

## The History of Motoring

2pm 26th February 2023

At the WHS Rooms above MW Library

Gary Stocking will talk to us on the History of Motoring. He is the Publicity Officer of the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club.



Bookings essential by 18 February

via our Email

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## Historic Walk Pinewood

am 26th March 2023

A new walk around a well-known area, but what hints of the past are still visible to the observant eye? This part of Waverley held orchards, dairy farms and grazing land, a town common and a permanent water reserve. There are also newer features of note. Explore the familiar paths with a historical mindset to further your understanding of Waverley's history.



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### The Vic Stocks' House

The extensive Stocks family have been active in the Ashwood area across many generations. This solid brick art deco home was Vic Stocks' house, built in the early 1930s, from which he ran his farm (grazing and market flower growing). His barn/machinery shed was cleaned out each week and used by the local Gospel Chapel for meetings. It also is still standing, though now bricked up and made comfortable. More information can be found in *Once There was Jordanville*.

*The WHS is out of hibernation. We are open each Wed afternoon 1 to 4.30pm.*

*Events on page 8: Unless otherwise stated, General Meetings are held at 2pm on the fourth Sunday in our rooms above Mt Waverley Library (Lift Available) 41 Miller Cres., Mt Waverley.*

*For outings please carefully note time and location details.*

### Coming Events

#### Next Event

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the Mount Waverley Library  
41 Miller Crescent.

[See page 8 for other events that we have planned.](#)

## ANZAC Day 2023

Wreath Laying at the

Glen Waverley Cenotaph

(Adjacent to the GW Library)

10am Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

A march to the cenotaph will commence from the RSL carpark in Glendale St at 10 am



WWS members at a previous ANZAC ceremony at the cenotaph

## Ephemera

2pm 28th May 2023

At the WHS Rooms above MW Library

by

Mandy Bede



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## Recent WHS Meetings The Melbourne Playing Cards Collectors

Virginia Barnett

Who could imagine the scope of the simple playing card? Hilary Oates (President) and Ray Nilsson (Treasurer) of Melbourne Playing Card Collectors Inc. were only too pleased and keen to enlighten us and display their personal collections, at our last meeting for the year on Sunday 27 November. Albums and card packs covered two tables, nothing was off limits and question time more or less revealed that we have all collected something at some time. But maybe not with the same knowledge and passion as Hilary and Ray.

Playing card swapping had to begin somewhere. Ernie Calhoun, not long home from World War II, chose to turn this into a hobby, in particular for girls as boys already had Matchbox toys and football cards. He acquired large numbers of decks of cards with suitable designs: Blue Boys, Blue Girls, boats, trees and so on, which he tracked down in large department stores such as Myer and Buckley & Nunn. These decks usually came with a couple of spare cards and these were the ones which were pounced on for collections. The idea of collection and swapping was up and running. Ernie approached toy shops and newsagencies to buy cards in bundles as the 'craze' spread. Paper albums with 'Swap Cards' printed on the cover were specifically made for collectors to display their treasures.

The circular playing card was new to most of us. These were on display as well, the 'Sutherland's Coon Cards' published by Hartley Bros. Pty. Ltd, Australia, in the late 19th century. The earlier circular cards depicted persons of foreign heritage in an uncomplimentary manner, certainly not acceptable these days. The colourful imagery honed in on the national identity from that time and now we would see them more as a social documentary.



Hilary Oates & Ray Nilsson reading a copy of *Then & Now*



Playing cards displaying National Flags or Coats of Arms

Ralph Bartlett

Our own Sands & McDougall produced playing cards from the late 1890's to 1970. They used locally produced card stock, not imported card from England, however the quality was not as good as the imported cards; they faded easily and reprinting often resulted in colour differences, which was good for the collector!

Hilary and Ray gave us a fascinating insight into the world of swap cards, which began in the forties and is still going strong. The display attracted much interest especially for those of us whose knowledge hadn't proceeded beyond the Queen's Slipper brand of playing cards, with memories of hard copy Solitaire.

Sueie, after thanking our excellent speakers, presented each with a copy of *Then and Now* which were gratefully received.

### Did You Know ?

Here is another driveway that has become a road into an estate.

