

Bus Trip to Melbourne's Chinese Museum and State Library

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH 9am - Cost \$50

Departure from Mornington from bus stop opposite Ross Street. Stop for morning tea. 1 hour guided tour of CHINESE MUSEUM, lunch at own expense followed by 45 min. guided tour of the STATE LIBRARY. Bus departs the City approx 3.15pm

To book Contact Peter 0431 933 683.

Payment is required by 24th August.

Mount Martha House History Tour

The tour is available on the last Wednesday of the month:
30th May | 27th June | 25th July | 29th August
Meet at 11 am at the front of the building

*To book a place on tours, email: mtmarthahousehistory@gmail.com
There is a free community lunch afterwards, bookings please call Becca 5974 2297.*

Members Name Tags

We now have made tags for all members which are available to collect at our Coffee Mornings.

New Museum Entry Fee

Our request for donations on entry was not successful (it amounted to less than 50 cents a head). We have been trialling this for a few weeks now and our takings have really reflected the numbers into the Museum.

Adults \$2. Children free.

Your membership entitles you to free entry to the Museum.

Thanks to the Mornington Peninsula Shire for their support.

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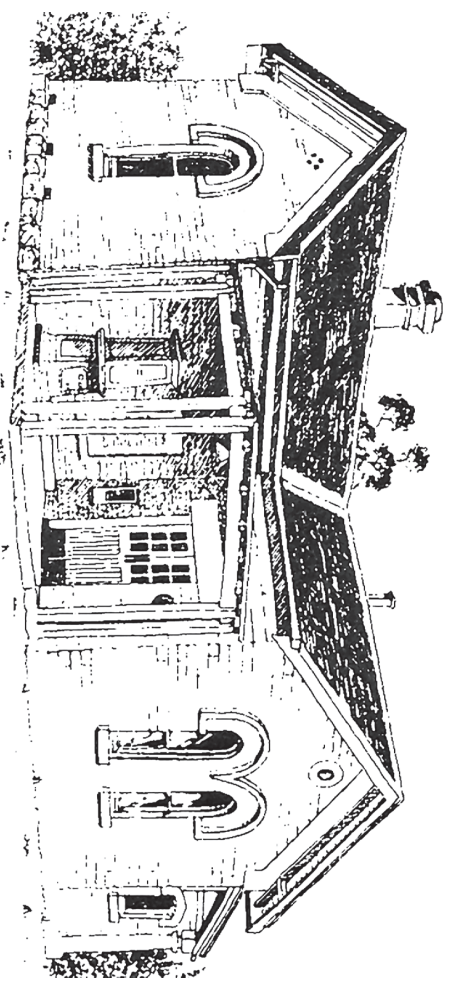
ABN 7515 1057 105 - PO Box 71 Mornington 3931

Museum: Corner Main Street and Esplanade

Open 1.30 - 4.30 Sundays or by appointment

Donations to the Historical Society of \$2 or more are tax deductible

MORNINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



Corner Main Street and Esplanade Mornington 3931

NEWSLETTER

June 2018

Newsletter No. 281



President's Report

It is time again for us to invite you all to renew your memberships. Without members, we would not exist, so I urge you to act as soon as you receive this newsletter. For those of you who wish to use our direct deposit facility, please note that we are now banking with Bendigo Bank, so you will need to change your payment details.

In the last newsletter, I advised that the Balcombe Fountain was being returned to Mornington Park (opposite the Museum). At the time of writing the ground work has been completed and the top is being restored. So, not long now.

In connection with the current exhibition at the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery *What The Sea Never Told* by artist Andrew Hazewinkel, we will be giving a talk on the Mornington Football Disaster.

The Mornington Shire Council have encouraged entry in this year's Tidy Towns competition and we have entered our Australia Day Award-winning event we held last year to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the Football Disaster.

The committee has been working with our member Gill Gordon who is managing the collection of Mt. Martha House memorabilia. Gill has been successful in gaining a Shire grant to have a series of podcasts produced to give visitors to the graceful old House a taste of the history and knowledge of the people who populated it during its various uses. Another grant will enable her to start putting the information on a computer and to bring it under the same system as we are currently doing with our team on Wednesdays.

Our trip to Queenscliff was a great success and the picture included shows us all around that great diorama of the underwater details of the famous Port Phillip Bay Rip. When you see it you can see why it is so dangerous.

At the Anzac Day Dawn Service, Val read a list of the Fallen and placed a wreath at the later ceremony. Thank you Val for representing us. Thanks also should go to Colin Fisher, supported by Dawn, for the organisation of the ceremonies which are so important to the Mornington District community.

Diane White

Gary David died in prison in 1993. The Victorian Law pertaining to prisoner release was altered some years ago because of his dangerous psychopathic personality, as expressed through his hatred of police.

David Price March 2018



L to R Alberto Zimbaridi (pizza shop owner), Bill Liefing (police), David Price (surgeon), Nella Zimbaridi (owner)

FOR SALE - Please contact the Museum:

FIFTEEN YOUNG MEN by Paul Kennedy
Published by Penguin Random House \$35

THE WOLFDENE STORY - The Families and Functions of a Mornington Historic House by Joy Cullen \$15

THE NAMES ON THE MORNINGTON HONOUR ROLL
Who were they? By Val Wilson \$20

A JOURNEY ALONG BALCOMBE CREEK by Winty Calder \$45

READY AND WILLING, WE STRIVE TO SAVE - The story of the Mornington Fire Brigade 1917-2017 by Colin Fisher \$20

OUR BOYS AT THE FRONT -
from the pages of *The Peninsula Post*. This award winning book including extra disc on World War 1 is now reduced to \$30

1980 Rye Pizza Parlour Shooting

On a cold winter night, July 1980, Victoria's then most infamous criminal, Gary David, aka David David, executed a planned shooting of the co-owner of the Rye Pizza Parlour, Mrs Nella Zimbarti. Nella was shot through her spinal cord in the neck, and is now paralysed for life.

