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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to our fourth and final newsletter for 2021. This is our second year of living and working through a COVID pandemic and we have managed very well to keep the Society running from our various 'home offices'; that said we do look forward to re-opening our premises when we are able.

In August we welcomed two student interns from Monash University for a 12 week placement with GEHS. You can read more about Pia and Michael and the work they have been doing in this newsletter. Thank you to Anne Kilpatrick for her fabulous work developing and managing our intern program.

We are pleased to include an article by Phil Hutton on 100 years of the Glen Huntly Athletics Club, 1921-2021. GEHS member Margaret Dunbar has had a long association with Glen Huntly Athletics and in 2019 received an OAM for services to Athletics. Congratulations to the Club, an astounding milestone. We look forward to the publication of their book in 2022.

I'd like to acknowledge Andrew Ward, Architectural Historian, who sadly died on 24 August 2021. His funeral was held online on 1 September 2021 from The Anglican Parish of Mt Dandenong. An obituary is included in this newsletter.

Our Speaker Series continues online via Zoom with attendees of 35 plus. We enjoyed Andrew Lemon's take on the history of the Caulfield Racecourse at our AGM on 28 July, with a very enthusiastic audience. On 22 September David Sornig's fabulous slide-show of Blue Lake was also very well received.

Author Judith Buckrich is our next speaker on Wednesday 24 November at 7.30pm, her topic *The story of the Yarra River in images from the 1850s to the 2000s*.

Next year is our 50th anniversary and we have begun planning how to celebrate this milestone. The inaugural meeting of the Caulfield Historical Society was held in the Town Hall on 13 September 1972 and our name was changed to Glen Eira Historical Society in 2002.

We received grants recently from Glen Eira City Council and from Bendigo

Bank Murrumbidgee and we thank them for continuing to support the work we do. And in September we received a Local History Grant from PROV to digitise the Caulfield Historical Society newsletters, dating from 1972 to 2000.

Thank you to members who have renewed for 2021-2022 and welcome to all our new members. We are looking for some extra Committee members, so if you are interested in supporting us in this way and would like to find out more about what's involved, please get in touch.

Finally I'd like to congratulate our new Committee for 2021-2022 and look forward to working together into 2022.

Barbara Hoad (President and Treasurer)
Anne Kilpatrick (Secretary and Vice President)
Colin Kirkham (General Committee and Treasurer support)
Janine Mayhew (General Committee)
Carol Stals (General Committee)

Barbara Hoad (President)



GLENHUNTLY ATHLETIC CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS 1921-2021



Ron Clarke who went on to set 17 world distance records. He represented Australia at two Olympics, three Commonwealth Games; winning four silver and a bronze medal.



Debbie Flintoff-King who represented Australia at two Olympics and three Commonwealth Games; winning four Gold and three Silver medals. Eight times Australian champion and eight times Victorian champion.

The Glenhuntly Athletic Club was formed on September 13, 1921 and soon after settled into Glenhuntly Recreation Reserve in Neerim Road; at the southern boundary of the Caulfield Racecourse. It established its training base there, and for over 50 years trained, competed in club events, held dances and social nights, and hosted many Victorian Amateur Athletic Association cross country events centred on the Racecourse and its surrounds and our club rooms.

Soon after its formation, the Glenhuntly Harriers, as it was then known, was gifted a building to act as a meeting place, change room, and a place where its memorabilia could be displayed. It was quite a vibrant place. The rooms were provided by the VATC for the Club and are believed to have previously been jockey's changing sheds moved from the disused Elsternwick Racecourse.

During this time the Club used the racecourse for its regular training and club championships as well as for community carnivals with the Boy Scouts and other invited groups. Apart from the athletic pursuits, the carnivals held community events and handicaps for the local community.

The club grew quickly from an initial twelve members in 1921 to a strong and successful forty member club in its first decade. By 1930 the Club had been successful in moving from C Grade to A Grade winning five premierships along the way; three in A Grade, along with a draw and runner up finish. During this time, the Club had some great athletes who became Victorian Champions and one, Herb Bascombe, was selected to represent Australia in the 440 yards (finishing 6th) at the first Empire Games in Canada in 1930. A teenager, Amy Bremer, became our first women to win Victorian and Australian titles in 220 yards in 1933-35.

The Club was a popular meeting place and social hub and its executive was innovative and forward looking. Our President Bill Ryan and Secretary Bob Davis, were championing the cause for the development of women's sport at this time; a cause that had met with opposition from critics who believed it was undignified, too strenuous, and not conducive to their good health. Their lobbying to the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association eventually proved successful and a women's association was formed with athletics for girls introduced in 1929. The Glenhuntly Women's Amateur Athletic Club was one of the first six clubs to form at this time and to compete in competition in Melbourne. Doris Smith (later Mrs Davis) and Pearl Currie (later Mrs Duncan) were its initial leaders.

So in the Caulfield district we had both a men's and a women's athletic club that were active in providing an outlet for young men and women to compete in healthy activity. But progress was not without its challenges.

After the heady days of the 1920s, the onset of the Great Depression and then the War years (WW11), clubs struggled to attract and maintain memberships and it was not until 1944 (Women) and 1946 (Men) that the clubs were again successful in winning a premiership. During the war years training facilities were impacted with the Imperial forces taking over the Caulfield Racecourse and The Caulfield Brass Band using our clubrooms for recitals.

Despite these distractions, the Glenhuntly Athletic clubs emerged in a stronger and determined position. With the prospect of the Melbourne Olympic Games in the mid 1950s, athletics was gaining media coverage with the quest for the four minute mile; with local John Landy (who trained at the racecourse occasionally), front and centre of discussions. The Games, with the successes of Australian athletes, and of course the arrival of television, all played their part in whetting the appetite of the public.

Most clubs saw increases in memberships and the Glenhuntly clubs began to enjoy the successes their founders dreamt off.

