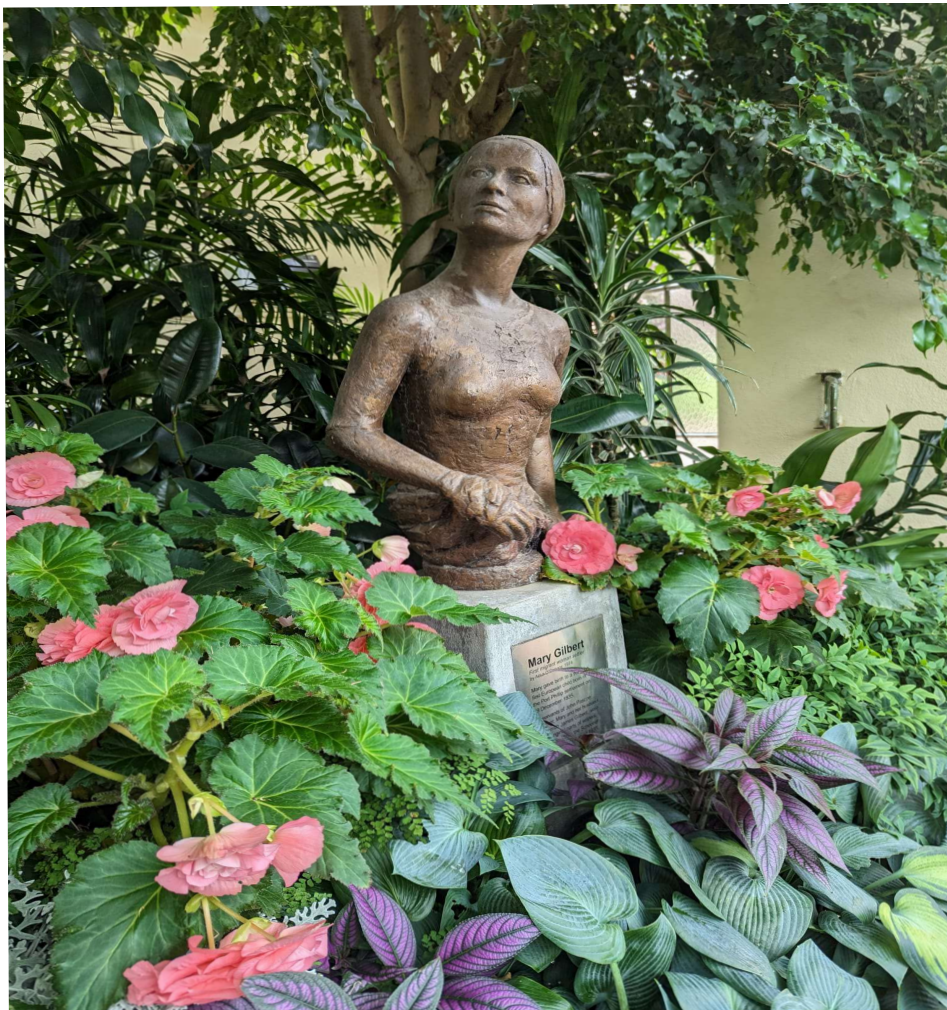




GLEN EIRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

March is Women's History Month that highlights the contribution of women to events in history and contemporary society.

This sculpture cast in concrete fondu in Fitzroy Gardens commemorates Mary Gilbert, the first European woman to migrate to Victoria. Melbourne City Council commissioned the memorial for the 1975 International Women's Year. Sculptor Ailsa O'Connor used her daughter as the model as there is no known likeness.



Above: Mary Gilbert Memorial , Fitzroy Gardens (courtesy GEHS Collection).



Above: an image of *The Enterprise* Ship at the site of Melbourne (source Wikicommons, author unknown).

MARY GILBERT MOTHER OF MELBOURNE

In our early history there were many women like Mary Gilbert. Early settler women lived very hard lives lacking the most basic amenities but they are the backbone of the society that we are part of today. This lady - one of those who had a very hard life would be very surprised to discover that there is a sculpture commemorating her in Fitzroy Gardens as Melbourne's first migrant woman settler.

Mary Duff was born in Edinburgh, Scotland around 1806 and was about 15 years old when she married John Anderson. In 1826 she and her husband were convicted in Stirling, Scotland of housebreaking and theft, and sentenced to 7 years Transportation.

