring Vale (as yet unnamed) and lived in a tent by the Mile Creek where it crosses Springvale Rd near Lenore St.

Later he acquired land on the southeast corner of Dandenong and Springvale Rds right down to Mary St to the south and back to Sandown in the east. The land was used as a general farming property. He built a small home on the Dandenong and Springvale Rds corner, and later a second home was built on the Highway near Webb Ave and it is still there. *(These notes were written in 1985.)*

The only surviving daughter Ellen Milne, who had been born in Springvale, married John Young from the nearby blacksmith family.

John Young Snr had opened a blacksmith's shop on the Highway (now Allison Monkhouse corner) in 1850. Also a Scot, he had three sons, John, William and David.



Per Philip Young

David Young later owned land adjacent to the Springvale hotel to the west. Here his home stood for many years. He also owned the strip of land between Centre Rd and the Highway. It later became the *Ranfurlie Golf Links*.

The Young brothers carried on the blacksmiths' rest house called Castle Montgomery. They attended to the needs of passing travellers and their houses and vehicles. They had six fires and also made ploughs and farming equipment.

Ellen and John Young had five children, John, Ellen (Nellie), David (Dick), Robert and Alexander (Pank). Ellen died in childbirth and John

Young died aged 43 in 1889. The children were cared for by the Milne grandparents until old enough to take over the land. Miss Nellie Young retained part of the property and lived in the house on the Highway until her death in 1954, when the remaining land was subdivided.



Here is the area of the intersection of Dandenong and Springvale Rds, partly occupied by the Milne - Young family members (as taken in the aerial survey of 1945). Lenore St is just to the south of this image. *Ranfurlie* golf course is shown between Centre Rd and Dandenong Rd. See also item on P.7.

Pank (Alexander) Young married Doris Williams, daughter of John and Annie (nee Frost) Williams. John Williams had come from St Kilda in 1904 as caretaker to Springvale cemetery. They lived in a house on the cemetery grounds near the Police Rd exit. Pank was born in Spring Vale in 1880 and spent his lifetime there. After he was married he lived in a house on the property for some years. (It is still in Lenore St facing the *wrong way*. He later moved to 110 Springvale Rd, where he was living at the time of his death in 1963, aged 83. He had eleven children – Alex, Doris, Bill (dec), Robert (Paddy), Stanley (Boyd), Norma, Don, Elva, Wally, Bryan, and Peter, most of whom still live in the Springvale area and are themselves grandparents and great-grandparents to the seventh generation descendants of this family.

*This is an extract of some handwritten notes from about 1985 based on family history and Springvale Historical Society records, provided by Philip Young.*



Some Victoria Police History and Waverley

Thea Angelico

Glen Waverley has been the home of the Victoria Police Training Academy, located on Waverley and Viewmount Roads, since 1973.

Although Policewomen are a common enough sight nowadays, they were, a few generations ago, a rare sighting indeed. In 2017, we celebrated 100 years of women in policing, at least in Victoria. The fight was long and difficult but was definitely worth it to see men and women working side by side in the Victoria Police.

At the beginning of this battle, which seems to have been sparked by a letter to the editor in *The Argus*, arguments flew about "a woman's place is in the home" and that women "lacked the capacity for logic" and were "physically inferior". These may have seemed solid arguments at the time; however, some four years later, the first two female police members were sworn into the Victoria Police in July 1917.

The first two women members of Victoria Police, Madge Connor and Elizabeth Beers, were not called policewomen at all - instead, woman police agents. This is evident in their duties and powers. They had no uniform and no power to arrest, and their duties included "preventing truancy from school" and "supervising thoughtless girls and young soldiers" or things of the like. In fact, the women's only resources seemed to be a detective's warrant card, with which they could question any and every possible source of information, and a metal police badge, pinned under the lapel of their jackets. Ref. 1

The next year, 1918, Elizabeth Beers resigned from the Police and was replaced by Nell Davidson. No more women police were appointed, it seems, until 1922, when Mary Cox joined. By this time, women in the police were beginning to be truly valued among the ranks. Then, in 1923, Ellen Cook was appointed and joined the other three. Ellen Cook was the first daughter of a policeman to follow in the footsteps of her father.