The Glenhuntly Amateur Women's Club began an incredible run of success in

Track and Field, from 1936 winning five successive premierships in the top division, Its athletes won Victorian and Australian Championships as well as setting records and enjoying success in relays. Wendy Hayes, selected in the hurdles and relay for the Empire Games in Cardiff in 1958 earned a silver medal in the relay and a fifth placing in the 80 metre hurdles, Brenda Jones, the only Victorian female selected for the Rome Olympics in 1960, won silver in the 800 metres event, just 0.1 second behind the winner who equalled the world record. Annette Allen (high Jump) and Nancy Boyle (100 yards) were others to set Victorian records and enhance the role of local girls in the sport.

The Glenhuntly Men's Club also began on a journey of sustained success at this time but it was in the winter cross-country season it stood out. From 1956, club teams and members won many teams races, championships and premierships. This success has continued until the present day with the women's teams also dominating the winter events in the past twenty years.

Members of both clubs have enjoyed a friendly and cooperative existence with families joining together in healthy exercise, competition, and social activities. Popular for many decades were joint picnics to the hills and peninsula, as well as social weekends away, usually after a relay run from Caulfield Town Hall to Healesville with a message of goodwill.

The two clubs instigated a successful amalgamation in 1995 and this has led to continued growth and development to make it a leader on the local sporting scene. As mentioned earlier, the clubs have always had an interest in advancing the sport and in seeking innovative ways in involving the community.



Left: Rome Olympian Brenda Jones won a Silver medal in the 800 metres and was a pioneer of Australian distance running, competing, promoting and organising winter competition for women. Brenda won four Australian titles and 13 track titles. She was co-captain of the team of 20th century.



Left: Perth 1962 Commonwealth Games Gold medalist in the 3000m Metre Steeplechase, Trevor Vincent, and Club team of 20th Century Co-Captain, won six Australian, 15 Victorian track titles, and four Cross country/road titles.

Initially this involved holding local sporting carnivals with the local scouts, conducting training sessions and competitions for youngsters as young as ten, and providing entertainment races at half time of local football matches in Ormond and Glenhuntly.

In the latter part of the 1960s the club was active in assisting the development of the local little athletic movement (Caulfield Little Athletic Centre), and in the 1970s our veteran club members were instrumental in forming and developing the Masters athletic movement for athletes over the age of 35. Many of our athletes have gone on to be World Masters Champions; these being led by Gus Theobald (competed until the age 93) and Roy Foley (competed until the age of 87) in earning in excess of 50 Gold Medals and world records, Both were local residents who became icons of the sport.

Club members have certainly assisted in putting Australian Athletics on the world scene. Led by Perth (1962) Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, Trevor Vincent, and with an array of "Who's Who" in athletics, the club has developed into one of the largest and strongest in the nation. Among its members have been many world and national champions and icons of the sport. Names such as Ron Clarke, Lawrie Peckham, Robert de Castella, Debbie Flintoff-King, Max Binnington, Pat Clohessy, Chris Wardlaw, Tim Forsyth, Rohan Robinson, Anna Thompson, Sean Wroe, Rhydian Cowley, and Sonia O'Sullivan adorn our honour boards. These members, and many more, have given Glenhuntly a persona of a successful club.

32 Club members have become Olympians, while 57 have won Australian titles; both in track and field and cross country/road events. Club members have won 390 titles.

Certainly, on the track, in the field, and on the cross country and road circuits, the Club has a very proud history, but it is more than just an athletic club. It is a community club, a club that reaches out to the local community to assist. It is a club that has been successful in receiving Community awards, promoting Heart Health, and assisting in fund raising for causes such as the Red Shield Appeal.

Club members are generous with their time to assist at fun runs to raise funds for health causes such as Cancer Research, Run for the Kids, along with the many other causes over the decades.. In the Fun Running Craze of the 1970/80s the club, through its Club Captain, Olympian and Glen Eira Recreational Officer, Max Binnington, organised and conducted the Caulfield Fun Run to raise funds for charity. Our club is all inclusive and has provided membership opportunities for able-bodied as well as disabled athletes who are vision impaired, intellectually impaired, amputees or wheelchair bound. All are welcome at our club.

One of its most successful ventures has been to promote and organise annual athletic competitions for athletes with disabilities (physical and intellectual). These competitions attract over a dozen local special schools with about 200+ youngsters taking part. The Club has also been heavily involved in assisting and promoting athletics in the Solomon Islands, arranging with Monash University to provide sports equipment, and some club coaches assisting their athletes with coaching and billeting. It was terrific to see two of their athletes compete in the Rio and Tokyo Olympics with our support.

From Then to Now

From our first 50 years having a home and training base at the Caulfield Racecourse, the club is now based at a state of the art athletic and training facility at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in North Road Murrumbeena. Since 1976, the clubs have competed and trained at this venue, providing activities and competition for the local community. While a fantastic training base for the club, it is hoped that in the future, an upgrade may provide clubrooms for the tenant clubs.



Above left: the club's rooms (an old jockey changing shed) donated to the club by the VATC and situated in the north east corner of Glen Huntly Reserve, 1960s. Note Caulfield High School behind (now Glen Eira College).



Above right: new club rooms today at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve in North Road Murrumbeena.

The Glenhuntly Club continues to thrive in the local Glen Eira community, offering quality coaching and competition to over 200 members, ranging between Masters, Senior, and Junior athletes. It retains its innovative focus and currently offers coaching at Monash University as well as “Kids Athletics Sessions” .

The Club is proud of all of its members but were particularly excited with our three members who participated in the recent Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo. The results were fantastic with **Rhydian Cowley 8th** in the 50 Kilometre Walk and **Sinead Diver 10th** in the Women’s Marathon. Our Solomon Islands honorary member, **Sharon Firusua**, was the nation’s only athletic competitor, running in the women’s marathon to finish in a Solomon Island and Oceania record. In the Paralympics, **Nicholas Hum** in the T20 Long Jump, jumped magnificently to earn a Bronze Medal.

The club is a strong and vibrant member of the local community and is a welcoming place for all prospective members, whatever their ages.

