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## INTRODUCTION & WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our April 2021 edition of Past Matters.

I am very happy to advise the following new members have joined our Society since the last newsletter – Helen and Leanne Blain, John and Jan Chapman, Nick and Fiona Haywood, Kathrine Simpson and David and Kathy Walters. Welcome to the Camperdown & District Historical Society.

In this edition, you will find Part 2 of Clive Allen-Paisley's article about Jackie Clark, the Camperdown-born cyclist who won the 1904 Austral wheelrace and then became a superstar in US six-day bike racing. Part 1 appeared in our January 2021 newsletter. Thanks again Clive for chronicling Jackie Clark's incredible life in Australia and the US.

As well as Gillian Senior's report on Lyle Tune's talk on Camperdown's Public Park, we also conclude Jan Whamond's very interesting article about her ancestor Quinton Bone, which appeared in our last newsletter, along with Maree Belyea's intriguing Hidden Treasures story, continued from our July 2020 edition.

Gillian Borrack (née Nicholls) is a longtime Melbourne friend of mine. When I moved to the Stony Rises in 2006, Gillian told me she had been born in Camperdown, when her father was a teacher at the Camperdown Higher Elementary School. John Nicholls lived and taught at Camperdown from 1937-41, before enlisting in the Royal Australian Air Force. In his 1980s reminiscences, he tells of his time at Camperdown, which he enjoyed very much. As the Camperdown College intends to celebrate the Centenary of secondary education at the Wilson Street campus on 16-17 October 2021, we will include extracts from John Nicholls' very interesting reminiscences in our July 2021 newsletter.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

*Rob Wuchatsch, President.*

**SPECIAL WEEKEND EVENT - 22ND & 23RD MAY**

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## JACKIE CLARK - CYCLIST - PART 2

Our last edition of "Past Matters" contained the first instalment of the Jackie Clark story, written by Clive Allen-Paisley, a relative of the world famous cyclist.

In this edition, we publish a further excerpt – taking Jackie's career from 1906 up to 1911, when he had become a world champion in the gruelling six-day races in U.S.A.

### Off to U.S.A.

"By hard work and I presume natural ability, I gradually climbed the ladder of success. But like most young sportsmen I had the itch to travel- to gain experience and perhaps wealth.

Floyd McFarland who in 1905, tried to induce me to go to America under his wing, renewed his proposition with the result that I decided to enter into a contract with him. Then followed the boat trip to America. I could not get there quickly enough. Reaching the Salt Lake City board track, where the sport was booming, I was heralded as the "Kangaroo Rocket" and the American cycling promoters and officials gave me a wonderful reception.

By clean living and correct coaching, it did not take the Australian boy long to get used to the changed conditions and fast board tracks.

It was not long before I was put back to the honoured mark of scratch with Iver Lawson and Frank Kramer." [Jackie had graduated to world class.] You have no idea how proud I felt when I took my place on the line with these aces.

"I decided it was better that I should study their tactics and generally size them up rather than adopt wild tactics to crash into the limelight- perhaps at the expense of my reputation.

Gradually I gained confidence and the sporting writers paid me some nice tributes referring to my "nippy" sprint and my heady riding. Against America's best I made a good showing and the experience I gained was worth much to me."

### Thrills and Risks of 6-Day Cycle Races

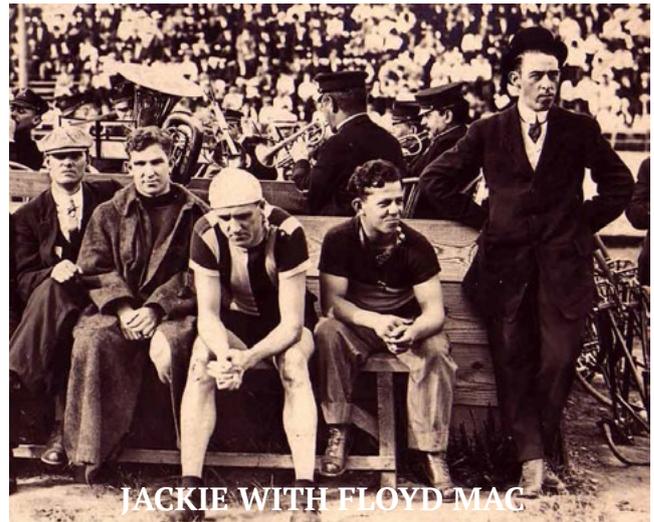
"Well do I remember when I was sailing for America in 1906, my then manager and racing partner Floyd McFarland, said to me one day: "Say Jackie, what about trying your hand at six-day racing when you get to the States?" I nearly fainted in the thought of having to ride for a week almost on end.

"Do you think that I am a six-day clock, just to be wound up to go?" I said in astonishment. "That's exactly what I mean—you are a machine and I darn well know it," replied the American. I then turned the conversation to other forms of riding, but each time McFarland returned to the topic. He had been planning big things for me."

