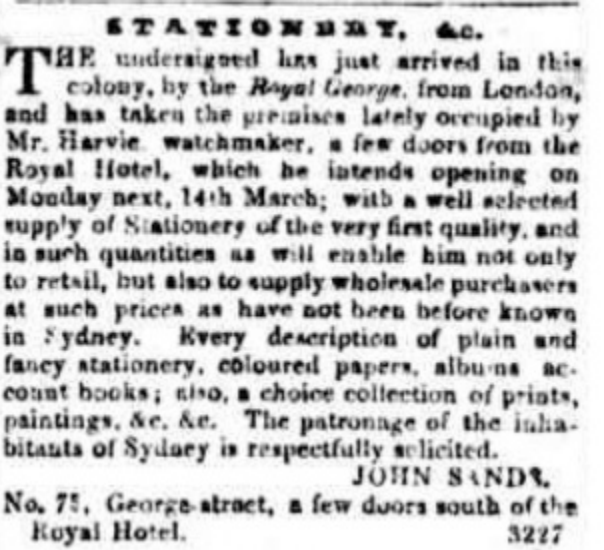


Did you know that John Sands Pty Ltd has moved its Australasian Headquarters from Clayton Rd to Wellington Rd?

John Sands himself came from a family of engravers and printers of distinction, and, after completing his own apprenticeship in 1837, decided to come to Australia at age 19. He brought with him a huge amount stationery to sell, and set himself up in Sydney. After a few years he took over the large warehouse and shop of Mary Reibey, that famous emancipist merchant. It was right next to the GPO, and the firm had that location right through until 1970.



Soon, though, John Sands was creating partnerships to increase his business. First, with his brother-in-law Thomas Kenny in Melbourne, he took over a printshop and started printing and publishing books, as well as creating stationery and account books. When Dugald McDougall joined them, they became one of the largest such companies in Australia, and won prizes for their work. They became famous for their directories and almanacs, and for publishing prints by F.C. Terry and S.T. Gill. They also printed the first Christmas cards in Australia.

Unfortunately John Sands did not live to see how the greeting card business expanded across Australia and New Zealand from its HQ here in Clayton Rd. (Readers may recall that the old printing press, maintained on the Clayton Rd site, was featured in the last issue of History Here.) He could probably not even have imagined the popularity of the company's range of board games.

After his death the papers said, "In early life Mr. Sands achieved considerable distinction as an engraver, and some of his work is to be found in the most celebrated illustrated books of the time. His death will cause sorrow beyond the circle of his own family, for he was a man of unostentatious and large-hearted benevolence".

You may have noticed that the buildings in Clayton are now taken over by Aussie Farmers Direct, but the John Sands company is still in the Waverley area. They have premises in Wellington Rd, Mulgrave. John Sands – another company we like to call our own.



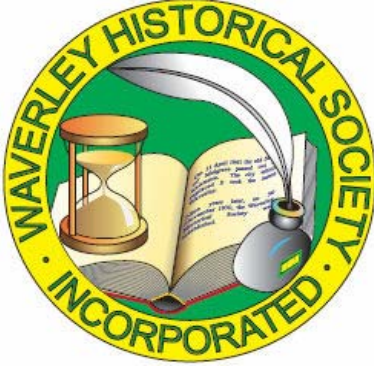
John Sands - Wellington Rd / Enterprise Court, Mulgrave

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The previous site of John Sands on Clayton Road is now occupied by Aussie Farmers Direct distribution company.



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MAYFIELD LODGE

This unusual timber two-storey house called *Mayfield Lodge* was once the home of Capt & Mrs C.A.S. Mansbridge, who served in the Australian Army in WWII. It originally faced Springvale Rd (this was the rear). In the 1920s/30s, the Mansbridge family had a polo pony stud in Stud Rd, and were accomplished polo players. They also travelled Australia with a caravan, and wrote about their experiences. The captain disliked the White Australia policy, and was interested in the aboriginals and Torres Strait islanders. When he retired here in Glen Waverley, he continued working voluntarily in the fire brigade and as a Justice of the Peace.

