

## Vale - Yellow Pages

An international icon quietly passed away this year.

The Yellow Pages phone directory, which had been produced for 51 years in Victoria, printed its last issues and delivered them to Brighton where they were first published in 1966. Previously the business listings were in the *Pink Pages*. The information is now available only on line, and listings are free, one less cost for businesses in the future.

Remember the old 1970s TV ads, "Let your fingers do the walking..."? The Walking Fingers logo was created in America in 1962 by Henry Alexander, and became the US national trademark within a year and soon spread internationally, being used by telephone directories of any company.

Why yellow? You may recall that in the 1960s, coloured paper was only marginally more expensive than white. Remember the *Weekly Times* being printed on orange paper? The *Sporting Globe* as pink, The Age TV guide on Thursdays green, and possibly others colour-coded their publications to stand out. But the *Yellow Pages*? That was actually not by design. That began when an American printer ran out of white paper and used yellow instead, and the difference was found to be helpful.

Maybe some readers would like to keep a copy of the Melbourne Yellow Pages as a souvenir. Like the old Sands and McDougall directories, such listings are valuable historical and genealogical tools.

## Erratum

Many thanks to our astute readers. The item relating to the Influenza epidemic of 100 years ago (1919) given in HH228 p.7 refers to the Mulgrave State school as being the current Clayton North School primary school. It was actually the Mulgrave school No. 2172 located on Wellington Rd founded in 1879.

(Note: The Clayton North Primary was called Mulgrave School until 1911 when it changed name.)

## Did You Know?

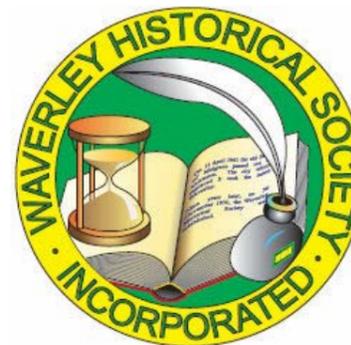
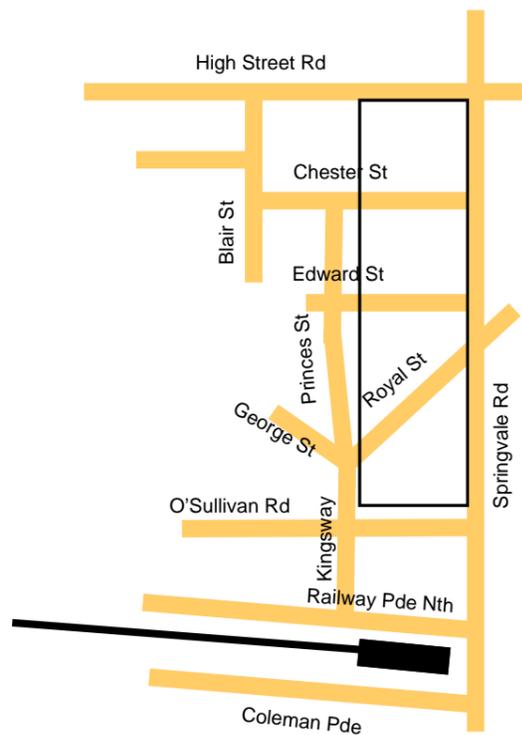
Mount Waverley Police station, opened on 1 July 1959 on the NE corner of William Street and Stephenson's Road, turns 60 years old in 2019. The station, built to a standard design, was refurbished in 2014 although this front section looks essentially the same as 1959 but is now hidden by trees. See HH211 for more details on the updating and expansion of the old building.



Police Life 1960

## Before The Glen

The area the Glen shopping centre complex now covers was once surveyed as a number of streets. One was aligned in the NE-SW direction which was part of the original planning principles associated with the introduction of the railway in 1930 (compare the streets near MW and Sydnal Stations). Here is a diagram based on the Universal Street Directory of 1960. Note the royal connections in the street names. *The Glen*, when first built, was tiny compared with today with only two major shops and handful of boutiques.



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## THE HOUSE

The Chivers family were early market gardeners of Glen Waverley. The old family farm was opposite the Police Academy, but later generations continued in their father/grandfather Bill's footsteps, and also stayed in the area along Waverley Road. This was Bill's grandson Frank's place and he was still growing vegetables on it until a few years ago. Frank was always generous and gave most of what he produced away, to friends, neighbours, and charities even. Sadly this reminder of the Chivers family may soon be gone, as have most of the Chivers' houses. This one and its vegetable garden next door have recently been sold to developers and permit notices may soon appear on the fence.