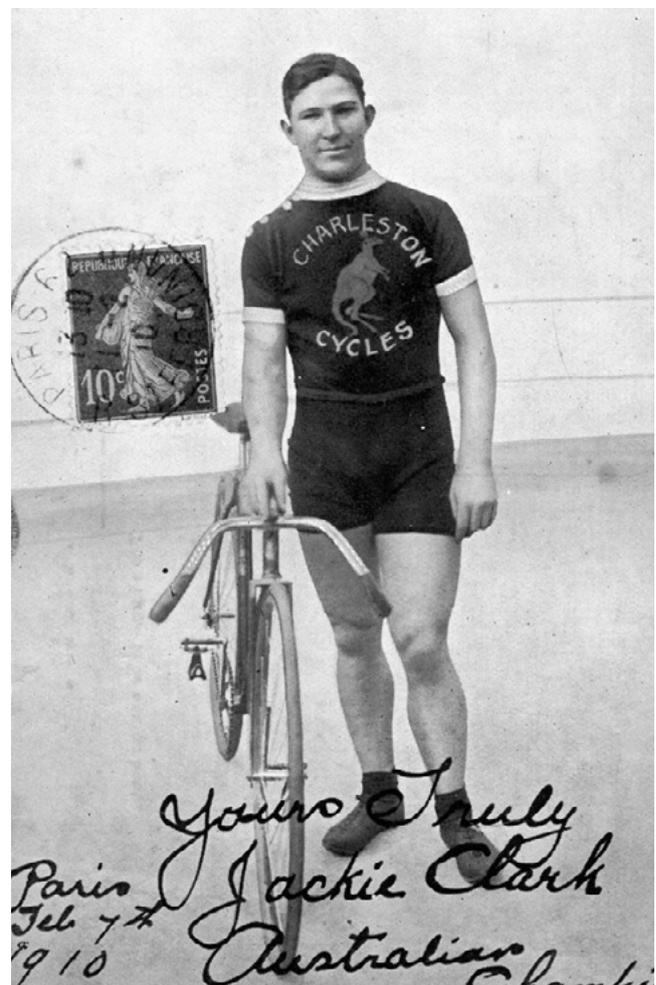
"Only those who have witnessed the spectacular six-day races staged on the indoor tracks in U.S.A. and, Europe

can appreciate the thrills provided by the cycling aces, the "iron men" of the track. A six-day race is one that calls for a rare combination of speed and endurance powers, necessitating months of hard and serious training for a weeks cycling grind that saps up one's physical and mental energy and calls for strength of character as well as ability."

"Apart from any natural ability I possessed I firmly believe that my healthy life on the farm as a youth stood me in good stead."



JACKIE WITH FLOYD MAG



## FIRST TASTE OF "SIXERS"

"On my arrival in America in 1906 from Australia, I began to concentrate on six-day racing, for which good money was offered in prizes as well as big appearance fees."

"Showing good form in America on the track. McFarland decided that my colleague, Ernie Pye and I should ride as an Australian team in 1906 New York Six-Days' race."

Having undergone a searching preparation, we gave a great account of ourselves. Eddie Root and Joe Fogler, winners of the 1905 event, were again victorious. and covered 2292.2 miles during the week. McFarland and Walter Rutt were third and we were sixth. The first six teams, covered the same mileage, which meant that six of us engaged in the final sprint, which went to Root.

I became a 'headliner' and promoters starred me as the "Kangaroo Rocket." My stocks soared high when, in November of 1909, I won the 24-hour race staged on the Buffalo Cycle Velodrome, against a select field. I was more or less at a premium—especially later on when I downed Frank Kramer, prince of American peddlers in track events."

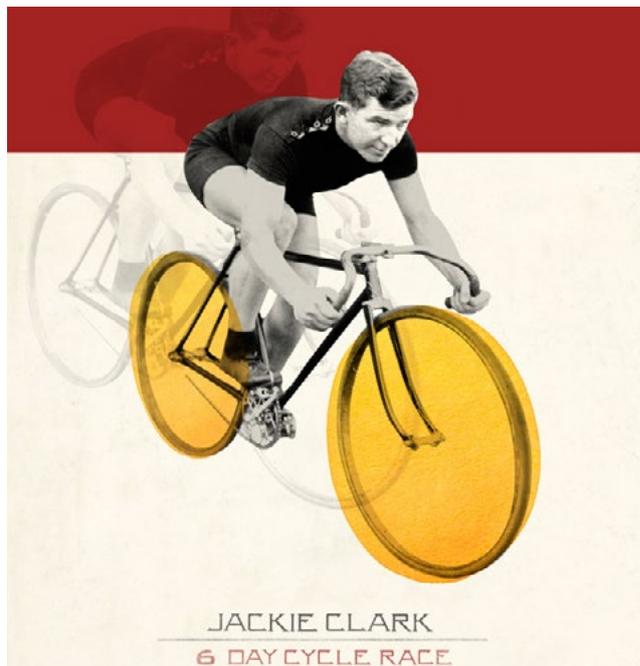
"Then came the memorable 1909 event."

### 1st New York

"Shall I ever forget it! Originally I teamed with my old colleague Floyd McFarland and among those we opposed were Walter Rutt (Germany) and John Stoll (Holland), who, the previous year, were runners-up to McFarland and Moran. Because of falls and other mishaps McFarland and Stoll dropped out, with the result that Rutt and I were permitted to re-team. This meant that we were penalized a lap which called for furious and heady riding. But we were equal to the task and before the final day we had regained that and went on to win the big money."

"The New York sports palace - Madison Square Garden - fairly shook with applause and 30,000 people yelled themselves hoarse with excitement as I flashed over the line a winner,. In my final sprint over the line, I was half unconscious....I appeared to be deaf ....and could hear bells ringing....perspiration rolled off my forehead in big beads....and then from the roaring crowd I was carried shoulder high to the dressing room. I was still in half a trance."

"You son of a gun. Didn't I tell yer on the boat coming from Australia in 1906 that you were a machine, and would be a six-day rider." "These were the words of my manager, and team-mate. Floyd McFarland. They re-echoed and re-echoed and then I tumbled asleep. I had used up every ounce of energy. When I awoke sometime later I found that someone had "souvenired" my racing singlet with the kangaroo emblazoned on it. I was concerned because it was my mascot. But it turned up the next day. McFarland had loaned it to a girl who attended a sportsmen's ball that night to celebrate the end of the big cycle race, and which I did not attend."



