



Glen Eira Historical Society Newsletter



Above: GEHS 50th Anniversary, Murrumbeena Bowls Club, 29 May 2022.

50TH ANNIVERSARY AN AFTERNOON OF LOCAL HISTORY

The 50th Anniversary of the Glen Eira/Caulfield Historical Society was celebrated on Sunday 29 May 2022 at the Murrumbeena Bowls Club; a local community sporting club with its own rich history. Among the 60+ in attendance were two foundation members in long time President, Felicitie Campbell and prolific researcher/newsletter article writer, Jennifer O'Donnell. The event was hosted by Historian Alicia Cerreto. She stressed how all residents and past residents in their memories and their access to family oral histories, add their threads to the tapestry that makes up a community history.

President Barbara Hoad was then invited to speak. She welcomed all those present and provided an outline history of how the Caulfield Historical Society came to be established and referred to the work of the early office bearers and the ongoing challenges that face every historical society. Barbara then mentioned some of the achievements of the Glen Eira Historical Society during its 50 years of existence before thanking the current volunteers and members for their support.

Vice President Anne Kilpatrick spoke of the ongoing battle to recognise and protect the heritage of Glen Eira due to modern developments. She also mentioned the Society's work in this area particularly the nomination of the Caulfield Racecourse for the Victorian Heritage Register and GEHS opposition to the Woolworths high-rise development (Selwyn St) proposed for the heritage precinct of Elsternwick.

Alicia then invited a number of speakers to the lectern. Current volunteer, Richard Darke, spoke about his (and his mother's) memories as a long-time resident of Carnegie. Jill Eldridge paid tribute to her grandfather who lived in the area after World War I and worked as a plumber and gasfitter on the Carnegie Theatre. It was then the turn of Barry Gomm to describe his experiences as a student of Caulfield Technical School in the 1950s; at that time the only post-primary facility in the municipality. Adriana Konidaris then provided an account of the migrant experience of her mother in the 1960s and 70s including her time working at Wills Tobacco factory (East Bentleigh) and the opportunities so readily embraced. To conclude it was the turn of Claire and Mark Trevorrow to produce evidence that the past can produce selected events of significant hilarity (Murrumbeena). This was indeed an enjoyable finale.

At the conclusion of the formalities it was time for renewal of old friendships, reminiscences about past events and successes, over afternoon tea and an opportunity to look at the sample of exhibits on display. The Committee of GEHS is to be congratulated for its organisation and programme that led to such a successful celebratory event that underlined how important is community history and the importance of an active historical society in facilitating it.

Transcripts of Barbara and Adriana's presentations can be found on our website. [Click here for transcripts](#)

Neville Daynes

Member and Volunteer, Glen Eira Historical Society

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,

What a busy few months we have had!

Our 50th anniversary celebration at the Murrumbeena Bowls Club in May was a wonderful *Afternoon of local history*. It was great to catch up with past and present members; in fact two foundation members Felicitie Campbell and Jenny O'Donnell were present, as was Gladys Vallati another long-term Committee member, and well-known Murrumbeena local John Attwood, a great supporter of our Society.

Thank you to everyone involved: our six interesting and amusing speakers, the Murrumbeena Bowls Club and all our volunteers, members and supporters.

We are pleased that Jenny O'Donnell has offered to give a talk at our AGM on Wednesday 27 July 7.30pm. Her topic is "Researching a Roll of Honour", and it will be held via Zoom. Details in this newsletter and on our website.

As well as celebrating we have also been very busy with important heritage issues and you can read Anne Kilpatrick's heritage report in this newsletter.

Finally I want to thank our wonderful 2021-22 Committee for their support, Anne Kilpatrick, Colin Kirkham, Janine Mayhew and Carol Stals.

Happy reading!

Barbara Hoad

President, Glen Eira Historical Society



REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The Glen Eira Historical Society has always responded to requests for information made by local residents; many who are in the process of researching family histories. However the Caulfield Historical Society in the first years of its existence was to have a couple of even more unusual requests.

