

MORNINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC



Corner Main Street and Esplanade, Mornington 3931

NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

If you missed out on our luncheon to celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we have some photographs to show many of the people in attendance.

It was wonderful to have so many members of our fellow historical societies from the Peninsula to come and share in the celebrations. We were also pleased to see that we made the front page of The News.

I think the Leslie Moorhead Lecture given by Chris Crewther MP was very sobering. How can it be that our fellow humans can treat people as slaves even in these days. You would have thought perhaps that intelligent humans had learned, then again ignorance, greed and self interest are also human traits.

Just in case, our Christmas Luncheon will be at the Old Post Office Museum.

Our Treasurer, Colin has been very busy and has managed to attract local businesses to have an advertisement placed on the back of our newsletter. You will see as you come to them. We thank them all for their support as this will cover the cost of putting the newsletter together. There is a space left and if you know of any business with a history in our 4Ms area, please let us know, as they too may be interested in this project.

Diane White

Committee Membership 2024/5

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

President:

Diane White

Vice President:

Valerie Wilson

Secretary:

Dawn Fisher

Treasurer: Colin Fisher

Committee Members

Joy Cullen

Barbara Burriss

Ian Stevenson

David Price

Edna Lowe

(sick leave)

Membership

A little reminder that if you have not paid your membership for the next year, please support us by joining or renewing your membership. We need your support. But you ask, “What do you get for your membership?”

Perhaps these reasons will encourage you to become a member of our Historical Society:

1. Interesting speaker at coffee mornings once a month
2. Chance to share your history with others and meet like-minded people.
3. Visit and Research at our Museum upon request.
4. Twice yearly bus trip to historic places
5. Chance to share your history and learn from the general public on Sunday open days at the Museum.
6. And of course, you receive a copy of our quarterly newsletter

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to Eve Forsyth.

We welcome Eve to the Mornington & District Historical Society and we hope she has a long and rewarding association with us.

The Helen Broad History Prize

Only one secondary school contacted us, Padua. We were pleased to be able to award this year's History Prize to Pippa Hemingway.

News Flash

We have been successful in receiving a Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Community Grant for \$5000.00. This will enable us to purchase a new Map drawer to replace the old rusty one we are currently using. Our maps are a very important element of our collection and at the moment they are squashed and not able to be viewed easily.

We thank our Council for supporting us in this way.

MORNINGTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

Dates for Your Diary 2024/25

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Follow us on Facebook Museum Phone (03) 5976 3203

Visitors warmly welcomed. Why not bring along a friend and introduce them to the Historical Society? The more the merrier. Come and join us.

Monday November 25th 10am - \$30

BUS TRIP TO SORRENTO

Departing from Waterloo Place (next to Alexandra Park Footy ground) behind the Shopping Centre.

Cost includes bus and entry to Museum.

A conducted tour of the Museum and the Pioneer Cottage, lunch in Sorrento at own expense and a visit to the Collins Settlement on the way home.

Please Contact Edna on 0409 795 119
kaedlowe@gmail.com

Payment by Bank Transfer:

Bendigo Bank,
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Friday December 6th 12 noon

OLD POST OFFICE MUSEUM

Members' Christmas Luncheon

Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share. A hamper door prize will be drawn.

Christmas/New Year Opening

The Museum will be open to the public between Christmas and New Year. It has been the busiest time for the Society in the past few years. If anyone has some time to offer to be on duty with one of the committee members, please contact Edna on 0409 795 119

Sunday 26th January 2025

AUSTRALIA DAY

We will be open as normal

Tuesday 11th February 10.30am - \$10

COFFEE MORNING

St. Mark's Church Hall, Cnr. Barkly Street & Waterloo Place

We had Mary Rudd talk to us earlier this year on the Yolngu people of Arnhem Land. This time we will see some of the weaving and other artefacts from this part of Australia.

Tuesday 11th March 10.30am - \$10

COFFEE MORNING

St. Mark's Church Hall, Cnr. Barkly Street & Waterloo Place.

Our own Joan Simpson will take us back to London in war time during Operation Pied Piper. You have read some of this story a while ago in the newsletter but Joan has more to tell and some things to show.

Tissues will be at hand.

Bus Trip To Outtrim March 25

A letter from Libby:

Hello my historical (hysterical) friends.

I do hope you can all come on a bus trip to Korumburra and to our place at Outtrim sometime in March next year. I think you would all really enjoy the day. We are only 90 minutes away from Mornington.

Morning coffee stop will be at Korumburra and there is a great local history display in the lovely new Community Hub building.

Outtrim is another 20 minutes on.

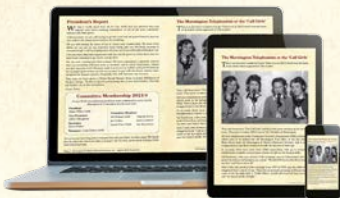
The history of the Outtrim area is amazing. The only remaining building apart from farms is Outtrim Hall at the reserve and remnants of a area was hugely cleared from dense timber when coal was discovered. Railways, bridges, banks, post office, school, all manner of stores were built and the township thrived until a bushfire and then the coal petered out. Many of the buildings were taken by bullock dray to Wonthaggi.

I can tell you more of this story on the day and plan to have delicious bread, Gippsland cheeses, pickles and fruit platters for lunch.

Look forward to seeing you.”

The date is yet to be confirmed. (We should have the date at the Christmas luncheon). The bus will leave the Car Park behind the shopping centre off Waterloo Place, near footy ground at 9.30 sharp. Where we left for the Sorrento trip. The cost will be \$40 to cover the cost of bus, petrol and Libby's Luscious Lunch.

Please contact Edna to book 0409 795 119 email: kaedlowe@gmail.com



DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

We are wondering whether you have given any thought to receiving the Newsletter in digital form via email? The one advantage is that it will be in glorious colour. If you would like to partake of this, could you please email Dawn to let her know dawnfisher@live.com.au

Photos From 60th Anniversary Luncheon



Way Back In 1976

Over the years, the Society has been collecting cuttings from the local newspapers which continues to this day, thanks to Robyn Bowman. Here is an example of one which may be familiar.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

"The President, Mrs. Moorhead OBE, and members of the committee of the Mornington Peninsula Historical Society wish to thank all who supported the Society's excursions and fundraising efforts during the past year.

"Particular thanks goes to those who contributed in many generous ways to support the successful Street Stall held on January 17 at which \$90 was raised to benefit funds.

"Winner of the competition for the dinner hamper was Mrs. Ward of Barkly Street, who successfully guessed the length of string as 11 (or metric equivalent). Congratulations to her."

Leader 29.1.76

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
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by Joy Cullen \$10

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READY AND WILLING,

WE STRIVE TO SAVE -

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Brigade 1917-2017**

by Colin Fisher \$5

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from the pages of *The Peninsula Post*.

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

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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.*

Thank you to Chris Crewther MP for printing this newsletter.

Thanks to the Mornington Peninsula Shire for their support.

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