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INTRODUCTION & WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

I am very happy to advise the following new members have joined our Society since the last newsletter - Jeanette Archibald, Loris Forrest Cole, Luke Reynolds and Ian Urquhart. Welcome to the Camperdown & District Historical Society.

In October, Camperdown College will celebrate the Centenary of Secondary Education at Camperdown, so in this edition, you will find John Nicholls' recollections of his five years as a teacher at Camperdown Higher Elementary School from 1937-41. If you have any memorabilia Camperdown College would love to hear from you.

We have some very interesting speakers coming up over the next few months. On Saturday 7 August we join with Camperdown Community House to present a free seminar *Camperdown and District: Aboriginal History and Culture* which features Jihad Clark, John Clarke, Dr Ian D Clark and Brett Clarke. On Tuesday 17 August Jennifer Rabach will speak at our AGM about her Search for the *First Australian Theatre Sister*. On Saturday 11 September we present our Robert Burns Lectures with speakers Dr Andrew Lemon, Dr Ian Buckland, Dr Ruth Pullin and David Jellie and on 3 October Pat Walsh will speak about his 2020 book *Milking Our Memories* on the Walsh family of South Purrumbete. Further details about all these events and speakers are included in this edition.

You will also find Emily Mercer's report on the recent very successful Camperdown and District: A Natural History seminar and tour weekend conducted by Camperdown Community House in partnership with our Society.

Finally, Maree Belyea, Bob Lambell and I attended the Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia's AGM at Camperdown earlier this month. Following the AGM Alistair Tune spoke about his mentor Bill Harlock (1937-98) of Pomorneit North and there were some wonderful anecdotes. We then went on a very enjoyable bus tour around Pomorneit North, arranged by Andrew Miller, which he entitled *In the Footsteps of Bill Harlock*. For further details about the Dry Stone Walls Association of Australia see www.dswaa.org.au

We hope you enjoy this newsletter. *Rob Wuchatsch, President.*

NOTICE OF CDHS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELLO TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

The AGM of the Camperdown & District Historical Society will be held at the Heritage Centre, 241 Manifold Street Camperdown, on **Tuesday 17th August at 7:30 pm**

Enclosed is a Nomination Form for the Election of Office Bearers and Committee. Please consider becoming a member of the incoming committee for 2021-2022. Post or email your nominations to the Secretary by Friday 6th August.

Many thanks for your support of the Society over the past year.

Yours sincerely, Maree Belyea - Secretary

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CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE - CENTENARY OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

JOHN NICHOLLS (1911-1987)

by his daughter Gillian Borrack

My father, John Nicholls, taught at Camperdown Higher Elementary School from 1937- 1941. My mother Vi and my father met at Melbourne Teachers College. My father trained as a Secondary Arts and Craft teacher and my mother as a Primary Infant teacher.

Towards the end of 1936 my Dad was offered Camperdown Higher Elementary School on transfer from Rutherglen. My sister Jenny was born at Camperdown in April 1937 and I was born there in May 1938.

The following is an excerpt from a book *Recollections of a Family* which my Dad wrote to leave a record for us. He came from England and being the sole surviving member of his family, felt no one else could give an account of the Nicholls family.

"The school proved to be good and I enjoyed my time there. There were only one hundred and twenty students then, but it was a good solid school with a strong staff. The senior-master in charge of the H.E.S. was George Ellis, who in later years was Principal of University High School. The secondary classes at Camperdown were in a separate building across the town from the Primary School. George effectively ran the school, with little interference from the Primary headteacher. George was equally good as an administrator and class teacher, his special subjects being Science and Maths. His discipline was strong without being harsh. Others on the staff were Kath Levens, Madge Hatfield - Tren Du Bourg's fiancé, and a young male teacher, Alan Kidd - 'Nipper' to his students. There was a halftime Domestic Science teacher, sharing with Terang H.E.S. She was Nan Jensen, who with Madge and Kath were great friends of ours. Madge was able to introduce us to the locals. Her family lived in Warrnambool, where her father was in business, so Madge was well accepted in Camperdown. Our closest friends were George and Mavis Ellis."

Photographs on the right;

1. This is a good likeness of Dad when Mum and he went to live in Camperdown in 1937, but alas it has been damaged.

2. Lorne where they usually went for the summer holidays. Dad is with Jenny, Violet my Mum with the big hat is with me, and the one in the middle is a family friend, Eileen Kelly. Her partner Alan Keating took the pic. The back of the pic at Lorne still has the acknowledgement of 'Camperdown Art Studio' on the back.