Mary arrived in Van Diemen's Land on the *Harmony* in 1829 with their son. According to her convict records she was 4 ft. 11 in. and could read and write. Mary obtained her freedom on Sept. 22, 1833. John was transported to NSW on the *Royal George*. Mary met James Gilbert, a blacksmith and a free settler with whom she had a child, James, who died in January 1835.

Mary was pregnant with her next child when she arrived at Port Phillip on John Pascoe Fawcner's ship the *Enterprise* in August 1835. She was the only female on the ship with 8 men including her second husband, James Gilbert and was the first European woman to give birth in the Port Phillip district.

That child, named John Melbourne Gilbert, was born on December 29, 1835. Mary and James had 2 more sons – Charles Phillip in 1837 and William in 1839. There are various references to land being promised to her by John Pascoe Fawcner, but there is no record of this actually happening. Between William's birth in Melbourne and 2 of the boys John and William being married at Christ Church, Geelong and giving their address as

Connewarre and their occupations as Bullock Drivers, nothing else is known of their history.

James Gilbert died in 1876 aged 63 years. In 1878, her sons were fencing in the Snowy Mountains. Mary was travelling with them and caring for her 5 year old grandson. They were at South Talbingo, a small community near Tumut and were living in bark gunyahs with a campfire for cooking and warmth.

On Saturday, February 16, 1878, as Mary leaned over the fire, her dress caught alight. The little boy filled saucepans with water to throw over the fire, but Mary was badly burned. She was still alive when her son returned at the end of the day, but by the time the doctor arrived Mary was dead. She was 73 years old. The Coroner's report was damning. It said that she was filthy, slept on leaves, had only 1 dress and rags to cover her. The Coroner was a wealthy landowner but for Mary, and a lot of other women in her situation, such circumstances were not unusual. The Gilbert descendants have made honest and comfortable lives for themselves and contributed to the progress of this country.

Today Mary Gilbert is celebrated as *The Mother of Melbourne* and one of our early pioneers.

Anne Bevis
and
Carol Stals
Committee Member, Glen Eira Historical Society

This article was a talk given to the Port Phillip Pioneers Group by Anne Bevis and written by Carol Stals based on their combined research.

AILSA O'CONNOR, SCULPTOR

Ailsa O'Connor studied at RMIT and worked as a painter and then draughtsperson before taking up sculpture full time in the 1970s. Throughout her life, she was active in a number of organisations that sought to achieve equality for women, such as the Women's Progressive Movement. The sculpture was exhibited in 1975 and subsequently purchased by the City of Melbourne.

It was unveiled by the Lady Mayoress, Barbara Walker, on 26 November 1975. O'Connor's interest in feminism and women's history is apparent in this work, which in part carries the inscription: 'Mary gave birth to a son, the first white child born in the Port Phillip settlement, on 29 December 1835. O'Connor claimed of Mary Gilbert that she was a 'sort of proletarian founding mother'.

Ailsa O'Connor (née Donaldson)
(1921 - 1980)

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8th, and during October in Canada, corresponding with the celebration of Persons Day on October 18th.

Women's History Month was first celebrated in Australia in 2000, initiated by Helen Leonard, convenor of the National Women's Media Centre, working with the Women's Electoral Lobby. The organisation of annual Women's History Month celebrations is incorporated as part of the work of the [Australian Women's History Forum](https://awhf.wordpress.com/about-us/) - <https://awhf.wordpress.com/about-us/>.

To celebrate Women's History Month, the Royal Australian Historical Society will highlight Australian women that have contributed to our history in various and meaningful ways.

Click on the link below

<https://www.rahs.org.au/womens-history-month/>

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This March our newsletter acknowledges Women's History Month. I have nearly finished a very interesting biography of Katharine Susannah Prichard (1883 - 1969), *The Red Witch* by Nathan Hobby, published in 2022. Nathan visited GEHS back in 2015 to undertake research for his thesis, now a book.

