

Memory Lane

Sunday 24th July

at 2pm in our rooms

Eric Panther OAM is a member of the Australian Cartophilic Society and an avid collector of ephemera.

He will recall many events in *Down Memory Lane*.



RSVP essential by 18 July

Email waverleyhsvic@gmail.com

AGM and WHS 52nd Birthday 2pm Sunday 28th August WHS Rooms above MW Library

AGM

To review the operation of the Society over the past year.

To appoint a Management Committee for the 2022-2023 financial year.

52nd Birthday celebration

Afternoon tea and get-together to reflect on our society's changes over the years.

With a picture show of views of Waverley Monash areas over recent years by Chris Norton, WHS Photographer.

RSVP essential by 22 August

Via our Email

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The Flynn House

A classic house of the mid 1950s -- a simple weatherboard two bed room with a tiled roof.

John and Pauline Flynn built the house with their own hands and with some help from John's father, building as supplies became available.

However, weatherboard construction gave a marginal increase in room area compared with brick veneer or solid brick, even if people could afford brick. Construction was heavily dependent on the availability of building materials which were still in short supply following the end of WWII, and there were Government restrictions on size and the number of rooms. This photo was taken between 1957 and 1959, the fence having been constructed in early '57.

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Annual subscriptions 2022/23 are
due on 1 July 22. \$25 per household

Coming Events

Next Event

See page 8 for the events that we have planned.

Committee Members Wanted

The WHS would be delighted to welcome a new person to the Committee. Assistance and instructions for the role will be provided.

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.

Historical Walk

Sunday 25th September

Mt Waverley Central

This walk will be around the local district observing some of the original landmarks and significant sites. The distance will be about 2.5 km so have appropriate footwear and clothing plus bring your own water.

Numbers are limited to keep the group manageable. The start location and time will be advised to registered participants well beforehand.

Members free, guests are welcome with a \$5 fee.

RSVP essential by 21 Sep

Email waverleyhsvic@gmail.com

Schramms Cottage & Museum

Sun 23th Oct 2pm

Rieschiecks Reserve,

62-78 Victoria Street, Doncaster East

Schramms Cottage dates from c.1875. It was built for Max von Schramm, a German immigrant, for use as a house and a Lutheran (denominational) school.

The cottage was originally located in Doncaster Road, near the present Council offices, and was moved to this site following the decision to widen Doncaster Rd. \$5 entry fee on the day.



bookings essential by 12 October

via our Email

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Our WHS operations and meetings are now returning to the new normal with monthly meetings, historical walks and weekly work sessions. We are initiating a new event on every 3rd week of the month where we promote the resources and work of the Society as an Open Day with some of the research resources on display.

Annual General Meeting

Please note our AGM and 52nd Birthday Celebration will be held on 2pm Sunday 28th August at the WHS Rooms above MW Library. Bookings are essential. Please see the enclosed invitation.

Committee Nominations

We would also welcome nominations to the WHS Committee if you have any interest or skills in managing our invaluable resources.

Membership Renewals

Membership for 2022/23 was due on 1 July 2022. Please renew to ensure you continue to receive our newsletter and access our meetings and research facilities

50 years ago at the WHS

From the minutes of the March meeting of the WHS in our newsletter of 1972, there was a report on the guest speaker, Mr Griffin Bartlett an Architect who lived in Mt Waverley. He was one of a panel of honorary Architects to the National Trust of Australia who was tasked to handle *Tasma Terrace* and Portarlington Flour Mill.

He spoke on mapping history. His interest in maps began as a small child when his father taught him to read a map as a precaution against getting lost. His interest had grown to the point of having a collection of several hundred maps.

He spoke for nearly two hours and even then, Sir Ronald East, chairman of the meeting, had to cut him short. He spoke in general terms about engineering and architectural marvels we see in the great European Cathedrals, but at the other end of the scale, deplored the possible demolition of the little church of St Matthews in Mulgrave (SW cnr of Springvale and Wellington Roads). He made the point that that there were great problems in dismantling a church like St Matthews for removal to another site. But it could be done he said, if there were willing patient hands to do it.

