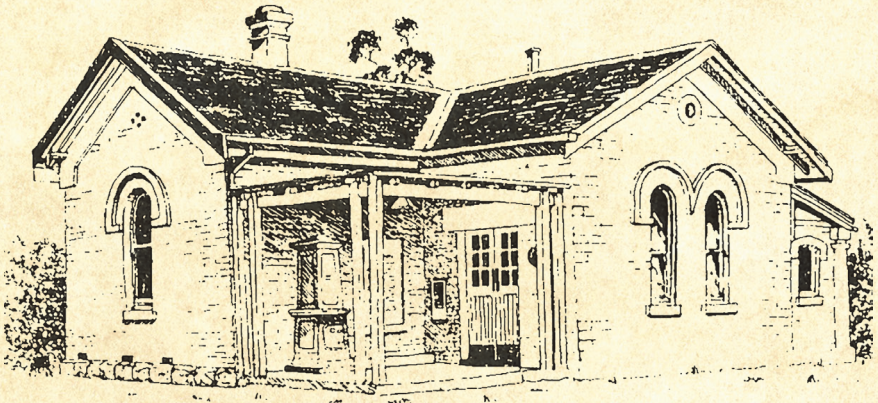


MORNINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



Corner Main Street and Esplanade, Mornington 3931

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Our AGM was held in September. Janet Groves retired after being on the committee for about 15 years with some of those acting as our Treasurer, so we thank her for her service to us and the community. Likewise, Vicky Sapkin has stepped back from Treasurer to become an (extra)ordinary member. Also many thanks to Vicky for looking after our finances for all those years.

Volunteers we need you! We all understand that following COVID, there is some reticence to get involved with many things. We are not the only ones as many community organisations and sporting clubs have a shortage of volunteers. We need to have the Museum open on a regular basis and we need your help. Our committee members volunteer their time to be on duty but they are having difficulty getting someone to assist them. We need two people at a time and it is only for 2½ to 3 hours on a Sunday afternoon. If you get a call from one of the committee, please say yes, you will have a great time and get to know more of what we do. We particularly need your help between Tuesday 27th December to Sunday 1st January - this is our busiest time of the year.

We have again been welcomed back to St. Marks to use their hall for our coffee mornings. So please make a note that this is the venue where we will be in future. There is ample parking available and you will not be far from the centre of Mornington if you wish to shop afterwards. But, for February our coffee morning will be on MONDAY February 13th at St. Marks. We were unable to get our guest speaker, Peter Aldenhoven for the Tuesday.

The committee has decided reluctantly that we need to put up our memberships and cost of coffee mornings. We have not raised prices for a number of years, but our costs have been increasing and it has become harder to break even.



The spectacular Giant Spider Lily which only flowers every ten years.



The beautiful dappled light in the Fernery at Beleura.



The lily pond in the peaceful Japanese Garden at Beleura.

Memberships from next year will be single \$30 and Couple/family\$40 and coffee mornings \$10 per person for a great speaker, morning tea and a door prize and some good chats.

Our trip to Beleura was another great get together. It was lovely to meet Anthony Knight's replacement, Martin Green. We were able to view a short film from the Tallis family collection of work on the farm they owned possibly in the 1940s or 50s at Annesleigh on Bungower Road, Moorooduc.

In spite of the cold, those of us who chose to have the garden tour only, had to shelter for a couple of minutes beneath a tree as a shower passed over. It was near the rose garden and the perfume was just beautiful. A couple of pics to show what you missed.

Diane White

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Wilson Brown, Evan Stampe, Janet Groves (we now have two Janet Groves and they are no relation). Also, welcome back to Dolores and Roger Dargie.

We hope you enjoy your time with us.

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Visitors warn

Friday December 2nd @ 12.00 noon

MEMBERS LUNCHEON at the Museum

Please bring a Christmassy plate to share.
We will have our usual hamper as a prize.

Thursday January 26th

AUSTRALIA DAY - Museum open

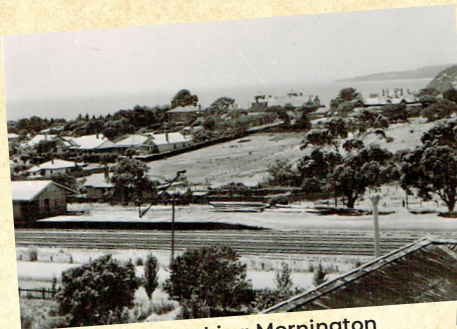
MONDAY February 13th @ 10.30am - \$10

COFFEE MORNING at St. Marks Church Hall

Cnr. Barkly Street and Waterloo Place

Speaker: Peter Aldenhoven on Aboriginal Culture. Peter was a teacher at Woodleigh and is now involved at Willum Warrain gathering place in Hastings.

We thought you might like to see these images which were sent to us. Some we have not seen before. Murray Studios produced post cards and card folders in the 1940s.



