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### INTRODUCTION & WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Donna Edge, Tim Gatehouse, Paul and Glenda Kenny and Patrick Lyons. Thank you for joining us and we look forward to seeing you at the Heritage Centre from time to time. Thanks also to all members who have renewed for 2022/23 and those who have generously donated to our Society over the last year.

Our Society has been busy during the last few months. Bob Lambell's report on the very successful European Settlement Seminar in November appears on page 4 and Maree Belyea's report about our Society's visit to historic Jancourt Homestead in December is on page 2. Members and friends enjoyed a wonderful evening at Jancourt courtesy of owners Nick and Jo Lillie.

Bob Bowker, formerly of Princetown, visited the Heritage Centre in December and presented us with copies of his 2022 book *The Bowker Family of Princetown*. The Bowkers were early settlers at both Pomborneit and Princetown and Bob has told their story with great clarity, insight and sensitivity.

We are pleased to advise that digitisation of the *Camperdown Chronicle* for 1875, paid for with a grant from the Bendigo Bank, has now been completed and copies uploaded to Trove. Copies of the *Camperdown Chronicle* for 1876, *Western Press* (1866-70) and *Hampden Guardian* (1871-77) will be digitized during 2023 with Victorian Local History Grant funding from the Public Record Office Victoria.

Gillian Senior's article about Lorna L. Greene, a nurse and a WW2 De-coder, appears on pp. 9-10. Her article on Bill Roycroft is on p. 12.

Jan Whamond's article about Merrivale Estate appears on pp. 6-8.

Maree Belyea's research report is on p. 10.

A very special acquisition p.3.

Pat Walsh has kindly agreed to speak about his uncle Cyril Augustine Walsh from South Purrumbete, who was killed in 1943 when his RAAF 460 Squadron Lancaster bomber was shot down over Denmark. Pat wrote a moving account of Cyril's war service and death in his 2020 book *Milking Our Memories* and has visited the crash site. Pat's talk will be held on Tuesday 18 April 2023, at the Heritage Centre.

Rob Wuchatsch, President.

### AUSTRALIA DAY HONOUR FOR JIM WILSON

It was very exciting to learn that our Foundation Member, Past President and Life Member, Jim Wilson was posthumously recognised in the Australia Day Honours for 2023. Unfortunately, Jim didn't live to receive the accolade but the nominator, Ros Stansmore, told us a while ago that they told Jim he had been nominated before he died and he was 'chuffed'.

## COMING EVENTS

Heritage Centre, Tue 18th April at 7.30 pm – Pat Walsh talk about Cyril Walsh.

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# END OF YEAR PICNIC @ JANCOURT HOMESTEAD

A lovely evening was enjoyed by 46 members and friends on 4th December, 2022 at Jancourt Homestead.

Hosts Nick & Jo Lillie and their delightful 8-year-old daughter Emma welcomed us to their lovely garden with its beautiful views across the Curdies River valley.

President Rob spoke on the property's history and quoted from letters written in 1854-58 by then owner Hugh Scott. Nick and his mother Pat also shared some details including their time at the property.

After enjoying a picnic dinner and wandering in the garden we were graciously permitted to explore the homestead and the additions made over many years. With the help of Hugh Scott's letters we were able to identify the original rooms and understand the layout.

The Lillie family were formally thanked for their kindness and generosity in allowing our group to visit their historic property, garden and home.

A thoroughly enjoyable event was had by all who attended and even the weather was kind.

Article by Maree Belyea.





# A VERY SPECIAL ACQUISITION

A beautiful Eau de Toilette set has been donated to the CDHS by Heather Mallinson of Caulfield North. Heather's father was John Llewellyn Mallinson, born in Pomborneit in 1922. His parents owned a dairy farm in the Camperdown area and his grandfather, John Richardson Mallinson, was a blacksmith in the area.

This set was always treasured by Heather's grandmother and they understood it had some connection to the Manifold family, as both families were connected via racing and dogs/hunting.

The silver frame holds three 'Mary Gregory' glass containers. The term 'Mary Gregory' indicates a style of glass rather than a manufacturer, and this style was produced by a number of factories in Bohemia during the Victorian era and later.

The two lower trinket holders have their original blue satin and swansdown lining and the centre container has the original swansdown powder puff. The two blue bottles were for eau de toilette – a lightly perfumed water with high alcohol content for use after bathing. And in the centre, is a hook for a lady's fob watch.