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

Coming Events

2015

Wed June 24 Speaker Duncan Burrows: *Early Victorian Flour Milling*

Sat May 2 PROV Open Day

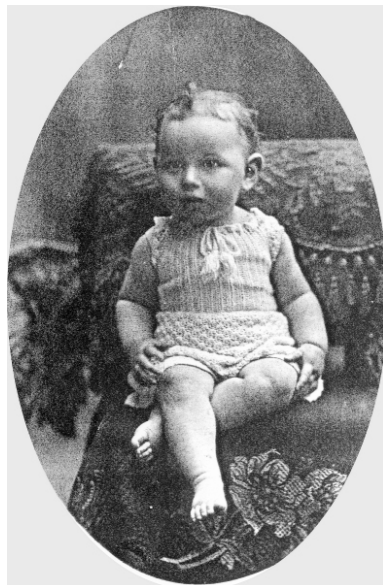
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Please note that General Meetings are now held every two months and are afternoon meetings starting at 2.00 pm. Special activities will be held in most alternate months. We are located above the Mt Waverley Library 41 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley.

War Hero's Waverley Childhood

Jane Adams

Harry Marwick was 28 years old when he enlisted as a soldier in WW II. He was stationed at the island of Ambon, Indonesia in 1941. There Harry helped other troops defend the island's airport against Japanese invasion. He was a private, service no. VX24723.



"Harry at 15 months"

In his childhood, Harry lived in Waverley Road, Glen Waverley and attended Glen Waverley Primary School. Later he worked in surrounding areas. His sister, Winsome, recalls his first 18 years from 1912-1930. "We had 40 acres of bush" and Harry walked to school 1½ miles each way. He often helped his father chop wood and shoot rabbits. "Rabbits were always on the meal table and sold in butchers". At times bushfires came through our property. Harry left school at 14 years of age and worked long hours in George Ryan's Market Garden (Wheelers Hill). He once was "awarded £5 p for picking the most sprouts". Unfortunately, the bicycle he spent it on was stolen. When he moved on to work at Baker's Quarries in Springvale Road he had to "walk again to work – 2½ miles each way". Next he worked at the Ferntree Gully Quarries, followed by a job cutting sugar cane in Queensland.

A letter sent by Harry dated 21/12/1941 while

a soldier in Ambon only described his location as "abroad". The letter clearly shows the uncomfortable nature of war. He wrote "Please send me a tin of powder I have got prickly heat".

His sister remembers quite clearly her parents receiving the telegram from the Army. "It told us Harry was presumed killed by Japanese Soldiers – a sad day indeed". It was only in the late 1980s that her family learnt the details of his death. Along with others in his army company, Harry had been beheaded and thrown into one of three mass graves. In 1991, Harry's two sisters Jean Hansen and Winsome Horner went on a Pilgrimage Tour to Ambon. They aimed to visit The Australian War Memorial Cemetery in Ambon. They found a beautiful cemetery, maintained by the Australian Government, surrounded by glorious huge trees and immaculate gardens and lawns. "The tears just ran down my face", Winsome said, "We meditated by the graves and gave thanks for the lives given by members of the armed forces. "How proud we his family are" of Harry and "of the other Australian 2nd/21st Battalion soldiers, who gave their lives, so that we might be free, and live in peace".

Information sourced from WHS files: Unpublished undated text *Harry's Life of 30 Years* by Winsome Horner and article *Ambon: Island of many memories* by Kate Watson of which the newspaper and date is unknown.

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"Harry taken on our property Glen Waverley 1941"

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Welcome to New Members

Jane Adams Roland Johnson
Lynn Mather Valda Mackinnon

WHERE IS THE WHS?

