

# St Kilda

Quarterly Newsletter Issue No 212 December 2012–February 2013



## THE NOLAN LINEAGE

Community Room, Foyer St Kilda Library  
2.45pm Sun 17 February –  
**Russell Nolan Lewis**

Russell, a retired engineer turned professional artist, talks informally about his Nolan heritage – from his g-g-f in Ballarat 1854; his g-f in NW Victoria 1880, to his cousin Sidney Nolan (who grew up in St Kilda) and his influence on Russell's burgeoning art practice.

Image: courtesy of the artist, Russell Nolan Lewis,  
Godfrey Street Community House, Bentleigh



## GREETINGS

SKHS Committee wishes all members their families and friends, CPP residents, council staff and councillors, all the best for 2013



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*PRESERVING THE PAST TO ENRICH THE FUTURE*

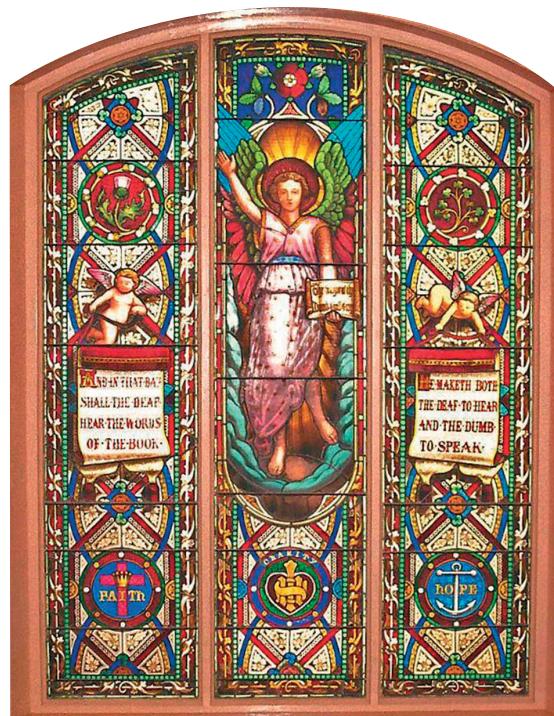


SKHS thanks Port Phillip City for its ongoing support and assistance

## What's On...

### DEVELOPMENT of ACLAND STREET STH 6.30pm Thurs 21 March – Peter Johnson

Peter, an architect & heritage consultant, whose ancestry includes his g-g-f George Raymond Johnson (1840-1898) one of Australia's most prolific theatre and town hall architects, walks us thru Acland St South. Meeting place notified when booking.



## Insert...

Deaf Children Australia's Bluestone Restoration and Redevelopment Project.  
See page 2 and DCA Insert.

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### **COMMITTEE of MANAGEMENT 2012-2013**

President: Peter Johnson  
Vice President: Vacant  
Secretary: Dorothy Lobert  
Treasurer: Vacant  
Ordinary Members:  
Frances Bader, Phillip Stewart, Helen Halliday, Vacancy

### **OPERATION**

**Built Heritage:** Phillip Stewart, Helen Halliday

**Collection:** Maureen Walker

**Foyer Displays:**

Maureen Walker

**Heritage Queries:**

Peter Johnson

**Hospitality & Welfare:**

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### **St Kilda Times Newsletter**

**Editor:** Frances Bader

**Design and Layout:**

Jocelyn Harvey and

Dallas Graham

# **SKHS Matters...**

## **IN MEMORIAM**

St Kilda Historical Society sincerely regrets that Kitty Barclay, one of our most active volunteers, passed away on 8 September 2012. Kitty, who was ill for some months, is greatly missed.

## **2012-2013 COMMITTEE**

The following members were re-elected unopposed to the 2012-2013 SKHS Committee of Management at the AGM on 9 September: Dorothy Lobert, Peter Johnson, Helen Halliday, Phillip Stewart, Frances Bader and John Hulskamp. In the meantime, due to travel, time and other constraints, John Hulskamp can no longer continue in his role and has withdrawn from the committee. The committee wishes John all the very best in the future and, on behalf of all the members, thank him for his past contributions to SKHS.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Committee meetings are held in SKHS Office, St Kilda Library: 3-5pm 1st Monday every 2nd month, Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug. Financial members are very welcome. Agenda items 48 hours in advance.

## **MOTION APPROVED AT COMMITTEE MEETING, 26 OCTOBER**

Peter Johnson moved the following motion "that we give support to Deaf Children Australia (DCA) in their efforts to restore and reinvigorate the historic St Kilda Road facility as a community resource." [See Insert for article on their Bluestone Concept Plan].

The building is one of St Kilda Road's bluestone gems along with Princes Bridge, Victoria Barracks, and Vision Australia (former Blind Institute), and although the site falls just outside our SKHS/St Kilda territory (597 St Kilda Road/High Street), it does abut our boundary. Plus, there is no other historical society that services this part of the City of Melbourne and SKHS is the closest of the surrounding societies.

