

Who are these people, and why are they honoured in this way?

This information sheet has been compiled by the Shire Local History Digitisation Officer to provide details of the people after whom Mornington Peninsula reserves/parks/playgrounds have been named. It is not intended to be a definitive list, nor is it an academic research document. The information is from a variety of sources, including the eight local Historical Societies, the Peninsula Post newspaper, research books and oral accounts. It should be regarded as an information document.

NOTE: The Hastings, Flinders and Mornington Shires amalgamated in 1994 to form the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

A.C. Campbell Reserve, Seaton Rd, Mornington



Archibald Colin Campbell was a Mornington Shire Councillor in the South Riding from 1948-51, and again from 1966-71. He represented Mt Martha Riding from 1955-1966.

He lost his seat to Charles Wilson in 1951. He was reportedly not at all happy because he was on holiday in Central Australia with several mates and C.B. Wilson beat him in his absence. He made a comeback in Mt Martha in 1955, but he transferred to South Riding again after a redistribution, and he beat C.B. Wilson in 1966.

He was Mornington Shire President in 1957, and again in 1965.

When the Shire sold off the former market and sale yards near the Tanti Hotel in 1966, Colin Campbell, who had established a B.P. oil depot there some time earlier, bought Lot 1. Lot 6 was sold to the Hotel and they used it for car parking.

He opened the Beleura Hill Pre-school Centre, Mornington as Shire President in 1966.

Alexandra Park, 275 Main St, Mornington

The council purchased Alexandra Park for £200 (\$400) in 1896. This became the Mornington Football Club's home ground, and it is now home to Mornington Football Netball & Cricket Clubs. The Mornington Cricket Club was established in 1863.



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By 1905 the reserve was fenced and charges were made for entry, half the proceeds going towards improvements.

It was listed among the civic assets by Cr F. Linley in his submission to the Railway Commissioners, noting then that money was being spent on football and cricket at the reserve. A further two acres (0.8 hectare) were

acquired there in 1948.

Possibly named in honour of Queen Alexandra, mother of King George V who reigned between 1910-1936, and after who King Georges Ave in Mornington was named.

There are two pavilions at the ground – the original being jointly funded by the Mornington Shire Council, the Mornington Football Club and the Mornington Cricket Club and opened in 1983, and the Ray Allison Pavilion, named in recognition of his 40 years' service to the Football and Cricket Clubs, opened in 2003.



Annie's Track, Balnarring Beach (near Robertson Park)

Named in memory of Anne Hitch (1954-2017). Anne was a committee member and Treasurer of the Balnarring Beach Foreshore Committee of Management for over 10 years.

She was also a volunteer with many other local community organisations.



A.R. & F. Ditterich Reserve, 431 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge

Arthur Ralph Ditterich was a Shire of Flinders Councillor from 1961-1964.



A.R. & F. Ditterich are Life Members of the Main Ridge Cricket Club – Ralph and Frank Ditterich were keen cricketers and involved in community affairs. They were involved in the planning and building of the bowls club and other works associated with the grounds. Both had orchards and lived in Valley View Lane, Main Ridge.

Prior to 1926 Main Ridge was known as Main Creek and the name change was brought about by Frank Ditterich.

Seven acres (2.8 hectares) was bought from C. Rigby in 1932 for a recreation ground at Main Ridge for the sum of 50 pounds (\$100). A 10 pound (\$20) deposit was raised

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by the community funded in part by a 'sheep guessing competition'. The balance payable over 5 years was raised by community fundraising efforts.

In 1957 the gates were given as a gift by Mrs Lillian Adams of Main Ridge.

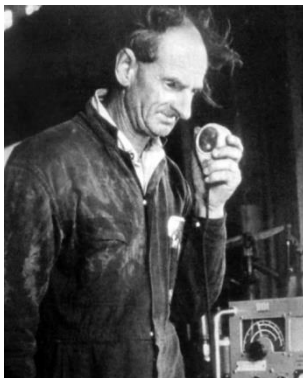
On 28th April 1959 the Shire President was invited to unveil a plaque in memory of Frank Ditterich.