**Waimarie Drive**, originally the driveway of the Tait property on Stephenson's Rd. The driveway was between the house and the stables. The north corner is now occupied by the service station. The area occupied by the house is now a group of shops and offices above. The stables are now incorporated into a house.

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Vale

**Dorothy MARRIOTT**

18.11.1929 – 22.07.2022

Dorothy Louise Couper married Wes Marriott and lived in Mt Waverley. There were two daughters and two sons (Helen, Trevor, Stephen and Janice), eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. She was long standing member of the WHS.

Vale

**Lorraine Margaret ALDER**

128.3.1941 – 14.9.1942

Wife of Alan, sister to Norman, Mother of Damien and Cate, Grandmother of 3. Member of WHS.

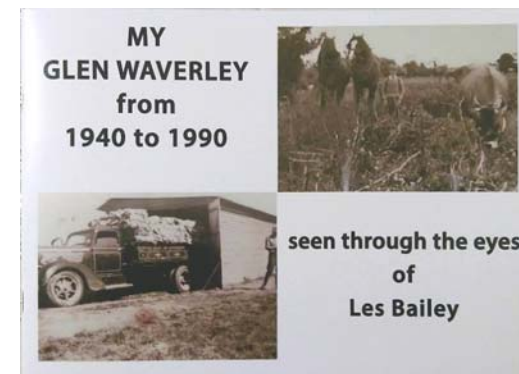
A recent publication

***My Glen Waverley 1940-1990***

by Les Bailey

Fifty years of anecdotes and reminiscences of life in the rural township of Glen Waverley (1940-1990) are entertainingly narrated by an eye witness and child of some early farming families (Herriot, Dunscombe and others). Les tells of the families who lived there and what they did to build the community – the fun and the fundraising, the firsts and finals, the charm and changes, all told in Les's inimitable personal style. 28 pages including photos.

\$15 from the author.



Check out this short film online

<https://youtu.be/nzV6Kn8KkwE>.

It is about Mt Waverley. This one of a series made by Dean, who is encouraging people to see more of Melbourne by public transport.

Vale

**Dulcie WILSON**

17.07.1925-15.10.2022

Dulcie Blanche Dunscombe was born at home in Gallaghers Road to Henry and Emily DUNSCOMBE, orchardists. She grew up there with her two brothers and two sisters, going to Glen Waverley primary (now Black Flat Community Centre). She lived all her life in Glen Waverley.

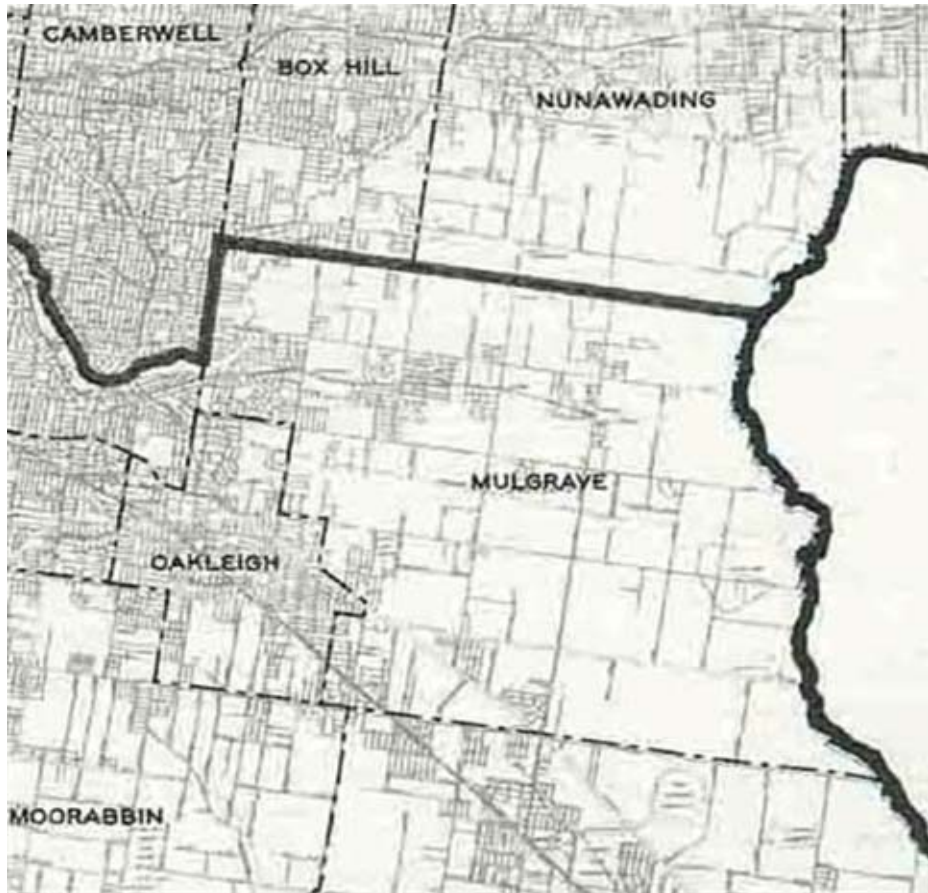
The war put an end to her schooling and overshadowed the next chapter of her life, as everything was rationed – food, clothes, petrol. At least they had produce from their land. Still, there were dances - they even rode their bikes to some in Wellington or Wantirna or further a field; there was tennis, (Dulcie was made a life member of the GW club in 1965), and church (she was a member for many decades at St Pauls, later St Barnabas, more commonly known as GWAC). And sometimes, there were movies. It cost one shilling to ride the bus to Oakleigh and 1/6 to get into the pictures.