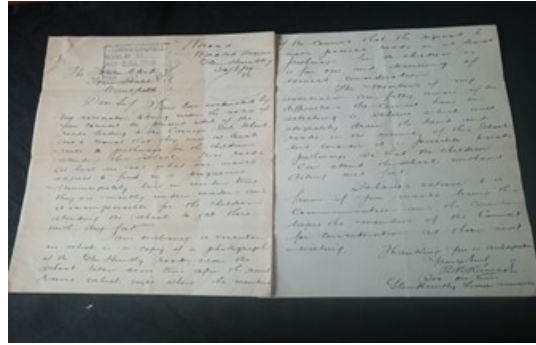
The Club is planning a number of events to celebrate its centenary, although these have been currently put on hold until 2022 due to CoVid-19.

Visit the Club Website on <https://www.glenhuntlyathletics.com/> or contact the club for further information: Michael Ryan 0425 872 893 or Kurt Golonka 0419118671. Email: hunteraths@gmail.com.au

* Note: all images featured in this article are courtesy of Glenhuntly Athletics Club.

LETTERS TO CAULFIELD COUNCIL 1890 - 1925

The following letters are some of a number that we found recently in a file in a bottom drawer. These are just some of the many treasures we hold, and still to be catalogued.



Above: Image, accompanying a letter, dated 1910, to The Town Clerk from the Glen Huntly Lessees Association. (GEHS collection)

Health and Education

Werona
Waratah Ave
Glen Huntly
30/6/10

The Town Clerk
Town Hall
Caulfield

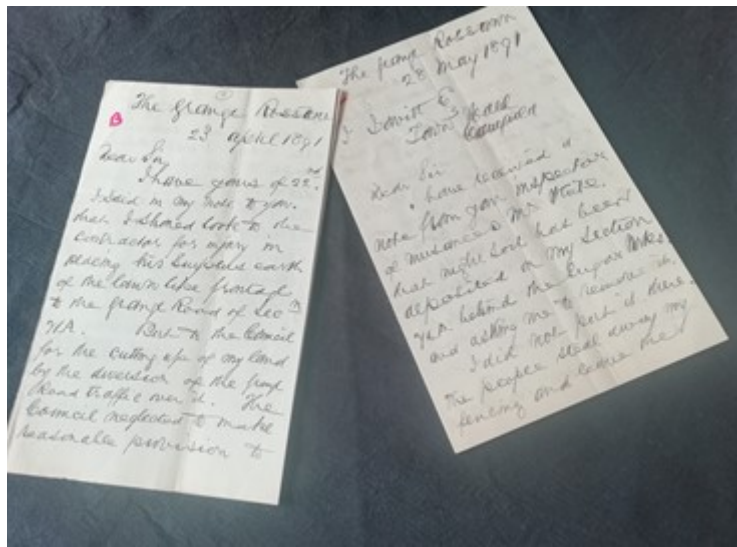
Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by my association to bring under the notice of your council the present state of the roads leading to the Carnegie State School and to request that they will at least make pathways for the children attending this school. These roads are at best not what one would expect to find in a progressive Municipality but in winter time they are mostly under water and it is impossible for the children attending the school to get there with dry feet.

I am enclosing a circular on which is a copy of a photograph of the Glen Huntly road near the school taken some time after the recent rains which will shew the members of the Council that the request to make passable roads or at least pathways for the children is a fair one and deserving of earnest consideration. The members of my association are fully aware of the difficulties have in selecting a scheme which will adequately drain the land and roads in the vicinity of this School but consider it is possible to make pathways so that the children can attend the school without getting wet feet.

I should esteem it a favour if you would bring this Communication and the Circular before the members of the Council for their consideration at their next meeting.

Thanking you in anticipation
Yours truly
Signature Sec pro tem
Glen Huntly Lessees Association



Above: letters from W. Murray Ross to Caulfield Council, 1891. (GEHS collection)

The Grange Rosstown
18 April 1891

Dear Sir,

I have to complain that the contractor for the Grange Road is impinging on my section 71A by digging away portions of my land to use for filling in the road. Please tell me whether the Council or the Contractor is responsible for this. Will you please tell me the Contractor's name and address? He has also spoiled a portion of the level lawn like land facing Grange Road by placing a great number of loads of earth thereon.

During the making of the road, all the traffic has been diverted on to my land which is consequently dreadfully cut up.

I shall expect that the Council will fill up the cart ruts and put the ground in its original order.

Yours truly,
WMR

The Grange Rosstown
15 August 1891

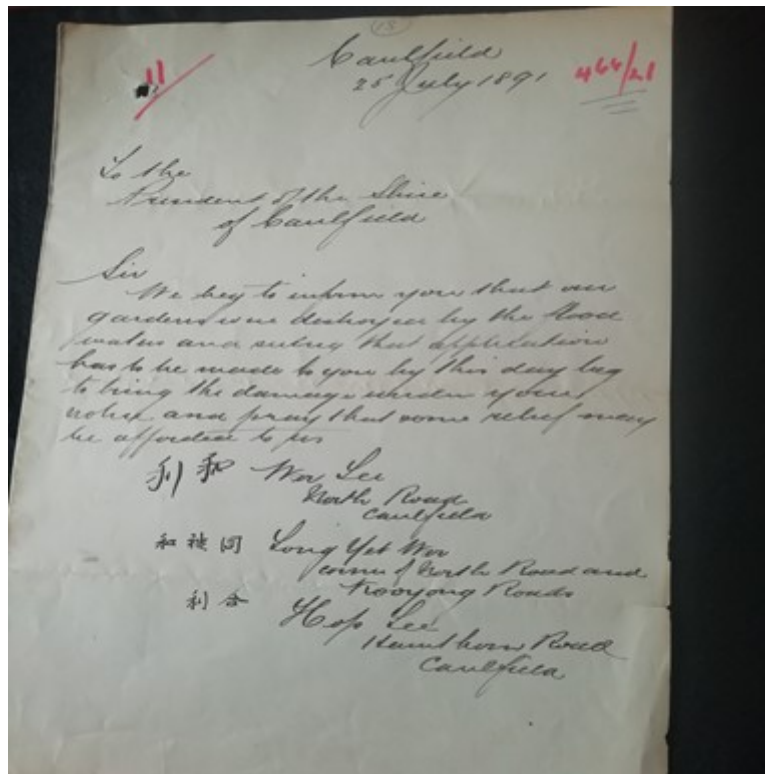
Dear Sir,

I regret having to call your attention to a recurrence of a past nuisance – the dropping by town manure carts of a quantity of nightsoil on the Grange Road opposite my fence and gate.