We already have, in our collection, a lady's fob watch and chain, which belonged to Mrs Emily Pike, so it has been decided to display this watch in the appropriate place on the Mallinson donation.

This watch is Sterling Silver, made in Birmingham and has the initials ECP engraved inside.

## A LITTLE MORE ABOUT A LADY'S FOB WATCH

During the Victorian era, a housewife often wore a 'Chatelaine' - a collection of small useful items on the watch chain. As well as a watch, there may have been a small penknife or scissors, a vial of smelling salts, a tiny notebook or perhaps a special key. On some small 19th Century watches, tooth marks have been found. It seems that some mothers found the watch useful for their baby's teething!





# European Settlement History Event: A Great Weekend

The third instalment of our local history events, this time featuring “European Settlement History”, was held on the 12th and 13th November 2022. The event was a sell-out!

The local history series is a joint project of Camperdown & District Historical Society and Camperdown Community House.

We were fortunate to have the musicians “Harpistry” join us for a wonderful performance at the seminar. The seminar speakers, Dr Peter Yule, Dr Rosalie Triolo, Nick Cole and Stewart McArthur gave fascinating insights into our European settlement history and were warmly received. An excellent afternoon tea was provided by “The Milk Bar Café”.

The bus trip on Sunday 13th November had a few hiccups, but overall was a wonderful day out. Visited on the tour were the historic properties ‘Meningoort’ and ‘West Cloven Hills’. Lunch was at another historic venue, the ‘Elephant Bridge Hotel’ at Darlington.

A huge thank you to our musicians and speakers. Also to Emily Mercer, Bob Lambell, Maree Belyea and everyone else who worked hard to bring this event to fruition.

Planning is underway for the fourth and final instalment of this series. It will feature our “Built Heritage”. Watch out for the date and details. We hope you can join us.

Article by Bob Lambell.







## Memberships & Donations

Thank you to those who have renewed their memberships for the 2022-2023 year.

Some may have mislaid their renewals, forgotten or been unable to call in. We can now accept EFTPOS payments as well as cash, cheques and direct deposits.

We have some very generous members who include a donation to assist with the running of the society and its expenses.

This year we wish to thank Gary Moorfield & Janet O’Hehir, Rosslyn & Lindsay Bamford, Beth Codling, Bruce & Val Gent, Dennis Madden, Stewart & Bev McArthur, John McCabe, Ros Stansmore and Veronica Webber.

*Maree Belyea.*



## NAME PLATES

During research ‘Weeroona’, Aboriginal for ‘Resting place’ was found to be the original name of the home.

“Bloom’s Rood’ is a nod to long-term owners of the home on one rood (1/4 acre) on the traditional lands of the Liwura gundidj clan.

*Maree Belyea.*





# MERRI VALE - MERRIVALE ESTATE



ARTICLE BY JAN WHAMOND

Early in 2022 the Colac & District Historical Society gave our Society a digital copy of some land sale advertisements relating to this district. When I was having a browse through the posters I came across a sale in 1909 for Merri Vale Estate in Boorcan. The map showed the Estate being between the Railway Line and Castle Carey Road to the north and Boorcan Road and Oswell's Road to the east. This area is not far from where I live and I had never heard of it. I was curious and decided to see what I could find out about Merri Vale Estate.

In 1909 Merri Vale Estate was owned by A. Batson & Sons and comprised 1,403 acres. Batsons subdivided Merri Vale into thirteen farms, ranging from 32 acres to 162 acres, with the homestead block (Lot 1) of 405 acres containing a six-roomed weather board house. At the auction only five of the allotments were sold, bringing between £13.10s and £15.10s per acre. The remainder were passed in for private sale.

The original European occupiers of the land the Aborigines called Boorcan were French couple Jean (Frederick) and Rosine Duverney in 1840. The Duverneys had accompanied Nicholas Cole and Peter McArthur in their search for land, and decided to settle at Boorcan, on the land still known as "Frenchman's Marsh". The land was very wet and the Duverneys were not well suited to pioneer life. In 1841 they moved to Cressy where they established the "Frenchman's Inn", which allowed Niel Black to take over the land.