### 1st BERLIN

"Offered a princely sum to go to Berlin in 1910. Walter Rutt and I cleaned up things by winning in great style and covering 2330 miles 154 yards, as a comparison with 2660 miles 176 yards in New York the previous year."

### 2nd New York

"Riding with tons of confidence and dash, McFarland and I were fancied for the 1910 New York "sixer" in which Walter Rutt (my former partner) teamed with the Dutchman, Stoll."

"It was one of the most dramatic six-day races ever staged at "The Garden." In the third day five of the twelve teams had been lapped. There was constant jamming all day. Rutt and Stoll were two laps in arrears, while McFarland and I were a lap behind. This caused consternation."

"With the withdrawal of McFarland and Stoll the following day. Rutt and I were permitted to amalgamate. Then the fun began. By frantic riding I was able to gain half of the lap McFarland and I had lost but Walter Rutt was feeling the strain, and could not carry on."

"On the fifth day - between midnight and 6 a.m.- we treated 10,000 onlookers who were dozing in their seats, to some of the most frantic sprinting ever witnessed in a six-day race."

"Rutt and I got the whips out. Riding of all varieties was furnished - from fast sprinting down to stalling, and even almost pushing riders off their wheels. The fun started at 1 a.m. when we stampeded, and gained a lap on the rest of the field, and again in the morning at 6.00. We were thus able to draw on level terms with the leaders."

At times the sprinting was so fast and furious that the lap scorers became confused. Paddy Hehir, another Australian, who associated with Alf Goullelt, the Tasmanian was doing a great job. They were in the front division."

*"In the last few hours before the race finished, we rode ourselves to a standstill and in the final sprint, the Root-Moran combination won narrowly from Rutt and myself."*

*"Do not think me over-boastful when I say that I was now recognized as one of the best six-day riders in the world. Money was coming in plentifully, and, we lived the life, enjoying things as they came, and remembering we would not always be young."*

### 3rd New York

*"The sport was booming and the six-day races had a big public appeal attracting thousands from all sections of the community. The 1911 New York "Sixer" was a fair "corker." There was a classy field, including Frank Kramer who was linked up with Moran, while I had Joe Fogler as my team-mate.*

*By consistent riding Fogler and I kept our rivals at bay, and having gained a lap lead midway through the week's grind, we stalled off the opposition. I remember Frank Kramer's face as I sprinted with him. He realised that he was up against a tough proposition but we stalled off his challenges."*

*"In the last few hours Kramer tried to make up lost ground but we were not to be denied, and were acclaimed the winners."*

*"The demonstration was remarkable. In spite of the fact that I had beaten America's idol Kramer, onlookers lauded me as if I was one of their own."*

*"I got a great "kick" out of the victory, much more than I did when Rutt and I won the 1909 event and the Berlin race in 1910."*

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*There is much more detail about Jackie's further cycling career in the full article which is now available on our website at: <https://camperdownhistory.org.au/research-documents/>*  
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*The article written by Clive Allen-Paisley ends with the following:*

### Post Cycle Racing Career

It is harder to document Jackie's post racing pursuits. As is natural, when you are at the top of your profession, as Jackie was in cycling, newspapers document this very precisely but when you are back to civilian life this of course diminishes.

In December 1922 it was reported in "The Sydney Sportsman" -: "Jackie Clark has again retired from the cycle game. Clark has gone in for selling Studebaker cars in Newark (New Jersey U.S.A) and reports good business. "Jackie holds the record in the way of retirements, even beating some of our local riders."

Another pursuit that Jackie followed was as a boxing manager and brought several boxers out to Australia to fight.

Also in the 30's Jackie was promoting and managing a cycle track in Sydney.

On 1st October 1952 the "Sporting Globe" reported that:- "Jackie's half mile record of 50 2/5 sec still stands. Jackie has recovered from a serious operation and is back at home at Inglewood, California."

Jackie Clark passed away in Santa Barbara, California, U.S.A. His obituary, printed 22 Dec 1958 in the Santa Barbara News

Press:

*"Jack Clark, champion bicycle rider, died at his home, 2801 State St., this morning. "Mr. Clark had been ill for the past two years. He was born in Camperdown, Australia, March 1, 1888, and at the age of 16 became Australian champion. At the time of his death he was world champion for the sprint. "Mr. Clark moved to Los Angeles in 1944 and to Santa Barbara in May of this year. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine Clark.*

*Jackie had re-married after his first wife, Rena, and he divorced.*

### A message from the writer, Clive Allen Paisley

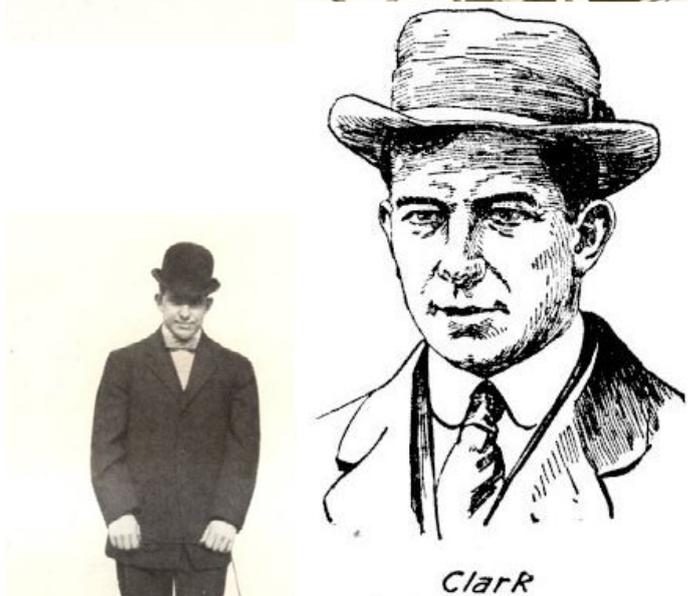
*I hope you have enjoyed reading about the "Camperdown Farmer's Boy" and if you happen to have any stories or any more details, however related, I would really enjoy hearing from you.*