The stench is atrocious. May I ask that you direct that something be done to mitigate it.

Yours truly,
WMR





Above: letters to Caulfield Council from Chinese Gardeners, Wu Lee, Long Yet Wu and Hop Lee, 1891. (GEHS collection)

Caulfield
25 July 1891

To the
President of the Shire of Caulfield

Sir,

We beg to inform you that our gardens were destroyed by the flood waters and ruling that application has to be made to you by this day beg to bring the damage under your notice and pray that some relief may be afforded to us.

Wu Lee
North Road Caulfield

Long Yet Wu
Cnr North Road and Kooyong Roads

Hop Lee
Hawthorn Road Caulfield

DOWNARD PROPERTY AND GRACEBURN AVENUE

During the preparation of an earlier article on the lanes of Carnegie, particularly Laz's Lane, I was reminded of a story that I had heard many years ago, about the relocation of a house. My love of local history especially the memories and stories passed down through generations is like the game of "Chinese Whispers", some stories seem to take on added dimensions.

In 1925 Ebenezer Downard lived at 173 Koornang Road, on a large block of land with a rear entrance from the street behind. He founded the Downards Furniture Removal Company which operated from this address. It is hypothesised that Ebenezer Downard shifted his house across the block to prevent the tramline from going through to Koornang Road, adjacent to his property.

This seemed to be a strange undertaking but is it true?

The results of my investigation so far:

The actors in this story are: Carnegie State School, Graceburn Ave (previously Paterson St), the Right-of-Way (now Laz's Lane), the Downard property and the tramline.

Carnegie State School, previously Rosstown State School, operated from 31 January, 1888, from the Wesleyan Church on the corner of Neerim and Toolambool Roads.

2 May 1889: a £400 purchase of 1 acre of land from Francis Findlay, on the corner of Truganini Road and Paterson Street (later Graceburn Ave) was to be the site for Carnegie State School No. 2897.

A Notice from the Shire of Caulfield was sent to the Minister of Education and required that the east side of Truganini Road was to be 'formed, paved, levelled, drained and made good in the manner and specifications approved by the said Board of Health'.

20 September 1889: Contract let for erection of a school house 50' x 20' brick. Due date of completion: 18 December, 1889.

19 May 1890: Inspector Finley forwarded final certificate of completion. The key was in the custody of the Head Teacher. The new brick building stood solidly on the corner of Truganini Road and Paterson St.

In 1913 the school was fenced and by 1919 the school site had increased to 3 acres. It extended through to Neerim Road.

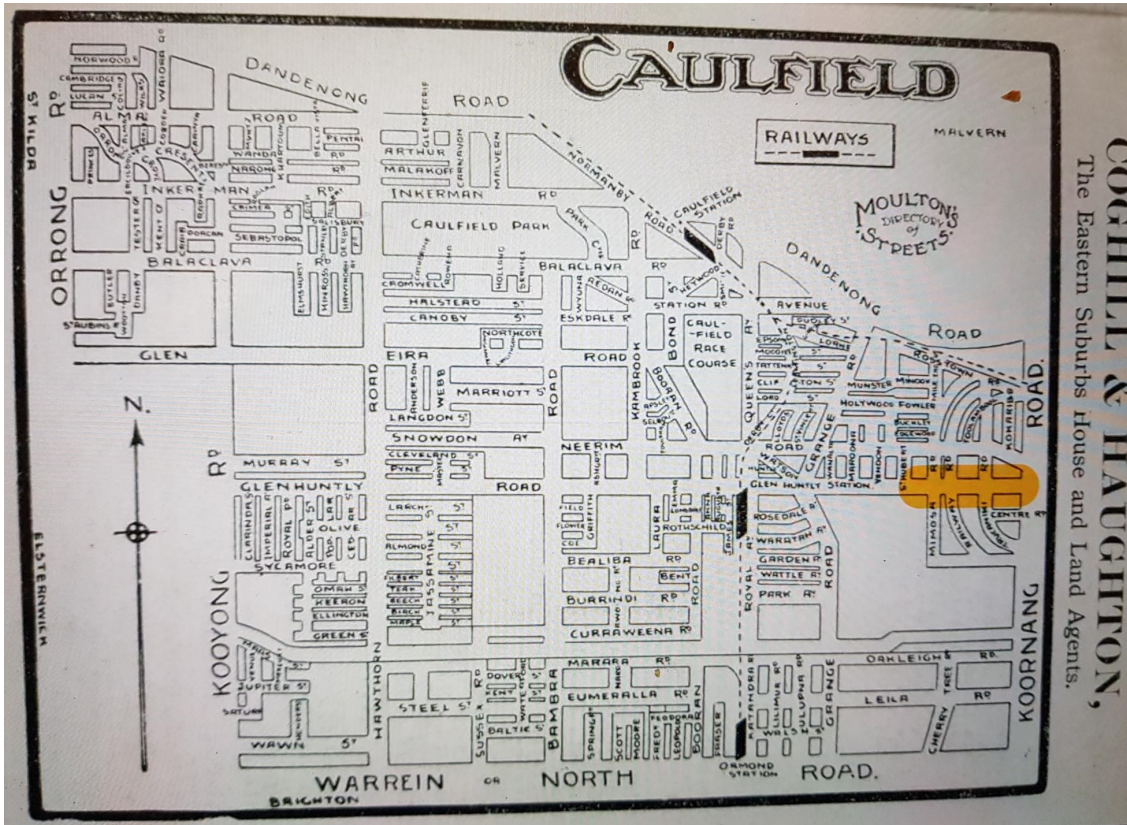
Trams: On 13 November 1913 the electric tramline opened. It ran through Elsternwick, along Glen Huntly Road to Grange Road. Part of this route was a single track line.

The Sands and McDougall Directories and the street maps of the time show some interesting results.

1912: Moulton's Street Directory (Figure 1), inaccurately shows Glen Huntly Road intersecting with Koornang Road, the same width all the way. Had this been true, it would have gone through the school buildings. Paterson Street was fairly narrow with houses on both sides, too narrow to take a tram line. It would have had to do a very sharp turn to negotiate the school corner.