So it was that on her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday she became engaged to Don Wilson, and they were married at St Pauls the following year.



Dulcie was amazingly organised and never forgot a birthday or other event. A regular attendee at WHS meetings, she loved to keep up with other "old GW" residents. She kept a diary for 50 years describing the huge changes that were occurring in her near-century long life. Over the years she was a driver for the Red Cross, a carer for various elderly, a cleaner at Brentwood school, an outstanding cook, a Meals on Wheels volunteer, and a much loved aunt/great aunt/great great aunt to her nieces and nephews. She would play games with them and attend their special events. She also loved her garden, reading, doing word puzzles, watching sport and races – sharp to the end, she always had things of interest to say.

Unfortunately Don passed away in 1996, just short of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In fact, Dulcie outlived all her siblings and many of her friends, but was visited often by nieces and nephews, who will miss her greatly.



Melbourne Planning Scheme 1954 – Extract (Reproduced in "Remembering Melbourne 1850–1960", p.194 . 2017

It is interesting to note that after just over a century of being separate municipalities, as Oakleigh and Mulgrave/Waverley, all of the pre-1949 area of Oakleigh, together with the 1959 acquired "Clayton Borough" area, were forced by the then State Government to merge on 14 December 1994, with Waverley, to form a new City of Monash.

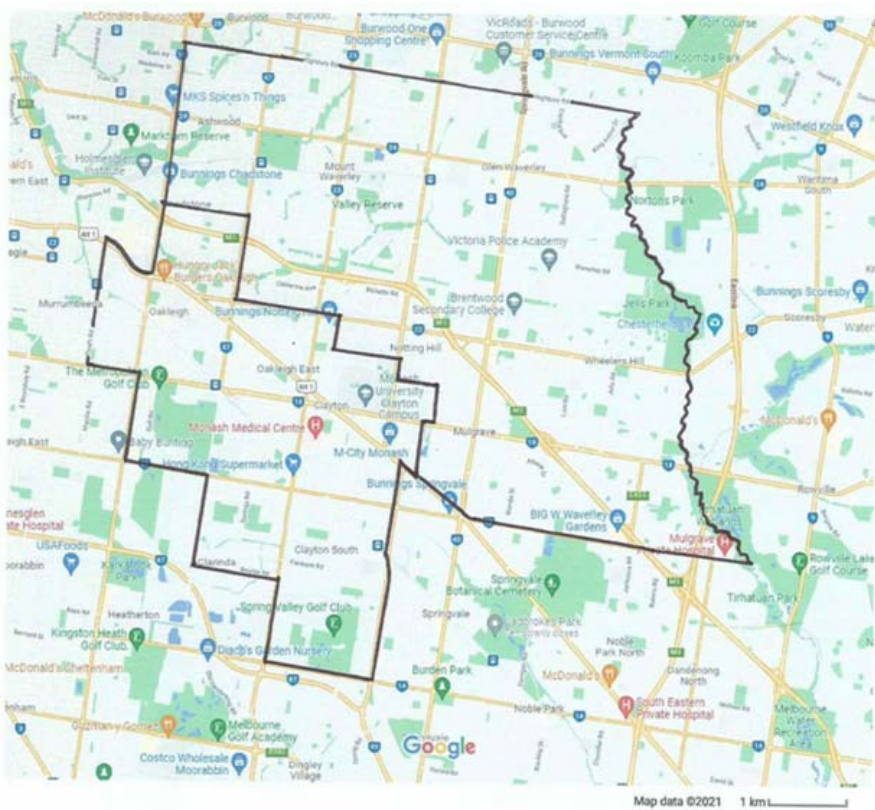
The Monash municipality in boundary shape and area, except for one excluded triangle piece of land mid-way along the southern boundary and the "Hughesdale extension" from Warrigal to Poath Rds on the western boundary, is identical to original Shire of Oakleigh (December 1871–March 1891).