3. The next one is when Mum, Jenny and I were living with my Grandpa in Mirboo North on Dad's first visit to see us after we left Camperdown when he joined the airforce. I think he only came twice to see us, and these were some of the pics he took with him.

"War broke out in 1939. The outbreak of war did not change the way of life for most people at first, except for the feeling of unease and uncertainty bringing a sense of unreality to all normal things. That summer Victoria had disastrous bushfires, mainly in Gippsland."

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JOHN NICHOLLS (CONT...)

“About the middle of 1940 the secondary school building of Camperdown H.E.S. was destroyed by fire. It was timber and burnt fiercely. George Ellis was still at Camperdown at that time. Enough furniture was saved to carry on with and as the Primary School building had enough vacant rooms to accommodate the secondary school students, we moved across there.

George organised it all so efficiently that the school was operating again on the afternoon of the day after the fire. The students never quite forgave George for that.

When the promotions for 1941 came out, George had been promoted to Melbourne Boys High School and I was promoted to his position at Camperdown.

By the middle of 1941 the war was going badly. Later the Japanese entered the war and Australia appeared to be threatened directly. I began to feel I should enlist.

I applied to enter the R.A.A.F. and George Ellis enlisted in the A.I.F. After the war ended, the Education Department refused to let me return to Camperdown, and I was sent to Orbost H.E.S.

Camperdown is a lovely town, with its wide elm-lined streets, clock tower and Mt Leura behind it. We had a happy five years there marred only by the uncertainty of the last two, after war broke out. **One of the pleasures of living in a country town is the friendships you make, many lasting a lifetime.**

As we moved around over the years our friends, many from the staffs of schools but also others, added to the quality of our life. My Christmas card book bears witness to this, to how many friends we have made and for how long these friendships have lasted. Some of our friends were students in the various schools. This tends to happen with secondary students being their last years of schooling.

Several of our friendships continued and are still very close, one of these being at Camperdown. **Delma Clarke and Glen Gunner**, who were married soon after the war ended, were two of our greatest friends.

Delma was in Form 1 when I first went to Camperdown and Glen who was in Grade 6, I took for woodwork. That Form 1 of 1937 became very specialy mine, as I taught them right through the five years I was at Camperdown.

I was Sports master and did all the boys' coaching and both boys' and girls' athletics. It was not long before I had a girls' hockey team on the way, most of the starters being from 'my' form.

Delma's best friend was Heather Cameron who, when we left Camperdown gave Jenny her beautiful sleeping doll, which of course became 'Heather'."

WERE YOU, OR ANY FAMILY MEMBERS STUDENTS AT CAMPERDOWN HIGH SCHOOL OR HIGHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

If so, and you have mementos, the centenary planning committee would love to hear from you.

Splitting the 100 years into 'Decades on Display' the items collected will be displayed during the Open Day on Saturday 16th October at the Wilson Street Campus.

Mementos can include items of uniform or sporting equipment, awards, medals, badges, photos, deb or formal gowns from your time at the school, displayed by decades throughout the school.

The open day will also include a formal assembly, campus tours, high tea, fresh produce and craft market and burying a time capsule.

A school social with live music will be held on Saturday night and Sunday morning the celebrations will conclude with a Mt Leura walk (bus to top available) and breakfast on campus.

If you have any item of interest which could be copied or loaned for the celebration, please contact the volunteer involved as listed below: -

1921-1949 – M. Belyea – mareeandy6@gmail.com
1950's – Maree Belyea – mareeandy6@gmail.com
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1990's – K. Kempton – kelliemukempton@westnet.com.au
2000's – Matthew Boyle – matty_boyle_37@hotmail.com
2010's - Zoe Wilkinson – zoe.wilkinsonn@gmail.com

The school is missing **editions of the Baltarta for 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955 and 1956.** If you have any of these to donate to their archives please contact the school office on 03 5593 1617.

Everyone is invited to join the weekend of celebrations so be sure to mark your calendar.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
& GUEST SPEAKER - SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2021
7.30PM AT THE HERITAGE CENTRE
241 MANIFOLD STREET**

The AGM will be followed with a presentation by Jennifer Rabach, on her 'Search for the First Australian Theatre Sister'.

Jennifer is an experienced nurse academic with expertise in perioperative and acute care nursing. She is a Fellow of the Australian College of Nursing.