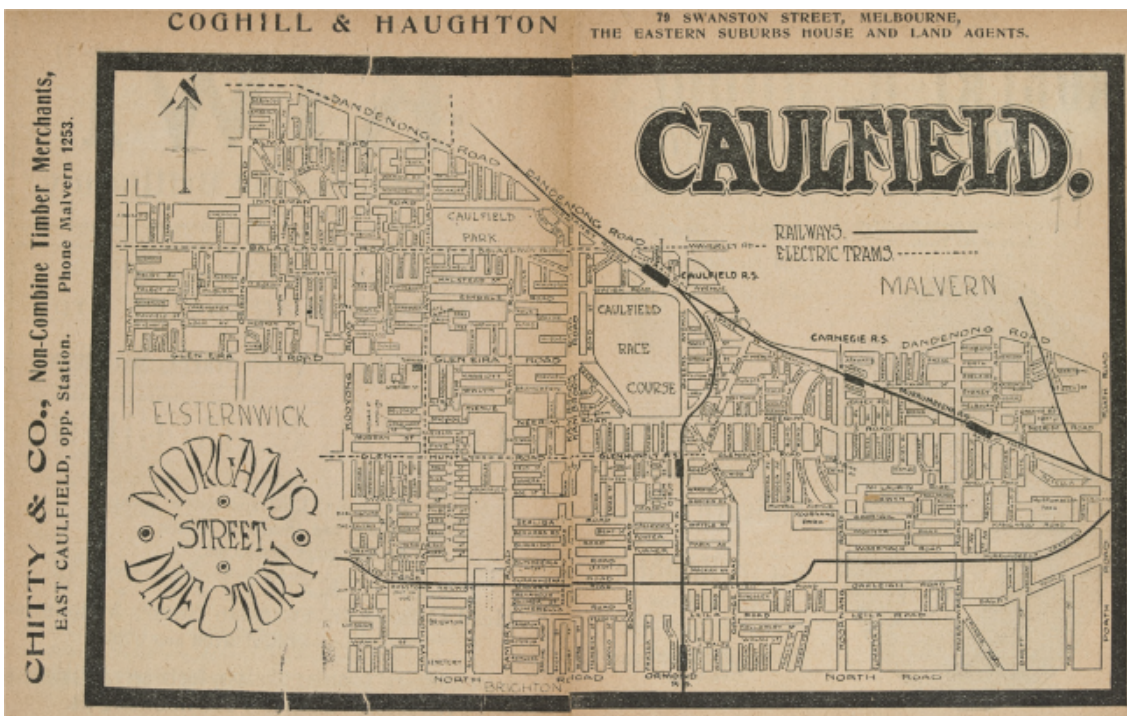
The inaccuracy of the old street maps is surprising in that they don't show the school as a location marker and street widths are inconsistent.

The tramline opened between Elsternwick and Grange Road on 13 November, 1913.



Above: Figure 1 Moulton's Street Directory, 1912. Scale unknown. (Image courtesy of SLV).

1917: The Morgan's Street Directory map (Figure 2) shows the tramline terminating at Grange Road. Paterson Street is shown as an appropriate width and is called "lane". It appears to show the Right-of-Way.



Above: Figure 2: Caulfield Map from Morgan's Directory of Streets, 1917. Scale unknown. (Image courtesy of SLV)

1919: The side street was still called Paterson Street. Carnegie State School

was shown going through to Neerim Road, and had expanded to 3 acres.

By 19 December, 1926, the tramline was extended from Grange Road to Koornang Road, via a wide right hand turn into Truganini Road.

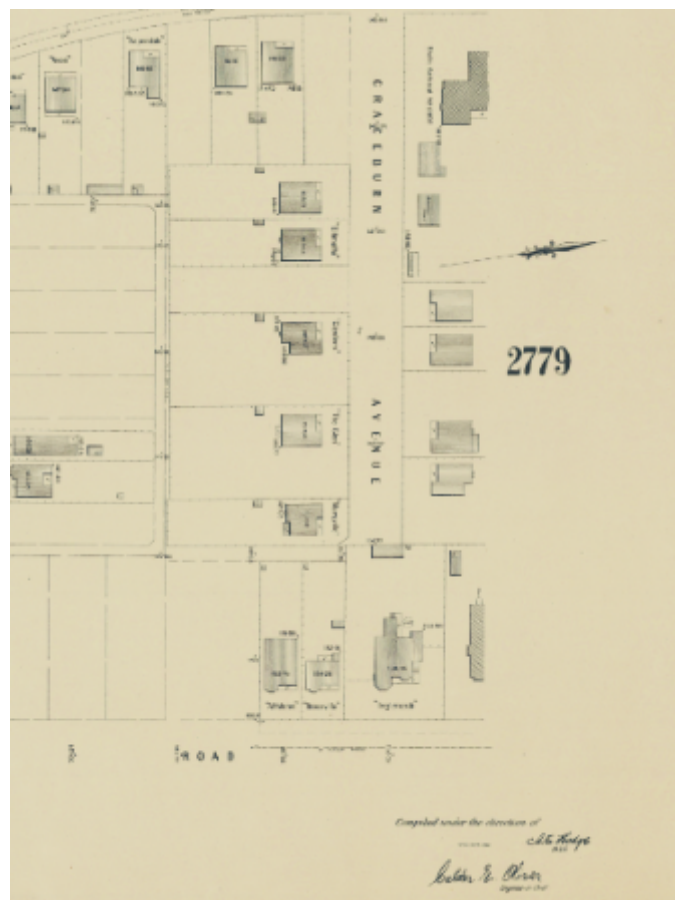
The 1934 Collins Street Directory shows the new tramline turning at Truganini Road, at the school site, although the school is still not shown. Graceburn Avenue is clearly listed.

1940: Graceburn Ave is shown with "fence" and right-of-way.

The **Downard family** is shown as being in residence on this site from 1925 to 1974 (the last edition of Sands and McDougall Directories).

However, by 1935 Koornang Road had been renumbered and the property was now No. 187 not 173. In later years it was recorded as Downard, W.J. Pty. Ltd.

Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works (MMBW) map for 1915 shows a fairly large house sited in the middle of the block. Its situation totally blocks Graceburn Avenue. (See Figure 3 below)



Above: Figure 3. MMBW 1915, showing 'Ingleneuk' (187 Koornang Rd) in the centre of the block. Scale unknown. (Image courtesy of SLV)

[State Library Victoria - Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works detail plan. 2780, Municipality of Caulfield. \(slv.vic.gov.au\)](http://slv.vic.gov.au)

There are now 2 smaller houses to the left of No. 187, one of which has the right-of-way adjacent to it.

In a recent aerial photo (Figure 4) the house is clearly shown right against the left side fence, so it was moved, but why?



Above: Figure 4. Aerial photo from Google maps shows 187 Koornang Rd today.

Why would they go to the trouble and expense of moving a house several metres across their property? Did Mr Downard really believe that the tramline was coming through Graceburn Avenue, adjacent to his property? Did he have sufficient influence to prevent it?

It seems to have been an impractical idea, as the school was well established and Graceburn Ave was narrow, with houses on each side. What is your conclusion? Please let us know if you can add anything to this story.

Carol Stals
Committee Member, Glen Eira Historical Society

Postscript

November 2021

Recent developments due to the sale of the old Downard property, which will now be a Child Care Centre: there had been suggestions that the Lane, gardens and art work would be negatively impacted. The issue was satisfactorily resolved in a meeting with involved parties and Council.



Above: 187 Koornang Road, Carnegie today. (GEHS collection)

MONASH INTERNS AT GEHS

MICHAEL VUONG

I am currently in my final year at Monash University Clayton Campus, where for the last three years I have been undertaking a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in sociology with minors in history and literature. History in particular has been one of my chief hobbies and of personal interest, having a fascination with the lives, experiences and stories of the past and how they tend to affect, echo or even parallel events that happen today.

I found out about this internship through Monash's Work Integrated Learning program that offered a placement to replace one of my units. I decided to take up their offer to experience something different from what I have been doing at university.

Glen Eira was unknown to me before arriving at GEHS where I met Anne, Barbara and my fellow student intern, Pia, for the first (and unfortunately what appears to be only) time in-person. After a brief tour of the interiors and spaces, steeped in historical artefacts, snippets, books and memorabilia, we made a proper start on delving into the long-stored history of Glen Eira.



Above: Michael Vuong, GEHS intern 2021.

I was assigned the task of going through Caulfield Council minutes from the 1970s, looking out for development and property history, local events such as an outbreak of Argentine Ants and even a recurring battle between a youth centre's weekly dance event and the local residents. I contributed to the Victorian Collections by matching photos of the Beauville and Hillcrest Estates with their addresses, a project that has made me intimately familiar with Beauville Avenue and Dalny Road. Finally, I had the opportunity to listen and digitally transcribe an interview with Mrs. Nell Trevorror about her life story in the Glen Eira area, from her upbringing, her life in the local area of Murrumbeena and Glen Eira, her family history, and even her experiences during the World Wars.

Partially inspired by current events forcing us online, I intend to develop a research report based on the merits of digitalization technology in helping preserve history and culture. As most of my work has been done through digital means, my research project will explore the history, potential and implications of digitalization, from the simple translation of physical text to an online document to wholesale replication of real-life objects, artefacts and even buildings into a digital replication.

Although the bulk of my time with the GEHS has been online, I still found a great deal of insight and enjoyment exploring the local history of an area I was not very familiar with. Moreover, working with Anne, Pia and the other members of the historical society who likewise have an affinity for history has been an immense pleasure all throughout.

Michael Vuong

PIA GRAHAM

I am a student at Monash University, Clayton campus, and am weeks away from completing my Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in History and a double-minor in Human Rights and Literary studies. At the end of last semester, I heard of an opportunity whereby students applied for an internship and were paired with an organisation that reflected their interests, skills and areas of study. I applied, and was delighted to hear that I had been allocated a place at Glen Eira Historical Society.

Having grown up in Stonnington, I became acquainted with Glen Eira over the past few years whilst attending the Caulfield Monash Campus and became aware of the sense of community in the suburbs of Glen Eira.

An internship at an organisation solely dedicated to the history of Glen Eira felt daunting but I felt prepared. Working alongside Michael and Anne, has me given the opportunity to examine various aspects of local history. Sifting through council minutes from the 1970s has been illuminating, seeing what was a priority for local government 50 years ago, and charting the progress that has resulted in Glen Eira's street names, sports clubs, and parks and reserves. For example, I read the council minutes that discussed the construction of the running tracks at Duncan McKinnon reserve – the very same tracks I would later compete at for all my primary school Athletics Days.

I have had the opportunity to speak to various people associated with Melbourne heritage preservation. For example, Alice, a former student volunteer, who now works at the Williamstown Library, also our attendance at the 2021 Victorian Collections Day. Such experiences have enriched my time with GEHS and provided inspiration for my future directions.

Monash encouraged Michael and I to find a particular niche that intrigued us, so that we could construct a thoroughly researched report showcasing our time at GEHS. After transcribing an interview conducted in 1982 with Gladys Machin, the first female councillor for Caulfield, I knew I had found my area of study. With the assistance of Anne, I have undertaken a study in women's history in Caulfield, and I look forward to utilising GEHS sources to complete my study.

Pia Graham



Above: Pia Graham, GEHS intern 2021.

HERITAGE MATTERS

Here is the latest on some current heritage issues:

Planning Amendments Summary
(not all included)
See [Heritage next steps - Glen Eira City Council](#) | [Glen Eira City Council](#) for much more detail.

C227 Caulfield Racecourse – this is new. Council endorsed the *Lovell Chen Conservation Management Plan 2019* and *Incorporated Plan – Caulfield Racecourse Reserve: Conservation Policy and Permit Exemptions July 2021* and is now seeking authorisation to advertise it

C204 Elsternwick, Carnegie and Bentleigh – this is mostly about implementing some of the heritage overlays contained in the *Glen Eira Heritage Review of Elsternwick Structure Plan Area 2019*. (Small changes for Carnegie and Bentleigh too.) The independent Panel Hearing is scheduled for 9/11/21 and GEHS will be presenting support for the Amendment. **Not included** are the many Elsternwick heritage properties and precincts properties found by the Minister of Planning to not be under development pressure currently. Unfortunately, those ones do not have any interim heritage protection and are awaiting Council's progression of the Elsternwick Structure Plan.