Moving 50 years forward to 2022, his son Ralph Bartlett is now a member of the WHS and has provided a history of the municipal emblems of the Shire of Mulgrave, City of Waverley and then Monash City. This was published in our two recent issues of *History Here*. Ralph is the Co-Founder & Secretary, of Flag Society of Australia Inc.- Flags Australia

June Meeting Report Peter Le Grand Reminisces



Chris Norton

Peter LeGrand being presented with *Then & Now 1 & 2* by WHS President MarJo Angelico

Peter Le Grand, a long time resident of Waverley, had been scheduled to launch the WHS book *Then and Now 2* back in 2020. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 lockdowns and other disruptions it was not until Sunday 26th June 2022 that we had the pleasure of experiencing Peter's reminiscences on his election to the Waverley City Council as the youngest member back in 1976.

He recalls that having a close backing of his local church he was able to campaign strongly beforehand and on polling day. He was on Council from 1976 to 86 (Mayor in 1982) during which he was involved with a number of Committees, the most important being the Planning and Development. He was instrumental in commissioning renowned architect Harry Seidler as the designer of the city Civic Centre once the decision to proceed with the project had been resolved following the failure of the ratepayers' petition to abandon the project. He suggested that all ratepayers should be proud of the building, being only one of a few that Seidler designed in Victoria.

While acting as Councillor he was also managing an insurance office and as a (VFL) Australian Rules football radio commentator, travelling around Victorian football venues during the football season.

He recalled some of his personal involvement in the great Garbage Strike of 1981 and how its outcome was to be so significant in the garbage collection policies of Victorian cities and shires.

Notwithstanding Council's policy of opposing the use of councillor's names of streets, the Le Grand name and another councillor are recognised in courts in Wheelers Hill.

He was presented with copies of T&N1 and T&N2 as thanks for his informative reminiscences.

Ave, Maureen St., and Kathleen St. (Daughters), Meteor and Runnymede.

Francis (Frank), the second son of John II, inherited the third subdivision, block C, named it *Cratloe Hill* and built a house thereon in 1928, for himself and his sister Ellen. He, Frank, subdivided (sold) the *Cratloe Hill* property, c.1952, for housing, keeping about 12 acres. Frank and Ellen chose the names for the 5 streets created from the development viz, Jubilee, Federal, Barton, Coronation and Andrew – no Carmody connection! Frank died in 1955 and sister Ellen some years later. Following her death, the balance of 12 acres from block C, was left to the Church of England and subsequently divided into residential allotments by June 1973. Frank and sister Ellen appear to have remained single and to have adopted the English ethos as to Church and Crown.

Arthur Daly Carmody, 4th son of John II and Harriett, purchased a farm in the Waverley district in 1922. The farm was sold subsequently. He married Stella Florence Stephens. Again, the family gave their names to three streets, created from the farm, i.e., Carmody St, Florence St and Stephens St. Was there an Arthur Daly Carmody connection with the Tennis Courts provision in c. 1976? If so, they are surely known as Carmody or even Cratloe Courts. Other than Carmody linked streets in Waverley are there any Cratloe named housing estates on former Carmody lands?

In any event the original 112 acre farm, which John II and Harriet purchased in 1880 has morphed into a South Melbourne residential suburb of many roads / streets named after and by the Carmody families.

WHS Comments:

The street name FEDERAL relates to the Federation of Australian states in 1901. Edmund BARTON was the first Australian Prime Minister. JUBILEE could be recognition of the Australian jubilee of 1951 or Victoria becoming a separate state in 1851. CORONATION marks Queen Elizabeth II coronation. ANDREW relates to Prince Andrew. These names illustrate Frank's crown ethos. The logo on the CRATLOE sign represents the W of Waverley. We note the comprehensive list of references to Waverley identified but we believe there is probably a closer connection to the *Waverley Novels* by Walter Scott and the developer James Silverman. FEDERAL reserve is the remainder of the bequest by Ellen to the Church of England.