The first was reported in the Newsletter No.3, April 1973 and was a request from the eminent political scientist Dr Joan Rydon, Senior Lecturer at Latrobe University, and later to become the first female to hold a Chair in Politics at an Australian university.

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Dr Rydon was researching all the Federal Parliamentarians since 1901, later published as *A Federal Legislature: The Australian Commonwealth Parliament, 1901-1980*, Joan Rydon, Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 1986.

Dr. Rydon`s request was for information about the date and place of death of two former parliamentarians. They were James Bennett MP for Gippsland 1912-14, before moving to Malvern and Reginald John Burchill from WA before moving to Melbourne. His last known address was Beaver Street, Malvern in 1930. Clearly the information was discovered in due course but whether as a result of the CHS “sleuths” we cannot say.



Above: Murrumbeena Football Club, c1920. (GEHS collection)

A second request was mentioned in Newsletter No.14, February 1975. Mr Ross Gould of Carnegie had begun work on a History of the Murrumbeena Football Club and was seeking photographs and other information that might assist his research.

We now know that in 1977 the first edition of the Club's history written by Ross Gould was published on foolscap size paper and covered the period 1918 – 1976. A second edition was published in 1998, also compiled by Gould. A third edition *The History of the Murrumbeena Football Netball Club 1918 - 2017* was published in 2017 in digital and print format and copies are held in our Collection. It seems likely that the CHS volunteers were able to assist with some of his requests.

Above all it is clear that the Caulfield Historical Society, in the first decade of its existence was becoming well known both in the local community and further afield among academic historians. Strong foundations were been laid by this fledgling historical society.

Neville Daynes

Member and Volunteer, Glen Eira Historical Society

AM BOYD POTTERY BOWL

A recent addition to our collection is a beautiful earthenware bowl c1950 from AM Boyd Pottery Murrumbeena (1944-1962) and hand painted by Neil Douglas (1922-2003). The owner Rob emailed us saying "I was wondering if you as a historic society would have any use for it as I was reading your article on the Boyd family and my grandma lived in Murrumbeena and knew the Boyd family. I can vaguely remember the shop near the station". We gladly accepted this lovely piece of Boyd pottery into our Collection.



The 36cm by 18cm bowl, painted with Australian fauna and flora is in fair condition. It was repaired at some stage using staples and we are told was damaged in a fire about 40 years ago.

Barbara Hoad

President, Glen Eira Historical Society

NEIL DOUGLAS AND ABBIE HEATHCOTE ARTISTS WITH CONNECTIONS TO GLEN EIRA

Many years ago, as a teenager I met an artist named Alan Thornton, at an exhibition. This meeting opened up a world of art and alternative thought that I had never experienced or imagined, and I loved it. Sometime later I met him again and was introduced to his young partner, Helen. This friendship crossed over with other friendships for many years.

Helen was an art teacher and young mother to Biddy. She changed her name to Abbie about that time. She made me a vest in 1962 in purple

When my son was doing year 12 Art, Abbie was a great support to him. He went on to do a Fine Arts Degree. I employed Abbie as an Artist-In-Residence in our program at Albert Park Primary School in the 1970s. We had also had Mirka Mora there working with the children.

The last time I saw Abbie was at a market in Castlemaine, about 10 years ago. I wasn't aware she was living and working there. At that stage she was playing with a band. We looked up and saw each other, and time flew away.

fabric, richly embroidered on the front and lined in purple satin. Abbie later partnered with Neil Douglas.

My husband Andris and I visited Abbie and Neil regularly at their home in the Bend of Islands in Eltham. It was a wonderland. Neil was a force of nature in his homespun sweaters, energetic speech and wide interests. Together they had developed not only superb studios for their various art works but a magnificent garden. Andris and Neil got along well and both had bad backs. Neil had devised some ropes so he could hang from his ankles or knees from the mezzanine floor. Several times they would both be hanging there like bats.