C214 Post-war and Hidden Gems – this covers the heritage review for mid 20th century onwards, plus a scan across the City of Glen Eira for significant precincts and properties which are standouts for heritage protection; and an updated Thematic Environmental History for the City of Glen Eira. (*This last one is a great in-depth read of the history of this area.*) The independent Panel did not agree with Council's attempt to withdraw support for a substantial number of addresses with objections lodged. (We and the National Trust spoke at the Hearing.) See [Planning Panel disagrees with Glen Eira Council's decision to abandon heritage protection | Trust Advocate](#) for excellent coverage by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria). The Panel has recommended heritage protection for the vast majority of the properties. Councillors were to consider the Report and make their decision at the 3/11/21 Council meeting. At that meeting, Councillors deferred their decision to their 23/11/21 to allow more time for them to consider.

and seek feedback from the public. **One of the major issues: Council is seeking local heritage protection *only* when the Report states that Caulfield Racecourse is significant heritage at the State level.** State level via the Victorian Heritage Register would offer stronger protection and be consistent with Flemington Racecourse and Sandown Park Racecourse Grandstand having State level heritage protection.

Next time: Glen Huntly Structure Plan [Transforming Glen Huntly together](#) | [Have your say Glen Eira](#)

Planning Applications (by exception)
10-16 Selwyn Street Elsternwick (re Woolworths' entity Fabco Pty Ltd) – the new application **GE/DP-34187/2021** was refused by Council. Woolworths have lodged a VCAT appeal with a Hearing date announced for 15 sitting days 23/5-16/6/2022. We will speak at the Hearing.
<https://www.haveyoursaygleneira.com.au/10-16-selwyn-street-elsternwick>

7 Selwyn St Elsternwick (Kadimah) – the Minister for Planning took up the recommendation from his special Planning Panel Committee to approve the proposal. The Duldig artworks are to be retained, restored and likely reinstalled in the ground floor area of the new Jewish Museum - sadly, no longer public art with on-street visibility. We spoke at the Hearing.

430-434 Neerim Road Murrumbeena (old Woodlands grocery) – Council decided to refuse this new 7-storey application at the 3/11/2021 Council meeting. Thanks to those members who also contacted Councillors about this.

Anne Kilpatrick, Vice President and Secretary
Glen Eira Historical Society



Above: 500-506 Glenhuntly Rd Elsternwick: art deco flats, an example of contributory buildings excluded from heritage protection by the Minister for Planning until Council submits the Elsternwick Structure Plan. (GEHS collection)

VALE ANDREW WARD

24/12/1944 – 24/08/2021

We knew Andrew best as the author of the City of Caulfield Conservation Study 1990 and the Glen Eira Heritage Management Plan 1996. In fact Andrew conducted heritage studies for many local Councils. The recent City of Glen Eira Thematic Environmental History 2020 includes much of Andrew's early work. We were lucky to have Andrew as a guest speaker back in May 2014 when he spoke on Glen Eira's Heritage and the themes of *The Grand estates*, *The rural hinterland* and *The electric trams*.

We sought his expertise and knowledge on a number of occasions. In 2016, when we nominated the Red Cross Rest House and parts of the Caulfield Hospital for the Victorian Heritage Register, we asked Andrew about the significance of the old Glen Eira mansion fence, which still stands today in front of Caulfield Hospital, with no heritage protection.

Andrew responded:

"... given that the house [Glen Eira] on this site carried the name of the Municipality and that the survival of the very long fence, complete with main gates, lamp stand, pedestrian gate and so forth are in situ, this element must form a very significant part of the City's history, enhanced by its intact state, makers' name plate on the gate (T. Jennings, Elizabeth Street) and associated mature tree.

One of the fascinating things about Glen Eira is the way in which the large estates did and didn't survive. The clues offer important ways of interpreting the present urban landscape. Sometimes, there is an old tree which is all that remains from of a demolished house, sometimes a greenhouse, sometimes a fence alignment and, of course, sometimes it is the house which has survived the storm. Even the street grid can tell a story.

And so it is with the "Glen Eira" fence. It provides a vital clue to a pattern of development which is all but extinguished in Glen Eira and is therefore important not only because of its connection with the former house of that name but also for the contribution it makes to the wider Glen Eira story in its vicinity.

Finally, one can't help observing that it is so often the fence that went first as the old estates were cut up. Fortunately in this instance, with the property remaining in a single ownership, the reverse is the case and one can still easily see just how extensive the original holding was. Its value needs to be recognised for what it represents”.

We thank Andrew for his knowledge and love of history and heritage and extend our condolences to Andrew's wife Enid and to all his family.

Barbara Hoad, President GEHS



Above: Glen Eira Mansion Fence at Caulfield Hospital 2015, promoted for heritage protection by Andrew Ward. (GEHS collection)



Above: Caulfield Military Hospital, former Glen Eira mansion (GEHS Collection, Rose Series, n.d)

RIP FRANK RIECK



A local trader of almost 50 years, Frank Rieck (2nd from right above) of "Frank's Elsternwick Bakery" at 291 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick, passed away on January 24, 2021.

During the 18-month absence from his iconic Bavarian-style bakehouse which closed mid-2019 (due to his illness), a regretful message was placed in the shop window indicating that the shop would remain closed until further notice. A telephone number was given to make contact. Hope was held for his return to the business but unfortunately for the bread loving community, this didn't eventuate.

Frank (Franziskus) Rieck, January 17, 1938 - January 24, 2021, aged 83. Frank's funeral service was conducted by the Elsternwick branch of Nelson Bros. Funerals with a Funeral Mass held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Elsternwick, on Friday 5 Feb 2021 followed by his interment at St. Kilda Cemetery.