Our rooms, which are located above the Mt Waverley library in Miller Crescent, are open each Wed (except over the Christmas break), from 1pm to 5pm, or by appointment, for individual research and working discussion groups. When the library entrance door is locked at meetings, use the doorbell at the far left to gain entry. Members are asked to bring a plate of afternoon tea to general meetings which for 2014/15 are every second month.

WHS Member Stories

Last year we had a meeting where YOU were the speakers. We asked members to write some memories of old Waverley. Here are some of the contributions.

Stan O.

On the corner of Waverley Road and Huntingdale Road there was a milk bar, while further north were two butchers, two greengrocers and Dight's Supermarket. Now most of those businesses are gone. On the SW corner was the Waverley High School, which has gone. On the SE corner was Poulter's Rose nursery (Now the site of a large multi storey development)



Milk Bar on NE Cnr Waverley & Huntingdale Rds circa 2000

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Gayle N.

"There's land for sale in Glen Waverley."

"Well," my husband said, "we'd better go and have a look."

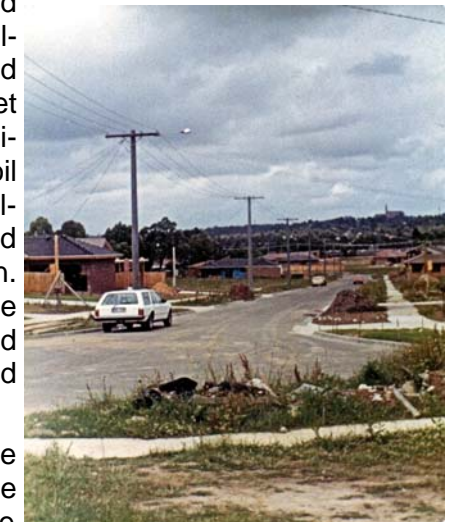
We did and in December 1984 we signed for a house land package with Orlit Homes and started planning our new life in Glen Waverley. It was easy to settle in this area to live. We had already been to the beautiful Jells Park, had friends who lived in the area and loved the green and leafy surrounds.

My father was a little surprised. A commercial traveller in drapery he had been asked to visit Glen Waverley to see if there was potential business. Recently as he stood by the Glen Waverley Railway station, he was incredulous that this was where he had come all those years before. At that time there had been businesses "dotted here and there".

In August 1985 we moved into our brick veneer home at Lot 31 Ferres Court. The street was partly built already and it wasn't long before most blocks were built on and the prices for land started rising steeply.

Neighbours in Tanner Street told us Ferres

Court was grazing land when the surrounding houses were built mainly in the 1970s. These neighbours used to walk their children to the end of Tanner Street to watch the animals. The soil was heavy yellow clay and hard to garden. We were told the top soil had been removed and sold.



Ferres Crt looking Sth with the Police Academy on the hill in the background.

Nicholas Family 1984

Following the flush of house building in the late 1980s babies started arriving in the court. Our first child was one of at least four born in 1988. Trees grew, birds arrived, and the court soon blended with the surrounding green and leafy neighbourhood.

Miriam P.

Miriam and her husband bought land at No. 49 Arthur St in 1947. Later the street name was changed to Virginia St. They started building their home in about 1950, with Miriam acting as builder's labourer. (Unfortunately the house is all gone now. It was demolished to increase the car park.)

While the family was away on long service leave, the council was bulldozing the house next door including a garage that had been on the boundary. The replacement was supposed to be 6 ft high, but it looked like a 5 ft one was being put up instead. A neighbour stepped in on behalf of our member and ensured that the correct height was put up. Neighbours not only knew about each other, but also defended each others interests in those days!

More stories in future issues.



Virginia St looking NE, with Stephensons Rd shops in background and reservoir on the hill at top left.

ANZAC Ceremony 2015

On a cold and wet Sunday 19 April an ANZAC memorial service was held at the Glen Waverley Cenotaph (located near the GW Library).