In 1861 the land at Boorcan was incorporated into

Gnotuk Estate as part of a settlement by Niel Black & Co. on Niel's nephew Archie Black, who had looked after Glenormiston Station on behalf of the Company for five years whilst Niel was in Scotland looking for a wife. The land purchased by Archie in this period played a vital role in the future prosperity of Glenormiston Station, but the shareholders in the Company were horrified by the amount of money Archie had spent. Archie Black only owned Gnotuk Estate for eleven years, dying in 1872, when the Estate was acquired by John Cumming & Bros. In 1883, on the death of John Cumming, Gnotuk Estate passed into the hands of James Hassell Hope and George Rowland Hope.

When James H. Hope died in 1903 Gnotuk Estate was subdivided. The *Camperdown Chronicle* of 7th November 1903 greeted the sale enthusiastically,

*"For the sake of the town and district generally it is to be hoped that the opportunity will be availed of to the utmost, and that the sale will have the desirable result of settling upon the land large number of men who have the capital to work it to the best advantage. The terms give every facility, payment being extended over eight years if desired. One of the results which may be expected from the sale is the addition of another butter factory or creamery to the list of those useful institutions already in the district. With the conversion of the greater portion of the country to be offered into dairy farms will come the erection of a creamery or factory in the vicinity of Boorcan in connection with either, the Camperdown factory or that at Glenormiston.*

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## MERRI VALE - MERRIVALE ESTATE *cont.*

*The necessity for this will be increased by the fact that it is intended by the proprietors of the Eddington and Marida Yallock estates to let a considerable area for dairying. Altogether the sale is an important event in the history of the district, and should be the means of materially assisting its progress and enhancing its prosperity."*

The land at Boorcan was passed in at the Gnotuk sale and G.R. Hope was listed in the Hampden Shire rate books as the owner until 1905. Albert, Percy and Harold Batson purchased 1,403 acres at a later date. Batsons named the property "Merri Vale" and built a six roomed weatherboard house near the south eastern corner of the property. They farmed the Merri Vale land until 1909, when they subdivided it into thirteen separate farms. It was the advertising poster for this land sale which piqued my curiosity.

Only five allotments were sold and the Batson family continued to farm the remainder of the land. The Shire rate books show Batsons as owning Merri Vale until 1913, when Phillip H. Lock, a Warrnambool grazier purchased 880 acres of Merri Vale, together with a further 595 acres adjoining the property.

In 1915, brothers Alfred Robert and John (Jack) Ellis Oswell purchased Merrivale Estate. At the time Jack Oswell was a student at Dookie Agricultural College. He was killed in France in April 1918. Alfred Oswell continued farming on the property until 1925, when a clearing sale was held before Alfred leased the farm out to Thomas Baker and moved into Terang. Alfred was back farming Merrivale in 1928 and stayed there until 1941 when he sold the farm to Reginald John and Charlotte Timms and moved to a dairy farm at Dandenong. Alfred died in 1946 after being gored by his Jersey bull. Oswell's Road is named after this family.

The last mention of Merrivale that I can find in the Trove Newspaper Archive is on 8th September 1944 when a clearing sale at Boorcan is advertised in the Camperdown Chronicle:

*"Mr. Reg Timms of Merrivale Boorcan, who has disposed of his property, will offer for sale on 28th September 40 calved cows, 12 springing cows and Heifers and the whole of his extensive plant and equipment."*

Between 1944 and 1949/50 the land was sold three times. First to Thomas Edwin and Ella May Sharrock, who stayed until 1946, then to Donald Walter and Elvie Agnes Crawford from Dixie who in 1949/50 sold the 315 acre house block to James Simpson and Isabell Lillian Rowan. The Rowans ownership can be traced through the Rate Books until 1986/87. James Rowan died in 1968. Isabell Rowan had moved into

Camperdown the year before when James went into Aged Care in Warrnambool. Isabell owned Merrivale until she died in 1986 and the property was sold in March 1987. There is now no sign that a house ever existed on the land and, over 100 years after Merri Vale came into existence, the land is once again a small part of a large property.