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

## Coming Events

**Sun 27 Oct 1pm** Black Flat Historical  
Walk. (around the original township)

**Wed 27 Nov 2pm** Carina Leitch: WW1  
Centenary. (A reflection on the event)

**Wed 4 Dec** Last day that the WHS  
Rooms are Open 2019 **more details P.7**

## 2018/19 AGM

The WHS Annual General Meeting was held on Sun 25 Aug 2pm in conjunction with the WHS 49th Birthday. Our Guest Speaker who followed the AGM, was longtime resident Joy Petfield who spoke on *Early Memories of Glen Waverley*, see P.4.

President MarJo Angelico reported on highlights of the previous year's activities. Following this, Laurie Ryan (Life member) conducted the elections for the office bearers and committee.

The elections resulted in the following appointments:

President	MarJo Angelico
Vice President:	Philip Johnstone
Vice President:	Kerrie Flynn
Secretary:	Margaret Boyes
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Committee:	Ed Hore
	Chris Norton
	Virginia Barnett
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### Delegated Appointments

Researchers	Kerrie Flynn
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Programme Coord	Sueie Barber
Displays	Virginia Barnett
	Beverley Delaney
Webmaster	Philip Johnstone

## 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. If the main library entrance door is locked during 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 2019 are every second month.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our member and long-time Oakleigh Historical mainstay, Helen Gobbi, was recently awarded the Royal Historical Society of Victoria Award of Merit for her unstinting work on local history in this area for over 20 years. This well-deserved honour recognises Helen's work in research, exhibition curating (several per year), authoring and generally holding the Oakleigh Society together through thick and thin.

We salute you, Helen

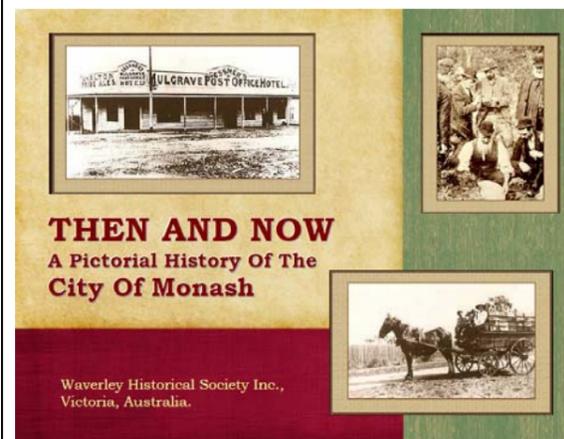
## Then & Now

A Pictorial History of the City of Monash

New stocks of this popular book have now arrived. It would make an ideal Xmas present for someone with connections to the City of Monash.

This A4 book comprises 60 pages of *Then and Now* (B&W and colour) images, maps and text of scenes within the City of Monash. Copies available for pickup from the WHS rooms at \$20 or by post at \$27.50.

See the WHS webpages for more details or Email the WHS Secretary.



We are working on *Then and Now Book 2* which is planned for release for our golden anniversary in 2020.

## WHS Coming Events



## Black Flat Historical Walk

*Covering some History of early Glen Waverley*

Sunday 1pm 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Members free; non-members \$5

For all details and meeting place, contact:

[waverleyhsvic@gmail.com](mailto:waverleyhsvic@gmail.com)

## World War I Centenary



## Carina Leitch

2pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019

At WHS ROOMS  
Above Mt Waverley Library

RSVP to :

[waverleyhsvic@gmail.com](mailto:waverleyhsvic@gmail.com)

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

## Burwood Cemetery Talk



2pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

At WHS ROOMS  
Above Mt Waverley Library

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

## Dandenong Creek Bushland Walk



*See things you haven't seen before!*

1pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Meeting point to be advised.

Bookings open on 1<sup>st</sup> February

RSVP email: [waverleyhsvic@gmail.com](mailto:waverleyhsvic@gmail.com)

Members free; non-members \$5

## AoEHS Conference Report

Kerrie Flynn

The Association of Eastern Historical Societies (AoEHS) Conference theme was - *The times they are a-changing*'.

On 22nd June 2019 a small group of WHS members made their way to *Karralyka Centre*, Ringwood to join with other Historical Societies for the Association of Eastern Historical Societies Conference. The weather was cold but the surrounding bush and gardens were welcoming.

The day started at 9.00am with an impressive list of speakers for the day.