Jennifer was the only nurse member of a Ministerial Advisory Committee on Surgical Matters that advised the Minister for Health in Victoria for over 10 years. She is an expert curriculum reviewer for the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and was fortunate to travel to Thursday Island in that capacity.

She has international teaching experience in Singapore and Hong Kong and has led study tours for nursing students to Canada and the Philippines.

Jennifer is a nurse historian and a casual lecturer at Deakin University.



The theatre sister (c.1948) from the Fifty masterpieces of photography portfolio (1930s, printed c. 1948). Dr Julian SMITH

CDHS RESEARCH REQUESTS

As usual, a wide variety of research requests have been received over the last few months, from visitors and via emails.

Information was sought on the Bregenzer, Rowan, Spencer, Sievwright and Henderson/Glen/Pratt families.

Property information has been supplied on 'Black Rock', 'Koalah', 'Leslie Manor', 'Penzance', 8 Harrison Street, 68 Manifold Street and 42 Brooke Street.

General requests have included the naming of Meiklejohn Street, Weights and Measures in our collection and assistance to locate the owner of a University of Melbourne Degree Certificate.

We are able to provide information on the majority of requests from our variety of resources but could not help with a recent request on Blackfish in the Curdies and Princetown Rivers, other than articles on trove digitised newspapers.

GROUP VISITS TO THE HERITAGE CENTRE

April and May were a popular period for visits from a variety of groups.

We hosted a group of 33 members of the Colac Ladies Probuss group, a tour group of 24 returning to Melbourne after the Koroit Irish Festival had a history talk, morning tea and town tour, and Anglesea Historical Societies 35 members were also given a history talk, centre overview and town tour.

A Camperdown College year 3/4 students visit included a talk on Aboriginal History followed by the 66 students and teachers being split into two groups and hosted on a Built History walk featuring buildings viewed from Finlay Avenue.

by Maree Belyea

Research requests are easy to make on our website, and now that the Heritage Centre is back open to the public there are more opportunities to come in and visit.

Are you interested in history? Do you have curiosity about our shared past and have a few hours available?

More volunteers are always welcome, there are always archiving, display, cataloguing, maintenance and research projects on the go. Your unique life experience also helps diversify our skill-base.

REPORT: CAMPERDOWN & DISTRICT A NATURAL HISTORY - 22ND AND 23RD MAY WHAT A FANTASTIC EVENT - AND MORE TO COME!

BY EMILY MERCER, COORDINATOR, CAMPERDOWN COMMUNITY HOUSE



We held the first in our series of four local history events on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May.

Camperdown and District: A Natural History seminar and tour was a fantastic success with a full house for the seminar at Mount Elephant Visitor Information Centre on the 22nd and a sold-out bus tour on the 23rd.

This is the first of four history, music and bus tour event series that celebrate, learn about and connect our people and places. The project aims to provide us all the opportunity to connect to each other and learn about where we live.

We have designed an immersive experience and the immense local knowledge and experience within our own community. **The project is a partnership between Camperdown and District Community House and the Camperdown and District Historical Society.**

A huge thank you to the team at Mount Elephant Visitor Information Centre for providing such an incredible venue that linked so perfectly to the topic of the day, and for the catering which was delicious. We will be back again before too long!

This event and tour would not have been possible without the long hours and dedication from Bob Lambell from Camperdown and District Historical Society, who has been working passionately on this project with Camperdown and District Community House's Coordinator, Emily Mercer, for some time. Bob has lent his wealth of expertise and experience in the topics covered in the seminar and tour.

Keynote speakers and tour guides for the seminar and tour were **Bob Lambell** (Camperdown and District Historical Society), **Chris Lang** (Mount Elephant Visitor Information Centre) and **Graham Arkinstall** (Friends of The Forgotten Woodlands and Friends of Mount Leura).

During the course of the seminar, we were serenaded by **Camperdown's own The Twa Bards**, and their lilting melodies added the perfect tone to the event.

The bus tour included a fantastic lunch at the idyllic **Lake Edge Cafe** at Lake Purrumbete.

Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received by everyone who attended both the seminar and bus tour, some attendees even suggested that we explore options to create an ongoing and formal tourism event from the program!



It really was a wonderful weekend and way to learn about and love where we live, and a fantastic foundation to build the rest of our local history program and events ahead for this project.

A massive thank you to all involved and we can't wait to bring you the next event and tour in this series.