Federal Reserve is part of a WHS Historical Walk in the district.

You have helped

In HH239 we asked if someone could establish a date that this postcard was sent.



A philatelist has advised the following points:

The stamp was issued in colonial Victoria and used between 1901 and 1912 known as the "Commonwealth Period".

The Mount Waverley office, 4 km NNW of Monash University, (Notting Hill) opened as a Receiving Office 9.10.1905 and re-classified as a Post Office on 1.10.1907.

This office was one of the first to start using the new circular date stamp. Horizontally across the centre of the image, the part of the legible date reads, "14 April".

So we conclude that the card was posted between 1907 and 1912.

We also asked: what was the breed of dog?. Some answers:

Possibly Saluki or Borzoi - we have been unable to determine

Vale

Marie Adrienne Donald

13-10-1933 -- 16-6-2022

A long time member and regular attendee at the WHS meetings.

Did You Know?

In the early 1880s the Mulgrave Shire council monthly meetings were held in the Shire hall, Oakleigh on **each Thursday nearest the full moon**. This was to allow attendees to safely make their way there and home as there was no regular street lighting.

It was not until 1889 that Oakleigh gas works were operating and lamps were installed in the town that the accepted full moon requirement was dispensed with.

A Cratloe - Melbourne Connection

Compiled by John Ryan (Cratloe, Ireland)

It's now gone 25 years, since a 31 member intrepid group from Cratloe GAA (Gaelic Athletic Association) took off on an Australian odyssey in February 1997, on the trip of a lifetime. On returning home Jim Hickey and John Ryan penned separate reports on aspects of our tour experience. However, one notable little gem escaped mention.

On one of our many exploratory trips, a minibus group came upon a road sign "CRATLOE RD. - CITY OF WAVERLEY" in a Melbourne suburb. Naturally, we stopped to investigate this second Cratloe, 12,000 miles from home. The occasion was recorded for posterity. A Donal Ryan group photo of 9, which resurfaced in 2021, triggered this literary journey of rediscovery. Another snap from the Ray Keogh collection, enhanced by Paul Lehane, is that used here (2022). The group of 17 includes John, Kitty, Donal and Gearoid Ryan; Jim, Jack and Mary Chaplin (RIP); Brian and Séamus Stritch; Ronan O'Hara; Michael O'Gorman; Joe and Catherine O'Gorman; Ray Keogh; Tom McMahon, Michael O'Halloran, silhouetted in the cab is Alan McNamara.



Ray Keogh 1997

The cameraman was Denis Walsh (RIP) one of our tour guides. Some may be to the rear of the cameraman or having a snooze in the mini, following all the exertions. The Logo on the road sign? Does it indicate a hilly road ahead? If so - somewhat like home!

Now, aside from the photo for posterity, the elephant on the roadside was obviously - what's the story - a Cratloe here in Melbourne? How come? There had to be a connection!

Having made some tentative enquiries, we were none the wiser. We were assured the "Cratloe Rd" was not dedicated to Tom McMahon. The subject was forgotten until D. Ryan's photo resurfaced recently, when all the obvious questions returned, with interest! Help with research in Adelaide and Melbourne has provided the answer to the Cratloe connection - which goes back a long way, to c.1798 and a certain John Carmody, who became known as "John I". Adelaide records state "Cratloe, the birthplace of John Carmody I". He "died in Adelaide S.A. in 1873, aged 75". He was, therefore, born in Cratloe in c.1798. There were three subsequent Johns, II, III & IV, each providing an input to the story.

We cannot trace John Carmody I, his family or townland locally. Very few Catholic Church records exist before 1800. In 1703, the Penal Laws were fine-tuned, forbidding Catholics keeping Church records/registers. The Roman Catholic baptismal records for Cratloe commence in 1802, amongst the earliest such, but about 4 years after John's birth. He was likely baptised in the newly built nave (1791) of St. Johns Church and possibly made his First Communion and Confirmation there also, around the time the transepts were added in 1806. R.C. birth, death and marriage state records did not become the norm until 1864.

