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Both the above in **Alvie Hall**
Then 2026, in our rooms:
Feb – Matthew Flinders
March – GW orchard walk

Extant Pre-suburban Buildings #67 E S & A Bank, Glen Waverley



This dual shop sells musical instruments on the left, household appliances on the right. While it does not look well maintained now, it must be solid enough, as it was once the English, Scottish and Australian Bank, an attractive modern

building constructed c 1957. The blue paint is from when it was Cycle Science many years ago. Before this shop was built, the ES&A bank occupied one side of R. Jane's handsome brick curved-walled garage-workshop (built c1946) but it had succumbed to road widening. It is hard to reconcile the current faded facade with the clean-lined old 1957 bank.



WHS Publications

Books published by Waverley Historical Society are available from our rooms on Wednesday afternoons. Payment is by cash or direct deposit. Some as-new secondhand copies are available there too.

At other times, our books are available from **Pinewood newsagency** where credit cards are accepted.

REMINDER

Starting in November this year, WHS will trial general meetings on the **LAST Sundays of the month**, rather than the fourth. This is because some of our members have other commitments on fourth Sundays. Please let us know how this affects you on waverleyhsvic@gmail.com.

Thank you to Matt Fregon MP, State Member for Ashwood District, for assistance with the printing of this publication. If you require assistance with any State Government issues please contact Matt's office.

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CLOSURE

Due to renovations downstairs, WHS rooms will not be accessible from **23/10/2025 until January 2026.**

WHS 2025 AGM

Last month our Annual General Meeting on 24th August drew a good crowd of members and after the usual reporting on the year's activities, the 2025-26 Committee nominations were read out:

President – Ralph Bartlett
Treasurer – John Angelico

Secretary – Kerrie Flynn
Vice President – MarJo Angelico

Committee members:

Philip Johnstone
Norma Schultz

Virginia Barnett
Sandra Hymas

Carina Leitch
Chris Norton
Sueie McGrath

Since there were fewer nominations than places on Committee, all were deemed elected. We thank all these people for their efforts on behalf of the Society in the past year, and for agreeing to continue in the coming year. The efficiently conducted AGM was over in 17 minutes.

Anyone who was unable to come but would like a copy of the reports should ask the Secretary on waverleyhsvic@gmail.com.

After the official business, our guest speaker was Jackie Fraser from Victorian Collections.

Victorian Collections Presentation

After our AGM our guest speaker was Jackie Fraser from Victoria Collections. Her talk was to introduce our members to what Victoria Collections can offer us if we decide to enter the world of digitising our collection. The main focus is to think about how we can photograph or scan items that can then be viewed online by a wider public. Currently our collection is available for viewing at our rooms, but what happens when we can't access this collection or the physical collection is damaged? By going online we can have a second "backup" of the items we find most important or relevant to online viewers. It doesn't need to be everything and it will take time to process and learn how to proceed, but the talk made us aware of what is out there and what is the future, the new history. Members also learnt that there is another source of information out there that other organisations have been contributing to and that we can access too. If you would like to check out the website to see all the organisations and other history facts to search go to <https://victoriancollections.net.au/> Maybe even try searching Waverley and see what comes up from other societies. Waverley RSL has a place on there and their memorabilia gives an example of how Victoria Collections can be utilised to share online any collection.



*Vic. Collections Presentation - 24 Aug. 2025
(Jackie Fraser - Vic. Collection Program Manager &
Ralph Bartlett - Wav. Hist. Soc. Pres.)*

- Kerrie Flynn

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Due to library renovations, WHS will not be able to access its rooms from 23rd October until late December. Check WHS or MPLS website for updates.

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Open House Melbourne 2025

In July we invited all members to go out independently and enjoy the various buildings that were open to all, that one weekend of the year when doors that were otherwise closed were open for all to enjoy and to learn more about our city. Committee members Chris and Sueie took full advantage of the whole weekend, as can be seen below.

Friday: Chris and I went to Werribee Zoo to see the new Elephant Enclosure. We had to pay a booking fee of \$7 which allowed us entry to the whole zoo. Very entertaining and great to see the animals being treated so well.