One of our members, Mignonette Wright, is a granddaughter of James and Isabell Rowan and has kindly recorded some of her memories:

*The homestead was a gracious building, about 500 metres from the front gate, facing east towards Oswell's Road. There was a wide veranda on three sides of the house. East, north and west side. Out from the southern side of the house there was a large orchard, being an asset for bottling and jams. As you walked in the front door, the windows on the right went down to the floor and as children we were fascinated to open them and walk on to the veranda from the formal lounge room. For Christmas and Easter functions tables were placed down the centre of this room for large gatherings for meals.*

*James' health wasn't good when he bought Merrivale and family members share-farmed the land until it was sold. The house was rented out separately. There was a self-contained one-bedroom apartment to the left of the front door, where James and Isabell lived and the tenant had the main part of the house. At that stage the farm was set up for dairying, with the dairy being near the entrance gate. Later, another family member ran beef and young cattle on the property.*

*Isabell was a keen croquet player and had a croquet field set out in the front yard, being to the right of the front door. I have fond memories of being taught how to play.*

*After Isabell went to Camperdown to live the house continued to be rented out until 1977/78 when it burnt down with most of the large antique furniture still there. An electrical fault was the cause of the fire. The property was auctioned and sold on 20th March 1987.*

Thank you Mignonette. It is really interesting to have this small insight into life at Merrivale.

One of the joys of volunteering at the Heritage Centre is that we never know just what will turn up and entice us down the research 'rabbit hole'. The above information was collated from the Trove Newspaper Archive, sale posters held at the Heritage Centre and Shire of Hampden rate books.

Jan Whamond



# MERRI VALE - MERRIVALE ESTATE *cont.*

## SUBDIVISIONAL LAND SALE AT CAMPERDOWN.

THE

# MERRIVALE ESTATE

**DALGETY & Co. LTD. AND THOS. BAKER,**

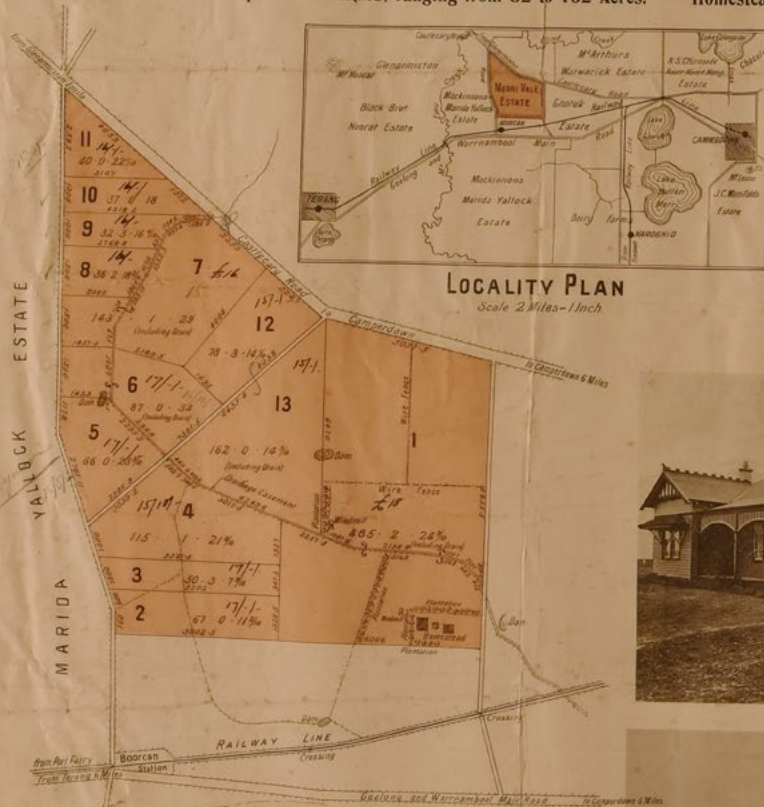
(Agents in conjunction)

Have received instructions from Messrs. A. BATSON & SONS, to sell by Public Auction in the

## MECHANICS' HALL, CAMPERDOWN SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER NEXT, at 2 o'clock

the whole of their Merrivale Property, containing

1403 a. 1 r. 15 p., in 13 FARMS, ranging from 32 to 162 Acres. Homestead Block, 485 Acres.



LOCALITY PLAN  
Scale 2 Miles = 1 Inch

### SPLENDID TERMS-

- 10 per cent. on Day of Sale,
- 10 per cent. on day of possession, April 1, 1910,
- 10 per cent. on 1st April, 1912,
- 10 per cent. on 1st April, 1914,
- 60 per cent. on 1st October, 1915

With right to pay off all or part before due date.  
Interest on unpaid balance of purchase money  
4 per cent. per annum, and 4 per cent per annum allowed to the purchaser on his deposit until date of possession.