After a discussion the motion was unanimously approved by the committee and they urge all SKHS members to encourage DCA in their mission and if enough members register their interest, a tour of the historic building may be arranged at a future date. (See insert for more info)

## **THREE MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS' NEEDED**

Three positions need to be filled on the 2012-13 SKHS management committee. Do consider using your skills to help record the history and heritage of our suburb by offering to join the committee. Please email [info@stkildahistory.org.au](mailto:info@stkildahistory.org.au).

*New Members and Volunteers see page 11*

## DONATIONS TO COLLECTION

SKHS thanks all those listed below for donating the following items to our Collection.

Contributions to our collection may be viewed by financial members in SKHS Office by appointment.

### Frances Bader

Gallipoli Cartographic Posters,  
*National Geographic Series*, 2007

### David Brahe

(i) undated handwritten photocopy of explorer William Brahe's family tree [compiled probably in 1970s]. Wm Brahe, who died at Enmore, St Kilda Street, Elwood in 1912 was a member of the ill-fated 1860 Vic Exploring Expedition (VEE) propelled by a donation from St Kilda resident, Ambrose Kyte, Oakleigh Hall.

(ii) copy of an extract from *Katamatite, The First Hundred Years 1876-1976* (written by Ada Rudd) where William Brahe attempted a farming project from 1881-1886.

### Edwin Dickinson

book titled *The History of Great Australian Roller Coasters*

### Shane Holleman

prospectus Christ Church College,  
Acland Street

### Helen Martineau

(i) book titled *On the Inside: A biography of Sheila Florance*. Members interested in obtaining their own copy of this fascinating book may order it from Helen Martineau, PO Box 633, Rye, Victoria 3941, Australia [Book plus postage & packaging: \$40.00].  
(ii) dvd of a number of Sheila Florance images which may be viewed in SKHS office by appointment.

### John Payne

book titled *History of the Payne and Storey Families in Australia*

### Maryanne Spiers

thesis *Tracing Haydon Paintings in Australia*

### Mary Stuart, CEO Luna park

book commissioned to mark the centenary of Luna Park titled *Luna Park since 1912*

### Graeme Taggart

slides taken by the late Don Taggart from the 1970s onwards

## COLLECTION POLICY REVIEW

After the library basement flooded, SKHS' 3-D objects lost their storage and display space and St Kilda Library has kindly stored them for us, which we greatly appreciate. The 2012-2013 committee is currently reviewing SKHS' Collection Policy and considering: "That in future, the collection be limited to documents, images and items of local interest only. Items already in the collection not meeting this requirement will be de-accessioned and notification given to the original donors where possible". If members have alternative ideas/suggestions please contact the Committee on info@skhs.org.au or leave phone message on 9209 6866.

## MIDDLE PARK HISTORY GROUP

SKHS congratulates the Middle Park History Group Inc for receiving a COMMENDATION in the category of "Local History – Small Publication" at the recent VICTORIAN Community History Awards – for their first publication, *The Heart of Middle Park: Stories from a Suburb by the Sea* which contains rare photographs and transcripts of oral histories of local residents. The Awards are funded by Vic Gov and managed by PROV & RHSV.

*Heart of Middle Park* may be purchased at the 'Avenue Bookstore' 127 Dundas Place, Albert Park or from 'Victor's Dry Cleaners', 9 Armstrong Street, Middle Park. To purchase by mail (+P&P charge) please email the Treasurer, Middle Park History Group at middleparkhistorygroup@gmail.com. Enquiries to MIDDLE PARK HISTORY GROUP PO Box 5276, Middle Park, 3206

## THANKS

Many thanks to Mary Stuart, CEO Luna Park for kindly presenting passes for the Luna Park Centenary Community Day, 13 December 2012 to the members who attended her fascinating talk on Tuesday 20 November. Other passes by online ballot via Luna Park website.



# A CENTURY AGO in 1912

compiled by F Bader

## MERRY MECCA

A “Back to 1912” will occur on 15-16 December 2012 as Luna Park parties thru time with staff in historic uniforms, a revival of the High Tea Terrace, dixieland jazz, a line-up of acrobats and entertainers; horses and carts, vintage stands and more.

## ENTERTAINMENT 1912

**December** – Mayor Edward O’Donnell opens Luna Park, Friday 13 December.

**November** – Piastre wins the Melbourne Cup. Owned by coal-mining magnate William Brown from Scone NSW.

**September** – Essendon Bombers win VFL Grand Final by defeating South Melbourne now Sydney Swans. St Kilda finishes eighth on VFL ladder.

Lyric<sup>1</sup> Summer Picture Gardens, an open air theatre, opens in Alfred Square for the 1912-13 summer season and converts to a hard-top theatre in 1913 (films and live shows). The Diamond<sup>2</sup> cinema opens upstairs in former Alford Stables, is renamed The Rex 1913, closes during WW1, reopens as a motor garage, demolished and rebuilt as The Astor in 1936.