Saturday we went to East Melbourne and visited:

- The German Lutheran Church
- St Peter's Eastern Hill Church. Interesting that the view from this church used to extend to the bay but now is restricted due to Melbourne's high buildings. This is the reason it has "Hill" in its title.
- Victorian Artists' Society. A truly beautiful classic old building. We learned that Nellie Melba sang in their recital room and that it is still used for performances.
- Brew Tower Museum. Here we explored a small part of the huge building that was once the headquarters of Carlton and United Breweries. It has been preserved as a museum.



We then caught the train to Abbotsford Convent but had missed the tours. The convent is now a precinct of art, culture and learning. My great aunt was a resident back in the 1980s.

- On the way to the convent, we stopped and investigated Collingwood Football Club's former ground, Victoria Park. This was my addition to the program not part of Open House. The ground is a combination of community services in the preserved grandstand and community parkland with barbecue facilities on the remaining grounds.

On **Sunday** we returned to the city.

- We attended the Scots' Presbyterian Church in Russell Street. After the service, we had a demonstration of The Rieger Organ by Douglas Lawrence who has been playing there since 1984. He showed us his incredible talent with this amazing instrument that stands metres and metres high. Its deepest note is 32 Hz!
- We then went to the Donkey Wheel House which is the former headquarters of the Melbourne Tramways in Bourke Street. It is a magnificent building that The Donkey Wheelhouse Charity has restored to some of its former glory. It is being used by artists and as a community hub.
- We booked the Metro Tunnel Anzac Station Tour and got a preview and overview of the design and innovation of the new station. It honours the ANZACs and their role in WWI and particularly at

Gallipoli. It features artwork and memorials dedicated to the ANZACs including carrier pigeon figurines that served in wartime.



The highlight was the Metro Tunnel Anzac Station Tour.

- Sueie and Chris

Eastern Historical Societies

Ralph Bartlett and Kerrie Flynn attended the AGM of Association of Eastern Historical Societies on Saturday 20th September. It was held at Doncaster Historical Society, who have just had a new building erected near their cottage. Pictures will be shown in our newsletter in 2026. The opening of their new building will be on 16th October. Those who have been to Schramms cottage will be interested to see the changes and more accessible entrance to both cottage and new building.

- Kerrie Flynn

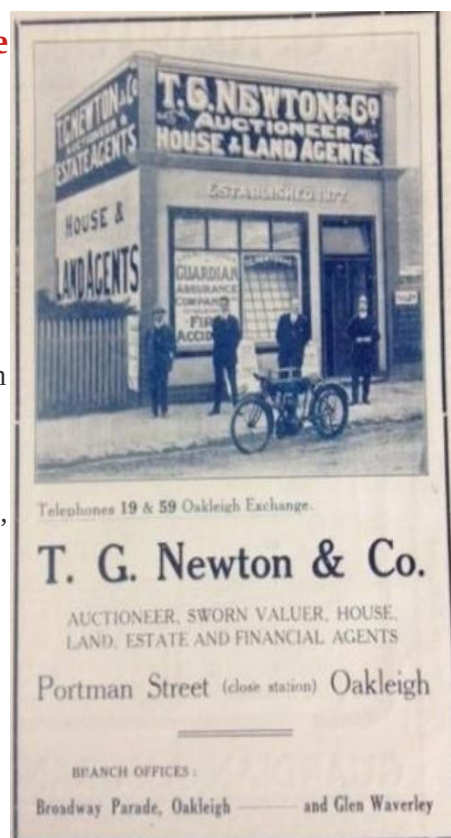
T G Newton Exhibition: Monash Federation Centre

History Monash Inc (formerly Oakleigh and District Historical Society) invited WHS committee members to view their latest exhibition, featuring the collection of the famous estate agency T.G. Newton & Co.

Once T.G. Newton was established by Thomas George Newton it became the most recognised real estate agency in the area. The company's well-known catch cry was, "His name's Newton – he sells real estate."

The exhibition features subdivision maps, contracts of sale, leases, correspondence, auction notices, ledgers and other items, dated 1875 to 1925, and includes hand-written documents, reflecting the language and real estate law of the time. Catalogued items can be searched on computer.

The exhibition can be viewed free at the Monash Federation Centre on Tuesdays until the end of 2025 between 10 am and 2 pm. (Please check the HM website – News – in case changes are made to this at short notice.)