Prior to 1924, the female police agents had very little in the way of powers and were not considered equal to policemen. Then finally, in November 1924, the four women were sworn in as fully

fledged members of the Victoria Police with the similar hours, wages, and working conditions as policemen. They still, however, did not have a uniform.

In the next 22 years, the number of female police members rose to 16, including an all-female squad of four women. During this time, two policewomen married but managed to continue serving. (At the time, once a (government) working woman married, she had to quit her job.) One policewoman was promoted to Senior Constable, the highest rank deemed possible for a policewoman at the time. This same policewoman was later promoted to Sergeant, and then another became the first female senior constable.

In 1947, the first uniform for policewomen was introduced. Shortly after, in January 1948, the first female "Street Patrol" began. Four policewomen piled into a car and drove around Melbourne with an eye out for "woman offenders" and "women in need of assistance". On their first patrol, they did, in fact, arrest a female offender for being drunk and disorderly.

In 1950, a policewoman joined the CIB (Criminal Investigation Branch) and two policewomen from the United Kingdom graduated into Victoria Police; the first female overseas recruits, making 25 policewomen in the Victoria Police.

In 1952, Jessie Clarey was named the first serving policewoman to die before retirement. She was buried with full police honours. That same year, Madge Connor, the first

woman police agent, died anonymously.

In 1972 came a huge change in the eyes of the policewomen; for the first time, married women were allowed to join (or stay in) the police force. A few years later, a twelve-week maternity leave was granted, allowing a female police member to preserve their long service leave instead of using it as maternity leave. This allowed police woman numbers to increase to 278. In 1977 a police woman was awarded a medal for gallantry, and another was first to qualify for Air Wing duties. When the Equal Opportunity Act

came out in 1978, one policewoman transferred to general duties, and "slacks" were trialled for policewomen, with the intent of replacing the constricting skirts of previous years. However, "slacks" were only brought out as uniform in 1981.



This statue at the Police Academy was commissioned in 2017 to commemorate 100 years of women in policing. The statue was created by *The Bronze & Marble Gallery*.

More firsts – in 1982, first female in charge of an all-male police station; 1986 and 1999 first female Aboriginal and Vietnamese officers respectively; first women in the SARs, PSOs, and dog squad; and in 1989, Bernice Masterson was named the first policewoman in Australia to be promoted to Assistant Commissioner. The number of policewomen in Victoria was counted to be in excess of 1400 at the time.

At last, in 1992, part-time policing became an option. Interestingly, the first seven police members to trial the part-time work were all female, even though it was open to all police officers.

The history of Victorian policewomen, of course, continues on from there. For instance, the first female Chief Commissioner was Christine Nixon from April 2001 to February 2009, and in 2002

for the first time, a policewoman was put in charge of a one-person station.

Women have shown themselves capable of, not only welfare work, but every aspect of policing that men have achieved. Ideally we should stop considering gender and look instead at capabilities.

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Did you know - Street Names?

On the 1961 Auction plan of the *Sherwood Estate* (including parts of St Albans St, Tanjil Crt, Dargo Crt and David Crt, a new street was shown just north of the railway line going east from Stephensons Rd as *Burgundy Street*. Also shown was a short section of Portsmouth St also connecting to Stephensons Rd. This now forms the north driveway into Holy Family Church site.

These are some of the wonders displayed on old subdivision plans and auction notices held by the WHS. You are welcome to peruse these documents in the WHS rooms and possibly find some wonders relating to your subdivision. The WHS would welcome a copy of any old Land Auction notices for our collection.

Incidentally the names Tanjil and Dargo originate from Bill Houghton's time in these areas of Gippsland.

Coming Events

( Note Day and Time )

- Thu 22 Feb 7pm Helen Doxford-Harris : *Women in Council*
- Sunday 18 Mar 1pm-3pm Historical Walk in Damper Creek, Cratloe Estate and Essex Heights, MW. Meet in the car park at the south end of Park Rd. Reservations required.
- Thursday 26 April 7pm Celestina Sagazio : *Springvale War Cemetery*
- Wed 25 April 11am RSL Wreath Laying at the GW library cenotaph (on Bogong Ave)
- Mon 30 Apr 10.30am David Kilderry : *The History of Australian Drive-In Theatres*. ..This event is hosted by the MW Library in the WHS rooms..