According to Screen Australia there are some 25 permanent cinemas in Melbourne with a combined seating capacity of 50,000 (1911) and the first colour films showing Australian industry and scenery are exhibited. Victoria imposes a ban on “Bushranger” movies<sup>3</sup> then dominating the type of film made in Australia. The VIC ban follows SA and NSW and effectively finishes off the genre (ban lifted in the 1940s). (Pike, A & Cooper, R 1998, *Australian Film 1900-1977*, 1st edn, rev. Oxford University Press, Melbourne, p3.)

1 The open air “Lyric” becomes the Earls Court dancehall in 1928, demolished in the 1980s.

2 “The Bioscope”, 145 Fitzroy Street and “The Diamond” are the first two hard-top cinemas to open in St Kilda.

3 Bushranger movies included *The Story of the Kelly Gang*; *Robbery Under Arms*; *John Vane, Notorious Australian Bushranger*; *Captain Midnight-The Bush King*; *Captain Starlight*.

## EDWARD O’DONNELL, six times Mayor of St Kilda

Mayor O’Donnell who opened Luna Park on Friday 13 December 1912, served the City of St Kilda for over 40 years, including six terms as mayor before he was defeated in the council elections in 1932, a year before his death. Elected a Councillor of the Borough of St Kilda (1888-90). O’Donnell was Mayor of the Borough of St. Kilda (1889-90). Councillor of the City of St Kilda (1890-1932). Mayor of the City of St Kilda (1901-02, 1902-03, 1912-13, 1913-14 and 1917-18).



Edward O’Donnell  
Image: SKHS files

Edward O’Donnell is reported in J.B. Cooper’s *History of St Kilda\** as born in Ireland in 1845 and arriving in Australia with his parents and siblings in 1855. As a teenager, he worked for Charles Bray, Licensed Grocer in Fitzroy Street, St Kilda before taking over the business in 1868. Bridget Brown married him at St Mary’s, East St Kilda in 1872 and the couple would produce several children.

O’Donnell’s other public roles were: membership of the St Kilda foreshore committee, the Albert Park Committee of Management, the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) and the Alfred Hospital Committee of Management. He was also a long standing Trustee of the St Kilda Cemetery. When he died, 7 July 1933, he was buried in St Kilda Cemetery.

His name is commemorated in the O’Donnell Gardens, St Kilda and more recently by “Councillor Ed”, a lyric composed by Mal Webb, a talented local musician, who came and performed it for SKHS members some years ago. For more info. visit <http://malwebb.customer.netspace.net.au>

\*Cooper, J. B., “The History of St Kilda 1840-1930” (1931) SKHS Online.

## MAJOR EVENTS AUSTRALIA 1912

- The Presbyterian Church of Australia forms AIM, the Australian Inland Mission – closely identified with the Rev John Flynn.
- Geologist, Douglas Mawson establishes Australian base in Antarctica.
- RAN cruiser HMAS Melbourne launched in England. Ministry of Defence establishes Australian Flying Corps.
- Golden Wattle declared Australia's official floral emblem as an amended version of the new coat of arms of Australia is granted Royal Assent by King George V. The Golden wattle, acacia pycnantha or mimosa, is considered a unifying symbol for First and Latter-Day Australians as it reflects some of our national characteristics – resilience (drought, fire & floods) and our cultural diversity (with over 900 acacia species native to Australia).
- First branch of the “People’s Bank” the Commonwealth Bank, opens in 317 Collins Street, Melbourne and 489 agencies are located in post offices throughout Victoria. PM Andrew Fisher reported as first account holder.
- Federal Gov provides a taxpayer-funded “Baby Bonus” Maternity Allowance of five pounds to the mother of every child born in Australia, excepting “indigenous mothers and other non-citizens”.
- Americans Walter Burley Griffin & Marion Mahony Griffin win an international competition to design Canberra – a location selected in 1908 as a compromise national capital located between Sydney and Melbourne. Canberra – “Nganbra”, Kamberra” and “Kgamberri”: a local placename for the plain between the Black Mountain and Mt Ainslie interpreted by Anglo-Celts as a ‘meeting place’ or a ‘woman’s breasts’.

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT 1912

Monarch – George V von Wettin, changed to Windsor in 1917, King of UK & its Dominions/ Colonies, plus Emperor of India 1910–1936: first cousin of [1] Tzar of all the Russias plus Finland & Poland 1894–1917 (abdicated); [2] Kaiser Wilhelm II Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of German Federation, 1888–1918 (abdicated).

## WE WERE READING ...

*Bindawalla: an Australian story,*  
Thos E. Spencer

*Body of His Desire: A Romance of the Soul,*  
Rosa Praed

*The Dawsons' Uncle George,* Sumner Locke  
*Ironbark Splinters from the Australian Bush,*  
G.H.Gibson

*Little Blue Devil,* Dorothea Mackellar  
*Old Homestead,* Steele Rudd

*Private Life of Henry Maitland,* Morley Roberts  
*A Son of Perdition: An Occult Romance,*  
Fergus Hume

*A Touch of Fantasy: A Romance for Those Who Are Lucky Enough to Wear Glasses,*  
Arthur H. Adams

*Tarzan of the Apes,* Edgar Rice Burroughs  
(USA)

G.G. – Rt Hon. T Denman, Jul 1911 – May 1914

Prime Minister – Rt Hon Andrew Fisher  
[residence Oakleigh, East St Kilda] 13 Nov 1908 – 2 Jun 1909 ; 29 Apr 1910 – 24 Jun 1913; 17 Sept 1914 – 27 Oct 1915

Victorian Premier: J. Murray, 1909 –1912, 23rd Premier Victoria, (succeeded Sir Thomas Bent, 1904–1909); replaced by W. Watt, May 1912 to Dec 1913.