Katharine was a celebrated writer, journalist, activist and founding member of the Communist Party of Australia. Some of you may have read her classic novel *Coornadoo*. Katharine lived most of her early life in North Rd, Caulfield, at her maternal grandparents house *Clareville* and then a couple of doors down at *Korovuna* at 401 North Road. She attended Armadale State School and later South Melbourne College from 1898 - 1902. Her friends Hilda Bull (a neighbour in North Rd), Nettie Higgins and Christian Jollie Smith were all prominent women of the time. Katharine married Victoria Cross winner Hugo Throssell in 1919 and they left Melbourne for Western Australia, where Katharine lived until her death in 1969. You can read Nathan's 2015 newsletter article about Katharine on our website <https://www.gehs.org.au/latest-news-copy-2/>

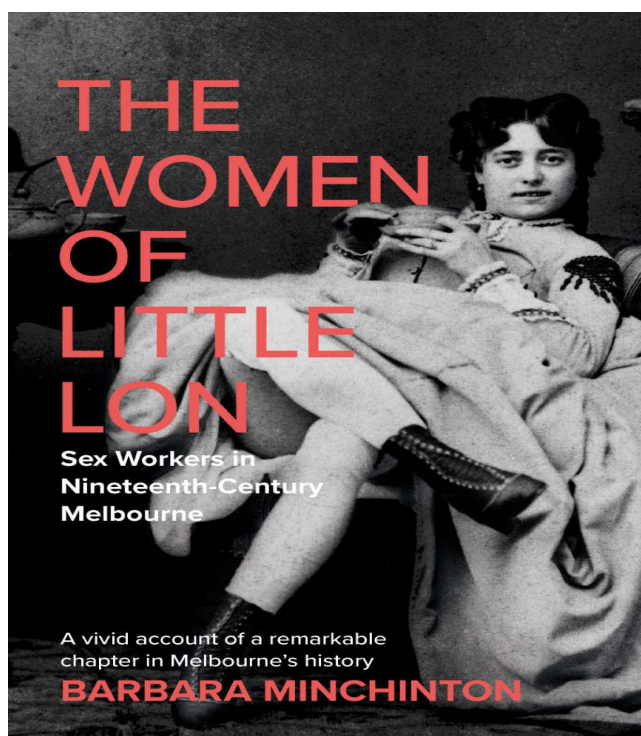
Our volunteers are back working in the office on Tuesdays and some continue to work from home. Some of our projects in 2023 will be - writing a history of GEHS to mark 50 years, cataloguing a backlog of items and artefacts onto the Victorian Collections site and preparing for a related exhibition in September/October. Our ongoing work of providing research on houses and people, keeping abreast of heritage issues, publishing a newsletter, updating our website, caring for artefacts and more, continues.

Finally, we are again asking members to consider joining our Committee. We find ourselves an unusually small committee of three at present. We usually meet monthly via Zoom and you are welcome to join as an observer and see what's involved before committing. Please consider supporting our work by joining our Committee.

Barbara Hoad
President, Glen Eira Historical Society



WOMEN OF LITTLE LON



Above: Barbara Minchinton's book, *The Women of Little Lon*, published by Black Inc. (2021).

The final in the GEHS Speakers series for 2022 was held on Wednesday 23 November at the Murrumbeena Bowls Club and attended by more than 30 members and guests. Certainly a motivating title did no harm. We were privileged to have such an excellent presentation by Barbara Minchinton the author of the Community History prize award winning *The Women of Little Lon* as she took us through the Melbourne of the 1870s and '80s.

Barbara expertly took us through the research she used to dissect the prostitution industry centred in, and around Little Lonsdale Street. This included evidence from an extensive archaeological dig, exhaustive searching through documents at the PRO including Titles search and court proceedings, as well as newspaper records from the more scurrilous "rags." Joining the dots was not easy.

Unlike more conventional historical research the main actors in the prostitution industry did not keep memoirs or diaries of their activities.

We learned that for many of the prostitutes the industry, which, incidentally, was a legal activity during the period, was frequently a means of economic survival or a means of achieving economic and social independence in a very patriarchal society. At the bottom end there were the single mothers obtaining sufficient money to feed children and keep a roof over the family's head. For others a day's "work" paid more than that offered for a week of drudgery as a live-in domestic servant. Others were enabled to dress, dine out and attend social events like the theatre and the Melbourne Cup in style.

At the very top there were the entrepreneurs such as Madame Brussels having contacts with the rich and powerful, while busily earning sufficient business income for a valuable property portfolio.

In addition, it was women who were sought out to provide allied respectable support services such as laundry cooking, food supplies, with dressmaking, drapery and furniture and fittings. These fellow business women were less likely to be distracted during business dealings and fairer in their business negotiations with the "Madams". Together they formed a sisterhood of complementary, profitable business interests.

It is interesting to note that a century later, after prostitution was again legalised, the City of Caulfield was to receive rates from a 20th Century version of "Madame Brussels" – "The Daily Planet" brothel in Elsternwick which was we were led to believe equally luxurious, but with décor less "Victorian". Now "The Daily Planet" is past history, we can only turn to Committee member, Carol Stals, who took advantage of a community "Open Day" to visit this famous Horne Street establishment for the true picture.