At some stage John I, emigrated to Australia / Adelaide (When? Age?). We will assume he was then aged 23/24 and the year of travel down under likely early 1820's. Australian immigration records may assist. He was married in Adelaide (When? Age? To Whom?). Marriage Certs. there, did not then record parents' names - which might have helped in tracing him here. What we know of John I and his descendants to date is thanks to Aussie local history records.

In any case a son, John II, was born to John I and his wife (Who was? Other siblings?). This John II settled in south Emerald Hill, now South Melbourne. He married a Tipperary lady, Harriett Hodges Hunt in 1874. In 1880 John II and his wife purchased a farm of 112 acres in Burwood, which was named "Cratloe Wood", "after Cratloe, the birthplace of John Carmody I in County Clare Ireland". They had 5 children, David and Francis born in Emerald Hill, while Ellen, John III and Arthur were born in Cratloe Wood. On Harriet's death, in 1927, the farm was subdivided into three equal allotments of about 38 acres which we will call A, B and C.

Miss Ellen inherited block A and sold it on 10 years later in 1937. John III inherited block B, which continued to be known as Cratloe Wood and whereon stood the original house. John III married Dorothy Chambers, which union produced 4 children, 3 girls and John D. - IV, "John D. Carmody, the 4th John in Australia". John III and family chose the road names in the area and likely on their original lands, viz **Cratloe Rd**, Swayfield Rd (Dorothy's family home), Brenda

When Marl Meant Money

MarJo Angelico

What is marl?

According to <https://www.mindat.org/min-49153.html>, Marl is a calcium-carbonate rich mud containing variable amounts of clays and silt, usually pale grey or white in colour. It can be formed under marine or more commonly freshwater conditions. As an old term it loosely applied to a variety of materials, most of which occurred as loose, earthy deposits and used especially as a fertilizer for acid soils deficient in lime.

What was it used for?

In the Weekly Times, 1 Jan 1947 page 15, Mr R C Scott, the Chief Agricultural Adviser from SA Dept of Agriculture advised enquirers complaining of sorrel in paddocks to use marl: "Not only in cultivated land but also in pastures, sorrel can become a real nuisance and, indeed, a source of economic loss. Regarding the occurrence of patches of sorrel in pastures, sorrel thrives in sour soil. Hence a dressing of agricultural lime is of advantage. If agricultural lime or the refuse from a lime kiln cannot be easily secured, marl from a pit or limestone quarry will correct the trouble." <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article223920393>

A reader who called himself "Old Subscriber" further commented:

"Marl is a soft calcereous clay rock, without regard to the proportion of carbonate of lime it contains. It crumbles to pieces on exposure to air, and gives rise to easily worked soils of high fertility. In the strict agricultural sense, the term "marl" is applied only to clay containing five to 20 per cent of carbonate of lime, but still retaining all the plastic characters associated with a true clay. Marl is frequently used as a source of lime for topdressing land in need of that ingredient. No information on the use of marl for purpose mentioned." (14 Sept 1914 Weekly Times).

Also, marl was used on sandy roads, where a 6-inch (15cm) layer was recommended by Oakleigh Borough Council in 1892. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article66170200> Main roads too, even if not in sandy areas, benefitted by the road metal being "blinded" with marl: <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article66216015>.

Where were the local marl pits?

Locals who lived in the Mount Waverley/Amstel/East Oakleigh area before suburbanisation tell of a marl pit being worked near Stanley Ave on the freeway reserve before its construction. It is visible in the 1945 to 1972 aerial photographs, but was used much earlier as well. The owner was a Mr Mechternine.

Stanley Ave was originally a nameless right-of-way for a few houses subdivided off a property east of it, called *Grandview*, built well before 1900. Early access to the marl pit was via this right-of-way off Ferntree Gully Rd, then turning left to ford Scotchmans Creek near the southern end of (now) Curtis Ave, and so diagonally up the steep north bank of the creek in a round-about manner to minimise the gradient.