Frank was born in Long Gully, Bendigo on 17 September 1895 and died on 28th December 1956 at Mentone. He married his wife Jessie in 1930. They had two sons Richard and David.

Ralph was born in St Arnaud on 4 July, 1893 and married his wife Margaret in Palmerston, New Zealand in 1926. Their son Allan was born in 1929 and died in 1947. Ralph died in Redcliffe, Queensland in 1974. Frank and Ralph married sisters, Jessie and Margaret Stuart.

Arthur W. Peterson Reserve, (Railway Reserve) 203 Stony Point Rd, Crib Point

Arthur Peterson opened his garage and petrol station, "Crib Point Motors", around 1937. It was located on the corner of Stony Point Rd and Disney St. He was a master at fixing bicycles as well as anything else that needed repair.



Arthur on the Fire Brigade radio at his garage

Arthur donated the first land to the Crib Point Fire Brigade.

The land was behind his garage and housed the first official vehicle, a 1941 Chevrolet, in a tin shed transported from Bittern Railway Station.

Arthur was the Communications Officer for the Crib Point Fire Brigade and was awarded the Queen's Long Service Medal for his many, many years of dedicated service.

He was an avid campaigner and founding member for the Peninsula Branch of the Uncle Bob's Club, a non-profit organisation that raises money for sick and disabled children in Victoria. He was an active member of that Club for 25 years.

In 1976 his efforts raised \$4,500 for needy children.

Arthur passed away on Christmas Day 1982. In his will he left substantial funds to the Royal Children's Hospital and Red Hill's Kindilan Society Inc.



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B.A. Cairns Reserve, 26 Barker St, Flinders

B.A. Cairns Reserve was developed in the 1880s as a sports venue for cricket and football, but was also used for gymkhanas and stock auctions.

In the 1970s it was named after Bertie Alexander Cairns (1895-1979), a member of the pioneering Cairns family, in acknowledgment of his tireless dedication to the



care and maintenance of the sporting reserve.



Bert did so much valued service, especially for the Park and Cricket Club. He was also a very good golfer. As a General Carrier for many years, he transported fish and other produce to the markets and brought goods back for the farmers and residents.

He is buried with his wife in the Flinders Cemetery.

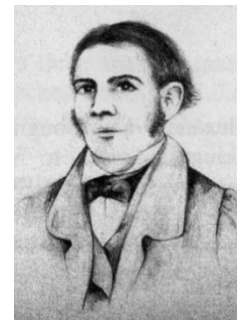
Balcombe Creek, Mount Martha

Alexander Beatson Balcombe (1811-1877) settled with his wife, Emma, in Schnapper Point in 1843.



In 1846 he took over the Chen Chen Gurruck, or Tichingorourke Run, changing the name to The Briars (left).

The property extended from the present Mornington to Mount Martha and was held under pastoral licence until 1854 when Balcombe bought



Alexander Balcombe

1100 acres (445 hectares).

Alexander Balcombe was a key figure in the development of Schnapper Point (now Mornington). He had the foresight to reserve land along the foreshore for community use – the site of Mornington Park.

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A fountain honouring Balcombe, restored in 2018 after being moved from the Empire Mall in Mornington (left), has been relocated to its original site near the entrance to the Park.

He was appointed a magistrate in 1855 and was first chairman of the Mount Eliza Road Board formed in 1860. He also experimented unsuccessfully with wine production.

He died in 1877 at his home, Eastcourt, East Melbourne.



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Barber Reserve, 27 Sullivan Dve, Somerville

The Barbers were one of Somerville's early well-known nursery families.

In the mid-1800s, Claude Barber settled on a property in Lower Somerville Road. He then bought a 60-acre (24 hectare) property in Eramosa Road which was the first property on the Mornington Peninsula with the name of "Western Port". The original drive into the homestead was located in the area of today's Jordan Street. Barber Reserve is part of a former paddock on the farm property.



The orchard covered approximately 40 acres (16 hectares).

Benbenjie Reserve, Matthew St, McCrae



Named in honour of local Boon wurrung man Benbenjie who lived in this area, known as the Wonga region.