*My email is [cliveallenpaisley@gmail.com](mailto:cliveallenpaisley@gmail.com) and Mob: 0405959111*

### From Camperdown & District Historical Society:

*Many thanks to Clive for sharing this with us and contributing to the history of Camperdown's residents.*

*Article compiled by Gillian Senior*



SPECIAL WEEKEND 22-23 MAY

# A NATURAL HISTORY

**SAT 22nd MAY 1.30-4.30pm**

Local experts will talk about the geology, flora and fauna of Camperdown and district, and how natural and man-made forces have shaped where we live.

*With musical interludes by The Twa Bards*



## SEMINAR & MUSIC EVENT

**Mount Elephant Visitor Information Centre Derrinallum**

A FREE event from Camperdown Community House & Camperdown & District Historical Society with support from the Corangamite Shire

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## NATURAL HISTORY BUS TOUR

\$30pp *(only 22 seats – book early!)*

**SUN 23rd May, 10am – 2pm**

*Departs from Bath street, Camperdown (next to the TheatreRoyal)*

**A guided tour exploring some of the sites covered at the seminar\*.**

**Includes a delicious lunch at "Lake Edge Cafe" Purrumbete.**

Cost: \$30.00 / person covering the cost of lunch and a donation towards the Camperdown and District Historical Society.

All other costs covered by the CIRCLE Effect.

**BUS TOUR BOOKINGS: [camperdownch.com.au/workshops](http://camperdownch.com.au/workshops)**

*\*You are not required to attend the seminar to attend the bus tour, however it would provide a richer experience if you do.*

*Pictured: Mount Elephant c1858, Eugene von Guerard - Pen and ink and wash, 29.9 x 50.2 cm  
Collection: National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne  
Felton Bequest, 1960*

## 'QUINTIN BONE - FATHER & SON' ARTICLE PART 2



QUINTIN BONE C.1889



QUINTIN BONE C.1913

*This article, written by Jan Whamond, appeared in the Genealogical Society of Victoria magazine "Ancestor" in December 2020 and is reproduced with permission of the GSV.*

### **The Lure of Life in Australia Proved to be Irresistible**

Three of Quintin Jr's half brothers, Thomas, James and John Hose, had migrated to Victoria between 1852 and 1855 and I am sure the stories they told in their letters home would have encouraged Quintin to join them when he was old enough.

On the 27 August 1862, at the age of nineteen, Quintin sailed from London on a 'Free Passage' aboard the ship Castle Eden, which arrived at Port Adelaide, South Australia four months later on 26 December. His occupation was shown as Ploughman. In the ship's log his behaviour is described as "insubordinate".

The Castle Eden, with Quintin aboard, was 18 days out of Adelaide when 67 year old Isabella (Duff) Hose died of Typhus Fever on 8 December 1862. It would take many months for the news of her death to reach Quintin and I can only imagine how he would have felt, being so far from home and

receiving the news so long after the event.

South Australia had a chronic labor shortage at the time, so to overcome this the South Australian Government subsidized the cost of the fares of female servants, farm workers, labourers and tradesmen from the sales of Crown Land. The emigrants, such as Quintin, on a free passage signed a surety for £20, which would only be enforced if the emigrant left, or attempted to leave, South Australia in less than two years.

It would seem that Quintin didn't pay much attention to the rules. Eight months after his arrival in Adelaide, J. Cropley of Virginia, near Port Gawler, sent a letter to the Commissioner of Crown Lands advising that Quintin was planning to leave South Australia:

8th August -/63

Sir,

*I write to inform you that an emigrant by the Castle Eden has left this port today with the intention of taking the first steamer for Melbourne. His name is Quintin Bone or Duff, height 5 feet 10 inches, dark eyes & dark complexion (Scotch). Trusting you will excuse the liberty of troubling you, but think there*

*are matters that require to be looked after.*

The Secretary of the Crown Lands & Immigration Office, E.T. Wildman, forwarded the letter to the Chief Secretary with a request that he forward it 'to the constable employed in the Port for detection of absconding emigrants.' The letter was forwarded to the police with the notation 'for the issue of necessary instructions - writer's name to be kept secret'. The final notation, on 13th August 1863, was 'acted on and returned (to Crown Lands Office)'.

What happened after that is a mystery. Did Quintin pay the £20 for leaving early or abscond? The facts I have, indicate that he left South Australia before March 1864, as his name appears in the Unclaimed Letters column of the Government Gazette for this month. The only indication I have of how Quintin came to Victoria is in a letter written in the 1950's by Quintin's daughter, Bella (Bone) Cook, which states that he 'came overland from Adelaide'.

**Quintin joined his half brothers, Thomas and John Hose, who were farming in the Camperdown district in south west Victoria.**

## SARAH BONE CIRCA 1918-1920



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### CDHS RESEARCH REQUESTS

A wide variety of requests have been received from personal visits and phone contact but the majority come from far and wide via email.

Information sought on families included R W Barlow, Bourchier, Edwards/Carson, McKay/Burrows, Pollard and Swan/Swen/Nellson.

Three generations of a branch of the Nicol and Errey families visited Camperdown and the heritage centre over Easter and were thrilled with the resources and information available to pass on. They also met up with family still residing in the town and visited the home where the eldest member of the group was born.