The Dargan Hill Monarch Everlasting Daisy

A researcher is interested in Nigel and Gwen QUICK, who bred this king of everlasting flowers *Xerochrysum bracteatum*. Their Dargan Hill nursery was near the Police Academy. Would any reader know anything about the Quicks or their nursery and why they might have named it Dargan Hill Nursery? If so, please email the Research Officer on waverleyhsvic@gmail.com Thank you!

Monash Logo Far from Home

Spotted on the *cyclinguk* website...

We knew the name Waverley came from the UK – maybe the Monash symbol did too? Even the colour is right! A good use of the Monash logo?

REMEMBER our rooms will be closed from 23rd October till the end of December

4. Spring 2025



THAT is who David Crawford is! In History Here 252, we asked about the naming of David Crawford Reserve in Orchard St, Glen Waverley. We gratefully received an answer from one of his sons...

David Crawford Reserve

David Harper Crawford was born in Melbourne in 1941, the son of Joseph and Jennifer Crawford, who had both emigrated from Scotland. David married Valentine (nee Blums) in 1966. They initially settled in Strathmore, where they had three sons, but would move to 10 Orchard Street Glen Waverley in 1976.

David worked as a mechanical engineer for the Australian Army. He also had side business as draughtsman, which he ran from his home office. As someone with a keen interest in building regulations, he maintained an active interest in council matters, and was particularly alert to the actions of the City of Waverley. He was also an ardent supporter of consumer and ratepayer rights, and was vigilant in upholding them.

As I recall, it was around 1987 when the Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works with the support of the City of Waverley determined that the land at the corner of Orchard and Cherry Streets would be converted from open field parkland to a retarding basin for stormwater. The issue was challenged by all surrounding residents. The 1945 image shows the land surrounded by orchards.

David played a particularly active role in opposing the project and keeping it as community parkland. In addition to developing petitions and attending multiple frustrating meetings at Waverley City Council, he also worked on other aspects of the campaign. This included the in-depth reading of engineering reports (and challenging them), and also bringing in his sons on the campaign - my first piece of civic action as a 12 year old was to write a letter to the MMBW to oppose the retarding basin and explain how it would ruin an important place for me and my friends to play footy! While David worked tirelessly on the issue, he was actively supported by others in the community.

Faced against the MMBW and the City of Waverley, it certainly felt like a 'David and Goliath' battle. (It might be more accurate to say 'Davids and Goliaths'.) The Administrative Appeals Tribunal formally upheld the community's challenge, thanks in no small part to the active efforts of David. There was great celebration when the news came through - not to mention enormous sighs of relief.

The site remained a parkland, being used by the local scouts and, of course, David's three sons and their mates, who made it a point of honour to spend hours upon hours playing kick to kick at the venue.

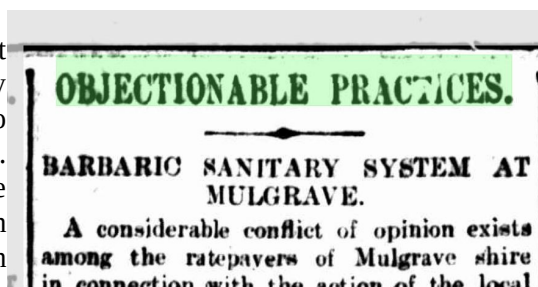
David died of heart attack in 1989, a few years after the victory. A few years later, local residents graciously applied to the City of Monash to name the unnamed park in honour of David's contribution and dedication to saving the parkland. The irony of formal recognition from the council was noted by all, but the family took great pride in the announcement - and still does. The Crawford family continued to live in Orchard Street up until 1999. - Robert Crawford



The land in question is in the centre of this aerial photograph.

A SEWERAGE DEPOT - NOT IN MY BACK YARD

Naturally, no one wished to have such a depot anywhere near their home. The constant fight by authorities who knew the nightsoil had to go somewhere and the local residents was ongoing. Residents in Mulgrave and surrounding shires became experts at letter writing, collecting signatures on petitions and arranging protest meetings with Government Ministers.



Septic tanks would take years to install – what would people do in the meantime? Anyway, permission was not given, as “the sewerage will be through soon”. Soon was about 25 years later. When sewerage was finally connected, our family had a formal opening ceremony by pulling the chain, which broke a paper streamer. We then retired to the kitchen for a celebration dinner. Such was our delight at not having to ever use that disgusting object which was our toilet.