Benbenjie taught the McCrae children how to

hunt and fish, showing them how to make equipment such as boomerangs and spears.

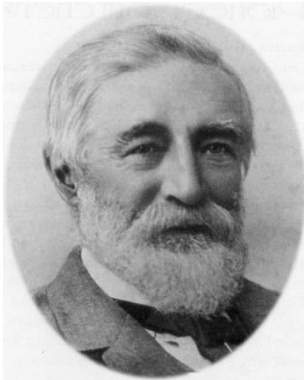


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Benton's Reserve, Benton's Rd, Mount Martha

Benjamin John Benton, born in Essex, England, brought his family to Australia aboard the "Elizabeth", arriving in the Mornington area in about 1851.

Benjamin was a man of many skills. He farmed the land, and worked with James Firth making roads in the area.



He took the first contract to supply pylons for the Mornington Pier, and he camped out in the nearby Jean Jean (Moorooduc) forest while getting the timber for that.

He was one of the trustees responsible for the acquisition of ½ acre of land in Moorooduc on which to build the first school and church.

He died in 1914 and is buried at Mornington Cemetery.

His son, also Benjamin (left), emigrated to Australia the year after his father, and settled in the Mornington area in 1852.



Benton Junior College, in Racecourse Rd, is one of many places named in recognition of the pioneering contribution made by the early Benton family.

Betty Clift Conservation Reserve, 5 Widdop Ave, Rosebud



Betty Clift was an active local conservationist who enthusiastically promoted awareness of the value of remnant bushland on the Southern Peninsula

Betty was the Shire of Flinders' first Conservation Officer (early 1990s).

This Conservation Reserve is important in that it contains small remnants of vegetation communities which were once common on the Mornington Peninsula. It supports remnant plant species of national significance.

Over 175 species of plants are grown in the reserve, including grasses, lilies, rushes, orchids, pea, and heath flowers. During Spring, masses of small flowers bloom, attracting insect and bird life.

Following her death in 2001, a plaque was unveiled acknowledging her contribution to conservation and her collection of books was placed in the Rosebud Library.

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Bill Carroll Reserve, 20 Palmers Hill Rd, Merricks Beach

Well-known for his work in conservation and heritage issues.

He spoke at the 1967 Annual General meeting of the Merricks Yacht Club, for the need of the young people of Merricks Beach to have a focal point in which to spend their evenings and leisure time, suggesting the need for a club house. Commodore Thiemeyer wrote to the Foreshore Committee and approval for the construction of a club house was given. A sum of \$4,000 was raised and club house was commenced in November, 1968.

The Bill Carroll, or Palmers Hill Road Reserve is a small area of native vegetation at Merricks Beach. It was created in 1993 due to the interest of a group of Merricks Beach residents. A Committee of Management was formed to draw up a plan for submission to the Hastings Council and the area, which had formerly been grazing land, underwent a transformation to become a nature reserve.



Bruce Cameron Reserve, Barmah St, Mount Eliza



(Allan) Bruce Cameron, OBE, a farmer, represented Mt Eliza Riding from 1956 to 1971, and was Mornington Shire President in 1963-4.

He was unexpectedly defeated when he went overseas during a Council election.



Allan Bruce Cameron, of Mount Eliza, was awarded the OBE in 1976, for services to local government and community – reported in *The London Gazette*, 31 December, 1976.

Buckley's Reserve, cnr Balnarring and Myers Rds, Merricks



Set aside as a water reserve in early days of subdivision.

It was on Buckley's Road, the former name of the Balnarring-Mornington Road which passed the selection of John Buckley (right) said by some to be Balnarring's first resident.

Buckley owned adjoining land.



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Buckley, an early Irish pioneer, came to Balnarring as a selector in 1861. He took up dairying and also raised pigs and potatoes. The 32 hectares of the reserve were once part of his selection and was set aside as a reserve in 1970.

Bunguyan Reserve, 1475 Frankston-Flinders Rd, Tyabb

The first European tracks in this area linked the main pastoral properties, coming from Frankston via Carrup Carrup and Bunguyan to Coolart and also from



Dandenong, via Bunguyan. A surveyor's map of 1858 shows "dray tracks" from both directions crossing at King's Bunguyan Cattle Station Pre-emptive Right, near the present site of Tyabb.