INSPECTION INVITED.



Front View of Merrivale House.



View of Merrivale Homestead.

This Property consists of rich black soil throughout, suitable for cultivation, ryegrass and fattening stock. Every acre a fit for the plough. Part of it is thinly timbered with gum and lightwood, mostly dead, but the timber will pay for clearing. Excellent situation, being half-way between Camperdown and Terang, 6 miles from each, and within a mile of Glenormiston at the Castlereagh Bridge, and within half-a-mile of the Booran Railway Station and the Geelong and Warrambool main road. Ample supplied with water by dams and mls. Climate perfect. The Homestead consists of a handsome weatherboard building of modern style and beautifully finished internally. Ample stabling, splendidly paved. Large sheds for all purposes. All buildings new and substantial.

FOR PLANS AND ALL INFORMATION APPLY TO

**'rety & Co.'s Branches and to Thos. Baker, 'Corunnun,' Colac**

\* Collins St., Melbourne.

**AUCTION**  
 \* FRI. MAR. 20<sup>TH</sup> 1987 AT 2 P.M. (FULL HALL CAMPERDOWN)  
 315 AC \* **MERRIVALE** \* 127 HA  
 AS A WHOLE OR IN 2 SEPARATE LOTS \* LOT 1 - 185 ACRES WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS  
 \* LOT 2 - 120 ACRES ADJOINING  
 TERMS - 10% DEP. BAL. AND POSSESSION 13.11.87  
 J.G. JOHNSTONE & CO. 210 MANFOLD ST. CAMPERDOWN PH. 931788  
**Elders** REAL ESTATE  
 124 MANFOLD ST. CAMPERDOWN TH. 931822



# LORNA GREENE MEDICAL KIT

## A WORLD WAR 2 MEDICAL KIT

In June 2022, the Society received an email offering us a small, World War 2 medical kit which had belonged to a young nurse, Lorna Greene, who had been nursing in Borneo in 1945. The offer came from Dr Richard Travers who had been a friend of Lorna's for many years. With the offer, came a great deal of Lorna's history, her connection to Camperdown and her long life of service.

## LORNA GREENE - A Nurse and a WW2 De-coder

Lorna Leland Greene was born in Camperdown on 7th May, 1907 to Leland James and Lillian Greene, the sixth of ten children. Her father was an accountant whose clients included several large pastoral holdings in the Camperdown area, so he had decided to settle his family in the town. He named his home 'Avington' after his father's house in Toorak.

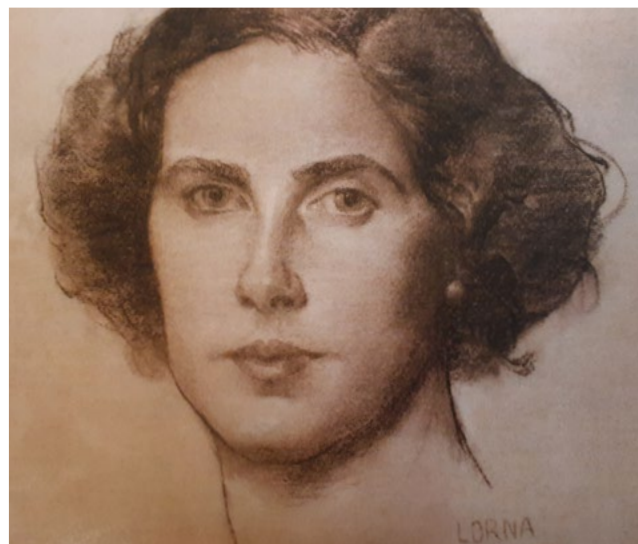
Lorna left Camperdown (possibly against her father's wishes) to study nursing at the Children's Hospital which was, in those days, in Rathdowne St., opposite the Exhibition Building.

She later travelled to the United Kingdom and stayed with family friends, the York-Beverleys. From there, she travelled with the family to Malta when Commander York-Beverley was sent there by the Admiralty in 1934.

A year later, when Italy invaded Abyssinia (Ethiopia), non-essential people were not permitted to stay on Malta. In order to stay, Lorna did a course in de-coding and worked there until 1936 when she returned to Australia.

When World War 2 broke out in 1939, she obtained work at the St Kilda Road Barracks as a de-coder and was there for two years.