NEXT EVENT:

**SAT 7th & SUN 8th August
see next page (7) for full details**

**Camperdown and District:
Aboriginal History and Culture.**

SAVE THE DATES - COMING EVENTS

Camperdown and District: Aboriginal History and Culture
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: CAMPERDOWNCH.COM.AU/WORKSHOPS

FREE - Seminar: 1.30 - 4.30 pm Saturday 7th August,
at the Theatre Royal, Camperdown

\$50pp - Bus Tour+Lunch @ Madden's: 10 am - 2 pm, Sunday 8th August,
leaving from Leura Street Camperdown, near the Commercial Hotel

TUESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2021, 7.30PM @ HERITAGE CENTRE
AGM + GUEST SPEAKER; JENNIFER RABACH
'SEARCH FOR THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN THEATRE SISTER'



Camperdown Robert Burns Scottish Festival 2021

REVISED DATES:

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Historical highlights:

Lectures Day Ticket or Weekend Pass

Saturday 11th September, 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

Lectures at the Killara Centre Camperdown

- A fantastic line-up of speakers!

Sat 11th Gala Dinner @ Theatre Royal 6pm

Saturday and Sunday, 10 am - 2 pm

Camperdown Heritage Centre - special opening

Camperdown Masonic Hall - special opening

Sun 12th Finale Concert @ Theatre Royal

PLEASE GIVE THESE EVENTS YOUR SUPPORT!

FESTIVAL INFORMATION & TICKETS
camperdownburnsfestival.com.au

SUN 3rd October - PAT WALSH 'Milking Our Memories'
Guest Speaker @ Heritage Centre 2pm

'100 Year Celebration of Higher Education'
Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October

Brought to you by Camperdown Community House and
Camperdown & District Historical Society Inc.

SATURDAY 7 AUGUST

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**

**FREE @ The Theatre Royal
SEMINAR 1.30-4.30pm**

**CAMPERDOWNCH.COM.AU/WORKSHOPS
TRYBOOKING.COM/BSZBS PH:5593 1403**



CAMPERDOWN AND DISTRICT: ABORIGINAL HISTORY AND CULTURE

Jidah Clark

Djab Wurrung – Human rights lawyer, policy adviser, environmentalist, entrepreneur.
Team Leader, Koori Youth Justice Taskforce at Commission for Children and Young People.

John Clarke

Born and raised on Country, John is the grandson of Banjo and Audrey Clarke and Jack and Rita Abrahams. General Manager Cultural Landscapes Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation.

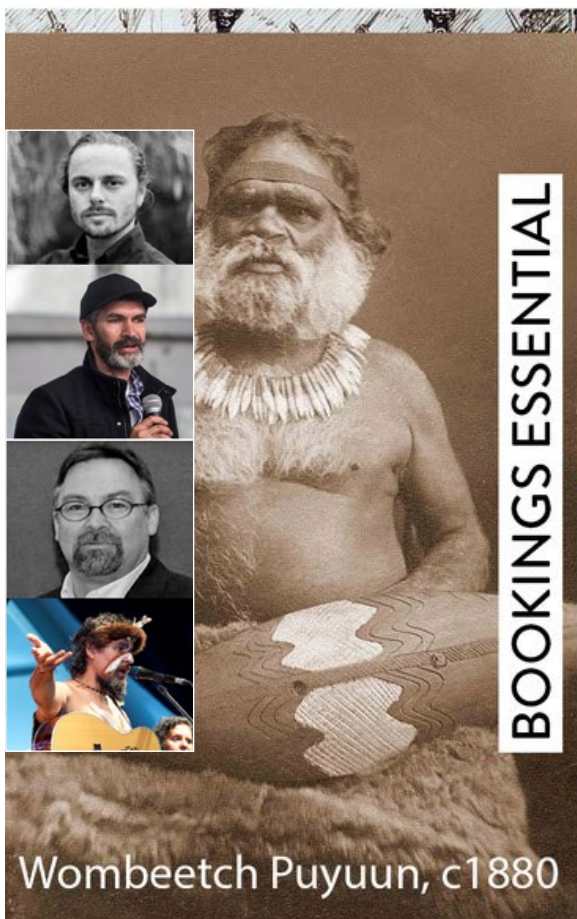
Keynote speakers / tour guides:

Dr Ian D Clark

Professor (Research) in the Monash Indigenous Studies Centre, Monash University, Clayton. He has a Doctorate in Aboriginal historical geography from Monash University. His areas of interest include Victorian Aboriginal history, Indigenous tourism, the history of tourism, and Victorian toponyms (place names).

Brett Clarke

A Kirrae Whurrung man from south west Victoria, Brett is a singer, songwriter and cultural educator. He will perform at the seminar.



