

Afternoon tea and an Inspection of the WHS resources

2pm Sunday 27th March
WHS Rooms above MW Library

See what the WHS researchers are doing in recording the history of the Waverley district. There are many sources available to examine and index, including: photographs, maps, newspapers, real estate subdivision plans, rate notices etc.

Complete the afternoon with talk, tea and other refreshments as we get back to normal operations.

RSVP essential by 20th March

Via our Email

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Fallen Diggers

Dennis Frank

Wednesday 27th April at 2pm in our rooms



In recognition of ANZAC day, this talk will cover the story of 27 Diggers taken off the "Missing List"

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Please bring a plate of afternoon tea or a gold coin donation.



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The White House

This genuine landmark was set on a high point in Essex Heights, Mt Waverley in the late 1950s. Such was its location that it was visible from high buildings in the Melbourne CBD. Its classic English style with its steep gable roof, (ideal for heavy winter snow) fully occupied the site while the garage matched well.

This block was part of the *Waverley Park Estate* auctioned on site on 5 May 1951 by H P Knight & Co.

Its first resident was A. Morgan.

Coming Events

The WHS is in hibernation until the complete lifting of restrictions on crowd events in our rooms.

See page 8 for more events that we have planned for dates to be advised.

ANZAC Day 2022

**Wreath Laying at the
Glen Waverley Cenotaph
(Adjacent to the GW Library)
10am Sunday 24th April
(The day before ANZAC day)**

Unless otherwise stated,
General Meetings are held
at 2pm on the fourth Sunday
in our rooms above Mt
Waverley Library (Lift Avail-
able) 41 Miller Cres., Mt
Waverley. For excursions
and outings please carefully
note time and location de-
tails.



The late Margaret Boyes. See obituary on p.7



The late Laurie Burchell. See obituary on p.7

WHS AGM 14 Nov 2021

The AGM was held via Zoom due to the restrictions of Covid precluding a face to face meeting at our rooms in the Mount Waverley library. The business was the Acceptance of Reports and Elections of Office Bearers and Committee. The results were:

President: MarJo Angelico

Vice Presidents: Philip Johnstone, Kerrie Flynn

Secretary: Margaret Boyes

Treasurer: Vacant

Committee: Ed Hore, Chris Norton, Virginia Barnett, Beverley Delaney, Sueie McGrath

Other roles were not addressed during the AGM.

Regrettably, Margaret Boyes passed away on 18.1.22 leaving this position vacant. Kerrie Flynn has gracefully stood aside from the Vice President position and assumed the role.

So the Committee is now:

President: MarJo Angelico

VP Philip: Johnstone

Secretary: Kerrie Flynn

Treasurer: Vacant

Archivist: Norma Schultz

Ass'n East'n Hist'l Soc's delegates: Norma Schultz & Kerrie Flynn

Care & Concern: Vacant

Council Liaison Officer: Ed Hore

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Photographer: Chris Norton

Program Co-ordinator: Sueie McGrath

Research Officer: Kerrie Flynn

Safety Officer: Vacant

Volunteer Co-ordinator: Norma Schultz

We thank all members for continuing to serve the Society in these ways, realising that many have had a difficult year.

WHS Research Queries

So far this year 2022 we have had 3 queries.

Q1. This was from a relative asking what we know about Mary Anne Wallace who was born on 14th February 1854. Her parents were Henry Wallace (a farmer) and Mary Blackwell. She later moved to north east Victoria and died on 27th April 1896.

We supplied the following information. In 1873 there was a H.P. Wallace (listed in Sands and McDougall) with occupation land agent. Then in 1878 to 1882 he is listed as a farmer on Waverley Rd, I also found reference to a H.G. Wallace in 1889 who was a schoolmaster and helped form the Black Flat Cricket Club...

Q2. This was a request about who built the houses in Delmore Crescent. He knew the land around was owned by the Reid family who operated a poultry farm on the site and that the street name was possibly named after Ron Reid's birthplace (Delmore, South Africa). We couldn't supply the builder's name but welcome any member who can add to this, to let us know.