The Bunguyan or King's Cattle Station covered 15,000 acres (6,070 hectares) on the west side of Western Port when it was licensed to Martha Jane King in 1845.

Buxton Woodland Reserve, 47 Marine Parade, Shoreham

Formerly part of YMCA Camp Buxton, developed on land generously donated in 1925 by Henry Buxton



(Walter Henry Buxton, a printer and estate developer from Melbourne). When he subdivided his land into one acre (0.4 hectare) blocks in the Shoreham by the Sea development, Camp Buxton became the site of camps for boys and young men.



C.B. Wilson Reserve, 35 Wilsons Rd, Mornington

Charles Bowman Wilson (1903-1967) was employed as a journalist on the *Peninsula Post* for 40+ years.

He was a Mornington Shire Councillor for many years and was the Shire President in 1954.



CHARLES BOWMAN WILSON.
Published in "The Peninsula Post,"
Thursday, 11th Nov., 1937.

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Charles Wilson was also a correspondent to the Melbourne “Sun” newspaper. He always showed great interest in getting the train service restored after its cessation during the 1939-45 war, and he was on the committee which finally managed to do so in 1966.

Charles lost his seat on Council in 1950 but stood again the following year and won. He remained until he was defeated in 1966.

C.B. Wilson’s grandfather, John Bowman Wilson (left), came to the Mornington Peninsula in 1863 and his descendants are still well represented in the area.

John Bowman Wilson (1830-1893) is buried in the Mornington Cemetery.

Chinaman’s Creek, Rosebud West (Capel Sound)



William Wong Shing was born in Kowloon in 1880. He married Ah Yip Chinn and they both travelled to Australia and for a time were living in Carlton, with William working at the Victoria Market.

William enjoyed travelling to Sorrento on the paddle steamers and he became friendly with Charlie Morgan. Charlie encouraged William to take a lease

on land near the Sorrento football ground, and in about 1910, William moved his family to live on the leased land and began a market garden there.

In 1907-8, two brothers, David and William Cairns, of Boneo purchased a large parcel of land just west of Rosebud, owned by John Cain, of Rye. This land had a frontage to Point Nepean Road and was bounded by Boneo Road, present day Eastbourne Road and on the western side, by the drain dug by Ned Williams, of “Eastbourne”.



Williams was contracted to straighten the last mile (1.6 km) of the creek which drained the Boneo swamps.

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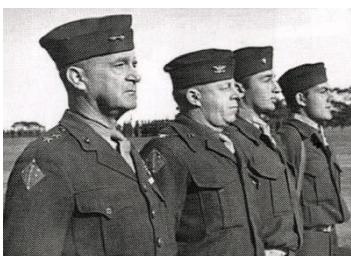
George Wong (William's son) with his vegetable cart on the Dromana foreshore in the 1940s.

William Cairns held the eastern end of the land, while his brother, David, owned the balance. William Wong, while continuing to market garden at Sorrento, in late 1912 leased 38 acres (15 hectares) at the western end of David's property.

When William Wong and his family lived and market gardened on the lease property on the eastern side of this drain that had been dug by Ned Williams, it began to be referred to as "the Chinaman's Creek" – a name it retains to this day.

All information for this entry is from *Edward Wong Shing – The Luck of a Chinaman* by Dorothy Wong – VRYE A032.

Citation Oval, Helena St, Mount Martha



It was at, or near this site on 21 May, 1943, that four United States Marines, veterans of the Guadalcanal Campaign, received the Congressional Medal of Honour.



They were: MajGen Alexander Vandegrift, Col Merritt A. Edson, 2Lieut Mitchell Paige and Platoon Sergeant John Basilone.

Cyril Fox Reserve, 55 Governors Rd, Crib Point



Cyril Edward Fox (1921-2006) left school at the age of 14 years and worked at the Islington Railway Workshops until World War II broke out. He then joined the Australian Navy in April 1940.