Glen Waverley Cenotaph after the wreath laying .

Gayle Nicholas 19.4.2015

As in previous years the WHS participated in the laying of a wreath in memory of those soldiers from the Mulgrave-Waverley district who died in WW I.

Some 10 WHS members attended and Norma Schultz, a war widow and the WHS Secretary, placed a wreath on behalf of the Society.

Coming Events

Wed 24 June, 2 - 4pm at the rooms. Speaker: Duncan Burrows will outline the history of flour mills in Victoria. This results from a 6 years task to record the history of his great grandfather's flour mills in North East of the state. Visitors are welcome.

Sat 2 May, The Public Record office is holding an open day *Dig the Archives*. There will be a series of talks, tours and training sessions. Contact the PROV to register.

In light of continuing increases in costs, particularly postage, your committee is considering the need to raise subscriptions.

Did You Know ?

Street Names are often proposed by the land-owners or developers and usually have some logical basis - whether connected with the family names of the original owners, geographical features, notable figures in the community or in Government, or an interpretation of local Aboriginal meanings. The City of Monash has all examples.

Ideally, the choice of name should be approved by an authority to ensure that it is appropriate and is not likely to be confused with a nearby street in the city or an adjacent city. Thus name changes can occur between the developer's estate plan and now.

Here are some name changes noted from the WHS files of subdivision plans.

Now	Was
Riversdale Crt	Francis Crt
Located adjacent to Riversdale Golf Course. The name was changed to avoid confusion with Francis St in Syndal.	

Shepherd Rd	Stewarts Rd
Possibly connected with G H Shepherd. This was once known as Stewarts Lane after the family who were orchardists on the north side of the lane.	

Lum Rd	Mackintosh Rd
Named after Mary Lum (Lums Rd shown in the Sands & McDougall Directory 1904) it was also shown elsewhere as Mackintosh(s) Lane and entrance to the property.	

Snedden St	Princes St
Originally shown as Princes St (as an extension of Kingsway) in the Sunny Heights Estate development plan of 1930 and later changed to Snedden with the creation of the Glen Shopping Centre, in recognition of local MHR, the late Sir Billy Snedden.	

White St	Cleveland St
Originally shown as Cleveland St in the <i>original</i> subdivision plans for Mt Waverley but changed to avoid confusion with Cleveland Rd in Ashwood (<i>although the Mt Waverley street was created first</i>). Barbara Villiers, the Duchess of Cleveland, was a court favourite of Charles II, the Stuart King of England 1660-1685. Adjacent streets have similar links to Charles II	

Can you help?



The Australian Koala Foundation seeks our assistance with a research project about the koala fur trade in Australia. Have you seen koalas as in the wild? Where, and when? How many? Have you ever seen them hunted, or owned koala fur products (coats, slippers, door mats)? Known of dealers? Please contact the WHS if you know any helpful details.

WHS Events Report

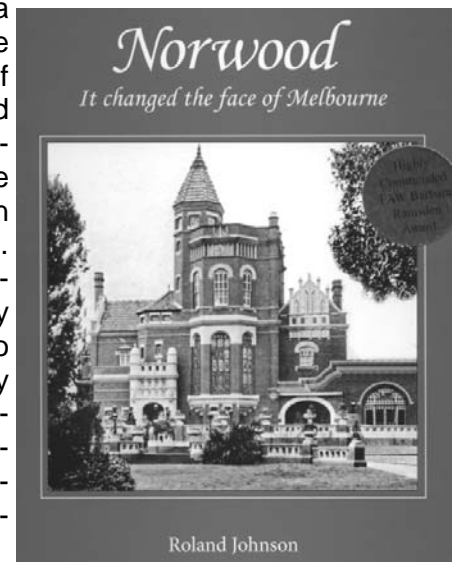
Margaret Boyes

February General Meeting Roland Johnson: *Norwood*

Our first general meeting for 2015 on 25 February featured local historian, Roland Johnson, speaking about his book *Norwood – It changed the face of Melbourne*. The mansion *Norwood* was built on the Esplanade at Brighton Beach in 1890 – in the period of 'Marvellous Melbourne'. Roland is the last remaining person to have lived in *Norwood*. As a young man he lived there from 1947 to 1955.