Later in February 1897, the Shire of Oakleigh changed its name to the Shire of Mulgrave, to distinguish it from the 1891 created Borough of Oakleigh.

*What goes around, comes around, so says the proverb.*

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City of Oakleigh & City of Waverley (formerly Sire of Mulgrave) boundaries 1959– 94, Google Maps.

The GLENWAVERLEY ESTATE

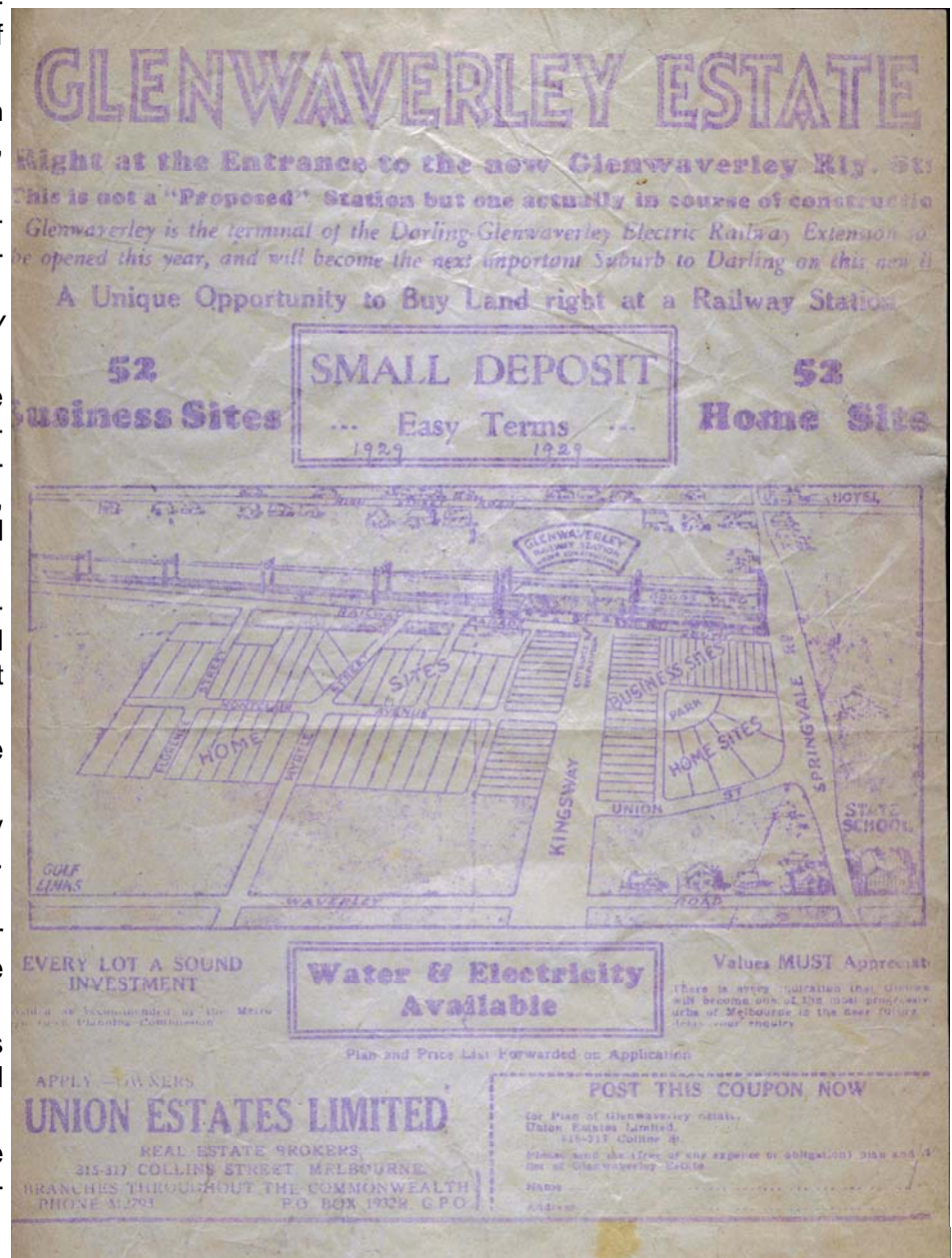
The picture below is of a very thin paper sheet. We are unsure as to whether it is an original production sales flyer from 1930 or is a copy made possibly at the time of the original flyer.