Barbara finished her talk with three postscripts. We learned how the visiting Duke of Edinburgh, a son of Queen Victoria, having expressed certain needs, arranged the Police Commissioner to personally inspect a suitable establishment, escort the royal visitor there and back to his ship. It seems also that the parliamentary mace never disappeared into a brothel but was just a straight larceny.

As for the rumoured tunnel from Parliament House to Little Lon, just a furphy after a guided visit to the cellars of Parliament House, courtesy of former MP, Fiona Patten.

Finally after a number of questions were answered, the evening drew to a close. It was clear that only a gifted historian and meticulous researcher could have given this subject its proper context. Barbara was then suitably thanked by our President, Barbara Hoad.

Neville Daynes

Member Volunteer, Glen Eira Historical Society

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

We were delighted to accept a box of folders, papers and magazines delivered to GEHS recently by long term member Fay Johnson and her husband Graeme. Fay, a Murrumbeena resident since 1964, is now retired but her early love of history and geography led to a 30 year career in historical and genealogical research. Fay was involved in many historical groups; a speaker at Genealogical Seminars and Conferences, a researcher for the TV series *Eureka Stockade* (1982) and *Anzacs* (1983). She provided research for authors and the documentary film *Lasseter's Bones* (2013), as well as research for family historians.

This donation includes printed copies of Murrumbeena house and land auction brochures and newspaper advertisements from the 1980s onwards, real estate agent flyers, Caulfield Council flyers for community events and holiday programs, Murrumbeena Baptist Church Christmas Carols programs and church flyers, Neighbourhood Watch bulletins, Heritage Australia magazines and National Trust magazines from the 1980s.

Fay's Murrumbeena material, particularly the six folders relating to Murrumbeena real estate, will be an extremely valuable resource for researchers and visitors to our Society. Thank you Fay!



Above: Fay Johnson's research material (GEHS collection).

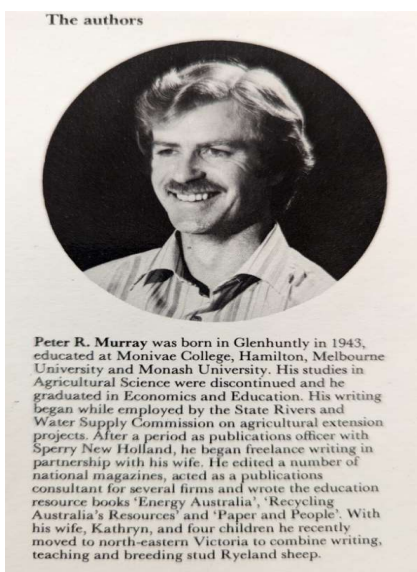


Above: Graeme and Fay Johnson (image courtesy of Fay Johnson).

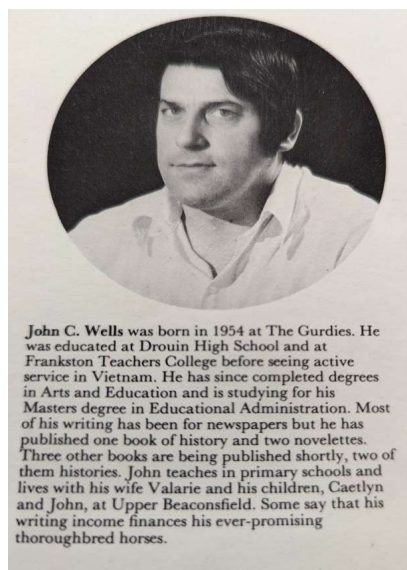


Above: National Trust Magazines (GEHS collection).

PETER MURRAY CO-AUTHOR, *FROM SAND, SWAMP AND HEATH*



Above: Peter Murray short biography
(Source: *From sand, swamp and heath...A History of Caulfield* (1980)).



Above: John Wells short biography
(Source: *From sand, swamp and heath...A History of Caulfield* (1980)).

As those familiar with the resources for Glen Eira's history know, one of our key books is the 1980 publication *From sand, swamp and heath... A History of Caulfield*. It remains important albeit being over forty years old.

Volunteers working in office were understandably very happy to have the opportunity to meet Peter Murray when he visited our office recently. Peter co-authored the book with colleague John C Wells. About twenty years ago, Caulfield Historical Society benefitted from Peter donating all his research, photos and papers relating to the book. As Glen Eira Historical Society, we continue to find treasures in that material for all kinds of research questions arising.