Richard Thom, GEHS member and employee of Frank's Bakery 1981-85

EVENTS

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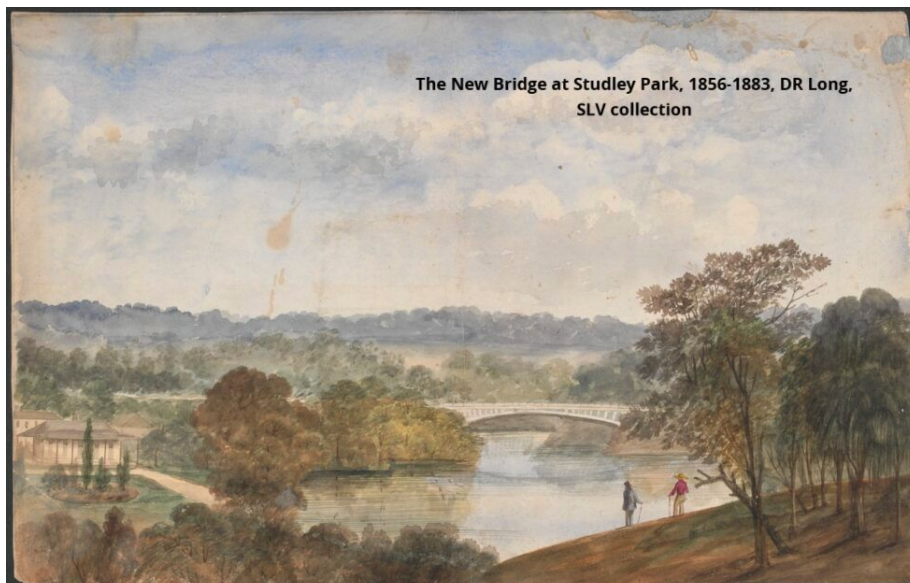
The story of the Yarra River in images from the 1850s to the 2000s

During the COVID 19 period, **Dr Judith Buckrich** has been researching the history of the Yarra River toward the creation of a book and exhibition in late 2023. Paintings, drawings and photographs of the river are integral to her research and will be used specifically as part of a chapter on artists and writers, as well as to illustrate many of the other themes.

This talk and slide show presents the work of some of the artists with discussion of their work and what it tells us about the Yarra river and our relationship to it.

Join Zoom meeting

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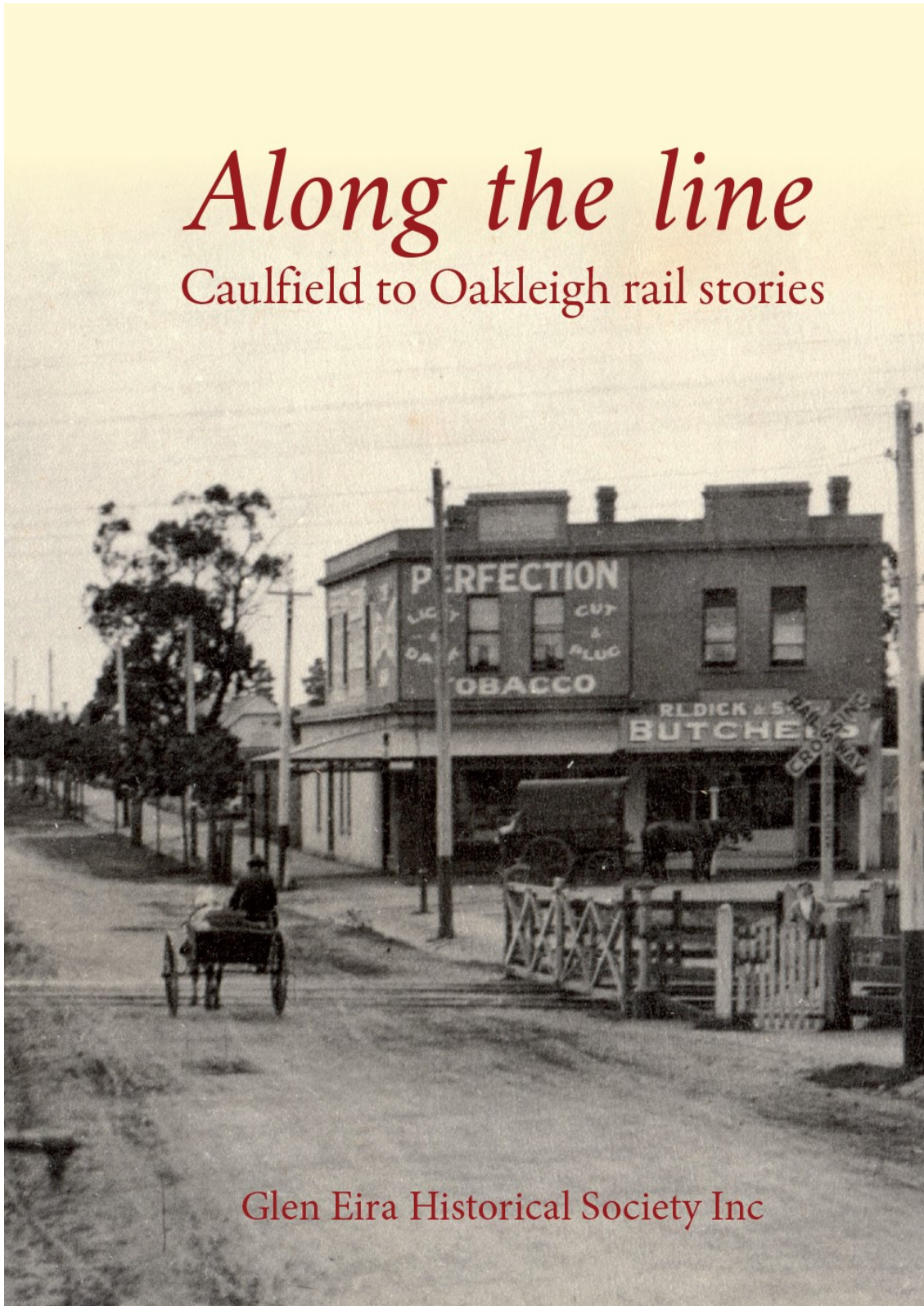


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