Melbourne Population: approx 600,000

## UK EVENTS 1912

Anglo-French Naval Convention – French Fleet agree to cover Mediterranean, Nth Africa & Suez; Anglo Fleet to patrol the Atlantic and English Channel to counter German maritime expansion. Royal Flying Corps established in UK. Coal Strike; Dock Strike; Transport Workers Strike.

Third Woman Suffrage Bill aka Conciliation Bill as well as the Manhood Franchise Bill make no progress through the Commons due to the mounting controversy over the Irish Home Rule Bill.

Third Ireland Home Rule Bill seeking limited self-government or dominion status for the island's four provinces – somewhat similar to Australian states – is introduced in the House of Commons. The Bill is supported by the coalition government: Liberal Party

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[incl. Winston Churchill]; the Labour Party; Irish Parliamentary aka Nationalist Party, plus the All of Ireland Party. Vigorous opposition from the Conservative-Unionist Party (Orangemen) delay and derail the Bill with ongoing consequences throughout the 20th century.

**Six Australians aboard the ill-fated Titanic, built in Belfast, Northern Ireland, which sets sail on 10 April 1912:** four are crew (three will perish on 14th April); two are passengers, one will perish), with 1513 lives lost overall.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 1912

Republic of China established. Alaska incorporated into USA. Bolsheviks and Lenin break with Russian Social Democratic Labour.

**Arizona admitted as 48th state in the Union.** US marines land in Cuba. US marines land in Nicaragua ... stay till 1925.

**Italy attacks Beirut and bombs Turkish positions in Libya.** Tripoli ceded to Italy.

**First Balkan War against the Ottoman (Turkish) Empire begins.** Austro-Hungarian Empire threatens to invade Serbia which had previously established a trade route to France via Bosnia which was annexed from Turkey by the Austro-Hungarians in 1908. Serbia demands a return to pre-annexation status quo or compensation.

## 75 YEARS AGO IN 1936

Around 70 Australian men and women are among the approx 55,000 international volunteers from over fifty different countries who take part in the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939. This war was fought by Nationalists aka Fascists (Franco) versus Republicans aka Democrats aka Socialists & Basques in defence of the Spanish Republic. ■

# HISTORY and HERITAGE QUERIES

Unless otherwise indicated, heritage and historical data, images, maps, notices and responses to the queries below are provided to SKHS courtesy of: Peter Johnson, Architect & Heritage Consultant pjarchitects@gmail.com, PO Box 1154, St Kilda South 3182

## FELIX COTTAGE

Continued from *St Kilda Times*, Issue No 211, Aug-Nov 2012

Jennifer from Geelong thanks Peter Johnson, SKHS Heritage Officer for his assistance and hopes that some day she may be able to reciprocate ... perhaps with something in Geelong. She also asked Peter "if "Felix Cottage" is referred to in those early days around the early to mid 1850s in any references apart from the Kearney map you kindly sent to me?"

Jennifer has also let us know that Matthew Cantlon was the first licensee in 1848 of the Royal Hotel, Malop Street Geelong, for one year only.

## HERITAGE OFFICER's RESPONSE

Hello Jennifer,

... J.B. Cooper says that Easey's Paddock was sold at auction on 25 February 1854. However I have not been able to find confirmation of this as the [NLA] Trove version of *The Argus* (a NSW/country version) does not contain a Sales by Auction supplement. It appears to be missing in those early issues. I have found these two advertisements\* which I suspect are Felix Cottage/villa. However to be totally sure one really needs to compare the allotment numbers mentioned in the advertisements with the subdivision plan for Easey's paddock. If you have time you may like to do this and perhaps share it with SKHS.

Peter Johnson

\*Copy of *The Argus* advertisements may be viewed in SKHS Office by appointment.

## ENMORE, 445 St KILDA ST, ELWOOD

Continued d from *St Kilda Times*, Issue No 211, Sept-Nov 2012

Wm Brahe died at Enmore<sup>1</sup> 445 St Kilda Street, Elwood/Elsternwick in Sept 1912 and there has been some confusion as to whether he was related to well-known Victorian solicitor Alexander William Brahe also known as William.

David Brahe, a descendant, has kindly confirmed that William Brahe, member of the 1860-61 Victorian Exploring Expedition (VEE)<sup>2</sup> was indeed the younger brother of solicitor Alexander William Brahe who at one time resided in St Kilda and appointed Victoria's Consul to the Federated States of Germany, a position he held for c.25 years.