Peter shared with us some of the background to putting the book together after he and John responded to an advertisement looking for writers of history. The City of Caulfield wanted to have Caulfield's history documented. Mayor Max Blair, marvellous support to Peter and this project, was keen for a well designed book like a coffee table book. The Mayor actively helped by sharing pieces of the story along the way.

No doubt the Mayor's interest opened doors at the Town Hall. Peter even explored underneath Caulfield Town Hall via a trap door to find maps, Rate Books, some Council Minutes and a bunch of large glass negatives of Caulfield Grammar.

The project took longer than expected, as often happens. When complete, 20 copies of the book were in calf-skin covers to be given to Councillors, Lady Hamer and Sir Rupert Clarke. Otherwise, 500 copies were printed in the first run with \$0.20 per copy sold going to Peter and John, on top of their commissioned hours - no contract back then.

It wasn't until Peter retired after a long and successful teaching career in Wangaratta that he took on any more big writing projects. In the last ten years, he has completed another two book projects. He is now researching his family history, hence his visit to our area. He himself was born at the Devon Private Hospital in Glen Huntly and his mother and her parents lived on Thomas Street. We are very grateful to Peter and John for the book they created and so pleased that Peter could spend time with us to talk about those times and this huge project, so well done.

Anne Kilpatrick
Secretary and Vice-President, Glen Eira Historical Society



Left: Peter Murray,
November 2022
(GEHS collection)

AN EXAMPLE OF RESEARCH BY GEHS MEMBERS:

494 GLEN HUNTLY, ELSTERNWICK

(NOW CABRINI SPECIALIST CENTRE)

A HISTORY OF THE HOUSE AND SOME OF ITS RESIDENTS

William Galley and Jane Ada Watson and family

William Galley Watson and his wife Jane Ada Watson (Willis) appear to be the first owners of the house that is now Cabrini Specialist Centre at 494 Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick. William is listed in the Shire of Caulfield rate books in 1882 as the owner of a brick house of 8 rooms in Glen Huntly Rd which we presume to be the current building at 494 (230 in old numbering) Glen Huntly Rd. We are unable to confirm the exact date the house was built but probably c1882.

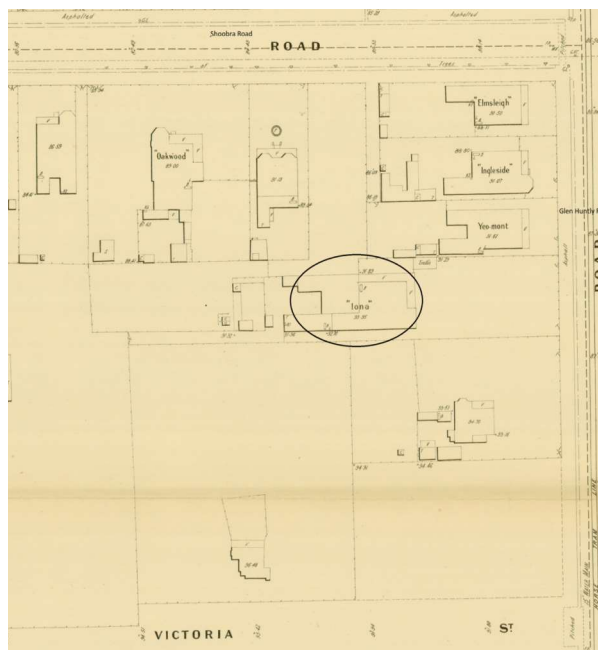
From at least 1900 the house was known as *Iona* presumably after the small island on the west coast of Scotland. An MMBW map dated 1905 shows *Iona* and neighbouring houses *Yeomont*, *Ingleside* and *Elmsleigh*. *Iona* has a return verandah, two baths, two closets or toilets, a kitchen sink and laundry.

In 1903 the sewers reached the Elsternwick area, greatly reducing the danger of typhoid. *The Argus* newspaper reported in 1908:

RB Whitaker, Architect of 207 Collins St invites tenders for house drainage and sewerage connections to "Iona" Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield. Telephone 787.

William, an accountant and manager, worked for Dalgety & Co., wool brokers and stock and station agents in Australia and New Zealand. He and Jane had three daughters and three sons.

