

MORNINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



Corner Main Street and Esplanade, Mornington 3931

NEWSLETTER

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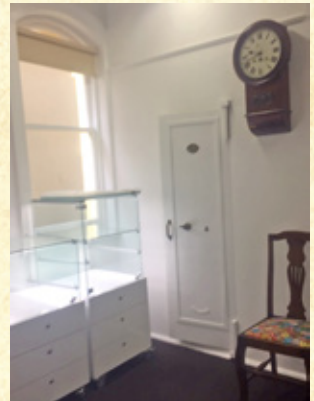
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President's Report

It is very hard to plan with COVID hanging around. Of course, our June meeting needed to be cancelled, but fingers crossed for July. We have been thrilled to see you all at our coffee mornings. If you can find us on Facebook, that is where our dates and activities are up to date should we need to make any further changes.

We are still trying to get the Museum back into a functioning space. It takes a long time. Libby took some photographs when we had packed everything up just to show you all how much work we have done. Thank you to Libby, Edna, Maureen, Joy and Val for the hours they put in to get the things out and now for continuing their support in putting it all back together again. We have had a lot of fun in the meantime with Grandma and George and our dolls. They have all had a make-over and are in clean clothing.



Our thanks to the Mornington Peninsula Shire for painting the inside of the building and the windows on the outside. The painting has shown up how the old 1950s issue lights are well past their prime. We are now looking at how we can replace them.

We found that there were some better options for storage and contacted the Mens Shed to see if they might be able to help us. They couldn't have been more considerate and we now have some extra shelves, some discreet hooks all of which will make it better for us to operate in the future.

The computers have been put back and are working again attached to the printer/copier, so we can get moving on our data entry.

In the last newsletter there was a piece on David Shepherd. I am wondering whether anyone might have something on themselves with a couple of photographs telling us your history (briefly) and/or why you have chosen to live in the Mornington area. You don't need to have such a big history as that of the Shepherds.

Elsewhere, you will see a piece on Heritage matters. We thank Vicky for taking up this sometimes time-consuming task, but she loves old buildings.

Diane White



Cr. David Gill with Diane and David's ancestors.

Memberships

With this newsletter, our annual memberships are due. Please let Dawn know if you have changed your address or email details so we can keep the records up to date and be able to contact you if needed, particularly with this uncertainty about. You can pop the form in the post or email new details to Dawn dawnfisher@ilive.com.au

MORNINGTON & DISTRICT

Dates for You

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

Foll

Visitors warn

Tuesday June 8th @ 10.30am - \$5
COFFEE MORNING @ RSL Rooms
27 Virginia Street, Mornington
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID

Tuesday 13th July @ 10.30am - \$5
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27 Virginia Street, Mornington

TREASURES. Bring along a treasure or something of interest so you can share its story.

Tuesday 10th August @ 10.30am - \$5
COFFEE MORNING @ RSL Rooms
27 Virginia Street, Mornington
Speaker to be confirmed

Tuesday 14th September @ 10.30am
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ RSL Rooms
27 Virginia Street, Mornington
The annual report to members plus a cuppa.

We put our speakers up on our website or on Facebook, particularly if short notice. Until we can overcome COVID 19, cancellations may occur with Government regulations.



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Mt. Eliza qua

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Shoeing Forge.



Mt. Eliza quarry building.



Quarry.



Tanti Hotel c1900.

Heritage Buildings in Mornington, Mt Eliza, Mt Martha and Moorooduc

Thank you so much to former committee member Derek Smith for keeping our committee and members informed about matters affecting heritage buildings in our area and for advocacy work. Since Derek resigned from the committee, I've now taken on that role.

An update:

- In April there was a lengthy VCAT Hearing regarding Ryman Healthcare's proposed development at Moondah, Mt Eliza – the decision may be handed down in 6 weeks.
- Land surrounding 'Dendron', a 1930s house and garden in Wooralla Drive, Mt Eliza which is listed on the Heritage Overlay, has been divided into a number of blocks currently for sale.
- The Mornington Peninsula Shire is currently undertaking a Heritage Review of 'Area 4' which covers the Western Port and Hinterland areas. Properties are being assessed as to whether they will be put forward to be included in the Heritage Overlay. Moorooduc is included in this area, part of which is within the boundary covered by our Society, so we are very glad to be involved and have provided information about various properties.

If you are aware of any issues or developments affecting older buildings within our area, please contact me by phone or email. Thanks so much to life member Frank Green and others for alerting us to these matters over the years.

Vicky Sapkin

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The Ultimate In Recycling

Our lovely Libby has offered us one of these beautiful silky shawls. A real labour of love and determination. It is No. 8 of a limited edition. We have not yet decided how we will make this available but if you come to our coffee mornings, you will at least be in the competition.

I was shown one of these shawls by a woman at Mallacoota Caravan Park a couple of years ago. She asked me to guess what it was made from and of course I couldn't. Since then I have made several and each time I swear it will be the last but people keep sending me bags full of strings and off I go again!



Each tea bag string needs to be knotted, making sure the staple has been removed. The knotting of the strings is laborious and I have developed a new medical condition which I call Twinings Syndrome. In other words lengthy periods knotting makes my hand ache.

The balls of knotted strings are then knitted in garter stitch.

I estimate there are about 9000 strings in each shawl.

The varieties of tea have varying shades as some strings stain and they all differ in length.

It is a novelty item to prove that attractive articles can be made from anything.

By raffling a shawl or putting it in a silent auction I have been able to raise funds for a couple of favourite charities.

Our Post Office Museum has been closed throughout COVID and during painting and we could do with a boost to our funds. Please participate in this fund raising.

Libby Gillingham.

VALE - JOHN TRIBE

John joined us a few years ago now. He was also a member of the RSL and the Masonic Lodge. John was very interested in our history and always ready to be on Sunday opening duty. He was fit as he rode his bicycle around town but passed away after having a turn when he was walking along the cliff with a group. Doing what he enjoyed.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Ruth MacLeod, Ron and Judy Parker.

We hope you enjoy your membership with us.

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 DVD
disc on World War 1 is now reduced to \$30

WORLD WAR 1 POEMS

Selected from *The Peninsula Post* \$15

REV GEORGE COX - A MAN OF

MANY PARTS *by Joy Cullen*
\$15.00 per copy plus postage.

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