Overlooking Mornington



Main Street, Mornington

Diary 2022/2023

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Family welcomed

RE OPENING and CEMETERY WALK for History Week

On Friday evening 28th October, in spite of the nasty weather, we had the museum comfortably full with Councillors and other invited guests. It was an occasion to show what Council had done for us with the painting, new carpeting and new lighting and to show the new panels we have had organised by Vicky through a grant from the Public Record Office. It was a very pleasant evening and a bit of fun. Thanks to everyone who made this a success.

You may have seen the story in The News last week.

The weather nearly put a stop to Val's Cemetery Walk. We did have some brave people risk being drenched, but only one shower had the umbrellas up. Besides, her family were anxious to see her guide this now famous tour.



Val guiding us through the Mornington Cemetery's Pioneer graves.

An Accompanying Person *by Joan Simpson*

If you watched the various activities in and around London for Queen Elizabeth's funeral, I am sure you will now be familiar with the historic buildings around and the type of church service at St. Paul's Cathedral, London which occurred when Joan went back for a Commemorative Service held in 2009 for the 70th anniversary of the evacuation of children during World War 11. Diane

Reporters from national newspapers mingled with the crowds, recording devices in hand, and television crews were on the lookout for ideal people to interview. We all had luggage labels tied to our coats, names and addresses neatly printed, just as we had done all those years ago; there was almost a party atmosphere as people swapped personal stories while the queue slowly inched its way towards the Cathedral's entrance.

Having joined the end of the queue, we eventually found two seats inside the packed Cathedral and as we sat and waited for the service to begin, I looked across the sea of silvery heads and wondered if I could spot any evacuee celebrities, such as Bruce Forsyth, Maureen Lipman or Sheila Hancock. Michael Aspel was there and later in the evening was interviewed on television about the service and his own evacuation.

The organ began to play and Dean and Chapter processed from the Deans Aisle to the Great West Doors, where they received the Lord Mayor of London and his wife, who was wearing a rather silly hat for the occasion. Then the choir, the College of Minor Cannons, the Preacher and the College of Cannons proceeded slowly to their places under the Dome.

Promptly at 11 o'clock we all stood as the Fanfare sounded. During the first hymn, "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven". The Dean and Chapter escorted the Lord Mayor to his seat under the Dome, and the standard of the Evacuees Reunion Association was received at the Dome Altar, together with a Book of Remembrance.



During the service, four moving stories were read by former evacuees and a soprano quietly sang “Goodnight Children Everywhere” - a lullaby originally broadcast by Gracie Fields during the War. The next hymn chosen was “O God Our Help in Ages Past” and then we listened and reflected as an address was given by the Rev. Hugh Ellis, Honorary Chaplain to the Evacuees Association. Some of the congregation wept. This was followed by prayers of intercession, read by Professor David Malvern, and the hymn “I Vow to Thee My Country”.

The service finished with a Blessing and the congregation stood to sing the National Anthem. The Dean and Chapter then escorted the Lord Mayor and his wife back to the Great West Door as the organist played an Allegro Vivace. It was announced that a planned fly-past of a Lancaster Bomber had to be cancelled at the last moment, which was disappointing.

The Wandsmen supervised the congregation’s slow, solemn exit from the Cathedral and when we reached the top of the steps, I paused and watched for a few moments as the crowds melted away through London’s streets - two thousand life stories fading with them.

We made our way home through Paternoster Square towards St. Paul’s station a few early autumn leaves fell, quietly whispering as the breeze gently blew them away.



St. Pauls Cathedral in the Autumn.

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NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At our AGM, the following members were confirmed to serve on the Management Committee for the next year:

President:

Diane White OAM

Vice President:

Libby Gillingham

Secretary:

Dawn Fisher

Treasurer: Position vacant
(can anyone offer to assist)

Committee Members

Val Wilson OAM	Edna Lowe
Joy Cullen	Yaqirah Herut
David Price OAM	Janis Lambert
Vicky Sapkin	Ian Stevenson

FOR SALE - *Please contact the Museum:*

FIFTEEN YOUNG MEN

by Paul Kennedy - Published by Penguin Random House \$25

THE WOLFDENE STORY -

The Families and Functions of a Mornington Historic House
by Joy Cullen \$10

A JOURNEY ALONG BALCOMBE CREEK *by Winty Calder* \$30

**READY AND WILLING,
WE STRIVE TO SAVE -**

The story of the Mornington Fire Brigade 1917-2017
by Colin Fisher \$5

**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 \$25

THE NAMES ON THE MORNINGTON HONOUR ROLL

Who were they? *By Val Wilson* \$15

Special Offer - Both Boys at the Front and Honour Roll \$30 together

WORLD WAR 1 POEMS

Selected from *The Peninsula Post* \$10

REV GEORGE COX - A MAN OF MANY PARTS *by Joy Cullen*

\$10 per copy plus postage.

We offer our respect to the First Peoples. The members of the Boon Warrung/Bunurong, past, present and future, the custodians of this land and waters.

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