Q3. Does Jordanville still exist as an official gazetted suburb today?

Our Reply *Jordanville* is a residential locality, 14 km south-east of central Melbourne, immediately east of Chadstone. Most of the area once known as Jordanville is in Ashwood and Chadstone. Likewise *Syndal* and *Brandon Park* are residential localities.

Forgotten Localities

It is interesting to note the changes in the acceptance of names as formal suburbs while others reduce to a mere locality.

In the 1960s there was the *Stocksville* Post Office located in Cleveland Rd in what is now known as Ashwood. *Syndal* has a licenced Post Office on the east side of Blackburn Rd (in Glen Waverley).

There was a *Brandon Park* Post Office. *Amstel*, *Brentwood*, *Notting Hill*, *Pinewood*, *Tally Ho*, *Wellington* and *Whitburn*.

Did You Know?

The district we now as Monash City was first created just over 150 years ago in December 1871 as the Shire of Mulgrave.

See the *Signs of the Times* article that follows

VALE

Margaret Kerr Boyes

16.09.1934 – 18.01.2022

A Hard-working Erudite Inspiration

Sadly, our efficient secretary Margaret Boyes passed away peacefully but unexpectedly last month.

Margaret Burns was born in Richmond to Scottish immigrants and was educated at Kingsville State School and Williamstown High, lonely until her sister Helen was born in 1945. She always had good dress sense despite the depression and war, and won £100 in a fashion competition in the rationing years! She worked as secretary at Footscray Ammunition factory until she met (at 19) and married Geoffrey Boyes. They bought an AV Jennings home on a new estate in Mt Waverley, which was to be the family home till the present time.

Life was not easy for Margaret, as Geoffrey was away working in the country four days per week, and she had to do everything for the young family in that time. The three Boyes children, Fiona, Alison and Andrew say they had a fantastic childhood, and have all excelled in their very different fields, though teenaged Andrew was barely enduring school while his mother was relishing it. Margaret studied hard and earned her HSC, joined book clubs, became District Commissioner for Girl Guides, and gained an Associate Diploma and then a BA from Chisholm Institute.

Geoffrey encouraged her in all these things, and often pushed her out of her comfort zone to try new things. Margaret loved travel and exploring new cultures. In all she visited 20 countries. She also loved fine art, architecture, books, theatre, and music.

Unfortunately Geoffrey died suddenly in 1985 and again Margaret was sole parent, albeit now to adult children, whom she encouraged in their disparate pursuits. She immersed herself in family matters, cutting out articles for each member that were truly helpful and interesting to them. She found a job advertisement for her sister that turned out to become Helen's life's work! Probus, U3A, private studies and language learning kept her interested. Soon Waverley Historical Society became an avenue for contributing, and Margaret spent several years organising our programme before being Secretary.

This may be only the second time a standing committee member has died, the first being early president Sid Brown, whose son's memorial service was the same week as Margaret's. Margaret was erudite, resilient, inclusive, knowledgeable and capable, and will be sorely missed.

VALE

Lawrence Edward Burchell

15.2.1929 - 8.2.2022

A Man of Broad Interests and Ever-widening Horizons

Sadly, our member Laurie Burchell, educator, author, historian and community worker passed away recently.

Born the son of a shearer and a waitress on the eve of the Depression in rural Carapook, Vic, he matriculated in Mildura and became a student teacher. He soon developed keen interests in photography, architecture, and travel.

As a young teacher, he persuaded the Education Department to include Fine Art as a Year 12 subject, eventually serving for 24 years on the Panel of Examiners, eight as Chairman. In 1963 he married fellow teacher Patricia Steed and they raised four children and became increasingly involved in the local community.

By 1975 Laurie completed his MA (hons), and started writing books: *Government School Architecture in Colonial Victoria* was followed by *The Galleries Book*, *Recognising House Styles*, *Coburg Memories*, and *Infant School Architecture*. He launched a bicycle group, service club and parent associations. This man was a dynamo of energy and innovation!

After retirement, Laurie increased involvement in Coburg Historical Society (president 2004-6), ably supported by his wife Pat, but he also supported her in her work. Laurie and Pat had an amazing impact on their world, not least because they respected and admired each other.