Other visitors include those seeking photographs for books on Saw Mills in the Cobden and Timboon districts and the Railway Stations on the Timboon line, and Dairy Factories and Creameries of south-west Victoria.

Properties researched for new residents are 22 Brooke Street and 32 Leura Street, and general information was provided on "Long Bank".

Research conducted by Maree Belyea

The earliest record I have of him there is from the day-book of one of the pioneer squatters, Dr Daniel Curdie of "Tandarook", near the present day town of Cobden. On 28 September 1864 he wrote: 'Wed. forenoon, Quintin Bone Hose came to my station to work at rate of 15/- per week.'

### Home Sweet Home

Quintin obviously felt at home in south west Victoria, which had a large Scottish population and was very similar to Ayrshire with green rolling hills and reliable rainfall, as he lived there for the rest of his life.

It would appear that Quintin met his future wife, Sarah Jane Kee, whilst they were both working at "Tandarook". Sarah commenced work there as a nurse on 6th June 1866 at the rate of £25 per year.

Sarah (20) and Quintin (24) were married in Camperdown on 17th January 1867. At the time Sarah was the cook at "Tandarook" and Quintin was a labourer. Sarah was the daughter of William Kee and Sarah Johnston, of Stewartstown, Co. Tyrone, Ireland, and had arrived in Melbourne aboard the Morning Light on 26 July 1864 with her twenty one year old sister Arabella.

Quintin and Sarah were blessed with eleven children, ten boys and one girl between 1868 and 1891 including my grandfather, Henry Albert Bone born in 1880.

The couple farmed on properties at South Purrumbete and Bostocks Creek, where they milked cows and raised pigs. The pigs were subsequently sold at the fortnightly Pig Sales in Camperdown. The children were obviously expected to work on the farm also. At the Camperdown Police Court on Thursday 12 July 1888, Quintin was fined 20 shillings for a fourth breach of the Non Attendance clauses of the Education Act.

Quintin Bone died on 14th August 1918 at Nurse Hill's Hospital, Camperdown of Heart Failure, aged 75 and is buried in the Camperdown Cemetery. My father, Albert Leslie Bone, remembered his grandfather as a dignified old man with a strong Scottish accent.

Sarah Bone developed dementia in her later years and died on 23rd April 1920 at the age of 73. About 7 pm on that evening Sarah visited Florence's Chemist shop, having fallen and hurt her ribs. On her way home she lost her way in the dark and wandered into the gravel pit on the Colac Road. Sometime during that cold, wet night Sarah died of exposure. She was found by an 11 year old boy the following afternoon. Sarah is buried with Quintin in Camperdown.

My grandfather, Henry Albert Bone, with his young family moved to an irrigation farm at Murraydale, near Swan Hill, in 1911. I grew up in Swan Hill then moved to Melbourne after finishing school. In late 1999 my husband and I purchased a farm near Camperdown and relocated there in 2000. As far as I am aware, I am now the only descendant of Quintin and Sarah Bone living in the Camperdown district.

Article by Jan Whamond.

*This research is now available on our website at:*

<https://camperdownhistory.org.au/research-documents/>

## AN EASTER TRADITION

Just before Good Friday this year we posted to Facebook that we would be closed on Easter Sunday. To accompany the post, we used a photo from our catalogue of an Easter procession with a cross being carried up Mt. Sugarloaf and we asked for any memories.

We were surprised and pleased by the number of comments – forty in all – and over 1,600 people read it.

We received lots of information and memories and thank **Dale Alexander** for the report he gave us about the event.

Here's what Dale had to say: This photo was possibly the first time the cross was put on Mt Sugarloaf. Over many years the popularity of the event was either lots of people or none. That cross was replaced in the early 70s (we kinda broke it putting it up..) but the wood from that cross was used to make the new cross and placed on an aluminium pole. It lasted until it was smashed by some uncaring people about 17 years ago. As the committee of management didn't want it on Mt Sugarloaf any more it was rebuilt again using the aluminium pole as the cross arm. It now sits to this day on Mt Chronicle, about 200 metres south of its original position, a tradition that dates back 57 years. Happy Easter - Dale Alexander

On checking with Dale, he says the dates 1964 to 2004 may not be perfect but would be pretty close.

Reading some of the many memories and also checking with some locals who took part, it seems that there were variations in how the procession was conducted over the years. Sometimes they visited the different churches, at other times they made the trek straight up the mount.

Here are a few of the comments:

**Denise Gore:** I remember being allowed to follow it up in 1970,



at the age of 10 and was told strictly to adhere to the track. I did but some nasty boys rolled boulders down and one caught me in the knee. Stitches were needed – Mum wasn't too pleased!

**Kaz Saw:** It was still happening in the mid to late 80s. I remember staying at my grandparents and you could see the Mount from their house and I recall my grandmother pointing out the procession occurring.

**Delia Kerr:** My kids took part in The Stations of the Cross in the late 80s I am sure. It was an ecumenical event. We all met at the clock tower and carried the cross to the mount.

**Leon Creece:** I remember taking part in the 70s. The procession would stop at each different church in town before heading up Mt Sugarloaf.

**Marlene Cronin:** Mum and I climbed it every Easter.

**Carol Webb:** I remember helping carry the cross in the mid 60s.

**Barbara Jones:** Yes did this trek with the Anglican Church GFS.

**Delia Kerr:** I went up once with this. They did the stations of the cross along the way. We went up the walking track up the side of Mount Leura. I'm unsure whether we circled behind Mt. Sugarloaf or went up via the track between the two mounts.



