

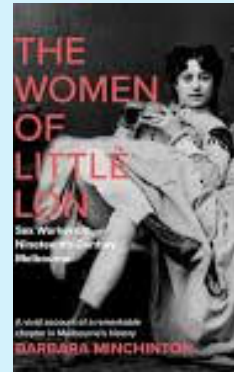
**Ephemera**  
 2pm 28th May 2023  
 At the WHS Rooms above MW Library  
 by  
 Mandy Bede



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2pm Sunday 25 June  
 WHS Rooms above MW Library  
 Historian & author  
**Barbara Minchinton**  
 will speak about her book  
**Women of Little Lon**

A vivid account of a remarkable but little-known chapter in Melbourne's history



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## The Church House

In a quiet Mt Waverley street, who would have thought there would be a little red-brick house with a 'church' in the backyard? The church sits at the end of a driveway where once a garage may have stood. Built around 1948, the original house was owned by the Baker family; built on an angle and with an attractive terraced lawn out the front. Then the most recent incumbents, the Guerens, moved in about fifty-two years ago.

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*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**  
 May General meeting  
 2pm Sunday 28 May  
**Ephemera**  
 by  
 Mandy Bede

See page 8 for other events  
 that we have planned.

## July General Meeting

At this moment we will NOT be having a  
 general meeting in our rooms as such,  
 but we invite you to visit:

## OPEN HOUSE MELBOURNE

On Sat 29 and Sun 30 July

See

[openhousemelbourne.org/melbourne/july-program](http://openhousemelbourne.org/melbourne/july-program)

*Check those webpages as July approaches to get the latest list of venues that will be open plus their access details*

## AGM and WHS 53<sup>rd</sup> Birthday 2pm Sunday 27 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 2023-2024 financial year.

With a presentation by Les Bailey on his book  
**My Glen Waverley 1940-1990**

Followed by

### 53<sup>rd</sup> Birthday celebration

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

RSVP essential by 22 August

Via our Email

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## Pinewood Historical Walk

Elizabeth Dangaard

On Sunday, 26 March 2023 the Waverley Historical Society went on a Pinewood Historical Walk with President MarJo Angelico. This was the initial trial of a walk in this area. Here is Elizabeth Dangaard's report.

We started from the corner of French Street and Howell Drive down the hill to Forster Road, up to Russell Street past the house where *Skyhooks*, the band, practised in the 1970s at No. 6. Along Harry Court to Waverley Road. This area was once an apple orchard and later the family created a dairy farm.

Waverley Road or Jennings Hill was very steep here. The area from Waverley Road to the Monash Freeway along Forster Road was used to graze horses and cows on the town common which is recorded on a plaque inset adjacent to the footpath on the SW corner of Waverley and Forster Roads.

We walked near Scotchmans Creek along Anthony Drive past the neighbourhood shops, where once a Milk Bar existed. Walked to the west side of Pinewood Reserve, sporting oval where the new Pinewood Child and Family Hub is built. Continued walking along Wilga Street with the Pinewood Shopping Centre, primary school, cinema and other services further to the east.

Pinewood was a housing estate built by Jennings Industries in the late 1950s. Named after a row of pine trees on the farm land which Jennings acquired in 1957.

We walked along Fairway Reserve crossed Forster Road, then along a walk/bike track and up a steep hill to Fairway Avenue. 'The Church' at 14 Howell Drive was a home and backyard studio apartment with recycled windows, ceiling dome and other wonderful recycled objects. This house and studio will be demolished shortly as new owners have purchased the property.

This early afternoon walk was enjoyable and interesting, learning about the different historical aspects of this part of Waverley.



Inside the studio looking to the upper floor with the steep stair at right rear. Door open to the bathroom at the rear

## The Church

Virginia Barnet

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The owner-builder coveted anything that spoke of history and carried its own story. Brick-maker and wood-mason all in one, the owner set about re-creating the house and changing the original layout to their liking, such as turning hallways into wardrobes and adding a sauna to one of the bedrooms. The combined kitchen and laundry had its own labour-saving devices and a very spacious timber-lined bathroom defied the overall limited space. An extension to the rear of the house was added early on, the focal point being an elaborate domed window in the ceiling which was sourced from the Royal Arcade Sydney, following its demolition in 1970.