A book was published about Abbie, Neil and their home and gardens^[1] It was a wonderland for young Bidy.

Years later Abbie used to visit us in Elsternwick and through this purchased the house directly opposite, in McCombie Street. Her daughter Bidy's wedding was held in the front garden of the house.

So not only was the young Neil Douglas part of the Boyd connection, but Abbie also became part of the Elsternwick community many years later.

Carol Stals
Committee Member and Volunteer

^[1](Heathcote, Abigail, and Neil Douglas, *A Far Cry / Neil Douglas Spinning Yarns with Abbie Heathcote*, Kangaroo Ground, Vic.: Karella Publications, 1979

[Heritage report Bend of Islands Kangaroo Ground.pdf](#)



Above: Vest/jerkin made c1962 for Carol Lawler (Stals) by Abbie Heathcote.



Above: Abbie Heathcote and Neil Douglas at Bend of Islands 1980s. (Photo WG Gittins, courtesy Eltham District Historical Society)

THE STEAK BANK RESTAURANT, ORMOND

I attended the auction of the Steak Bank Restaurant at 553 North Road (corner of Ulupna Road), Ormond, at noon on 30 March 2022. There were about 25-30 people there, as well as about four or five from the Auctioneers, Gross Waddell ICR Pty Ltd. The bidding started at \$1.5m with only three people bidding, and the property was passed in at \$2.25m. The next day, a 'For Sale' notice had been plastered over the auction sign.

Surprisingly (or not) none of the men from the Auctioneers had heard anything about Ronald Ryan and Peter Walker's involvement when the property was an ANZ Bank. Ryan and Walker escaped from Pentridge on 19 December 1965⁽¹⁾, and on 23rd of that month robbed this ANZ Bank at 553 North Road, Ormond.⁽²⁾ Thirteen people were bundled into the bank's strongroom, but no one was injured. The two were recaptured in Sydney on 5 January 1966⁽³⁾, and were jointly charged with the murder of a warder, George Hodgson, during the December 1965 escape. Ryan was convicted of murder and sentenced to death⁽⁴⁾. Walker was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment⁽⁵⁾. Despite many appeals and public protests, Ryan was hanged on 3 February 1967⁽⁶⁾. That was the year I started my studies at Monash University.

Ryan was the last person to be executed in Australia. The death penalty was abolished in all Australian states by 1985⁽⁷⁾. The Bank was turned into the restaurant, The Steak Bank, in the early 1980s. The walls had some press cuttings about Ryan and Walker's robbery there. The restaurant survived the recent pandemic lockdowns, but only just. I just realised that until the 1990s, there were about three or four banks along North Road, Ormond. There are now none - like in Glen Huntly and presumably many more suburban and regional areas.

Margaret Blight
Member, Glen Eira Historical Society

1. The Canberra Times, 16th March 1966, Page 8
2. The Canberra Times, 24th December 1965, Page 1
3. The Canberra Times, 7th January 1966, Page 1
4. The Canberra Times, 27th January 1967, Page 1,3
5. The Canberra Times, 30th April 1966, Page 3
6. The Canberra Times, 4th February 1967, Page 3
7. Wikipedia: Capital Punishment in Australia¹.



Above: The Steak Bank, Ormond. (Image courtesy of Barbara Went)

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE WIDER WORLD IN 1972?

Once again we look back to 1972, the year our Society was formed. It was a pivotal year at global, national and local levels. The seeds of political and social change were gathering momentum. A snapshot in time is provided below:

- President Nixon went to China and met with Zhou En Lai and Mao Zedong ending 25 years of diplomatic silence.
- President Nixon continued negotiations to end the war in Vietnam at Paris Peace Talks whilst constantly bombing North Vietnam. Insists South Vietnam signs a peace treaty with North Vietnam.
- Britain joined the Common Market.
- The Minister for Trade and Industry, Doug Anthony rushed to London to seek safeguards for Australian primary industries when UK joined Common Market. (50 years later, post Brexit, UK trying desperately to sign a trade deal with Australia).
- Minister for Customs (Don Chipp) pushed for a switch from law enforcement to medical treatment for drug addiction.
- Qantas was offering \$700 Sydney - London return fare.
- \$10 on the spot fines introduced for those not wearing seat belts. State Government was considering making bike helmets compulsory. (Finally mandated in 1990)
- Mental Health Authority warns of a crisis in mental health and a need for more funding.
- Victorian Teachers Tribunal passed a regulation to allow women to become head teachers of primary schools.
- New Environmental Protection Council given powers to clean up the Yarra River.
- Computerised online banking introduced for teller use at Camberwell branch of Commonwealth Bank.
- Germaine Greer came back to Australia to launch "*The Female Eunuch*".
- Dame Edna Everage (Barry Humphries) and Barry Crocker also returned to promote "*The Adventures of Barry McKenzie*", given R rating! Humphries and Philip Adams appealed against the rating.

Compiled by Neville Daynes
Member Volunteer

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

What was the South Eastern Suburbs Weights and Measures Union?

Although the Port Phillip District became a separate colony of Britain on 1 July 1851 and was then named Victoria, it did not pass its own weights and measures legislation until 1862.

The first Act to cover Weights and Measures (18 June 1862) introduced the concept of Standard Weights and Measures for Victoria. This Act was replaced in 1864 (2 June 1864) and the new act placed the responsibility for the administration of Weights and Measures in Victoria onto municipalities or groups of municipalities. Groups of municipalities were referred to as "Unions". "Authorised copies" of the standard weights and measures were to be paid for by and issued to individual municipalities or Unions for the use of their inspectors in administering weights and measures legislation.

The 1864 Weights and Measures Act, Victoria, required local authorities whether on their own or in groups called unions to administer the checking and verification of weights and measures within their areas of authority within Victoria. A distinguishing number was issued by the authorities to the local authorities and this number was stamped on the local standards which were issued to them. The mark of the monarch of

the time together with the word "STANDARD" and the distinguishing number of the local authority were applied to the standards together with sets of steel stamps for the use of inspectors to stamp verified weights, measures and measuring instruments. The standards were also stamped with the date of periodic verification by the state weights and measures authority.

In Victorian State Government Gazette 84 5 April 1916 the City of Caulfield, Town of Brighton and the Borough of Oakleigh were proclaimed as a weights and measures union. Their initial set of weights and measures were not issued until 8 November 1916 and by 15 November they were being referred to as the **South Eastern Suburbs Weights and Measures Union (SESWMU)**. This union was issued with the Distinguishing Number 66.

From the Authorised Copies of Standard Weights and Measures Register (PROV 9527 P0001 1) it is noted that weights and measures were issued as well as stamps which description includes; stamp with Crown and G66 and VIC. Most of the weights and measures unions in Victoria were issued with an E not a G as part of the stamp. The reason for the E or G is not known nor why some were E and others G. The standard weights consisted of Avoirdupois weights from 56lb, 28, 14, 7, 4, 3, 2, 1lb, 8oz, 4, 3, 2, 1oz, 8 drams, 4, 2, 1 dram. The measures were a Gallon, Half Gallon, Quart, Pint, Half Pint, Gill and Half Gill as well as a One Yard Measure. 3 sets of scales were also issued to measure up to 1lb, 7lb and 56lb. The large 56lb scale also had a tripod from which it was suspended when in use.

The Town of Sandringham was admitted to this union 1 October 1920. 1 October 1953 the Cities of Malvern and St Kilda were also admitted to the **SESWMU** and further on 8 July 1987 the City of South Melbourne was admitted. This system of administration of weights and measures which was implemented in 1864 and had successfully accomplished the transition from imperial weights and measures to metric in the 1970s, was ended by the State Government by the mid-1990s when the requirements for testing weights and measures were transferred to be carried out by companies which were registered to carry out maintenance on weights and measures.

