

MORNINGTON
& DISTRICT
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY INC



Corner Main Street and Esplanade Mornington 3931

NEWSLETTER

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Colin Fisher with our local 'fireys' (Gary Bryant (l) and Marc Church (r) and the historic hose reel.



1940s fire pump and hose reel in the Australia Day parade.

Dates for Your Diary 2017

Website: <http://morningtondistricthistory.org.au> Museum Phone (03) 5976 3203 ABN 7515 1057 105

Visitors warmly welcomed

TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 10.30 \$5

MORNINGTON FIRE BRIGADE ROOMS

COFFEE MORNING *Postcards of the Mornington Peninsula*

Keith White will show us these 8 short videos he produced in 2014

MONDAY 6TH MARCH 9.00

BUS TRIP - Meet at bus stop opp. Ross St. Tour of Southern Peninsula see elsewhere for details Cost \$50 plus lunch

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MORNINGTON FIRE BRIGADE ROOMS

COFFEE MORNING *To Be Advised*

SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 2.00 (to be confirmed)

MORDIALLOC FOOTBALL GROUND

A practice match to set the scene for commemorating the 125th of the Football match in 1892

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 10.30 \$5

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COFFEE MORNING *Photography in the 1860s in Country Queensland* Rev. John Haig.

John is the minister at Mornington's Uniting Church and this is his very interesting family history.

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FOR SALE at the Museum

Fifteen Young Men by Paul Kennedy \$35.00.

Paul lives locally and is an ABC News 24 sports presenter.

He has been fascinated with the story of the 1892 Mornington Football Disaster for many years.

The Woldene Story - The Families and Functions of a Mornington Historic House \$15.00

Written by Joy Cullen in close collaboration with Margaret

Fallow. *Woldene*, built in 1858 is one of Mornington's earliest buildings and has witnessed the growth of the township since then.

The Names on the MORNINGTON HONOUR ROLL Who were they? By Val Wilson \$20

A Journey Along Balcombe Creek by Winty Calder \$45.00

Ready and Willing, We Strive to Save -The Story of the Mornington Fire Brigade 1917-2017

by Colin Fisher \$20

NEW MEMBERS

Peter Clemence, The Belkin Family, Val & John Kent & Philip Fitzpatrick.

We hope you enjoy your membership with us.



Happy people waiting to go on the Australia Day walks.

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By the end of the 1860s farmers were protesting that introduced sparrows were destroying their fruit crops, and that a Scot had introduced their charming thistle. It was also said that some busybody had introduced the rabbit and that the income from Ballarat would not save us from the consequences. Many of the species simply failed to thrive and disappeared without a trace. Many are being successfully farmed throughout Australia, but unfortunately the rabbits, foxes, sparrows, starlings and blackberries are still with us. The Acclimatisation Society also did not thrive.

Val Wilson



Val with Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove at Mornington Secondary College's unveiling of their Avenue of Honour

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Open 1.30 - 4.30 Sundays or by appointment

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