The house's owner and eventually, his son, collaborated on the building in the backyard. It, too, is built of second-hand red bricks, and is surprisingly spacious when one steps inside. The central fireplace has a carefully designed curved chimney, which apparently works well, and a mezzanine floor supplies the rest of the living area.

The church-shaped windows are nearly all of leadlight and this place was initially built as a workshop so that the owner could carry on this hobby or trade. Nooks and crannies are utilised in and around the almost vertical staircase, where wooden handles are essential. Nestled below the upstairs sleeping space is a conveniently-placed bathroom, which is about the only place it could go.

The current owner has been told he can take whatever he likes with him, as there is no doubt that the two buildings – house and church – will be pulled down. We were told that, back in the 60's, the air resonated to the sounds of the 'Skyhooks' jamming away in the house over the back fence.

Members of Waverley HS were able to see this place as part of an historical walk at the end of April.

P. Johnstone

## Report on our

### 26th February General Meeting

Gary Stocking Publicity Officer of Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club delighted us with his talk *From Horses to Horsepower*.

He spoke of the change from horse drawn carts with the mud and manure in the streets of Melbourne to the convenience of the motor car which was first imported into Melbourne in 1897. The modern motor car gradually changed the streetscape completely.

The first motor car race was held at Sandown Racecourse (Just outside Monash city) in 1904 at which time there were fewer than 300 cars in Victoria. Charlie Mayhan of Melbourne was an early inventor of motorcycles and built a car at this time. Another inventor was named William Toy who invented a car in 1908 at Stud Road Dandenong. His car could travel between 5 and 25 miles per hour at a cost of 1/6 (15 cents) per 100 miles (161 km).

Motor car registration began in 1910. At this time, driver's licences were also introduced. Registration plates were not provided until the early 1930s and therefore car owners had to paint the registration onto the front of their cars (or have the local signwriter make a number plate to the prescribed dimensions - which were very close to those of today. Ed)

Car plants were established in the 1920s; Henry Ford started one in Geelong. In 1926 General Motors also established a car plant in Fishermans Bend.

Registration numbers fluctuated during the 1930s to 1950s due to War and the depression. Gary finished his talk with an invitation to the Scoresby Picnic Show that was being held on 26 March 2023.

Sueie McGrath



Sueie presenting Gary with a copy of *Then & Now 2*

C W Norton 2023 2023

## Vale

### Pauline Margaret Flynn

28.4.23 - 23.4.2023



WHS mourns the passing of long-time member (and mother of our secretary), Pauline Flynn last month.

Pauline was born in Maffra, the older daughter of Dave and Stella GIBBS. She was educated at St Joseph's, Maffra to Merit level (Year 8) and then in boarding school at Sale, where she grew very homesick, staying even over weekends. She studied commerce and worked at Maffra Co-op (later Murray

Goulburn), mastering skills needed for her next job in TAA pilot payroll.

In 1951 she met John Flynn and they married and built their own home. It is still standing. Their three daughters were born 1957-1963 and Pauline fundraised for Panthers football club. Then they moved to Perth for four years and she was very involved in the girls' school. On return to Mt Waverley, her efforts focused on the parish – school reading and canteen, Friends in Grief, altar flowers, op shop, seniors' activities. There was also Meals on Wheels (30 years!) and Probus. WHS really appreciated her sharp memory of a variety of details that needed clarification.

Having given so much to others, she is now at rest, out of pain, and reunited with John and other friends.

Rest in peace. Pauline.

## ANZAC DAY TRIBUTE



Perfect weather graced the wreath-laying ceremony at Glen Waverley on 23<sup>rd</sup> April. WHS members laid a beautiful wreath to commemorate those who went to war to defend Australia's and New Zealand's freedoms in 1914-18.

**Did you remember?  
( about Pinewood on TV )**

Do you remember the old *Homicide* television series of the 1960s? In March 1970, episode 240 *The Sound of Money* was filmed in Pinewood shopping centre by Crawford Productions. It starred Jackie Weaver (very blonde) playing music reporter Vickie Gaye alongside singer Buddy England, the action took place at the north facing shops.

Other short sections from this very Melbourne series are viewable on YouTube. The place names are sometimes mentioned; other times sleuth-work is necessary as 50-year-old memories are flashed before the eyes and mentally juxtaposed with more recent views – fun! Here are some scenes from the 60 second clip.