The offender then waited for a police response. His intention was to "kill a pig". His father was in Pentridge as Victoria's longest standing prisoner.

Sgt Bill Liefing was in the forefront of the Police Response team which, at about midnight, mounted a frightening shoot out involving 20 shots. One bullet penetrated and tore Bill's liver and lodged perilously close to his aorta - a life-threatening injury for which he was taken by ambulance to Frankston Hospital Casualty.

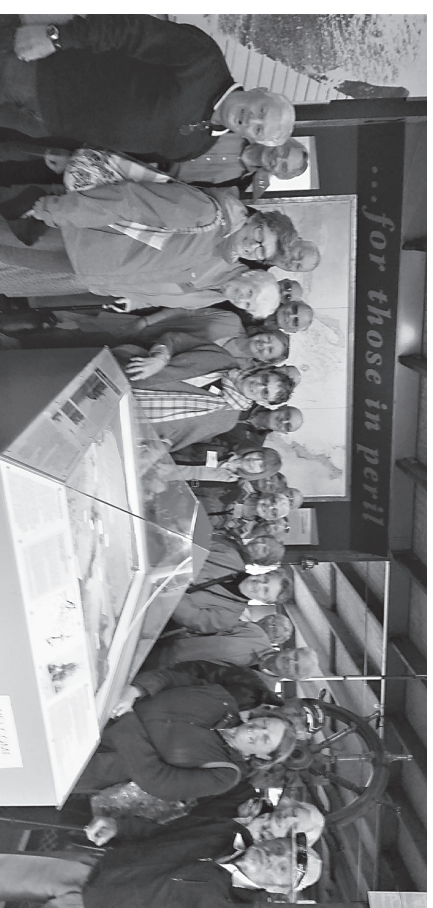
As it happened, Dr David Price, now a member of our Mornington Peninsula Historical Society Committee, was surgeon on-call that night for emergencies. He recalls staggering out of bed when called and hurtling down the Nepean Highway from Mornington to Frankston, so much so that he was pulled over for speeding at Beleura Hill Rd! After a rapid explanation, the offence quickly morphed into a Police Escort to the Hospital!

Bill Liefing needed emergency surgery that night to repair his liver, but was too ill to risk removal of the deeply embedded bullet.

Gary David suffered only a shallow wound to the foot, but soon found himself in jail for 10 years. This was later extended to life as he was totally unrepentant & threatened further mayhem.

On 21st February 2018, 38 years later, this saga was commemorated at the Mornington police Station over a BBQ Luncheon led by ex Sen. Sgt Peter Wilson and current Officers. The drama was recalled and a mounted collage was presented to the Mornington Police. In attendance by invitation were our members Janet Groves, Jill Bowe and David Price. Bill Liefing was present (with a well-healed abdominal scar), with his second wife and 33- year-old-son. Mrs Nella Zimbarti was bravely present in her wheelchair, with her husband Alberto.

It was a poignant and appropriate commemoration of an event seared into Mornington Police History.



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We're Celebrating 50 Years of the Old Post Office Museum!

This year the Mornington & District Historical Society is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the museum in Mornington's historic former Post Office. The Museum was officially opened by Hon. Phillip Lynch M.H.R. on 6th December 1968. The Society itself was formed 4 years earlier in 1964.

We have welcomed thousands of visitors to the Museum from all over Australia and around the world and thanks to the generosity of donors, amassed an extraordinary collection of items relating to the history of Mornington, Mt Martha, Mt Eliza and Moorooduc.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Councillors and staff of the Mornington Peninsula Shire for permitting the Society to utilise this important building as a museum and for storage of the collection.

Thank you to all our members and supporters over the years for their financial contribution, their time and enthusiasm which has made the museum and Society such a success!

Vicky Sapkin



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Dates for Your Diary 2018

Website: <http://moringtondistricthistory.org.au>

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Museum Phone (03) 5976 3203

Visitors warmly welcomed



TUESDAY 12TH JUNE @ 10.30am - Cost \$5
COFFEE MORNING Mornington Fire Brigade Rooms
TREASURES. Bring something of your own to share the story.
This is always a popular morning.

TUESDAY 10TH JULY @ 10.30am - Cost \$5
COFFEE MORNING Mornington Fire Brigade Rooms
CHILDRENS' LITERATURE. Moira Robinson of Frankston's Robinson's
Bookshop will share her knowledge and experience as an editor and
lecturer of childrens' literature.

TUESDAY 14TH AUGUST @ 10.30am - Cost \$5
COFFEE MORNING Mornington Fire Brigade Rooms
ROMANA DRIVE IN THEATRE. Paul Whittaker will take us down
memory lane with his stories about this Heritage listed cultural place.

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TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER @ 10.30am
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Mornington Fire Brigade Rooms
Your committee's annual report to you the members.

Victorian History & Seniors Week/Month - October

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER
@ 1.15pm for 1.30pm start - Cost \$5

CEMETERY WALK. Val will escort participants around this
historic cemetery pointing out interesting stories.

Meet at the main gates. Comfortable shoes advisable.
Refreshments included. *Contact Val 5975 2958*

SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER @ 10.00 am
LESLIE MOORHEAD LECTURE The Briars - Cost \$12
LIVING CULTURE. Lionel Lauch an indigenous man will take us
through a variety of aspects of aboriginal culture.
Numbers strictly limited.

Call Dawn on 5977 0027 to book.

SUNDAY 7TH & SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER
FREE MUSEUM ENTRY FOR SENIORS