Mal Campbell
GEHS Member



GEHS member, Mal Campbell delves into the detail of Weights and Measures; when local councils held a set of standards that they used to test the scales, weights and measures used by factories and shops, in a time before electronic scales became the norm.

Left: 56lb weight in box



Above: 7lb to half dram. Half dram added to sets in the 1950s

HERITAGE MATTERS

Caulfield Racecourse – snapshot

Key dates:

24/12/21 Minister for Planning approved Amendment C229glen authorising works including demolition – broad details only available on DELWP website

21/1/22 Heritage Victoria (HV) advised GEHS that our nomination has been accepted – they will make a recommendation to the Heritage Council of Victoria whether or not to include the Caulfield Racecourse in the Victorian Heritage Register

27/1/22 Advice that an Interim Protection Order (IPO) has been granted by Heritage Council of Victoria; works stopped and IPO notice displayed at main entrance to the Racecourse

16/3/22 Heritage Victoria Executive Director recommended that Caulfield Racecourse should be included in the Victorian Heritage Register

21/11/22 Heritage Council Registration Hearing for 3 days: 21, 22 & 23 Nov

Heritage Permit Applications –

Usually these would follow a decision to permanently add a place to the Victorian Heritage Register. However, they can be applied for while a place has been added temporarily to the Register via an Interim Protection Order and that is what the MRC has done.

The MRC has lodged one of these with Heritage Victoria for the northern section of the Racecourse i.e. the patron and horse areas used on Race Days; it was advertised on the HV website for 14 days with submissions by 14/6/22. MRC has also lodged a separate permit for the area around the Aquanita Stables on the south east corner* adjacent to the Neerim Road level crossing; it is being advertised as I write this, closing date of 12/7/22. Both involve works covering further demolitions and tree removals alongside new work. GEHS has/will make submissions to both.

Interim Protection Order -

The IPO is still in place. (Heritage Victoria has provided some permit exemptions for work to continue that will not harm any heritage.)

28/2/23 IPO due to expire

Since the initial flurry of media coverage from The Age, 774 ABC, 3AW, RSN 927AM (with some excellent social media posts continuing), RSN and the Herald Sun have had recent articles.

Heritage Nomination request –
The Executive Director (HV)'s recommendation to the Heritage Council of Victoria (HCV) has been advertised. The HCV will make the decision once a Hearing has been completed.

HCV Hearing is 21, 22 & 23 November – there was a Directions Hearing (sorting out arrangements for the Hearing) on July 7, 2022; along with the MRC, Council and a number of others, we attended on the 7th to have our say.

Please do tell your Councillor, state MP, Club and/or the Minister for Planning about your concerns re this whole process and the lack of opportunity for the community to be meaningfully consulted about the impacts including heritage and tree losses.

*The Level Crossing Removal Authority also want to use some of this same area for a work site for the Neerim Road Level Crossing removal.

Anne Kilpatrick
Secretary, Glen Eira Historical Society



Above: Heritage elm being felled by man in cherry-picker at Main Entrance, Caulfield Racecourse, 18 January 2022 (GEHS Collection)



Above: View looking north to Main Entrance from inside Caulfield Racecourse, 5 February 2022 (GEHS collection)

PLANNING AMENDMENTS SUMMARY

Planning Amendments Summary

C204 Elsternwick, Carnegie and Bentleigh

Approved by the Minister for Planning:
“The amendment implements some of the recommendations of the Glen Eira Heritage Review of Elsternwick Structure Plan Area 2019 Stage 2 Report (amended 1 February 2022) by applying the Heritage Overlay to two heritage precincts and twelve individual heritage places in Elsternwick. The amendment also applies the Heritage Overlay to the Glen Huntly Tram Terminus Estate Shops Heritage Precinct in Carnegie and makes other associated changes to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.”

[Planning Scheme Amendment C204 - Heritage Elsternwick, Carnegie and Bentleigh | Have Your Say Glen Eira](#)

C214 Post-war and Hidden Gems Part 1 and C214glen Part 2

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 – approved by the Minister for Planning.