Our first speaker was Dr Andrew Lemon who talked about why it is important to record history and the purposes for buildings, parks etc. In today's society so many buildings, parks, etc. are being repurposed, sometimes without knowledge of why they were built, used, etc. Historical societies can play a very important role in making sure this knowledge is recorded and passed on. It made me think of how important it was for our own Avenue of Honour board to be erected and celebrated last year.

Our next speaker was Anthony McAleer OAM who has just written a book called *La Terra Promessa* which is about Italians in the Yarra valley before 1945. He led us with an engaging talk about the Italians and their role in the Yarra Valley. If you are interested in following this story go to <http://www.yvicg.com.au/la-terra-promessa-the-chosen-land/>

Ken Briscoe from Ringwood Historical Society walked us through the steps and processes the society has taken over the last 12 months to put their collection onto the Victoria Collections portal which is supported by Melbourne Museum and is free. Their collection is now online at

<https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/ringwood-and-district-historical-society#collection-records>

A break for a very hearty lunch on a cold day and time to view the other societies' displays.

After lunch three members from Ringwood, Warrandyte and Eltham Historical Societies spoke about events they had held in their communities that were very successful in promoting community interaction and forming bonds between the community and the historical societies.



Display of colourful banners from participating AoEHS members

Our next speaker was Rachael Cottle who is a volunteer at the El Dorado Museum. She did a case study on the museum's trials and triumphs to establish themselves in a habitable venue ...old building, lack of toilets, dampness, etc. that comes with old buildings trying to preserve historical records. They triumphed, now the old toilet

J. Turton

is a great attraction for selfies!

Note. El Dorado museum is 3½ hours drive from Mt Waverley railway station.

Patrick Watt was our last speaker and spoke about displaying Aboriginal collections and, where possible, making sure they are displayed in the region from which they came.

It was a great day of learning and connecting with others and creating history.

Thanks to the AoEHS for organising the day.

## Lady Baden Powell Visits Waverley - The Long Blue Trail

As a follow up to the picture we published in HH227 here is an extract of the report on the event in *The Age* newspaper article of Fri 4th January 1935.

It was a long blue trail that wound from the railway station along the road through pleasant, undulating pasture lands and orchard country and then turned abruptly through a gate on which the Union Jack was hoisted. This was the trail of the blue clad guides and guiders, rangers and patrol leaders who, numbering three thousand, wended their way from Syndal station to Oswego, the delightful property of Mrs. L Best, who loves to encourage guides and scouts, as well as parties of other young people, to enjoy the beauty of the place. It was the ideal spot for such a gathering, with gullies and creeks, shady trees and sloping fields, and it was, too, a perfect day, with genial sunshine and a soft, cool southerly. There were girls from distant States, groups of sea rangers, and guides from New Zealand, who, like the Tasmanians, wore the new saxe-blue cotton camping uniform, with stitched linen hat, which has come from Imperial Headquarters, London, and seems so very much more suitable for warm weather than the present uniform of the Australian guides. There were 'lones' from widely distant parts, who though they had corresponded for years, had never met until yesterday, and there was even a "Wise Bird" of 1st Quetta flock, in India.

Last, but not least, there were three St. John Ambulance Brigade nursing divisions, led by Miss E.J. Wells, district lady superintendent, who, equipped with first-aid outfits, tended sick guides, cases of bullant bite, toothache and a damaged knee, then, after their day's work, they did further duty at some of Melbourne's picture theatres at night.

Following the strenuous events of the last week, this proved a wonderful rest day for the girls, who thoroughly enjoyed a lazy quiet time in such lovely surroundings. They did not even practise camp craft, but just idled away most of the day in reading and talking or singing under the shade of the trees. Some however were busy in making tea at the coppers to which good Yan Yean water was supplied through a hose supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Best.

Soon after 1 o'clock there was a stir, and patrol leaders formed a long, double line down the tree-lined drive and through this guard of honor, to the accompaniment of cheers, came the Chief Guide, with Mrs. J. Storrow, chairman of the world guide committee; the State president, Lady Chauvel, State secretary,

Miss S. Irving. Lady Baden-Powell was entertained at an al fresco luncheon by patrol leaders, who chose a shady spot on a knoll, and here again they had afternoon tea, when their hostess, Mrs. Best, and the guiders were also present. During the day the Chief Guide moved among the girls, who formed into groups of rangers, guiders and guides, and spoke to each. It was a most impressive sight when hundreds of girls sat in a huge circle in a big, natural amphitheatre and listened while their beloved Chief Guide talked to them. It was not a speech, for, as she said, a mother doesn't like making speeches to her children.



(Applause) "You know I have over a million children" she added, amid laughter.