In 2006 a move to Mount Waverley shifted attention to this area, and immediately Waverley Historical Society was the beneficiary of the Burchells' considerable energies. Contributions to local history in multiple locations won Laurie the rare Merit Award from the Royal Historical Society of Victoria in 2014.

However, his health began to falter. A diagnosis of Parkinson's was later changed to Multiple Systems Atrophy. He had already fought off cancer of the lymph gland. In all this, his wife Pat was a constant and uncomplaining support. Then in 2014 Pat was found to have advanced cancer that left her only a short time to live. After such a long and happy marriage, Laurie must have been deeply grieved by her departure.

Laurie has enriched the lives of students in fourteen schools, brought Fine Art into VCE, written books on art, architecture and local history. Mainly, he made the work of many organisations easier by contributing countless hours, cheerfully adding quality and beauty to effort, creating resources that will be appreciated for many decades.

showing a Lion, symbolic of the municipality's ties with England, and two-thirds (bottom) rising Sun over a road winding through green fields, symbolic of the municipality's origin as a Roads Board District, heading into a brighter future under the traditional Australian "Rising Sun" symbol.

The Shield's supporters are two Kangaroos, another very Australian symbol, which were also very plentiful in the municipality prior to full on urbanisation.

At the March 1977, City of Waverley Council Meeting, it was decided, by majority vote to apply to the College of Arms in London, England, for a formal Coat-of-Arms granted to the Municipality. This, at times contentious decision, took just over two years to achieve, being formally Granted by the College in "Letters Patent" dated 11 April 1979.

Then State Governor of Victoria, Sir Henry Winneke, presented the "Letters Patent" to the Council at a formal dinner on Monday, 11 June 1979.

Some of the features of the municipality's previous, unofficial, Coat-of-Arms were carried over to the new, official, Coat-of-Arms, with other design features included.



City of Waverley's official Coat-of-Arms.
Image source: Council published Arms pamphlet.

The symbolism and component parts of these Arms are as follows, from top to bottom;

Crest plus Helmet & Mantling – The red Mural Crown denotes municipal affairs, issuing sprigs of Melaleuca, an indigenous floral species common throughout the Municipality. Above the crown is a redesigned Lion – representing the first "unofficial" Arms of Waverley, used between 1961-79, and holding a spade and hoe – denoting the once flourishing Market Garden Industry, which existed across large southern portions of the Municipality during the first 60 years of the 20th century. Below this is the blue and white mantling and visored helmet, representing the status of the City as a corporation.

Shield – The upper section shows a male and female arm jointly holding a Mural Crown, to represent local government. It also shows the importance of the residents of this basically residential municipality, and their involvement in civic and community affairs.

The lower section of the Shield is divided into four quarters by a blue & white Cross – denoting the many Christian Churches in the Municipality, with an open Book at the centre of the Cross – denoting culture, learning and intellectual endeavours of the residents, facilitated by the Schools, Libraries and all other cultural community groups and activities within the Municipality.

The First and Fourth Quarters show a single fruit tree, an apple and pear – denoting the once flourishing Orchard Industry, which existed across large northern portions of the Municipality, between the 1880's and 1960's. The Second and Third Quarters show a Jersey Bull and Jersey Cow – denoting the first European farmers who settled in the district in 1839, resulting in profitable Cattle and Dairy Industries for 80 years.

Supporters – On either side of the Shield is an Eastern Grey Kangaroo, male and female, also representing the first "unofficial" Arms of Waverley. This species of Kangaroo used to be widely seen across the municipal district, up until full urbanisation in the 1960's and 70's.

Compartment – In green at the base of the Shield and at the feet of the two Kangaroos, are two hillocks (small hills), representing the topography and two highest parts of the municipality, "Mount Waverley" and "Wheeler's Hill". Above these two hillocks is a Mine Poppet head – representing the 1896 discovery of gold in the area, and a Coach or Wagon Wheel – representing the first form of local governance, being the Oakleigh and Mulgrave Road District (1857–71). The development of the main roads layout, financed by Road Tolls – based upon the size of the wheel, across the then District led to the first municipal Shire Council being established in late 1871. Wheeler's Hill is named after two pioneer Leaseholders, the Wheeler brothers.