On investigating the history of the house, he found many surprises about its colourful past. His talk was, in part, a story of the house, its history and its people, but it was more than that.

The book is a history of the settlement of Victoria and the rich background to the early formation of Melbourne. Roland donated a copy of the book to the Waverley Historical Society and members are welcome to borrow it.



Historical Walk Valley Reserve & Lawrence Rd

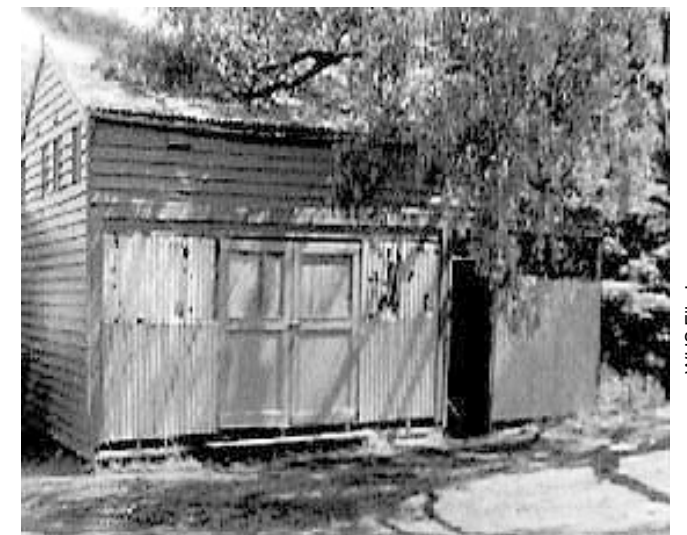
On 25 March an enthusiastic group of about 20 met in the Valley Reserve – a very special part of the City of Monash because it is one of a few remaining patches of natural indigenous vegetation. Our President, and Research Officer, MarJo Angelico, pointed out the 'bush tucker' trees that can be found on the reserve, such as the dandelion-like yam daisy, kangaroo apple trees and the native cherry. The Scar Tree, at the entrance to the reserve, is probably the only aboriginal relic we have in the City of Monash and the Council is now in the process of preserving it.

MarJo led the group across Waimarie Drive to enter one of Monash's prestigious private schools, Huntingtower. In the grounds is the childhood home of Vasey Houghton, MLC, a two-storey Georgian brick house. As the address of this site was originally via Tally-Ho, the original owners named the house *Yoicks!* Walking along Lawrence Road the walkers came to the Dillon house. Joseph Dillon bought this 10 acres for £125 and built his home in 1912. The house was being prepared for sale so the group was able to enter the property and have a look around. The house was subsequently sold at auction for \$1.6 M.

Other interesting houses in Lawrence Road are the 'Seller' house, built about 1900, *Hazelwood*, the home to just two families in over 100 years, and *Taroona*. One of our newer members, Eleanor U'Ren, had lived in this substantial early farm-house for a number of years. The walkers were pleased to see the old black and white photos of *Taroona* that Eleanor brought to show us.

Finally, the wetlands were discussed. MarJo pointed out the admirable way creeks and wetlands are now being treated to better conserve the land and maintain natural systems. Another fascinating snippet of information: this part of Scotchmans Creek was also where the Mulgrave Ladies' Rifle Club met at the turn of the 20th century. Returning to the Valley Reserve, all the walkers agreed that MarJo's extensive knowledge of our local history had provided them with a most interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Check the WHS meeting programme for future Historical Walks in the Waverley District.



The remains of Sid Brown's Store that was originally located on High Street Rd near the corner of what is now Fleet St. This building did duty as a storage shed in the grounds of Huntingtower School following its removal from High Street Rd.