Two of William and Jane's sons LG Watson (Louis) and GW Watson (Guy) are pictured below, members of the 1906 champion Iona Hockey Team (Elsternwick), later the Elsternwick Hockey Team. It was noted in the Melbourne *Punch* 1909 that the Watson family attended the Elsternwick Hockey Club Dance at the Brighton Town Hall with Miss Muriel Watson looking "particular nice in a spotted net gown with scarlet in her hair".



Above: MMBW map of *Iona* (1905) (GEHS collection).



Above: the Iona Hockey Team (Elsternwick)
Punch 1 November 1906, page 14.

There is an interesting medical connection to the house through William and Jane's daughter Beatrice who trained at the Children's Hospital and enlisted in February 1916 in the Australian Army Nursing Service. Beatrice served in WWI but sadly died of a cerebral hemorrhage in Egypt in June 1916. She is buried at Ismailia War Memorial Cemetery in Egypt.

William and family lived at *Iona* until around 1917 when the house was sold to Dr Percy Shelton.

Dr Percy and Mrs Lily Shelton

In June 1917, it was reported in *The Argus* that Dr Percy Shelton of Elsternwick had purchased William Watson's house *Iona*, Glenhuntly Road, a few doors below his present residence. The house, renamed *Illawarra* remained in the hands of Dr Shelton until his death in 1955.

A description of the house can be found in a sale notice in *The Argus* 2 October 1915: *a superior brick villa, set back from Glenhuntly Rd with a large garden of lawn and flowers and room for a tennis court at the rear.*

IONA GLENHUNTLY ROAD, ELSTERNWICK (A Little East of Shooobra Road) SUPERIOR BRICK VILLA with LARGE ALLOTMENT

C.J. and T. HAM are instructed to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, as above, all that piece of land having a frontage of 66 feet to the south side of Glenhuntly road, by a depth of 489 feet 10 inches, together with the superior brick villa residence thereon, containing drawing room (21ft 6in x 15ft), dining-room (24ft x 15ft), morning room, 5 bedrooms, dressing-room, kitchen, servant's room, bathroom, dairy, and every convenience.

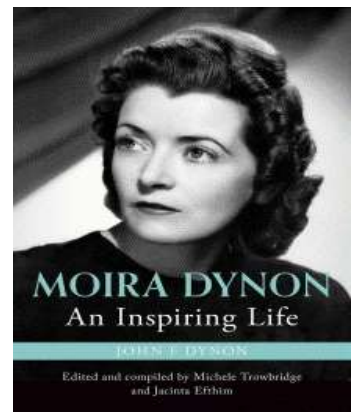
The house stands well back from the road within a garden of lawns and flowers, and ample space is available for tennis-court at the rear.

The situation is excellent; on electric tram route, convenient to shops, churches, and Elsternwick railway station, and is a desirable position for a professional man.

The Prahran Telegraph 8 November 1919 reported on Dr Percy G. Shelton and Miss Lily Johnston's wedding on 16th October, at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Manby, assisted by Father Collins, of Elsternwick. The married couple returned from their honeymoon in the Blue Mountains to reside at *Illawarra*, at 230 Glen Huntly Rd.

The couple had three daughters and two sons. A son was born at nearby Hopetoun Hospital, (now the Lisa Thurin Women's Health Centre, Cabrini Elsternwick) in 1923 and a daughter in 1924. Daughter Moira, born in 1920, completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne and was a Flight Officer in the WAAAF (Women's Auxiliary Australian Air Force) during WWII, involved in chemical warfare activities.

Right: Moira Dynon (nee Shelton) – eBook *Moira Dynon - An Inspiring Life* by John Dynon (Published March 2020 by Jacinta Efthim)



eBook: <https://www.scribd.com/book/506974167/Moira-Dynon-An-Inspiring-Life>



Above: decorative angel plaster motif, internal detail, Cabrini Specialist Centre (Image courtesy of Phyllis De Palma).

Dr Percy and Mrs Lily Shelton (continued)

The 1880s Victorian house we think was remodelled, possibly in the 1930s in the Georgian revival style. Note the window arches, the mock brickwork on the corners and the use of stucco. The oval stained glass window above the entrance features an S for Shelton (refer to image below).



Above: lead light window at Cabrini Specialist Centre - image courtesy of Phyllis De Palma (Cabrini staff member).

Sourced from Trove:

Death of Doctor

Dr Percy Gerald Shelton, of Glenhuntly Rd, Elsternwick, died in Mount Saint Evin's Hospital yesterday after a brief illness. He was 64. Dr Shelton had practised in Elsternwick for more than 40 years.