Motto – The final part of the Coat-of-Arms is the Motto, in Latin, "*Domine Nos Dirige*", which translates into English as, *Lord Direct /Guide Us*.

This second "official" City of Waverley Coat-of-Arms, remained in formal use until the Municipality's abolition and forced amalgamation with the neighbouring City of Oakleigh on 14 December 1995.

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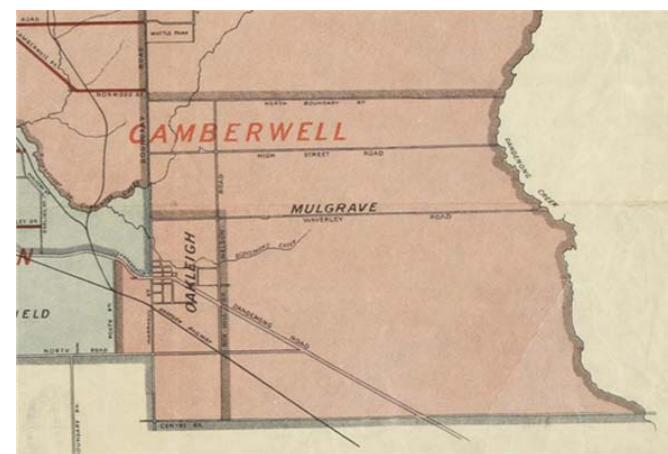
Signs of the Times

150 Years of Oakleigh–Mulgrave–Waverley–Monash Municipal Emblems 1871–2021

Ralph G.C. Bartlett
Co-Founder & Secretary,
Flag Society of Australia Inc.- Flags Australia

After almost 15 years of operation (January 1857–December 1871) the Victorian Government's "Oakleigh and Mulgrave Road District", was replaced by a broad based responsible local municipal Council, being the "Shire of Oakleigh", on 1 December 1871. This Council, was like the previous Road District Board, based upon the boundaries of the "Parish of Mulgrave" – surveyed in 1853, with the boundaries being; West Boundary Road (now Warrigal Road), North Boundary Road (now Highbury Road), Dandenong Creek (eastern boundary), and North / Wellington Road(s) as the southern boundary.

It should be noted that "District Roads Board's" number one responsibility was the creation and maintenance of local roads, which previously had only been tracks through the newly occupied bush and countryside. Gradually, the Board's local road functions evolved into other locally based community functions, resulting in the need to upgrade their status to "Municipal Councils". In line with this upgrading process, on 1 December 1871, the "Oakleigh and Mulgrave Road District" became the "Shire of Oakleigh".

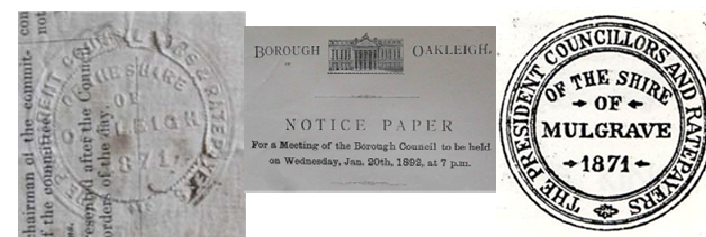


Section of "The Metropolis" transport map of Melbourne
(Dept. of Lands & Survey c.1917-18)

During the 1880's the community leaders and residents of the Oakleigh township gradually developed a sense of their own identity, being separate from the more rural and less developed greater Waverley-Mulgrave areas of the Shire. This led to the successful proclamation of the "Borough of Oakleigh" being carved out of the south-west corner of the Shire, on 13 March 1891, as a separate municipal Council. The result was that there were now two municipal Councils, Shire of Oakleigh and the Borough of Oakleigh, both administratively based in the Oakleigh township, often "sharing" the

same municipal Office and Town Hall, with the Shire paying rent to the Borough. This economical situation continued until 1920, when the Shire, having been previously renamed "Shire of Mulgrave" on 11 February 1897, built its own Council Office near the south-west corner of Ferntree Gully & May's (now Blackburn) Roads, Notting Hill. The first Mulgrave Shire Council Meeting in the new Office occurred on 9 December 1920. Construction of this building had been delayed due to the First World War 1914–18.