Ultimately we cut straight up the side of Mr. Sugarloaf to the top, while the cross-bearers circled around to the top. It's the only time I've ever been to the top of Sugarloaf.

**Kelly Wain:** I thought the cross was taken up by tractor once it got to the mount, but it could be my mind is playing tricks on me. It was a very heavy cross! Couldn't do it now because of OH&S concerns!

**Delia Kerr:** Maybe they did other years. I only ever did it once and the cross was carried by people.



**We'd be very happy to receive any more memories from our members.**

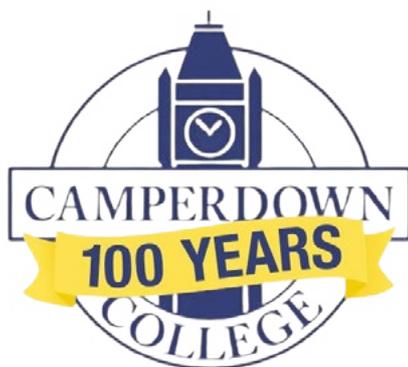
If you think you can add to this story, you can email us at [camperdowndhs@gmail.com](mailto:camperdowndhs@gmail.com) or call in and see us any Tuesday or first Sunday of the month.

We'll be at the Heritage Centre from 10am till 3pm and be very pleased to see you.

Article by Gillian Senior

# 100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AT CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE

There's a special milestone ahead in Camperdown this year; the 100-year celebration of higher education in Camperdown.



Principal Cherie Kilpatrick says to commemorate the centenary,

a celebration is planned for the weekend of the 16th and 17th October, 2021 at the Senior Campus,

the very site secondary education began in Camperdown.

Now known as the Senior Campus of Camperdown College, the Camperdown Higher Elementary School was officially opened on the 14th October, 1921 on a site described as a rock-strewn reserve at the foot of a mount.

Bounded by Wilson Street, Curdie Street, Errey Street and Cobden Road, the then wooden building housed 110 pupils across 4 forms. A devastating fire in 1940 saw that building demolished and replaced with the beautiful multi storey red brick building locals have become familiar with.

100 years later and the school remains an integral part of the Camperdown community and provider of quality state education.

"What we now offer at the college is a strong government education with state of the art programs and facilities to expand on our students' knowledge and personal development," explained Ms Kilpatrick.

"Preparation for the event has already begun and will showcase the evolution of education from 1921 to the present day," explained Ms Kilpatrick.

"There are three parts to the weekends celebrations including an Open Day event from 10am - 3pm on Saturday, an evening event on Saturday night in the AG Daws Hall and a morning walk and breakfast on the Sunday," Ms Kilpatrick said.

As a close-knit community, so very many Camperdown residents have strong links to the College which was previously known as Camperdown Higher Elementary School before merging with the State Primary School in 1995 and forming the P-12 Camperdown College.

The organising committee welcomes everyone to join in the celebration of this historic milestone.

Pictured is Librarian Gabrielle Bellman with a selection of archived items of interest from the College's 100 Year history.

Article by Lauren White

## CDHS VISIT - WITH MAREE BELYEA

Representatives from Camperdown College Wilson Street campus visited to view our resources relating to

Secondary Schools on that site in preparation for the

Centenary celebrations planned for the weekend of

16th and 17th October this year - Higher Elementary School/ High School/ Camperdown College.

If you, family members or friends were students or teachers at this school, have suitable memorabilia or are interested in attending the organizing committee would love to hear from you.

**SAVE THE DATE  
& CELEBRATE  
16-17 OCT 2021  
CAMPERDOWN  
COLLEGE**



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# ROBERT BURNS

## SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

2-3-4 July 2021

*live & virtual*

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AVAILABLE UNTIL 30TH MAY

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**A COVIDSAFE EVENT**

**BURNS FESTIVAL LECTURE PROGRAM - Saturday 3rd July, 10.30 am - 3.30 pm**  
Killara Centre, Camperdown Day ticket \$25.00

10.30 am Dr Andrew Lemon

**The Manifolds, their horses, and the Scottish connection**



The first generation of English Manifold brothers in Australia did not go in for racehorses. The second generation did, with a vengeance. The third generation included 'the Father of the TAB', Sir Chester Manifold, owner-breeder of Arbroath and the champion steeplechaser Crisp. Racing historian Dr Andrew Lemon will explore this trajectory and consider the extent to which neighbouring Western District Scots played a role in developing the Manifold family passion for the horse.

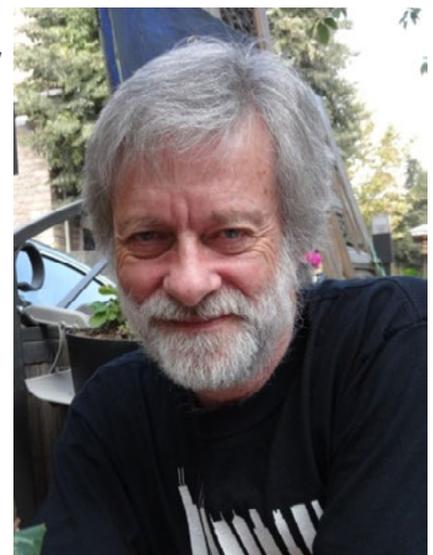
Dr Andrew Lemon is the foremost expert on the history of horse racing in Australia. Andrew has enjoyed a long career as a professional historian, has published books on topics ranging from schools, sport and shipwrecks to biography and local history, and has won several national literary awards. Andrew is consultant historian to the Victoria Racing Club. He has served on Victoria's Heritage Council, the State Library of Victoria Board, and is a past-president of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

11.30 am Dr Iain Buckland

**Dealing with the De'il - Robert Burns as the Exciseman**

In 18th century Scotland alcohol consumption, often in large quantities, was an integral part of all aspects of life for rich and poor. After the union between Scotland and England in 1707, tax was imposed by Westminster on all forms of alcohol, administered by a Scottish Excise Board in Edinburgh. In 1725 a very unpopular malt tax was introduced across Britain increasing the price of malt whisky and ale. An outcome for Scotland was a huge increase in smuggling of illicit whisky from the Highlands to the Lowlands and to England.