In 1941, when medical manpower was needed, she enlisted in the 2nd Australian Imperial Force (2nd AIF) as a nurse and worked at the Heidelberg Military Hospital until, in January 1942, she joined the 1st Netherlands Hospital Ship "Oranje", repatriating wounded soldiers from the Middle East.



In August of that year, she developed cerebro-spinal meningitis and was transferred to Prince Henry Hospital at Little Bay, north of the entrance to Botany Bay, NSW. There she was treated with the newly developed drug, penicillin and within a month, was sufficiently recovered to be sent to "Berida" Convalescent Home in Bowral. She was totally recovered by November and returned to Heidelberg Hospital to continue nursing.

In July 1945 Lorna was sent to Borneo where she was quickly promoted to Principal Matron at the Casualty Clearing Station at Balikpapan. While in Borneo, Lorna met up with an old friend from Camperdown days, Dr. Lennard Travers who was in Advanced Land H.Q. in Morotai, about 1,200 kilometres away.

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## LORNA GREENE MEDICAL KIT *cont.*

In 1947, after the war ended, Dr. Travers and his partner Lorrie Morton set up rooms in Spring St., Melbourne and they employed Lorna as their secretary. She went on to become the first secretary of the Melbourne Anaesthetic Group when it was formed in 1950, holding this post for ten years.

Lorna never married and had bought her own house in Fairbairn Road, Toorak. She pursued many interests in her later life, turning her love and knowledge of plants to advantage by running a highly successful shop called "Growing Things" in Hawthorn. She was a fine pianist and occasionally taught young people in her home.



Camperdown C of E Grammar School 1917 - Lorna is marked with arrow.

She was always very close to and involved with the family of Dr. Travers and taught piano to the young son, Richard and his sister Sue. In 1955, while their parents were away, she took the two young children to the first Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park where they all watched with great excitement as a car turned over and went up in flames right in front of them.

This is a quote from Richard Travers: *Her indomitable spirit is shown by her reaction to the car accident she had at the age of 88, driving to see a friend. She rolled her car, for the first time ever. It was at 4pm and her main concern was whether the whisky had broken. She tucked into a full roast that night, went to the hairdresser in the morning and judged the flowers at the Naracoorte Show that afternoon – with an 'egg' on her head.*

*Her two occupations in her final years were her garden (a source of continuing joy) and playing bridge – I have always thought her cryptology training gave her the competitive edge here. When it was no longer possible for her to stay in her house, she moved to Camberwell Manor and then to Albury, to be close to her relatives. Her cousin, Dame Elizabeth Murdoch (nee Greene) drove up to visit her there. She did not like losing her independence, but the way she was cared for was exemplary and Lorna was well aware of this.*

Article by Gillian Senior.

### RESEARCH REQUESTS

As usual, a variety of requests have been received, some quite easy to answer while others are more challenging and time consuming – ALL are enjoyable and rewarding to provide the answers. Charges and donations received provide welcome income for the society.

Information on properties has been very popular or the past few months, including for Mallinson family at Camperdown, Pomborneit & Stonyford; J E Diver's 'Cambernora'; Wiltshire & J L Porter; D McPherson; O'Bryan; 17 Church Street; 308 Manifold Street and Albert Shepherd's home and business locations.

Family information has been sought on John Mitchell of 'Jancourt'; Patrick Cahill; Henrietta Lawrence; Jesse Porter and Leonard S Palmer.

Copies of the Guilfoyle planting plan for the Public Park and Clare Cummins 'Schools in Camperdown to 1875 and from 1875 have been provided to academics.

In our last newsletter we called out for help for details on the Leslie Manor 'At Home' being held in the Mechanics Hall on February 19th at 9 pm.

Thanks to Delia Kerr who doggedly searched until finding the information: - *Table Talk* 24th February 1924 - *Geelong Chatter* -

Invitations have been issued for a dance, given by the men and their wives and the bachelors of "Leslie Manor," Camperdown, on Tuesday, February 19. This is a delightful way of returning some of the many kindnesses received by them during the time they have been in Australia.

The hosts for the event were Indian Army Officers who recently settled on farms at Leslie Manor. Thanks also to Ken Skene and Allan Willingham for their input.

By Maree Belyea.