Extracting clay by hand was slow and heavy manual labour, and could not compete with machinery used by bigger companies. For a time the

small operators were able to get ahead by the use of explosives. However, as the Oakleigh area became larger and more populous, this could not continue. In 1914 Oakleigh council

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<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88810997> However marl sales apparently were poor during WWI, and small operators could not compete. The owner of the Amstel pit applied for a reduction in rates in 1918 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88810677>.

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The Monash Council Building

MarJo Angelico

Further to our recent talk by ex-Waverley-mayor, Peter Le Grand, who was the driving force behind Waverley getting the new council building in Springvale Road, the one

with the portico feature which gave us the Monash logo, here are pictures of it half-built in 1983. It was designed by Harry Seidler and is one of only four of his designs that were built in



Looking South West

Glen Waverley library has the brown roof, and neither the Ibis Hotel nor Century City was built yet. Instead, the earlier council chambers (built 1955)

can be seen just north of new curved building in the centre right of the top photo.



Looking South East

History Monash Collection

WHS File image

The second photo also shows the old Methodist church and its tennis courts in the top right, where the *Ibis* hotel would later be built. Before the church was built, this was a rhubarb patch, part of a local market garden.

The third photo reminds us that the new building was originally the **Waverley** civic centre, completed in 1984, a decade before the city become the City of Monash.

What was missing from the amazing structure was a hall suitable for citizenship ceremonies and similar, but that is to be rectified now.



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There was another marl pit near Warrigal Rd, Oakleigh, where a workman, Henry Clarke, unfortunately lost his life on June 2nd 1927 when undermining too far into a cliff-face. It was reported as far away as Geraldton WA on page 3 of the *Guardian* two days later, and locally the day after the tragedy. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article205809964> This was a small pit using hand tools like picks and shovels, in accordance with Council recommendations.

Cr Clements in 1914 said there were two marl pits close to his house. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article88810997>. Also Council organised to extract marl from ratepayers' properties under certain conditions for its own use. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article66875145>

Is Marl still used today?

It is, though less frequently, according to https://www.clw.csiro.au/aclep/asc_re_on_line/soilglos.htm. However since it is now processed and packaged, it may no longer be called by that name, which explains why most of us have never heard of it.

Did You Know?

The Pinewood Community (Bendigo) Bank is 20 years old in 2022.

The Betterment Tax

The Darling Glen Waverley Railway

To help fund the construction of the Darling-Glen Waverley railway line in late 1920s a Betterment Tax was levied on those landowners near to the railway line. (This was similar to the tax applied elsewhere, eg. the Somerton, Sandringham and Kew lines.)

It was claimed by government that it would be these landowners who would share in the prosperity generated by the railway's operations in the district.

The new railway did not benefit all owners, as on 5 May 1930, when the railway was formally opened, the state of Victoria was still slowly climbing out of the Great Depression and landowners were hostile to any new tax. Many landowners were unable, while others chose not, to pay this tax. From the *Argus* of 3 Dec. 1932

IN THE SUBURBS

GLEN WAVERLEY DISPUTE FURNITURE SALE ON MONDAY

Government's Offer Declined

Unless the defaulting ratepayers on the Darling-Glen Waverley line pay the rates due under a guarantee entered into for the construction of line before Monday, the furniture of East Malvern residents, which has been marked by the police, will be sold by public auction at the Murrumbidgee police station on Monday afternoon. Distress warrants were issued nearly three months ago against East Malvern ratepayers, who refused to pay rates to the trust, which guaranteed £33,000 to the Commonwealth Bank for the construction of the Darling - Glen Waverley railway line. When the warrants were not satisfied the police this week visited several homes and marked furniture which will be collected on Monday and sold if the orders of the court are not complied with.

Ratepayers declared yesterday that they would not accept the offer of the Minister for Railways (Mr. Menzies) to give immediate relief for certain ratepayers, if those more fortunately situated made prompt payment of their dues. They said that this would imply that they believed the rate was justifiable. They were fighting for a principle, and were prepared to submit to the indignity of having their furniture seized rather than give in. A meeting of protest will be held by the ratepayers on Monday.

What happened will be revealed in HH241