Jackie Weaver leaving shop



Jackie Weaver driving away in a Datsun.1000.  
The shop is now the Advantage Pharmacy.



Is this street shown in the episode nearby in the Pinewood area?

**Have you noticed?**  
Monash City has 3 electric vehicle charging stations at: Mt Waverley library and Community Centre, Miller Cres., Monash Youth Services, Euneva Car Park and Glen Waverley Library. In years to come we will probably wonder why this was such a historical item of the time.



Mount Waverley charging station for 2 vehicles in Miller Crescent, Mount Waverley



53 years on and here is the same shop

**Where and when?**  
We believe the picture to be of Stephenson's Rd looking towards Highbury Rd probably in the early 1970s about 9 am. Note the workmen repairing the road on the left during the morning peak.

**DISCOVERED – City of Waverley's Grant-of-Arms Letters Patent & City of Oakleigh's Crest**

Ralph G.C. Bartlett

At the time of publishing my two-part article, "Signs of the Times – 150 Years of Oakleigh-Mulgrave-Waverley-

Monash Municipal Emblems 1871-2021, in "History Here Nos. 238 & 239, two significant historical items remained missing. These were the formal City of Waverley Grant-of-Arms Letters Patent document, and the City of Oakleigh cast metal Crest, that was attached to the external decorative brick wall of Oakleigh's Municipal Administrative Office, on the corner of Atherton and Warrigal Roads, located next door to Oakleigh's Council Chamber. This building was later sold to Victoria Police and is now the Oakleigh Police Station.

Both of these historic items "disappeared" shortly after the forced dissolution of the Waverley and Oakleigh Municipalities, and their amalgamation to form the Monash City Council, on 14 December 1994.

For the best part of 10+ years I have been trying to locate, initially the Waverley Grant-of-Arms and more recently the Oakleigh Crest. These two historic items were finally located, following my latest search request to Monash City Council, by their newly appointed Governance Coordinator, Renee Russell, on 21 February 2023, who located them safely in storage at the Monash City Council Office in Glen Waverley.

A Grant-of-Arms, formally called "Letters Patent" is the formal document issued by the College of Arms, in London, England. There are similar Colleges of Arms in Canada, Ireland, Scotland and South Africa.



This particular document was issued on 11 April 1979, to the then City of Waverley Town Clerk, Colin James Bock, JP, on behalf of the Municipal Council. The text of this "Letters Patent" outlines the meaning of the components of the Coat-of-Arms, and

the general municipal history of the original Shire of Mulgrave, followed by the City of Waverley.

State Governor, Sir Henry Winneke, formally presented this Grant to the City of Waverley Council at a formal dinner held on Monday, 11 June 1979.



The cast metal City of Oakleigh Crest measures just over 1 metre in diameter, and was attached to Oakleigh's Municipal Office upon its opening on 28 August 1962, until 14 December 1994.



The basic design of the Oakleigh Crest is modelled on the Arms of the Australian Native's Association & Australasian Federation League established in 1871 & 1893 respectively. It is not yet known when this Crest was adopted by

the initial Borough of Oakleigh Council.

Discovery in safe storage of these two items, I believe, are a great testament to Colin Bock, the last Town Clerk of Waverley and first Monash City Council City Commissioner, who understood their historic significance.



City of Waverley Grant-of-Arms Letters Patent

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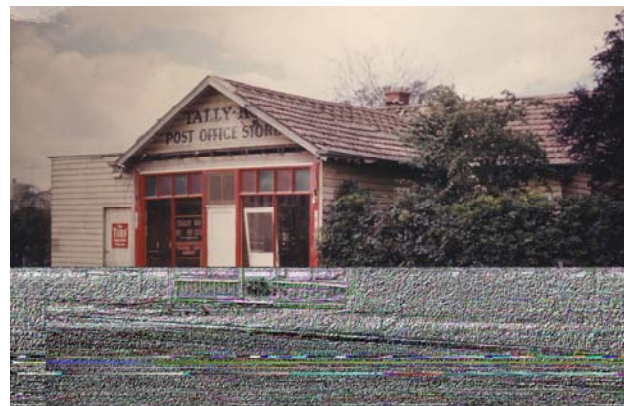
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## Member Memories

**Geoff Armstrong**

My father Alan Walter Armstrong bought the Tally-Ho store in 1940 which was on the south-east corner of Highbury and Blackburn Rds. As well as being a general store, there was a telephone exchange that had to be serviced 24 hours a day 7 days a week. My father used to collect the mail at Burwood, wrap the mail in the paper and throw it into the driveways around Tally-Ho.