Part 1 applies the Heritage Overlay to 20 individual places and one precinct while Part 2 applies the Heritage Overlay to five individual places and three precincts all identified in the City of Glen Eira Post-war and Hidden Gems Heritage Review 2020, Stage 2: Citations (Built Heritage Pty Ltd, 2020) and makes other associated changes to the Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

[C214glen | Glen Eira City Council](#)

Planning Applications

10-16 Selwyn Street Elsternwick (re Woolworths' entity Fabcot Pty Ltd)

The VCAT Hearing of 11 days was completed on 17/6/2022 with the decision expected about 29/7/2022. Council refused the proposal initially but then sided with Woolworths, supporting the amended plans for 2 towers of 9 storeys at VCAT. This meant the opposition to the proposal was left to residents including the Stop The Elsternwick Towers group and ourselves. For the first time, we engaged a heritage expert (Mr John Briggs) to present expert evidence. This has been a significant cost to GEHS but hopefully will be a key factor in VCAT deciding in our favour – fingers crossed.

We were successful with our request to the Minister for Planning to correct the boundary of the Heritage Overlay HO59 Glenmoore (eastern side of proposal) so that it is the same as the title boundary. This may have some bearing in the VCAT decision.

[10-16 Selwyn Street Elsternwick | Have your say Glen Eira](#)

430-434 Neerim Road Murrumbeena (old Woodlands grocery)

Council refused this new 7-storey application at the 3/11/2021 Council meeting. The 4 day VCAT Hearing ended on 30/6/2022 with the decision expected about 12/8/2022. Council continued its opposition to the proposal along with some residents and GEHS. Again, hoping for the best.

Parliamentary Inquiry on the Protections within the Victorian Planning Framework (including Heritage)

GEHS 's submission to this Inquiry is one of 285 available via this link. In the end, no public hearings but there were 2 days of hearing from some parties (not GEHS). It's not clear



what is now happening with this.

[Inquiries \(parliament.vic.gov.au\)](https://parliament.vic.gov.au)

Deferred again: Glen Huntly Structure Plan

[Transforming Glen Huntly together](#) | [Have your say Glen Eira](#)

Anne Kilpatrick
Secretary, Glen Eira Historical Society

Above: 430 Neerim Rd, Murrumbeena, late Victorian heritage building with original features including Victorian windows and parapet, part of Murrumbeena Village Precinct HO 187, 19 June 2022. (GEHS collection)



Above: Heritage retail shops including Moore's Buildings on Glen Huntly Road, part of the new Elsternwick Commercial and Public Precinct HO180. (GEHS collection)



Above: Looking north over the threatened unimpeded view of the parapets of the heritage retail shops along Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick at Selwyn Street corner. (GEHS collection)

CLASSIFIED TREE REGISTER CITY OF GLEN EIRA

Nominate your favourite trees (on private or public land) for Council's Classified Tree Register – this gives additional protection in the event of development and land clearing.

To nominate a tree:

[Nominate a tree or trees | Glen Eira City Council](#) (ignore where it says “There are no trees currently listed on the Classified Tree Register” as there *are* now trees listed, trees currently being assessed and trees already assessed as ineligible). For a map of trees on the Register:

[Pozi - Glen Eira](#)



Above: recently added to Classified Tree Register: Sydney Blue Gum, 1 St Georges Road, Elsternwick, 27 April 2022. (GEHS collection)

PAST EVENTS



Flag Commemoration Ceremony Brighton Cemetery 22 April 2022

At this second flag commemoration ceremony (a third ceremony is planned for November) held at Brighton Cemetery, Australian flags were placed on 35 veteran's graves.

This project by Brighton Cemeterians in conjunction with Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, honours the Returned Servicemen and women buried in the Brighton Cemetery. In the absence of family, we were asked to place flags on the graves of a nurse, Sr Shortall and a soldier, Private Sparkes.