This item was found as we were cataloguing some loose items in our collection. It could possibly be some 92 years old. The map raises many points of interest.

- The ink is blue or faded purple. Could it be from a waxed stencil of the Gestetner print process?
- GLENWAVERLEY was ONE word.
- The date of the estate design appears to be 1929 (handwritten). It refers to the forthcoming opening of the railway (which we know to be 5th May 1930).
- The plan is a distorted schematic and grossly out of scale.
- The roads running north-south are Springvale Rd, Kingsway, Myrtle and Florence Sts.,
- Note the bend in Myrtle St towards the station as per railway planning. (See also *Jordanville, Mt Waverley and Syndal stations.*)
- The east-west roads are shown as High Street Rd, Railway Pde (with the *South* possibly added to the plan later), Montclair Ave, Union St and Waverley Rd.
- The railway is shown to extend through to Springvale Rd with a goods yard at the east end.
- Springvale Rd is shown to be widened at the locality.
- The train stops at the "railway station", not the "train station". (Why is this changing?)
- There were an equal number of home and shop sites in the subdivision.
- The current council chambers were built on the best elevated home sites and a park.
- Many other home sites have now been made into car parking.

- One road was named after the subdividers, Union.
- The phone number is equal in length to the GPO Box number.
- The electricity supply along the railway line is shown, emphasising the modern nature of this line, which was electric from its opening.
- Goods yards are featured around the station.
- Unusually for the time, water and power services were provided. Subsequent developments were notorious for their unmade muddy clay roads.
- Kingsway was to have continued straight beyond Waverley Road.
- Waverley Golf Course is shown as a drawcard (not in proportion) on the NE corner of Blackburn and Waverley Roads. .

It is altogether a fascinating part of our history!



## A Clayton's Borough – The 1955–58 Proposal

Ralph G.C. Bartlett

As the post WWII immigration from predominantly central and southern Europe increased, so too the expansion of urbanised greater metropolitan Melbourne. One such area was Clayton, along the south-east railway and highway corridor from Oakleigh to Dandenong.

South-east of the more urbanised Oakleigh, Clayton, like its surrounding areas of Waverley to the north, Mulgrave to the east and Springvale to the south, had remained fairly un-urbanised and retained much of its market gardens and rural farming until the 1950's. To cater for the ever increasing immigration numbers and the relative abundance of cheap open land, Clayton started to attract urbanised housing estates and various new factories.

However, this development was often slow to be matched by associated municipal infrastructure, such as paved streets, town sewerage, maternal & childcare services, not to mention Community Centres, Libraries, medical facilities, shops and improved public transport. Also, Clayton overlapped parts of four intersecting municipalities, this added to the infrastructure difficulties.

Many of the residents of Clayton, felt that they had been neglected with the allocation of services. As

a result, on 23 November 1955, a public Meeting was held at the Clayton Public Hall, hosted by the Clayton Progress Association, to establish a sub-committee to investigate the viability and hopeful establishment of a new, separate, "Borough of Clayton", carved out of parts from most, if not all, of the surrounding intersecting municipalities<sup>1</sup>.