**Photos from the Robert Burns Birthday Celebrations held in the Botanic Gardens on Sunday 29th January, 2023. The Festival weekend will be held on 29 June - 2nd July 2023.**



**LAKES & CRATERS BAND**



**MERRAN & PETER MOIR**



**TUNIVERSAL MUSIC GROUP**



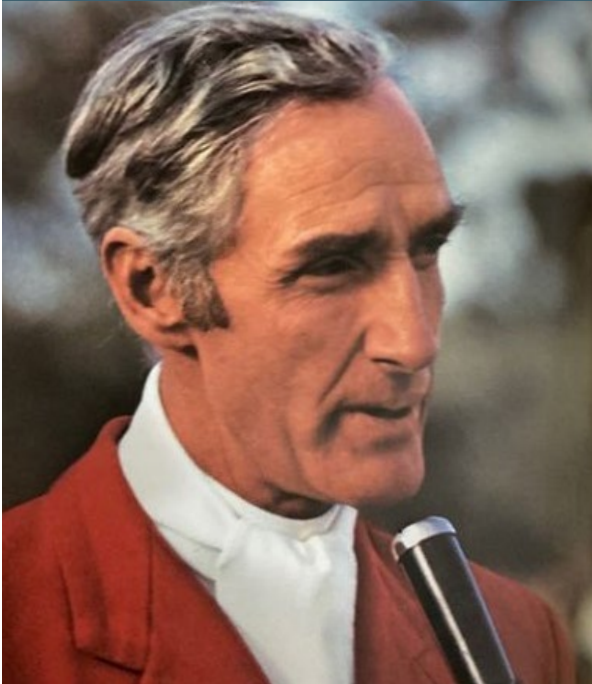
**DON GRIEVE -  
THE TWA BARDS**



**NORM MACDONALD  
& DR JOHN MENZIES**



# A VERY BIG DAY IN CAMPERDOWN 3/12/1960



## A LITTLE MORE ABOUT BILL ROYCROFT

The Wikipedia entry about Camperdown's Bill Roycroft details his many achievements in the equestrian field, particularly the fact that he competed in the three-man team event at the 1960 Rome Olympics after being thrown from his horse in a previous event. From this fall, he suffered a broken shoulder, a dislocated collarbone and concussion, enough to rule out any more riding. However, the team needed him and against doctor's orders, he left his hospital bed to join them for two more events. They subsequently won the Gold Medal.

Clarke Roycroft, Bill's son, had another story about his father's life which he was happy to share with us:

*Bill had been granted a Soldier Settlement block, which meant he was expected to work hard and develop it into a viable farm as quickly as possible. The Rural Finance Commission, which was in charge of these blocks, refused permission for Bill to go to the Olympics, insisting that his first duty was to work on the land he had been awarded.*

*After a lot of argument, the then Victorian Premier, Henry Bolte, overruled the decision and gave Bill permission to travel to Rome. Reluctantly, the Commission agreed but made the stipulation that as soon as Roycroft had finished competing, he was to come straight home and get back to work.*

*History records that this didn't happen. Once Bill was in Rome, with the excuse of having to recover from his injuries, he stayed in Europe for another four or five months before returning to Australia.*

Article by Gillian Senior.

On December 3rd, 1960 three important events took place in Camperdown: the laying of the foundation stone for the new Council Offices, a Civic Reception for Olympians Bill Roycroft and John Kelly and the opening of the Memorial Swimming Pool.

The Mayor of the day, Mr F. H. Fisher, was unable to be present as he was unfortunately in hospital, so a recording was made of all the speeches made at each ceremony so he could hear them later. This was then produced as a 12-inch Microgroove vinyl record which we have now had converted to a USB stick, playable on computer.

If anyone would like a copy of this recording for their records, please get in touch with us by email at: [camperdownhs@gmail.com](mailto:camperdownhs@gmail.com)

**Civic Ceremonial**  
3rd DECEMBER, 1960

**IMPORTANT:**  
This recording is an A.W.A. custom long-playing disc which must only be played at 33-1/3 r.p.m. and with a special Microgroove stylus or needle.

**AMALGAMATED WIRELESS (AUSTRALASIA) LIMITED**

**THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CAMPERDOWN AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL**  
by THE HON. H. E. BOLTE, M.L.A., PREMIER OF VICTORIA

**LONG-PLAY Microgroove Recording**

**IMPORTANT:**  
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