All his life he was keenly interested in sport. He was a member of the VRC, the VATC, the MCC, Albert Park Rowing Club, and was honorary medical officer to the Victorian Rowing Association. He was also a member of the Elsternwick Club. He was a former surgeon commander, in the RANVR.

Dr Shelton is survived by his wife, three daughters and a son. Another son lost his life while serving with the RAAF in England in 1945.

Following a Requiem Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Orrong Rd, Elsternwick, at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the funeral will leave for Kew Cemetery.

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.: 1848 - 1957), Monday 31 October 1955, page 7.



Left: interior entrance - image courtesy of Phyllis De Palma (Cabrini staff member).

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Dr D.H Harris

From 1960 to at least 1970 Dr David H Harris lived at 494-498 Glen Huntly Rd. In 1970 there were doctors next door at 492 Glen Huntly Rd, Dr T.V. Thomas and Dr M. Thomas. Phyllis de Palma, a current Cabrini staff member recalls Dr Harris:

I have a personal connection to this building (Cabrini at 494 Glen Huntly Rd) and the GP Dr David Harris who was my family doctor. I lived in a milk bar at 478 Glen Huntly Rd during the mid-1960s. My earliest recollection as a three year old was 'Dr Harry' stitching up my scalp after a tin of peaches fell off the shelf and onto my head! I remember my mother frantically running with me along Glen Huntly Rd.

His clinic was the front office on the right hand side on the ground floor. His clinic is now an office and has not changed at all since then.

Glenrest Private Hospital

In 1974 Glenrest Private Hospital is listed at 494 Glen Huntly Rd with Sister B Howson, as Matron. She may have lived onsite. Glenrest was in operation until at least 2000 and possibly later.

We have focused on the early history of the house and are not sure what happened between 2000 and 2010 when the building was sold for \$5.7million.

<https://www.onthefhouse.com.au/property/vic/elsternwick-3185/494-glen-huntly-rd-elsternwick-vic-3185-8120762>

Any history for the years since 2000 would be welcome and can be emailed to gehs@optusnet.com.au.

Research by Glen Eira Historical Society
(Undertaken for Phyllis Di Palma, Cabrini)



Above: Cabrini Specialist Centre today, 2023 (Image courtesy Barbara Hoad).

HERITAGE MATTERS

Caulfield Racecourse successfully nominated for Victorian heritage protection

On 20 February 2023, Caulfield Racecourse was added to the Victorian Heritage Register by the Heritage Council of Victoria (HCV).

The 3 day hearing in November, which included a site visit to the Racecourse which we and other submitters attended, gave the HCV much to consider in their decision. The decision was delivered before the end of the Interim Protection Order (IPO) on 28 February 2023.

Our submissions certainly benefited from the expert historian evidence by Dr Andrew Lemon - much gratitude to him as it is always gruelling to prepare, deliver and then be questioned as an expert witness. Our allies in this, notably the Glen Eira Environment Climate Action Network (GECAN) and a group of Melbourne Racing Club members, delivered excellent submissions and support throughout this whole nomination process - it has been great to work with them.

The decision by the HCV Committee that Caulfield Racecourse satisfies 5 of the possible 8 Criteria is very welcome and will provide ongoing heritage

protection with a requirement for all future changes to be subject to approval by Heritage Victoria.

This will be via the Heritage Permit and Permit Exemptions processes where major changes must be publicly advertised and be open to scrutiny.

Clearly though, the legal position for when an IPO is in place that allowed the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) to submit and receive decisions on Heritage Permits (through Heritage Victoria) before this decision was made by the independent Heritage Council of Victoria is counterproductive. The approved Heritage Permits have made significant changes to some of the very fabric that the bid for registration was endeavouring to save. Legally (and unfortunately for us), the HCV has no role to play in the decision-making around those Heritage Permits etc., which doesn't make sense.

We and others are still assessing the detail of the decision and what future action may be necessary.

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Left: Hiskens Stand image ca1927 from SLV - titled Stand at Caulfield Racecourse at time of construction (Photographer Algernon Darge).

Broadly speaking, the positives (all very much worth celebrating!) include that:

- the Heritage Registration covers all the Crown land in the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve;
- inclusion of “all the land, all soft and hard landscape features, plantings, trees, all buildings (interior and exterior structures, works and fixtures); and
- a Permit or Permit Exemption from Heritage Victoria is required for any works in that area of land apart from some works and activities included by the HCV in their decision.