Wombeetch Puyun, c1880

10am-2pm (meet 9.45)

SUN 8 AUGUST

\$50PP BUS TOUR

Leaving 10am sharp from Leura Street
near The Commercial - limited seats

INCLUDES LUNCH @ Madden's Hotel

Camperdown Robert Burns Scottish Festival 2021 – NEW DATE - LECTURE PROGRAM

A fantastic line-up of speakers. Please give this event your support!

Saturday 11th September, 10.30 am - 3.30 pm

Killara Centre, Camperdown - Day Ticket or Weekend Pass

BOOK NOW: camperdownburnsfestival.com.au



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.



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 Guérard.

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. 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.

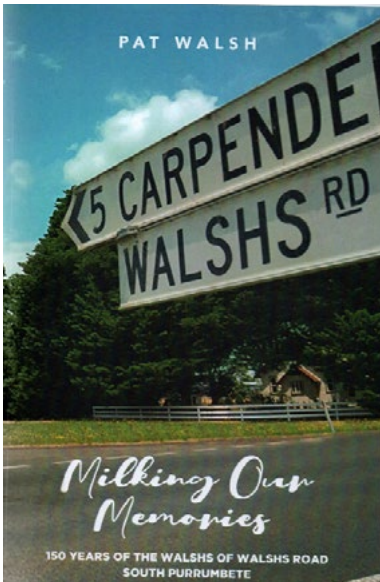
He then moved back to Melbourne in 1978 and was appointed the Project Manager of the West Gate Freeway - Victoria's largest infrastructure project at that time. After completion of West Gate, he started on the Western Ring Road.

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.

'MILKING OUR MEMORIES'



Sun 3rd October - PAT WALSH Guest Speaker @ Heritage Centre 2pm

Pat Walsh will speak about his 2020 book *Milking Our Memories* on the Walsh family of South Purrumbete. It will be a wonderful opportunity to hear Pat talk about his book, and to learn more about the district's farming heritage.

The quote from the back cover describes it beautifully:

"Milking Our Memories is a memoir of the tribulations and triumphs of two Irish teenagers and their Australian descendants. Set in the context of their times, it is both a window onto some of the great upheavals of the last 150 years and the day to day fortunes of one Australian family in country Victoria.

Sometimes sad, often funny, it is a tribute to all the Walshs who have farmed, lived and thrived on Walshs Road, South Purrumbete, and deserve to be remembered."

A FEW FACEBOOK JOTTINGS - FROM GILLIAN SENIOR

May Stories:

Photos of the Naroghid Hall, Sloane's Orchestra from Terang, a school Photo from 'way back when' and a tennis team created a lot of feedback. We will be publishing a short history of the area in a coming edition of "Past Matters".

A Natural History weekend on 22nd May at Mt Elephant, which was arranged in co-operation with Camperdown Community House, was a great success. Glorious weather, great information and wonderful music all contributed to a fabulous weekend.

June Stories:

A book launch planned for May, postponed through lockdown, at last happened on 22nd June when Florence Charles was able to be at the Heritage Centre and sell signed copies of her new book: The Township of McKinnon's Bridge, Boorcan and Noorat East.

The present owner of Colongulac House in Balwyn contacted the Society and identified a photograph for us. It turned out to be the Mummery family – one of the previous owners. He also offered for sale a book on the history of the house. \$100 incl. postage from warwickefoster@yahoo.co.uk. Members of the Mummery or Adeney families may be interested in this.

July Stories:

In recognition of NAIDOC Week, a Facebook posting of our local Aboriginal heritage created a lot of interest and sparked a discussion about the location of Murdering Gully – an infamous site in our local history.

A following post advertising the upcoming Aboriginal Cultural and History Seminar has been very well received and bookings for the seminar and associated bus tour have been coming in thick and fast.

Camperdown Rotary asked us if we possibly had a pennant from the time of Princess Alexandra of Kent's visit to Camperdown in 1959. We couldn't help, but a Facebook posting brought a lot of memory sharing online and one or two hopeful discoveries of mementoes (if the owners can find them!).

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONNECTS
& CONTRIBUTES TO THE FB CONVERSATIONS
WE ALWAYS LEARN SOMETHING NEW!**



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NOMINATION FORM, 2021-2022

Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers and Committee, 2021 - 2022

Positions to be filled: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of three ordinary Committee members.

Position: *(please circle)*

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee

Name of nominee: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

**Please post or email this nomination form to the Secretary,
by Friday 6th August:**

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