Robert Burns, known for rousing drinking poems such as John Barleycorn Must Die and Scotch Drink, opposed these taxes on whisky and wrote a piece including the famous line, "Freedom an' whisky gang thegither!" It is therefore strange that Burns, who lambasted excise officers in his song, The De'il's awa wi' th' Exciseman should apply to be appointed to that role in 1789. This paper examines the growth in illicit whisky distilling and smuggling in Scotland in the late 18th century and Robert Burns' role in attempting to prevent it.



Following a long career as a mechanical engineer, Iain Buckland embarked on a new career exploring a long-held passion for food culture and history. In 2011, Iain completed a Le Cordon Bleu Master of Arts in Gastronomy at the University of Adelaide. This led to an offer from the University to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy in food history which he completed in 2016. Iain and his sculptor wife Julie Edgar both come from families with Scottish connections. This has inspired Iain to ongoing academic and practical interest in the unique culinary traditions of Scotland.

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**1.30 pm Dr Ruth Pullin**

### **Vision and patronage: von Guérard and the Scots of the Western District**

Dr Ruth Pullin is the leading world expert on the paintings and sketch books of the artist, Eugene von Guerard.

Ruth is an independent art historian, curator and von Guérard specialist. She has curated two major exhibitions of von Guérard's work: the Art Gallery of Ballarat's 2018 exhibition, Eugene von Guérard: Artist-Traveller, and, as co-curator, the National Gallery of Victoria's 2011 travelling exhibition, Eugene von Guérard: nature revealed. She was the principal author and editor of the catalogue, Eugene von Guérard: nature revealed. Her most recent book, The Artist as Traveller: The Sketchbooks of Eugene von Guérard was published by the Art Gallery of Ballarat in 2018, along with, as co-author, an annotated collection of von Guérard's letters, translated from Old German. She has held fellowships at the State Library of New South Wales and the State Library of Victoria, her research has been published in Australian and international journals and she presents regularly at national and international symposiums.



**2.30 pm David Jellie**

### **Two Scottish engineers - Telford and McAdam - and their legacy to the World's roads.**

David Jellie commenced work as a structural design engineer with the Victoria's Country Roads Board in 1961. During his early career he managed the design of bridges on the Monash Freeway and the Western Freeway, before he moved to Orbost in East Gippsland to supervise the construction of the bridges across the Snowy River. After this he was appointed the Resident Engineer Bridgeworks on the Hume Freeway between Seymour and Euroa.

He then moved back to Melbourne in 1978 and was appointed the Project Manager of the West Gate Freeway - Victoria's largest infrastructure project at that time. After completion of West Gate, he started on the Western Ring Road.

In 1988, David was seconded from VicRoads by the Victorian Government to assist in the establishment of a Government-owned consulting company - the Overseas Projects Corporation of Victoria (OPCV). This company's mission was to export government expertise to overseas countries. As General Manager of OPCV, he was involved in a wide variety of aid projects in Asia, the Pacific islands, southern Africa and the Middle East.



David also participated in the development of Australian design codes and has written many papers and books - mainly relating to construction and safety in construction. He was appointed an Adjunct Professor at RMIT University.

He retired in 2001 and created his own consulting practice - assisting clients in international development projects and in Australia, advising consortia in tendering for large road infrastructure projects. He finally stopped working in 2015 to concentrate on his real passions - landscape painting, grandchildren, and his favourite football clubs - Essendon, Melbourne Storm and Melbourne Victory.

**More information:** <https://camperdownburnsfestival.com.au/>

# LYLE TUNE'S TALK ON CAMPERDOWN'S PUBLIC PARK

## WELCOME BACK TO FREEDOM!

On **Sunday, 14th March** about 30 members and friends gathered at the Heritage Centre for a talk by Lyle Tune on the history of Camperdown's Public Park.

Lyle has spent many years going through documents kept by the Historical Society and the Shire and came prepared with slides of information, figures, photographs and many dates.

Here are some of the highlights of his presentation:

Form the very early minutes of the Trustees' meetings in 1869, we learnt that one of their first extravagances was **the purchase of a tin box in which to keep the minutes**. The cost was twelve shillings and sixpence – which converts to about \$1.25 in today's money. And it was probably quite a substantial sum in those days.

**In the first 83 years of the Public Park, there were only four caretakers** – which suggests that the job was a very satisfying one, and also that the Trustees were satisfied with the caretakers work.

**In 1888 William Guilfoyle visited** the park and recommended removal of trees from the garden enclosure area. **In 1910 he provided the plan of 'Public Park Camperdown'**. This plan is displayed on the wall of the Heritage Centre and was behind Lyle during his talk.

In 1906 a **swimming area** in Lake Bullen Merri was declared.

**Trout were introduced** into the lake in 1923 to encourage visitors to come to Camperdown for fishing.

In 1931 there was a letter from G. Vanselow asking permission to keep his boat in the **small cave inside the rim of Bullen Merri**. This cave is now quite some distance from the current surface of the lake, which indicates a huge difference in the level since then.

By 1938, the **local scouts were using North Beach for swimming** and using

conveniences in the form of a bathing box and kiosk, which were operational at that time.