"This part of the family gathered here today is one of the jolliest parties I have come upon for a long time." She continued. "I am enjoying myself tremendously this afternoon, more even than I did on Tuesday, and that is saying a good deal." Both she

and the Chief Scout wished to thank them for their perfectly wonderful welcome to Victoria, to congratulate them from the bottom of their hearts on the magnificent show they had put up, looking so spick and span, smart and erect, facing the world with happy, smiling faces. The keynote of the jamboree had been the idea of making friends with guides or scouts in the next house, street, town or country. It was seldom that she had the opportunity to meet guides at close quarters as she had on this occasion, and that was why she was enjoying it so much.

*The report continued with Lady Baden-Powell delighting her audience by telling them about her own family.*

### Oswego Historical Walk

The Oswego property is a part of a regular WHS Historical Walk; the most recent was held in May 2019. This walk started in Bogong Reserve and wound its way through the streets of the subdivided Oswego. The walkers were told of the local orchards and history of the Waverley Golf club which occupied the area until the early 1960's. The names of these streets bear golfing connections or direct association with the club. The walkers returned to the Bogong Reserve covering about 3 km overall.

## Early Memories of Glen Waverley - Joy Petfield

Virginia Barnett

Quite obviously, the topic aroused interest amongst our members and visitors, especially those who have watched it change over the years; in this case, from the 1920's onwards. Nowadays, changes seem to occur at lightning speed but once the photos go up on the screen, we are reminded of another era, a quieter, less stressful time.

Joy Olney (nee Petfield) moved to Glen Waverley in 1957. Her husband's grandparents were Arthur and Doris Olney. Arthur was a builder and built many houses in the Malvern and Camberwell areas. Around 1929, Arthur bought land on Springvale Road, Glen Waverley, with the view of building houses but the Depression brought that to a halt. Later, Arthur built houses along Springvale Road between The Boulevard and Aurisch Avenue, including one for himself, one for Roy (1940), one for Keith (1941) with a tennis court, two bowling greens on land facing View Road (1953), and a poultry farm across the rear of 143

and 145 Springvale Road. In 1950, Roy and Olive Olney built a tennis court (still there until recently) facing View Road and adjoining Keith's. These courts were popular amongst the locals. Arthur also procured land near where the IOOF Nursing Home is today, on Coleman Parade, plus other blocks along Myrtle and Florence Streets, Montclair and Bogong Avenues and O'Sullivan Road. He built *Tantivy* in Madeline Street (home of Dr Melville from 1957), and Mrs. Morris' house on the corner of Clifford Street and Springvale Road.

Post-war, Arthur was still building, this time in View Road and The Ridge, assisted by sons Keith and Roy. It was time to build a new home for him and Doris in 1961, but sadly, Doris died that year. The Olney and Marriott families were great friends. In 1962, Arthur and Irene Marriott bought land in Springvale Road between Madeline Street and the reserve on the corner of High Street Road, intending to turn it into shop sites but, although Council gave consent, the plans were refused by MMBW, the reason being that the Board desired to keep shops off main roads, where possible. This land was subdivided by Keith Olney in 1962, and Joy and her husband, Peter, became the happy owners of one of them and lived there for 30 years. Arthur retired to

Hervey Bay and died in 1978.

Keith Olney married Marjorie Wallis in 1939 and they had five children whilst living at 131 Springvale Road. Keith served with the forces in Katherine, NT, during World War Two. He was a great community worker. He was elected to the then Mulgrave Council and served as councillor for seven years before becoming Mayor in 1963, representing the North-West Ward for twelve years. He also supplemented his income by working as a cleaner at Glen Waverley High School for many years. In the fifties, Arthur's sons took over the flourishing business and grandson, Graham, joined the Olney Builders. Joy's husband, Peter, obtained a degree in Building Construction, and worked on multi-storeyed buildings such as the Alfred and Melbourne Dental Hospitals.

Following his time at Council, Keith ventured into land subdivision: home sites and factories. The land bought by Arthur Olney and Irene Marriott in 1962 was subdivided into forty residential allotments (a collective gasp from the audience). He named Yanagin Drive, Stanfield Court, Tamara Court and Pindari Street, in that area. Pindari means 'high

ground', and Stanfield court was named after a family interest in *Stanfield Hall* in Norfolk, England. Keith and Marjorie eventually retired to *Pindari* in Balnarring in 1986. Keith died in 1987 and Marjorie in 2018.