Initially, both the Shire of Oakleigh (later) Mulgrave, and the Borough of Oakleigh – later Town and then City, used either a "Common Seal" or "Masthead" as their principal emblem



Borough of Oakleigh Seal and letterhead Shire of Mulgrave 1910s

Images' Sources: History Monash Collection
Photographed by Ralph G C Bartlett

Throughout the history of the two Municipalities of Oakleigh and Mulgrave, there has been a discussion over who "stole" whose Council Arms. At the time of Oakleigh's separation from the Shire, Australia as a whole was in the middle of the campaign to unite six separate colonies into a Federated Commonwealth. The campaign to unite the colonies was led by two "nationalist" organisations, the Australian Native's Association – formed in Melbourne on 24 April 1871, and the Australasian Federation League – formally established in Sydney in July 1893, after several years of gaining trans-colonial support. Both organisations used variations of the same "Advance Australia" Coat-of-Arms to promote Federation.



Museums Victoria
Collection



Image Source: "Aussie-Osities" by
Vane Lindsay, p.37 – 1988

There have been many variants of these Arms used across the then Australian colonies, well into

the 20th Century, but the first known design was a painted “Advance Australia” Arms, on wood, for Captain Thomas Silk in early 1821, who settled in Richmond – Hawkesbury District of New South Wales.

(Source – State Library of NSW, and Heraldica Civica et Militaria – www.hubert-herald.nl/Australia.htm)

While these Coats-of-Arms were unofficial, they was “adopted” by organisations – public and private, individuals and by Municipal Councils. A perfect example of this is a Municipal “Dog Registration Tag” – Council unknown, dated “July 1, 1893 to June 30, 1894”. There was also a privately produced “Advance Victoria” token, using very similar “Australia Arms”, in 1862.



Image Source: National Museum of Australia

Downies Collectibles

Like most of Victoria and the other Colonies in the eastern half of Australia, the leading citizens of the Oakleigh Borough & Shire municipalities gained popular support to join the Federation campaign, resulting in the holding of Public Meeting at the Mechanics Hall, Oakleigh, on 29 May 1897, to establish an Oakleigh Branch of the Australian Natives' Association “ANA”. This Meeting successfully resolved to establish a branch, which formally occurred on 3 June 1897. Together with the local citizens, attending this Meeting was leading Federation campaigner, Alfred Deakin, then Victorian Attorney-General and future Australian Prime Minister.

Both the Melbourne based ANA, and the Sydney based Australasian Federation League, used variations of the “Advance Australia” Arms as their principal symbol. It is my contention, but to date with no solid proof, but based upon the earlier documented examples, that the “Advance Australia” Arms were co-adopted as the Arms of Oakleigh, and replacing the word “Australia” with “Oakleigh”. The next big question is whether this was done to represent the “Borough of Oakleigh” or the “Shire of Oakleigh / Mulgrave” (name changed on 11 February 1897). To date the earliest documented evidence of these Arms being used by either municipality, is a Borough of Oakleigh letterhead, dated the 22 July 1912.

At the same time period the only emblem that



Source: History Monash Collection

has been documented for the Shire of Mulgrave is a plain Council Seal on an “Official Dinner” programme, dated 23 October 1911, at the Shire Hall, Oakleigh.



Image Source: History Monash Collection

The use of the Shire of Mulgrave Seal as the principal emblem is further reinforced by a Council letterhead used in the 1920's after the Shire held its first Council Meeting in its own dedicated Shire Offices near the corner of Ferntree Gully & May's (now Blackburn) Roads on 9 December 1920. This Council letterhead was still being used in the early 1930's.