The following notices connected with "Enmore" are reproduced and/or transcribed from the *Architecture Database Sheet* put together by Peter Johnson Heritage Consultant: pjarchitects@gmail.com. The original "Architecture Database Sheet" may be viewed in SKHS Office by appointment.

#### BIRTH NOTICE

*The Argus* 28.10.1905, p11  
On 21st October, at "Enmore" St Kilda Street, Elsternwick, the wife of F. C. Brahe of a son...

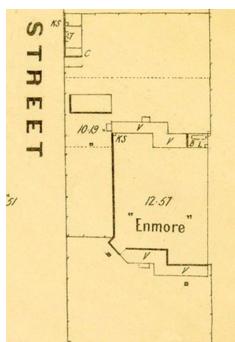
#### MARRIAGE NOTICE

*The Argus* 28.01.1911, p13  
On the 4th January, at Holy Trinity, Balaclava, Arthur Percival, son of Sims Percival Elsternwick, to Freda Marie, daughter of W. Brahe, Elsternwick... ■

#### PETER JOHNSON'S NOTE: 24.08.2012

Google map shows this to be now a three storey block of flats, ca1968.

1. Do let SKHS know if you have a photo of "ENMORE" as we would appreciate a copy for our records.
2. Another VEE explorer, John King resided in Octavia Street, St Kilda from 1861 until his early death, January 1872.



Outline plan, MMBW detail plan 1797, dated February 1906

#### 160th ANNIVERSARY ST MARY's DANDENONG ROAD

Please contact SKHS if you have any early photos of the Bay View Hotel/Guest House, cnr Argyle and High streets (now St Kilda Road) where St Mary's first service was held in September 1853. The foundation stone of the first church in Dandenong Road, East St Kilda was laid in January 1854 and demolished circa 1865 for the current St Mary's designed by Wm Wardell.

#### HISTORY QUIZ

What does the word "Dandenong" indicate or mean?

Who was the very first European baby born in St Kilda, January 1843?  
answers next issue.

## FUTURE SKHS PROJECTS/ SUGGESTIONS

If any of the following are of interest to members and friends please email: info@skhs.org.au; or leave voice message on 9209 6866; or mail PO Box 177, Balaclava 3183.

#### ANIMATE our HISTORY

So our current community history may be preserved for posterity in SKHS files, members are invited to sketch, chronicle, note, document or record your St Kilda\* related – childhood memories, your family history, important local events, everyday life/work, life experience(s), or other and mail or email them to SKHS.

\*Includes Elwood, Balaclava, East St Kilda, West St Kilda, St Kilda and surrounds.

#### RESEARCH

SKHS Committee wants to hear from (1) any member or members currently researching topics of HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE to ST KILDA and its HERITAGE, or from (2) anyone interested in starting research or co-researching similar with a view to presenting your findings as a paper at a future SKHS members' event or/and have it uploaded to our website [www.stkildahistory.org.au](http://www.stkildahistory.org.au).

#### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

A member asks for expressions of interest from other SKHS members wanting to form sub-groups dedicated to researching and documenting the history and heritage of their own particular vicinity (or street), and perhaps present an overview at some future SKHS members' meeting.

#### PHOTO PROJECT

Photograph or sketch the facade of your house, unit or apartment block and send with details/address to SKHS for our files. [If known, include info re former owners.]

#### MARITIME PROJECT

A member suggests that SKHS mount a display featuring images of maritime vessels/crafts that landed at or are linked to St Kilda

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Pier and Elwood. Some names and types of vessels sourced from J B Cooper's *History of St Kilda*, Vol 2, are:

- The whale boat from Fawkner's *Enterprise*, moored approx Elster Creek, Elwood, August 1835;
- SS *John Bull*, Capt Ormond, Elwood, January 1840;
- SS *Glen Huntly* barque, Elwood, April 1840;
- SS *Lady of St Kilda* schooner, Foreshore, July 1841-42;
- *Nancy*, Capt Kenny's bathing ship, St Kilda 1853;
- *Sunbeam*, Lord Brassey's yacht, St Kilda Pier 1895;
- *Hygeia*, paddle steamer (i) landed Duke of Cornwall & York, St Kilda Pier, May 1901; (ii)? Prince of Wales, 1920;
- Craft involved in official landing of Admirals of the Atlantic Squadron of the Great White Fleet (Aug 1908);
- Pinnace that landed Admirals of the British Cruising Fleet, St Kilda Pier, 1924;
- *Commissioner*, mail steamer that landed Lord Somers, St Kilda Pier, June 1926.

SKHS has a reproduction sketch of the schooner *Lady of St Kilda* and a painting of *Glen Huntly*. Members with images or photos of any of the others above that SKHS may receive permission to reproduce, are asked to contact SKHS by leaving a voice message on SKHS office phone 9209 6866 or email [info@stkildahistory.org.au](mailto:info@stkildahistory.org.au).

## ANZAC PROJECT

Members willing to help with photographing and helping list AIF names on one or more of our local WW1 Honour Boards and Memorials, would you kindly contact the secretary by emailing: [info@stkildahistory.org.au](mailto:info@stkildahistory.org.au) or leave voice message on 9209 6866

## AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE WEEK (AHW) 13 –21 APRIL 2013

Abstracted from Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Communities.