Joy's parents, Allan and Wyn Petfield, came to Glen Waverley from Murrumbena in 1957, with daughters Joy and Dawn. They lived on the corner of Clifford Street and Springvale Road, where EK Dental clinic stands today, opposite The Glen. They belonged to the Glen Waverley Methodist Church where Allan was a local preacher. He also worked with Wells Organization and Methodist Stewardship, established the Travel Group associated with the Planning for Early Retirement group in Glen Waverley, joined N R Reid and Charles Real Estate, and led tours as well. Allan died in 1977 and Wyn in 1999.



Looking SW to Glen Waverley Shopping centre. The railway houses were demolished to make way for the carpark on Coleman Pde, Kingsway and Railway Pde.



Moving the Glen Waverley Branch of the State Savings Bank

Glen Waverley Methodist Church was then on Waverley Road, where the Bowls Club is today. Joy played piano there and taught Sunday School. It was here that she met her husband-to-be, Peter. There was a Mechanics Hall in Springvale Road, often used by the Methodist church for their socials and barn dances.

The hall burnt down in September, 1958. In May, 1962, the foundation stone was laid for the new church on the corner of Kingsway and Springvale Road (now the Ibis hotel). Joy went to MLC on the 'red rattler', when the railway line went right up to Springvale Road; those were the days when people left their muddy boots on the platform, to be collected after the return trip. Railway houses stood on the corner of Glen and Springvale Roads. Then, in 1963, the station was moved back 120 metres to west of Kingsway. The duplication of the rail line from Glen Waverley to Syndal occurred in 1964. Glen Waverley Secondary College opened as a High School in May 1960, in six old Nissen huts. Class sizes were up to forty-four students! Later, in the 1990's, Syndal High School, Lawrence Secondary College (Syndal Technical) and Glen Waverley High amalgamated.

Dawn regularly rode her horse Sonny around the paddocks where *The Glen* now stands. She later worked as a veterinary nurse with Vet Geoff Davidson, on the corner of Charlotte and Springvale Road. Springvale Road was then just two lanes (where the north-bound traffic goes now) with deep gutters either side. Joy recalled falling from her bike into the gutter after playing tennis at Olney's courts, and being picked up by a stranger who drove her and bike home. The old Mountain View Hotel was right out on the corner where the traffic island is now; demolished in 1963 to allow for widening of Springvale Road. McDonalds was well back from the corner as there was a wide strip of land left for future road widening. On the nature strip next to Petfield's place stood the very old Scar Tree, which was moved to Valley Reserve in 1965. Joy watched The Glen Shopping Centre evolve. It opened in 1967, with Safeway and Lindsays the main stores. Who didn't buy their first curtains at Lindsays?

Joy worked at the State Savings Bank from January, 1959. The bank was in a shop setting next to Campbell's Chemist shop and George Symon's

Foodland in Coleman Parade. Joy was able to reel off several account numbers of local people and also, one Saturday, Olive Olney, treasurer of Glen Waverley Heights Mothers' Club, asked Joy if she wouldn't mind depositing the fete earnings in the bank's vault; Joy, who had the keys, kindly obliged. Imagine something like that happening today! The bank moved to the corner of Coleman Parade and Kingsway in 1962. Moving day saw staff loading their cars with ledgers and so on and driving down the road. Dawn's Sonny mowed the bank's back lawn and neighed to the customers. Joy worked with Sue Menlove, who became Sue Donovan, mother of Jason, of 'Neighbours'.

Joy and Peter were married in 1964 at the MLC Chapel, the reception to follow at *Rowallan* in High Street Road. We saw pictures of the popular reception rooms, since demolished (2014). Preparations for Joy and Peter's wedding had to be rushed, as Peter was head-hunted by a building construction company in Wellington, NZ. The happy couple went to NZ

the day after the wedding, and ended up staying there for three years. When they returned to Glen Waverley, they bought a house on the corner of Euneva Street and Railway Parade North. Three years later, they moved the house, in two parts, to Batten Street, off Myrtle. Always a sight worth seeing, when a house gets moved like that. Not much later, the council bought the house for car parking and Peter and Joy built

in Stanfield Court. It was a very friendly, child aplenty environment.

Joy's husband, Peter, and her son, Darren, have followed in their ancestors' footsteps through their involvement in political issues. Peter stood for 'Call to Australia' in 1988 and 1990, and as an Independent in 1991. Darren stood as Liberal candidate for Port Melbourne in 1988, as well as fighting battles at Monash University concerning compulsory union membership and having a bar at the university; these were radical issues at the time. Joy concluded her talk with a last photo of Peter and his mother in April, 2016.

MarJo, on behalf of all present, thanked Joy for her excellent, and nostalgic, presentation.