This feeling of neglect may well have been further fuelled by the decisions of the Shire of Mulgrave Council, in both 1952 and 53<sup>2</sup>, to replace the existing, albeit far too small Shire Office, used since December 1920, in nearby Ferntree Gully Road, Notting Hill, with a new much larger building to the north-east on Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, with specific infrastructure works, including an adjoining maternal and childcare services centre. The new two storey Shire Office was opened on 11 August 1955.

By February 1956<sup>3</sup>, initial proposed maps, showing the boundaries had been prepared and then refined over the next 12 months until the preferred "Borough" boundaries were settled upon in February 1957. Basically the proposed "Borough of Clayton" would have parts of Fern-tree Gully and Normanby Roads as its northern

boundary, May, or Blackburn, Springvale and Westall Roads as its eastern boundary, Heather-ton Road as its southern boundary and Clarinda Road, Prince Charles Street/Flora Road and Macrina Street as its western boundary.

As can be seen in these proposed maps, particularly the third map, the proposed "Borough of Clayton" north west boundary follows the then boundary between the City of Oakleigh and Shire of Mulgrave, thus excluding possible objections from the Oakleigh City Council.

posed new "Borough of Clayton". On both occasions, clear majorities in all the affected areas of each of the existing municipalities supported creating a new municipality.

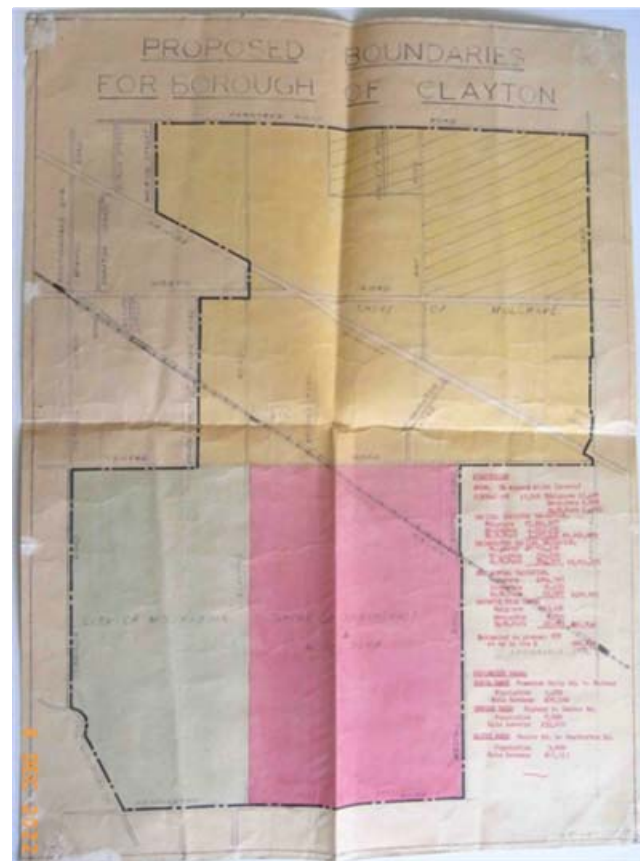
Over the following 15 months, detailed discussions and lobbying occurred by the campaigners for the proposed Borough. This included analysis of expected Rates revenue and out goings. This culminated on 3 December 1957 with the State Local Government Advisory Board holding a meeting in Clayton to receive submissions from both those in favour and those against the idea of this new municipality<sup>7</sup>. At this hearing both of the mainly affected Shires, those being, Mulgrave and the Springvale and Noble Park Shires, formally opposed any such new municipality.

In March 1958, the Minister for Public Works, Sir Thomas Maltby, announced that he had rejected the proposed "Borough of Clayton"<sup>8</sup>. Instead, he suggested that most, if not all, of Clayton's unhappiness would be resolved if the most of the rejected "Borough" territory be transferred to the City of Oakleigh. This solution was rejected by the Clayton Progress Association, who requested that a new "official" referendum be held, and then act on the result. This request was refused by the Minister. The Mulgrave Shire Council also rejected the referendum request, saying that as the people of the Shire's South Riding appear clearly wanting to leave, then it would be a waste of the Shire's Ratepayers Money. Mulgrave Shire Councillor, Victor L. Smith stating: *It is a matter for the people of Clayton to deal with the municipality they wish to attach themselves to*<sup>9</sup>.