Should members have ideas for an activity or display that SKHS might organise for Australian Heritage Week (AHW) do contact an SKHS committee member.

Australian Heritage Week (AHW) is the annual national celebration of Australia's unique heritage run by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population & Communities. In 2013, Australian Heritage Week runs from Saturday 13 April until Sunday 21 April and is an opportunity for all of us to join together to celebrate our shared and special heritage.

*... Heritage includes our natural places, our Indigenous, Colonial and International heritage, and the diverse historic sites that together reflect our development as a nation.*

The Department encourages community groups to get involved with planning and hosting a range of activities during AHW that show-case their unique local heritage to the rest of the country. In the past, AHW activities included Open Days, exhibitions of significant heritage objects in galleries, museums or library collections, public lectures and seminars, walking tours of local nature parks or screening of vintage films. In addition, celebrations recognise the efforts of individuals and communities all around the country in protecting and conserving our important heritage places.

AHW 2013 will also include World Heritage Day, known as International Monuments and Sites Day\*.

\* In 1983, UNESCO endorsed 18 April each year as The International Day for Monuments and Sites. The day offers an opportunity to raise public awareness concerning the diversity of the world's heritage and the efforts that are required to protect and conserve it, as well as to draw attention to its vulnerability.

## TOPICS

Members can greatly assist the Committee provide an interesting annual program by suggesting or recommending speakers or subjects connected with past and present Elwood, Balaclava, Ripponlea, St Kilda, and surrounds. Also, suggestions for future exhibitions most welcome.

## CACHÉ

Members holding any original photos, slides, documents, manuscripts, memorabilia, ephemera, family histories, or other, relevant to St Kilda's history that we could scan, re-photograph or photocopy for SKHS files and collections – please contact [info@stkildahistory.org.au](mailto:info@stkildahistory.org.au), mail to PO Box 177, Balacalva 3183 or leave a message on 9209 6866. ■



# CPP HERITAGE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Your Society has recently nominated the following sites for possible heritage markers to the CPP Cultural Heritage Reference (CHR) Committee:

## CARLISLE WARD

### Oakleigh Hall (demolished), Celeste Court, East St Kilda

Occupied by PM Andrew Fisher (1862-1928) during his terms as Prime Minister of Australia 1908-1913. <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/fisher-andrew-378>. Designed by architect J E Austin for Ambrose Kyte (1822-68), prominent early merchant, property investor and politician. <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/kyte-ambrose-henry-spencer-13036>

### Faireleight/Clyde School for Girls, now Alma House, 134 Alma Road, East St Kilda

Site of the important Clyde School for Girls before it relocated to Hanging Rock in the 1920s.

Founded by Alice and Florence Chambers in 1877 and named Faireleight Ladies College.

Purchased by Isabel Henderson in 1910 and renamed Clyde School for Girls.

### Cumloden School, 195-201 Alma Road, East St Kilda

Site of important Anglican School (1890-1908) formed by a group of disgruntled Melbourne Grammar School teachers. Prominent graduates include Lord Casey (1890-1977), Sir Archie Michaelis (1889-1975), the sons of Sir Lauchlan McKinnon, the surgeon Balcombe Quick (1883-1969), cricketer Warwick Armstrong (1879-1947), architects Rodney Alsop (1881-1932), and Kingsley Anketell Henderson (1883-1942). <http://www.stkildahistory.org.au/history/lost-schools/cumloden-college.html>

## CATANI WARD

### Assembly Hall (later Coffee Palace), 22-26 Grey Street, St Kilda

Largest hall in Melbourne outside of the Melbourne Town Hall when built

Cultural hub of St Kilda during the 1870s for concerts, bazaars, fetes, spelling bees and theatrical events

Home of St Kilda Amateur Dramatic Club (1876-1881).

### Cambo, residence of Martin Simonsen (18??- 1899) & Fanny Simonsen(18??-1896), 21 Carlisle Street

Madame Fanny Simonsen was an early opera singer who dominated the Australian stage in the 1870-1880s

Mme Fanny Simonsen later became an important teacher who influenced a whole generation of Melbourne opera singers. Martin Simonsen was an important concertmaster and impresario.

## JUNCTION WARD

### Last home of Marcus Clarke (1846-1881), 212 Inkerman Street, East St Kilda

Marcus Clarke, librarian, journalist and novelist <http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/clarke-marcus-andrew-hislop-3225>

## POINT ORMOND WARD

### Pitt family home, 17-19 Milton Street, Elwood

Home of William Pitt Snr, scenic artist Theatre Royal

Childhood home of William Pitt Jnr. (1855-1918) architect and politician, designer Princess Theatre, St Kilda Town Hall.

## CPP'S HERITAGE RECOGNITION PROGRAM (CHR)

*Text downloaded from CPP website*

### Purpose

The primary aim of CPP's Heritage Recognition Program (CHR) is to provide historical information about important historical sites that is not otherwise marked or evident as a significant place.