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Mount Waverley Police Station

Mt Waverley police station on the corner of Stephensons Rd and William St was originally built in 1959 to a generic design. From the *Police Life* Newsletter of July 1959 - It was officially opened on 1 July with the description: *The station has a sub officer's office, general office, muster room and mess room, there are two cells and double garages. The residence has a spacious lounge-dining room, three bedrooms and a modern kitchen with a slow combustion stove and hot water service.* The cost was £32,000.

At this time there was an aim to standardise the building design and police stations were provided with inbuilt furniture, with wall desks and cupboards for stationery etc. to conserve space.

It might seem strange that a slow combustion stove and hot water service were used in the Mt Waverley building as these would require extra work by staff if the officer in charge or the other staff were involved on more particular police duties. However, at that time reticulated gas was not available



Mt. Waverley Police Station when opened in 1959. Fifty six years later in 2015 the view of the front of the building is almost completely obscured by trees.

in the area so the other option would have been electricity.

In July 2014 work was programmed to commence on upgrading the facility although the actual start was some months later in the year. The \$1.5M project was completed and the station opened in March 2015 with only daytime staffing. The *Leader* local newspaper reported that there was strong support for a 24 hour operation (as apparently promised earlier by the State Government Police Minister). Monash Council supported a ratepayer survey on 24 hr operation. The explanation for the resulting opening hours being restricted to daytime

was that police assistance could be handled by mobile patrols. *When you think about it further, the logic is inescapable - just how many local residents would consider making a visit to a police station at say 2 or 3 am to request assistance?*



Mt Waverley Police Station 2014 before the upgrade.



Mt Waverley Police Station Apr 2015 after the upgrade.

The upgrade increased the office space by removing the garages and extending the building further east along William St. The original entrance to the office area has now been replaced by a window, and a new entrance has been constructed in the new building extension. The new brickwork in the old office part has used similar old bricks.

The new roof line is constructed with expanded steel mesh that has oxidized (rusty) and looks out of place. Also the new lettering "Mount Waverley Police Station" on the roof line is now not obvious on the brown oxidised section. Fortunately the new elevated Police sign marking the new entrance is quite visible from Stephensons Road. Public parking in William St remains unchanged.

What might this site look like in another 50 years?

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Philip Johnstone April 2015

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Mt Waverley Police Station 2014 before the upgrade



Mt Waverley Police Station 2015 after the upgrade

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Philip Johnstone April 2015



Mt Waverley Police Station 2014 before the upgrade



Mt Waverley Police Station 2015 after the upgrade

Chris Norton 2014

Philip Johnstone April 2015

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Police Training Academy

Stop Press: We have just received a question from a group which has always been helpful to us. It concerns the land on which the Police Academy stands, which is the highest ground between the You Yangs and the Dandenongs. It was purchased by the Roman Catholic church in 1954 in order to move their seminary from Werribee Park to a new purpose-built facility, which opened in 1960 as Corpus Christi. **The question is this:** *before the academy was built, was there any army presence there during WW I ? Could it have been used as a gun placement for training Local Military Units? If anyone remembers any details of local war-time efforts, we would love to hear them in this centennial year of Gallipoli.*

Corpus Christi - Police Academy (Review)

With the above request it is timely to review the history of the site. Richard Jane operated an apple orchard on some 60 acres at the SW corner of what is now Waverley and View Mount Rds. His house was about 300 m south of the corner. Building of the Corpus Christi Seminary began in 1954 and was in operation in 1960. The chapel was opened in 1962.

The original grand plans with another wing out to the north were never completed due to cost blowouts, the final cost being over £1 M. It was sold to the Victorian Government in 1972 for \$2.2 M and it became the Police Training Academy.



The Police Training Academy site following the roofing of the reservoir. The Jane house was on View Mount Rd (at the top right of photograph).