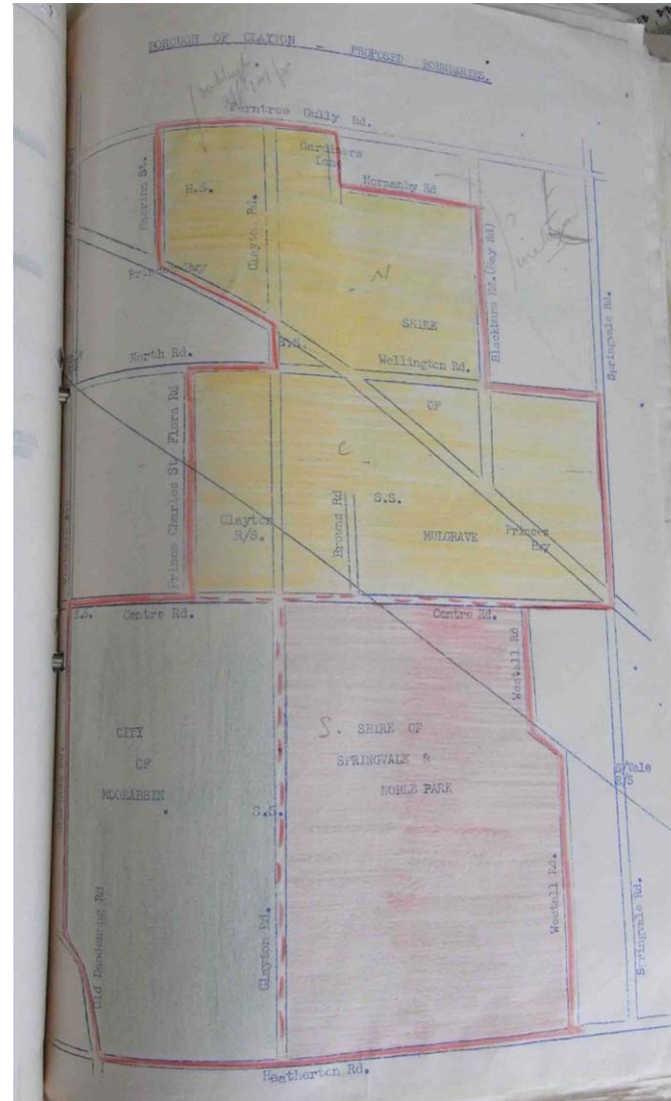
After a year of discussions between the State Local Government Department, City of Oakleigh and Shire of Mulgrave, the State Government announced in the Victorian Government Gazette, No.43 – 27 May 1959, page 1484, municipal boundary changes affecting Clayton's municipal location. Basically, the City of Oakleigh acquired approximately 95% of the rejected "Clayton Borough" proposal, including those parts that were in the City of Moorabbin and Shire of Springvale and Noble Park. Approximately 50% of the transferred land, 3 square miles or 1,920 acres, came from the Shire of Mulgrave. By comparison, the City of Moorabbin lost 640 acres, and the Shire of Springvale and Noble Park lost 2.5 square miles or about 1,600 acres. The City of Oakleigh, basically, more than doubled in size to 7,486 acres. The re-shaped municipalities of Mulgrave/Waverley and Oakleigh now looked like, as outlined on the following modern map of the area.



"Outline Proposed Borough Map", was attached to the "Borough of Clayton Formation Committee" Minutes, dated 26 February 1956.



Coloured Proposed Clayton Borough Boundaries Map", was a "stand alone" more professionally prepared version of the first "Outline Proposed Borough of Clayton."



Coloured Proposed Clayton Borough Boundaries Map, was attached to a letter dated 25 Feb 1957, from the Clayton & District Progress Association to a Member of the Victorian State Parliament.

Initially, Shire of Mulgrave Councillors gave their support for the creation of this new "Borough"<sup>4</sup>, even though it meant losing land area. There was not uniform support from the other affected municipalities and/or other local resident's Progress Associations. Polls (votes) of affected Ratepayers were held in August 1956<sup>5</sup> and again on 24 August 1957 (after the removal of any part of Oakleigh from the proposed Borough<sup>6</sup>), about the pro-

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