### CHR Project Coordinator

The CHR and its budget are managed by the Cultural Heritage Coordinator.

### Work Group

The CHR Work Group consists of: Manager Urban Design and Architecture; Coordinator, Arts and Festivals; Cultural Heritage Coordinator; Local History Librarian.

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## Steering Committee

The CHR Steering Committee consists of: a representative of the St Kilda Historical Society; a representative of the Port Melbourne Historical and Preservation Society; a CPP Local History Librarian representing Sth Melb; a CPP Councillor and members of the CHR Work Group.

## Potential Sites

Potential sites may be nominated by representatives on the Steering Committee. Potential sites for heritage markers and an account of their significance may also be forwarded by any person at any time to the Project Coordinator or a member of the Steering Committee.

## Heritage Markers

The CHR Policy and Strategy guides a coordinated approach to identifying, marking and linking places of historical or cultural interest across the City of Port Phillip.

For the purposes of the CHR Policy and Strategy, a 'heritage marker' is a marker specifically used to identify an historically or culturally significant place that is not otherwise marked or evident as a significant place and will consist of text providing historical information and a link to further sources within Port Phillip and is part of a coordinated historical marking program.

For the purposes of the CHR Policy and Strategy, a 'heritage marker' is NOT – a personal memorial; a commemorative plaque; or signage other than heritage recognition in the form of historical information on a heritage marker.

## Heritage Plaques

A number of heritage markers are already in situ. These sites represent the diverse history of the area, and explore themes such as the arts and entertainment, transport, noteworthy residents, industry, commerce and architecture.

Among them are: Wattle House (Grey St); St Kilda Railway Station; St Moritz site; Sidney Nolan's childhood home (Pakington St); Albert Tucker's home (Blessington St); Graham Kennedy's childhood home (Nelson St); Jewish Almshouse (Union St & St Kilda Rd); Ardoch, home of architect William Wardell (D'nong Rd); St Kilda Cemetery; Site of Brunnings Nurseries; Brinsmead Pharmacy (Glen Eira Rd); Railway Tram (Cnr Broadway & GlenHuntly Rd); Point Ormond (former Red Bluff); Greyhound Hotel; Scheherazade Cafe (Acland St) and others. ■

## ONLINE TIME TRAVEL

[www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com) is another way of sharing your personal reflections, discovering your family history and sharing historic photographs online, and it's free.

Earlier this year when Museum Victoria announced the launch of their Historypin they said: "...Participants 'pin' their images to a place on a map and a point in time, and record their stories about the photos. In doing so, the community creates together a rich resource for exploring history through space and time..."

For more details visit [museumvictoria.com.au/about/mv-blog/mar.../historypin-channel](http://museumvictoria.com.au/about/mv-blog/mar.../historypin-channel) where they also show a short video, *A Short Introduction to Historypin*. Historypin.com was created by [wearewhatwedo.org/portfolio/historypin/](http://wearewhatwedo.org/portfolio/historypin/).

## PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE VICTORIA (PROV) ACHIEVEMENT

SKHS congratulates the dedicated volunteers at PROV who have finished indexing VPRS 948 Outward Passengers to Interstate, U.K. and Foreign Ports (announced in *Despatch*, Issue 61 # July 2012).

"This marks the completion of the indexing of all major series of inward and outward passenger lists held by PROV on microform, and is a great milestone for the Volunteer Program and the organisation.

The indexing of passenger lists has been ongoing at PROV for twenty-five years; and some of the original volunteers who began the project are still working with PROV."

The completed outwards index contains approx six (6) million names and is a resource which is heavily used by researchers.

Many famous people have been spotted amongst the lists. They include, politicians, royalty, actors and actresses, criminals and soldiers embarking for WW1.

Meanwhile, the volunteers have moved onto new projects and work challenges, many of which will make researching at Public Record Office Victoria much easier for you. To access the lists, visit the PROV website [www.prov.vic.au](http://www.prov.vic.au) ■

# SKHS Members write on Port Phillip 2012

## BRENDA RICHARDS

Brenda writes about her straight hair being “put in rags” the night before to make it curly for a childhood visit to Luna Park where she gets to sit on the moon and ... she has the photo to prove it.

## ROSE STONE

Never mind *Shades of Grey*, find a copy of Port Phillip Writes 2012 and read about Rose Stone’s *First Kiss*.

In her entry, Rose recalls her first taste of fairy floss and the thrill of her first kiss – on Luna Park’s Big Dipper.

## LESLEY GREAGG

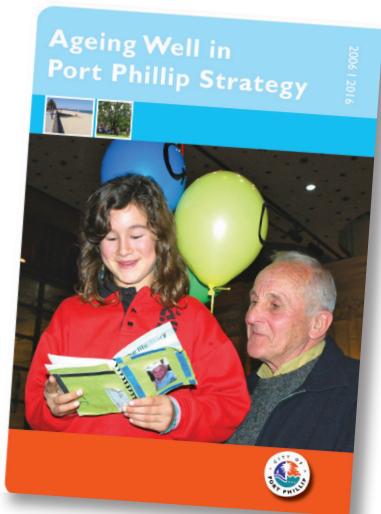
SKHS member Lesley is also a member of City of Port Phillip’s “Older Persons Consultative Committee” (OPCC) and helps organise the Annual CPP Seniors’ Writing Awards.