Sister May Caroline SHORTALL

Enlisted on 30 November 1916 aged 36 years. May served in all the Australian hospitals in France until 1919 when she returned to Melbourne. She was discharged on 28 October 1919. May joined the staff at the Macleod Sanatorium and for the last eight years of her life she nursed at the Caulfield Repatriation Hospital where she was loved by all, both soldiers and nurses. May was awarded the British War Medal, Star and Victory Medals in 1924 for her dedication throughout the War. She died at Elsternwick on 24 September 1935. (Source - Brighton Cemeterians)





**Private William Hamilton
SPARKES**

Enlisted in Melbourne, Unit B 39 Battalion AIF on 21 March 1916. Gassed at Messines in 1917 and returned to Australia aboard the *Nevasa* in 1919. Discharged from the AIF in Melbourne on 9 June 1919 as medically unfit. William died 7 September 1925 aged 37 years, at the Repatriation Hospital Caulfield from the after effects of gas and tuberculosis.

(Source - Brighton Cemeterians)

Barbara Hoad
President. Glen Eira Historical Society

Visit to Heatherbrae

In June volunteers and members enjoyed a visit to c1880s Heatherbrae at 73 Neerim Rd Caulfield, courtesy of Abercromby's Real Estate. The house is now on the market.

John Charles Holland, gentleman and Shire Councillor was the first resident of Heatherbrae. He was a business partner at one stage of William Murray Ross of the failed Rosstown Railway and sugar beet factory.

The McGowan family and descendants have been owners/residents since 1927.

Below: Heatherbrae, June 2022. (Image courtesy of Zina Sofer)



FUTURE EVENTS

GLEN EIRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 49th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Glen Eira Historical Society Inc. will be held via Zoom:

7.30pm, Wednesday 27 July 2022
via Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rc-yoqjogHdWRtPJCxZRCBdrYaFk-OFdb>

Guest speaker for the evening:

Author Jenny O'Donnell on
"Researching a Roll of Honour"



EXHIBITION

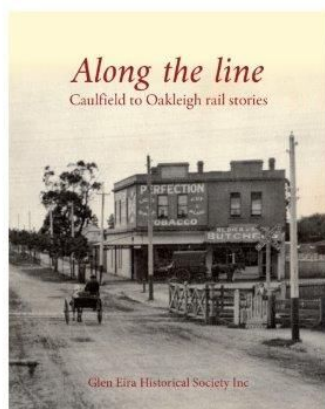
Glen Eira Historical Society 50 years 1972-2022, an exhibition in the Glen Eira Gallery Annexe from 1 September to 23 October 2022. To commemorate 50 years we dipped into our collection and uncovered some gems, including member's favourites, objects large and small and some of the first donations received. The history of our organisation is also covered in this exhibition.

SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday 21 September 2022 - Terry Young on "Chinese Market Gardeners from Coburg to Bentleigh" 7.30pm, **Murrumbeena Bowls Club**.

Wednesday 23 November 2022 - Barbara Minchinton, a talk on her book "The Women of Little Lon". Location TBC

RAIL STORIES BOOK FOR SALE - \$30



Along the line Caulfield to Oakleigh rail stories

Glen Eira Historical Society Inc

During 2017 the stations of Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Hughesdale and their familiar landscapes were demolished to make way for a new elevated railway. This book by Glen Eira Historical Society covers the history of these stations and the bookend stations of Caulfield and Oakleigh along with the communities they served. It tells the story of the Springvale cemetery train and includes some train trivia.

Over 40 personal stories and memories are captured here and bring this local history to life:

'Most of the goods trains operated at night and on cold foggy mornings the driver and fireman would be peering into the distance trying to locate signals illuminated with kerosene burners. There were smoking and non-smoking carriages; at night when the driver looked back he could see the smoke plumes wafting out of every second carriage'.

Along the Line by Glen Eira Historical Society Inc

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Committee meets monthly

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