The negatives include that:

- the extent of the registration was not expanded to include all the freehold land – this means that stables such as the historic Community Stables are not heritage protected;
- the work approved/allowed under the Heritage Permits and Permit Exemptions granted to date show that big changes that affect and possibly remove heritage features may still occur; and
- the MRC has not been a great custodian in recognising the heritage value of Caulfield likely to continue to push hard for all the changes they seek.

Here's the link to the Decision:

<https://heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/registrations-reviews/registration-decisions/>



Left: magnificent Moreton Bag fig tree at Heatherbrae, 73 Neerim Rd, Caulfield (GEHS collection)

PLANNING AMENDMENTS SUMMARY

Planning Scheme Amendment C251 expands Heritage Places and Precincts

<https://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/about-council/meetings-and-agendas/council-agendas-and-minutes/ordinary-council-meeting-wednesday-8-february-2023>

(click on Item 8.5 in the Agenda)

Councillors voted unanimously for this at their 8/2/2023 meeting, asking the Minister of Planning to authorise the next step of advertising for public submissions. GEHS emailed Councillors in support of the Amendment so we are pleased with the progress to date.

It expands heritage precinct HO90 Balaclava Road Victorian Group in Caulfield North, adds some trees for heritage protection at Heatherbrae HO46 and Glenmoore HO59, updates some existing Statements of Significance as well as other minor updates to existing Heritage Overlays. At the moment, details can only be viewed via the link above to the Council Agenda. Great reading.

10-16 Selwyn Street Elsternwick

(re Woolworths' entity Fabcot Pty Ltd)

In response to a resident's question at Council's meeting of 8/2/2023 about amended plans as required by VCAT, the CEO advised that:

"The permit holder for the site at 10-16 Selwyn Street, Elsternwick, has submitted amended plans to address the requirements of the various conditions of the planning permit. Officers are currently reviewing their compliance with the conditions of the permit. A copy of the plans will be available to view in accordance with legislative requirements when they are endorsed. The plans have not been endorsed at this stage."

It seems that the only way to stay informed about these amended plans is to contact Council's Planning Team – please feel free to do so, as will GEHS.

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PLANNING AMENDMENTS SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

Draft Elsternwick Structure Plan

GEHS provided comments during the public consultation period ending 16/12/2022 along with many others. We are concerned about the proposed building heights for reasons including:

- St Clements Church would be adjacent to proposed heights of 12 storeys on one side and 8 storeys on another;
- Mandatory height of no more than 4 storeys is needed in the heritage retail shops area along Glenhuntly Road rather than the mandatory 5 storeys proposed; and
- heights need to be stated in metres so as to be strong, clear and precise – very important from our experience with VCAT and difficulties with the current Glen Eira Planning Scheme.

Other issues we raised:

- the *Elsternwick Built Form Framework* is a key document referred to in the Draft but this has not been made public or gone through any public consultation that we know of - so this needs to be at least made public;
- use of the Winter Solstice for the south side of Glen Huntly Road as the key indicator of solar access when setting the appropriate heights for future development on the north side of Glen Huntly Road; and
- there is no mention of the proposed Amendment C239 *glen* (Heritage Overlays/Precincts in Elsternwick South) and the impact of its heritage assessments on the draft Elsternwick Structure Plan.

This Draft is now scheduled to return to Council for adoption in June 2023.

There are other Draft Structure Plans in progress – too much detail for this edition.

We are advised that the Glen Eira Heritage Review of Caulfield East and Glen Huntly will be reported to Council in May 2023.



Above: St Clement's Anglican Church, 205 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick 2023 - view looking north east (GEHS Collection).



Above: St Clement's Anglican Church, 205 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick 2023 - view looking south east (GEHS Collection).

EVENTS

Glen Eira Historical Society Movie night

Movie, *Empire of Light*
Classic Cinema Elsternwick
23 March 2023 at 6pm (approximately)

A talk by Jenny O'Donnell on *Heatherbrae*

Bentleigh Library May 2023
More details to follow

Murrumbeena Bowls Club 100 year anniversary

May 2023
More details to follow

GEHS Exhibition at Glen Eira City Council Gallery Two

Musical Notes from Glen Eira
7 September - 1 October 2023



Above: Heatherbrae, 73 Neerim Rd, Caulfield, built circa-1876 (GEHS collection).



March 2023 Newsletter Editorial team

Neville Daynes, Joy Mawbey and Adriana Konidaris

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