For a short time my brother Graham and I attended the Burwood East State School. I kept getting 3 cuts from the Headmaster for climbing the big Cypress trees in the school grounds. After Burwood East we rode our bikes to Box Hill High School for the next 5 years.



The Tally Ho store and Post Office

I always remember my father cutting out ration coupons for butter, sugar, tea, etc during the wartime. Butter and petrol were very scarce. During World War II my brother and I left our bikes at a dairy on the SW corner of Blackburn and High Street Rds and walked across the paddock to Syndal Station – changed trains at East Malvern and attended the choir practice of the Australian Boys Choir at Kooyong.

After the war my father sold the store and bought a hardware store in Auburn - J Chalmers P/L. At about the same time my father bought 3 acres at 102 Springvale Rd for £300 and when they widened Springvale Rd, they paid him \$300. The Parnabys owned 70 acres on the SE corner of Highbury and Springvale Rd and sold my father 3 acres. Mrs Parnaby had taught my mother at the Eldorado State School. My mother subdivided the 3 acres in the 1970s and gave me 1 of the 10 blocks of land in Ravenswood Court.

I worked at J Chalmers Hardware Store in Auburn for 55 years and retired in 2003 at age 73. I played tennis at East Richmond for 10 years and played badminton at East Richmond for 10 years then golf for the next 30 years. My wife and I are now members of the Burwood East Probus Club and enjoy the friendly members and outings.

## Where and When?

Do you know where this is in old Waverley and about when? It is on a major road near a major intersection.

Answer on p. 6



WHS File



The Tally Ho General store site in 2021

Kerrie Flynn 2021

## Know your Waverley

When old farms and market gardens in Waverley were subdivided into suburban allotments, often the resultant suburban streets

were placed where the homesteads' driveways had been. Here are some aerial views from 1945 and 1951 from the Monash City Council web



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Entrance to *Four Winds* 1945

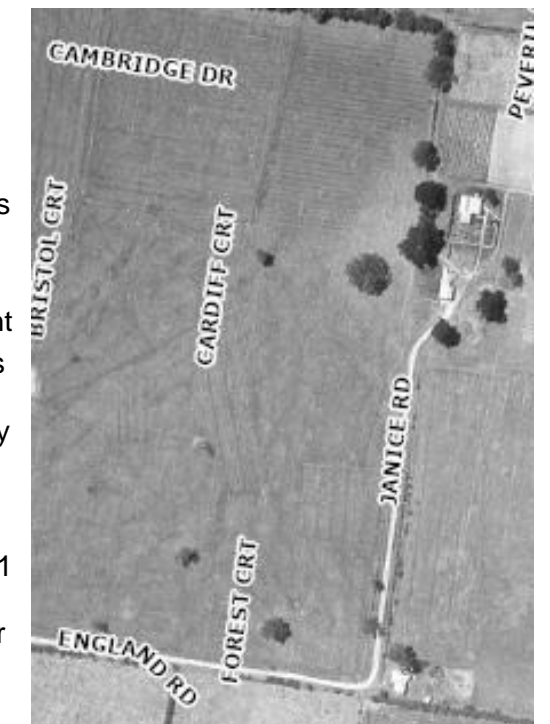


Right  
**Saladin Avenue** continuing south past the house. 1951

Possibly named after Saladin who defended Acre against the crusaders as referred to by Walter Scott in the Waverley novels.



Left  
Entrance to the Chivers farm 1945



Right  
Entrance to Chivers house via **Janice Rd** which eventually extended north across the power line easement. 1951

Named after a daughter Janice Chivers.

### Did you know?

The late Stewart Bradley, our first Research Officer, who grew up in Stawell, has been recognised by the Stawell Historical Society with the naming of their research facility the *Stewart Bradley Centre*.

### Wanted

The WHS would like a set of cuisenaire rods from the 1960s used in Victorian schools as an aid to leaning addition and subtraction. These will add to our school artefact collection. Does anyone have an old set tucked away?