## CPP’S OLDER PERSONS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (OPCC)

City of Port Phillip established the Older Persons Consultative Committee (OPCC) in 1999 as its main consultative body and is a representative group of Port Phillip residents, aged 55 years and over, some with a disability, who are:

- passionate about the role of older people in the community
- able to advocate on their behalf
- keen to share skills and experience for the common good of older people
- confident that they can make a difference to the health and wellbeing of older people.

The group reports on issues affecting the health and wellbeing of older residents in CPP. For more details call CPP ASSIST on 9209 6777 and ask for Ageing Diversity Policy & Partnership. ■



## GLOBAL HEALING DAY Friday 21 December 10.13pm

Bring your own lantern to a free community event in Catani Gardens to connect people from all faiths & spiritual backgrounds at this significant time. Planetary Healing Artists invite all people to come together to create harmony with the waters, land and spirit and meditate at the Solstice on the beauty of our surroundings.

The Rotunda at Catani Gardens will be lit up with lanterns, spreading the light, love and healing, around the world. There will be Welcome to Country, Smoke Ceremony, Interfaith prayers; presenters from Baha’I, Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hindu, Islam, Jain, Jewish, Shinto, Sikh, Zoroastrian & Others to heal our planet.

People (of all faiths) who cannot attend physically are invited to spiritually attune with healing intentions for the planet at 10.13pm-10.30pm (Melbourne daylight saving time, 9.13pm GMT) for this global meditation for the planet, humanity and all of life.

If you are aligned to this vision of what is possible and have particular gifts and skills please contact [planetaryhealingartists@gmail.com](mailto:planetaryhealingartists@gmail.com) as there are many opportunities for volunteers as part of the team to make this event a memorable one. For any further enquires check out their blog for updated news: [www.planetaryhealingartists.blogspot.com](http://www.planetaryhealingartists.blogspot.com) ■

## NEW VOLUNTEERS

SKHS Committee are very happy to announce that we have been joined by two talented volunteers who will enhance SKHS’ members’ reading experience by redesigning the *St Kilda Times* and giving it a fresh look. They are St Kilda based graphic designer Jocelyn Harvey and digital photographic artist, image restorer and retoucher, Dallas Graham ([www.yourhistory.com.au](http://www.yourhistory.com.au)).

Do let us know what you think of the new look *St Kilda Times*. Email [info@stkildahistory.org.au](mailto:info@stkildahistory.org.au) or PO Box 177, Balaclava 3183 or leave message on the office phone 9209 6866.

## NEWEST MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to our newest members: Amber Rimington Beedie, Chris Coady, Joy Collins and Jocelyn Harvey.

Do let an SKHS committee member know when you attend one of our functions so we may introduce you to some of the other members.



# ST KILDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## AIMS

St Kilda Historical Society aims to conserve the past and present history and heritage of the municipality of St Kilda, integrated in 1994 into the City of Port Phillip as four wards, Balaclava, Catani, Junction and Ormond and their surrounds.

## INSIGHT SHARING

A supportive membership base is the lifeblood of any organisation and it is only by the combined dedication and efforts of current members and the committee of management that the society can grow bigger, better and stronger each year.

So as to meet members' expectations, the 2012-2013 Committee seeks your input and insights to help us:

- identify any of your unmet needs;
- pinpoint an area or areas within the society that require improvement or upgrading;
- provide relevant and interactive membership programs,
- promote the society to the wider community.

Do share your thoughts and insights with your hardworking committee and help promote your society among the wider community.

E: [info@stkildahistory.org.au](mailto:info@stkildahistory.org.au)  
Mail: PO Box 177, Balaclava 3183



## A GIFT TO REMEMBER

Give your family and friends an SKHS membership for Xmas or birthdays [See BENEFITS this page] and encourage everyone you know to join.

Annual SKHS membership rates are:  
\$20 individual; \$30 joint at same address;  
\$5 child u13 same address; \$12 student u18;  
\$25 not for profit orgs; \$40 company or business;  
\$300 life. Make a bank transfer by visiting [www.stkildahistory.org.au](http://www.stkildahistory.org.au) or send a cheque to SKHS, PO Box 177, Balaclava 3183. And don't forget to provide the necessary details to the SKHS membership secretary who will do the rest.

Membership Benefits include:

- interesting guest speakers; free access to SKHS website; free copy of *St Kilda Times* (quarterly);
- advance notice of SKHS events program; free entry to all SKHS events; free historical exhibitions (three)
- concession entry to Astor Theatre; affiliate membership of RHSV; free SKHS archive visits and advice,
- reduced fees for heritage research and more...

The opportunity to:

- meet other local history enthusiasts; receive invites to attend local book launches, openings, events;
- nominate for SKHS committee of management; and help conserve our community history. ■

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