More and **more facilities** were being introduced to encourage the public's use of the area for recreation and by 1953 a permanent water supply had been established and a 'comfort room' for swimmers and campers was built.

**A lively question time followed** where many subjects were discussed. Many in the audience had fond memories of the gardens when it held an aviary, an ornamental pool and the beautiful rotunda.

Lyle mentioned that he had read in the minutes that **the food for the swans**, which at one time were in the ornamental pool, were the major cost for the year, except for the wages of the curator.

Memories were shared of **a school boatshed at South Beach** which was destroyed by fire.

Then there was the question relating to the story of an aboriginal woman, **Wombeen Bareetch**, who is said to have hidden in the cave when she was escaping from the Emu Creek massacre.

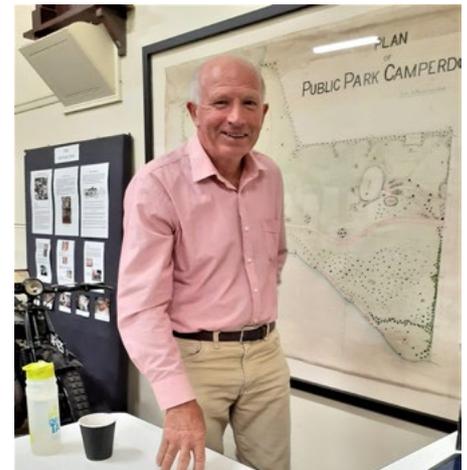
We also learnt that South Beach water reserve had been used as a **camping site for drovers** when they were passing through the district with mobs of cattle.

All in all, the afternoon was a great success. Apart from being entertaining and full of interest, it was a wonderful to at last be able to venture out and meet each other after so many months of being 'locked in'.

**For those who would like to know more**, our Newsletters of July 2015 and October 2015 have a lot of information about Lake Bullen Merri over the years.

These can be read on our website at: <https://camperdownhistory.org.au/about-us/newsletter-archive/>

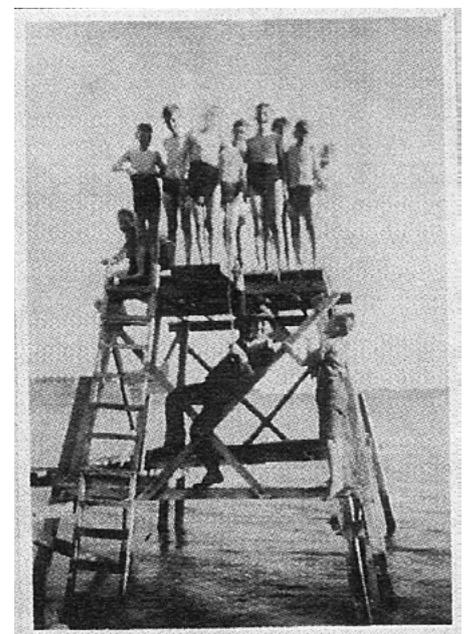
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LYLE TUNE



CAVE AT BULLEN MERRI



SCOUTS AT NORTH BEACH

## HIDDEN TREASURE - LODGE MEMORABILIA UPDATE

Update to July 2020 Newsletter article  
As reported in our July 2020 newsletter, a cylinder of very old Lodge memorabilia was discovered under a house at Chocolyn last year when being resumped.

A request was received from the Warrnambool Lodge to obtain possession of the items in lieu of Freemasons Victoria in Melbourne.

After further investigation of the DUIRS family's connection to Warrnambool and considerable correspondence between the three parties, the request was agreed to by all, including the donor Sue Pollock.

Handover over the documents was delayed by the COVID lockdowns over the past year.

The 1818 and 1854 documents were brought to Australia by Thomas DUIRS when he emigrated with his wife Jane and three children, James, Margaret and Thomas in 1854. The oldest document related to his father James DUIRS who remained in Scotland.

The family first settled in the Campbellfield area north of Melbourne. James moved to Warrnambool as a young man, married Florence McKay in 1871, had two sons who died in infancy and two daughters Margaret and Florence. The third document is James DUIRS Jnr's 1888 membership certificate for St John's Lodge in Warrnambool.

Thomas and Jane had relocated to 'Rose Hill' Spring Gardens (Wangoom) where he died in 1896 and Jane in 1903.

Margaret DUIRS married Henry LORD, a Grocer from Warrnambool and Florence married Archibald McKELLAR in 1901.

Thomas and Jane DUIRS, James and Florence DUIRS, Margaret and Henry LORD, Florence and Archibald McKELLAR are all buried in Warrnambool Cemetery as are Florence McKay's parents.

The house where the cylinder of documents was found was part of the World War One Soldier Settlement farms at



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Chocolyn. The returned soldier who settled on the property was John JENNINGS (1884-1960).

His brother Patrick George JENNINGS also went onto a Soldier Settlement farm nearby. Their father Patrick John JENNINGS had married Margaret McKELLAR, who was the sister of William John Archer McKELLAR, father of Archibald McKELLAR.

With this connection of Florence DUIRS husband, Archibald McKELLAR and John JENNINGS, owner of the Chocolyn home, being 1st Cousins, it is highly likely the artefacts were left with John for safe keeping.

Whether they were forgotten or the location unknown after John passed away is still a mystery. Current home owner Sue Pollock reported there was a loose floorboard in the vicinity of where the cylinder was found.

Current Master of Warrnambool Lodge, Neville Wallace, collected the cylinder on Sunday 7th March. He advised their intention is to have the documents professionally copied and made into an exhibition which will be launched in the second half of 2021.

Members of the Camperdown Historical Society and any interested persons will be invited to attend.

The original documents will be returned to the sealed cylinder that has kept them in such good condition, some for just over 200 years.

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