One idea was to create a new depot at Mordialloc where the liquid would be drained off and pumped out to sea with the outfall beside the Mordialloc pier. As if the depots were not unpleasant enough the workers had to put up with other obnoxious materials dumped into the nightsoil - dead animals and deceased humans! Then horror of horrors, in August 1927 after an exhaustive search the Board of Works proposed the establishment of a sanitary depot at Glen Waverley. Burwood had to be closed and that area was the one that would least likely cause annoyance to residents. (Where this site was is not known nor are there any further reports on the proposed Glen Waverley depot).



It would seem a basic rule that nothing that may affect residents' health would be allowed to be dumped on farming land. This was not the case. For years human waste was used as fertiliser even to the point where in 1896 the Board of Health demanded that the South Melbourne Homeopathic Hospital (later Prince Henry's) stop sending the bodily waste from 40 Typhoid fever patients, which was tipped into shallow trenches on Burwood

farms, covered with dirt, and fruit trees and vegetables were planted in it. Levees around the area were supposed to prevent seepage, but after rain, problems re-emerged. Not only was the stench at times unbearable, some dairy farmers had to be compensated because their licences were cancelled because of their proximity to the Burwood sanitary depot.

It was a problem without a solution until septic tanks and sewerage systems spread to more areas, but spare a thought for remote places in Australia that still have these same problems.

- Betty Horskins

Refs: South Bourke and Mornington Journal Wednesday 18th August 1909 page 3.

1914 S&Mc - Mr. Hastings Jenner, Bacon Curer, Middleborough Road, Burwood next to depot

The Argus (Melbourne) 13 October 1927 page 10; 29th September 1926 page 10; 6 July 1927 page 24

September 1917 the Public Health Department requested the Mulgrave council to institute a prosecution against the offender in a case of disposal of nightsoil on W. Stocks' land off Boundary road.

Another Driveway that Became a Street: St Johns Wood Road



As previously observed, when subdivisions occur, the homestead drive often becomes a new street. Here is Harry Hore's farm, called *Waverley Park*, on High St Rd near Damper Creek in 1945 (left) and the same area in 2025 (right). Thus Waverley Park was a known locality in this area before VFL park was even thought of! The Hore family were founders of St Stephens church.



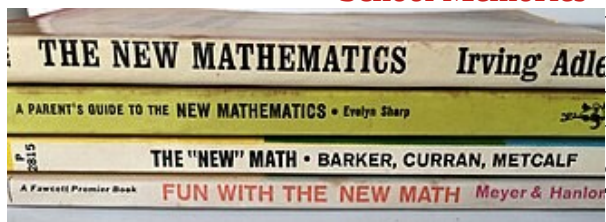
St John's Wood is the old name of the Riversdale Golf Course, where Harry's wife Florence Brewer had lived, just across the road. Previously St Johns Wood had been occupied by the family of Sir Redmond Barry. The farm layout was designed with the help of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens' designer, and farmwork was undertaken by Barry's son Nicholas.

DID YOU KNOW...

■ Papua New Guinea celebrates 50 years of independence this month. Earlier it was a territory of Australia, so children could have an overseas penfriend with postage costing the same as within Australia. The nation gained independence on 16 September 1975. The flag had already been adopted, however – in July 1971. It had been designed by 15-year-old Susan Karike, and features PNG's traditional colours, a bird of paradise and the Southern Cross.



School Memories – the New Maths



We recently featured **Cuisenaire** as a phenomenon of school education that arrived with a tarantara in the 1950s and quietly faded with a fizzle. It was supposed to make arithmetic intuitive.

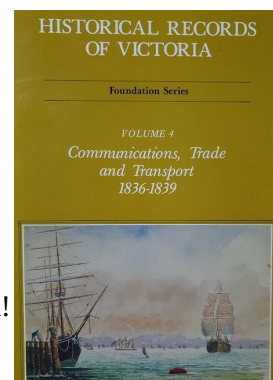
Then there was the **New Maths** in the 1960s – set theory, unions and intersections – again designed to teach deductive reasoning rather than rote learning. This is now part (but not all) of most maths curricula. Then in the 1980s came **PMP** – Perceptual Motor Program - where maths and physical education were combined in an attempt to connect cognitive tasks with movement to increase memory. No doubt there have been many others. In other parts of the curriculum, various fads have come and gone, eg **Whole Language**.