Shire of Mulgrave letterhead
Image Source: History Monash Collection
Photo: Ralph G.C. Bartlett

Based upon the currently known documentation, it appears that the Borough of Oakleigh first introduced the use of the “Advance Australia” style Arms as their Municipal emblem, thereby blocking the neighbouring Shire of Mulgrave from using its own version of these Arms. This theory contradicts previous articles published in two local newspapers, being:

Waverley Progress – Waverley Centenary Feature, p.29, Tuesday, 7 December 1971, and the

Chadstone Progress – Special City of Oakleigh's 50th Anniversary Issue, p.25, Tuesday, 2 August 1977.

Ideally this assumption needs to be definitely confirm or dismissed, if evidence can be found about the first local use of the “Advance” Arms.

Oakleigh's Municipal Council continued to use the “Advance Oakleigh” Arms / Crest, with some slight

changes throughout its existence from “Borough” to “Town” – 19 February 1924, to “City” – 2 August 1927, until the municipality's abolition and forced amalgamation with the neighbouring City of Waverley on 14 December 1994. By either the late 1970's or early 1980's the Council had commenced using a City of Oakleigh Flag, featuring this Arms / Crest in the centre of a white field.



Source: History Monash Collection

Source: Photo: Monash Public Library

Flickr



Image: Monash Public Library

Photo: Ralph G.C. Bartlett

It should be noted that the first known Oakleigh Council Flag used was a metal Mayoral Car Pennant, dating from possibly the post WW2 years. It was bolted to the Mayoral car on official occasions. It is triangular in shape with the Oakleigh Arms / Crest in golden-yellow, outlined in black, on a mid-blue field. I have not been able to determine more precisely the period of time this was used. For the final 15 or so years the Mayor's Car used a smaller fabric version of the Council Flag, with Arms / Crest centered on a white field.



History Monash Collection

History Monash Display 2021

Ralph CC Bartlett 2021 and 1988

Photos: Ralph G.C. Bartlett 2021 & 1988

Meanwhile, at some time between late 1920 and 1955, the Shire of Mulgrave adopted its own Arms, featuring a variation of the “Advance” Arms. It is not yet known when this was introduced by the Council, but it appears on the front cover the Council's new Glen Waverley Office opening on 11 August 1955.

This image comes from a small fold out publication, *Know Your Shire*, dated the 1 December 1958.



Waverley Historical Society Collection
Photo: Ralph G.C. Bartlett – July 2016

The main differences with Oakleigh being no surrounding circular “title” ring, being replaced with a “title” ribbon, and a wreath, between the Arms and ribbon. Together with an introduction date, it would be great to know if there is a colour version of this in existence.

Following the success of the post-World War 2 (1939–45) migration from Europe to Australia in general and the resulting “baby boom”, the population and development of the Shire started to grow considerably. On 14 April 1961, the “Shire of Mulgrave” was formally declared the “City of Waverley”, named after the two largest suburbs of the municipality, being; Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley.

To coincide with the new Municipal status, it was decided that the City of Waverley deserved its own, unique, Coat-of-Arms, totally different from the previous Shire Arms.



Drawing: Waverley Historical Society Collection

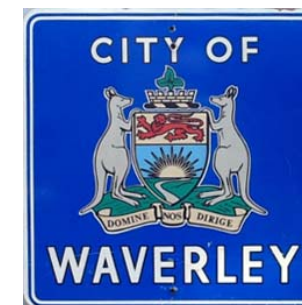


Photo: Courtesy of former Mayor Graeme Frecker – 2016

The new Waverley Coat of Arms were designed during the weeks prior to the “City” status proclamation, as a result of suggestions by the then Councillors and Officers of the Shire, with the motto, “DOMINE NOS DIRIGE” (“Lord Direct / Guide Us”), being suggested by the then Shire Engineer, Claude Vaughan. It should be noted that this same Latin motto has been used by the City of London since the 1630's.

The meaning of the Coat-of-Arms is as follows;

At the top, the Crest comprises a Muraille (brick) Castle and Clover Leaf, symbolic of the association with the Earl of Mulgrave, Marquis of Normanby, and the Mulgrave Castle in Whitby, Yorkshire, England.

The central Shield is divided into one-third (top)