What is your experience of these teaching methods? As a student, a parent, a grandparent, maybe even a teacher – what do you remember of these programs? What instruction were you given (especially as a parent) and how well did your child manage the learning? We would love to record reactions to such educational phenomena as part of Waverley's history.

Entering Port Phillip in 1837

A valued recent acquisition is a wonderful set of historical records of early Victoria, with thanks to Betty Horskins for their donation. To appreciate the difficulty of safely entering the Bay, note: "A fair wind or a flood tide is indispensable. Keep mid-channel and steer for Shortland's Bluff, until Point Nepean bears SSE... avoid the sunken rock, which lies WNW, two cables from the rocky islet. The soundings across the entrance vary between 7 and 24 fathoms. The tide runs with considerable force...". No wonder pilots are needed!

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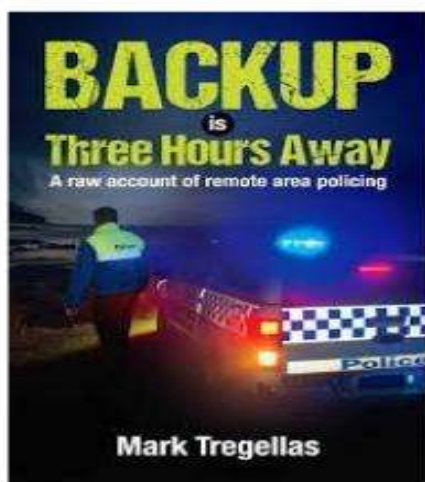
Policing in remote places:

What is it like?

Note venue: Alvie Hall

Corner of High St Rd and Alvie Rd, Mt Waverley

ALL WELCOME



**Sunday, 26 October 2025
at 2:00 pm**

Wav. Hist. Soc. Remembers Family Members who Served

Note venue: Alvie Hall

Corner of High St Rd and Alvie Rd, Mt Waverley

ALL WELCOME

Learn about and share your memories or personal experiences of serving in the Armed Forces of Australia and its Allies, from the Boer War to Afghanistan and the United Nations Peace Keeping Forces.

Members are welcomed to bring along Photos, Enlistment, Letters to and from Home, etc., to share in an open round discussion.



Please Note: Active participation is NOT an attendance requirement.

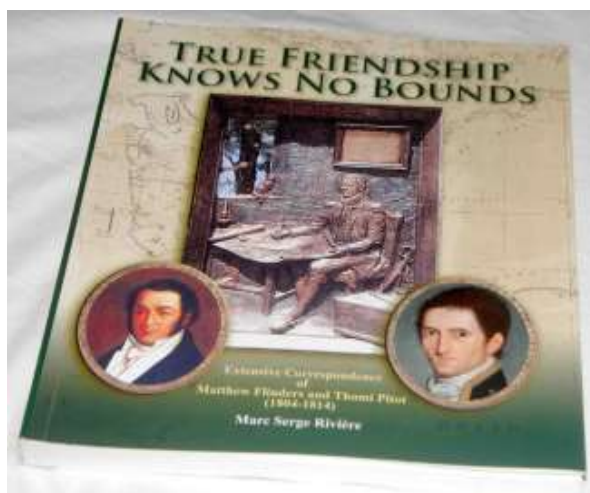
Sunday, 30 November 2025 at 2:00 pm

Matthew Flinders True Friendship Knows No Bounds

Venue: **Wav. Hist. Soc. Rooms**

Above Mt. Waverley Branch Library
41 Miller Crescent, Mt. Waverley

ALL WELCOME



Emeritus Professor, Marc Serge Riviere

Sunday, 22 February 2026 at 2:00 pm

A new historical walk in an orcharding section
of Glen Waverley

Plas Yollen



Explore a part of Monash that was largely orchards including the coolstore, an old homestead tucked away in "the best street in Waverley," the site of Syndal Motors and Syndal State School, Ireland's dairy, Crawford Reserve and more.

Sunday 29th March afternoon. Details when you book. waverleyhsvic@gmail.com