In 1946 Cyril was drafted to the Flinders Naval Depot to do a physical training course after which he was sent to New Guinea. When he returned he was appointed to the Naval

College as a Physical Training Instructor.



He retired from the Navy in 1961 after completing 21 years of service.

Cyril commenced a new occupation with the Education Department of Victoria as Physical Education teacher at Aspendale Technical School. He also taught at Dromana and Frankston before retiring from teaching.

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He was a Hastings Shire Councillor, representing Bittern, and a Shire President.

He was on the Crib Point Swimming Pool Advisory Committee in 1980-81, the Hastings Red Cross Committee, and the Crib Point Primary School Committee in 1981.

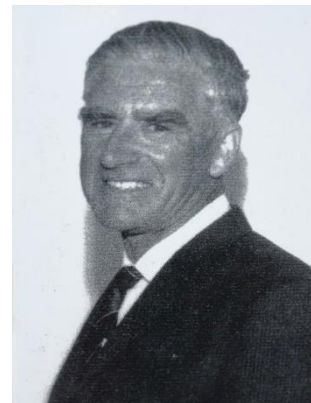
C.E. Fox was also a Justice of the Peace.

The Cyril Fox Bushland Reserve is a 2.3 hectare reserve of high quality remnant vegetation adjacent to the Cyril Fox Recreation Reserve.



Cyril Ward Reserve, 33 Elizabeth St, Hastings

Cyril George Ward's (1910-2004) grandfather (Charles) was a shearer and farmer, working on French Island. After observing an abundance of fishing and fruit growing in the Western Port area, he moved his family from Baddaginnie in 1890 travelling for 60 days, droving their stock and possessions by horseback and lorries, settling near Reid Parade in Hastings.



Charles' son John (Jack) and his wife, Elizabeth purchased this land and its surrounds in 1920 and they established an apple orchard, today bounded by Elizabeth, Victoria, Spring Streets and west to the railway line. They had four children - Basil, Cyril, Eileen and Victor.

Cyril, who had previously worked as a coolstore engineer, purchased the orchards from his parents in 1950 and continued to work the land.

In 1932, Cyril was on the committee of the **Hastings Younger Set** which was a branch of the ladies' auxiliary of the Hastings and District Bush Nursing Home.

He was an active member of the local community, playing football and cricket and serving on various committees throughout his life, which he lived entirely in Hastings.

In late 1999, the first sod at the site of the new Hastings Fire Station, was turned by the Brigade's first captain, Cyril Ward, at age 92.

A keen fisherman, Cyril requested his ashes be spread at his favourite fishing spot in his beloved Western Port Bay.

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Cyril Young Memorial Open Air Chapel, 47-57 Marine Parade, Shoreham

At the rear of the Buxton YMCA Camp, the land is a remnant of Camp Buxton and home to the Cyril Young Open Air Memorial Chapel created in honour of the Young brothers who were killed during World War II.



Cyril Young was a Captain in the Australian Army and died as a prisoner of war in 1945.



The Chapel's stone lectern was dedicated to his brother Ivan, who was shot down and killed in 1942 as an Australian Air Force pilot over Alamein.

The Young Family had close ties with the YMCA, with Cyril acting as chairman of the Camp Buxton Committee in 1939.

D.R. Morell Reserve, Cook St, Mornington

Donald Rutherford Morell was a Mornington councillor. He was elected in 1949, at 39 years of age and he had farming interests at Flinders and in Queensland. He served on Council from 1949 to 1972.

He was the son of Sir Stephen Morell, former Melbourne Lord Mayor.

He was the Shire President in 1965 when he opened the South Mornington Pre-school.

He was also Vice President of the Mornington Football Club in 1949, was in the Mornington Progress Association in 1948, and a member of the Mornington Golf Club, and of the Tennis Club. He was appointed a Magistrate in 1953.



He was the President of the Mornington Bush Nursing Hospital in 1963.

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Dallas Brooks Park, 85 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Mornington

General Sir Reginald Alexander Dallas Brooks (1896-1966) was a British military commander who went on to become the 19th and longest serving Governor of Victoria (1949-1963).



He officially opened the Civic Centre including the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices & Civic Hall in Mornington, in 1962.



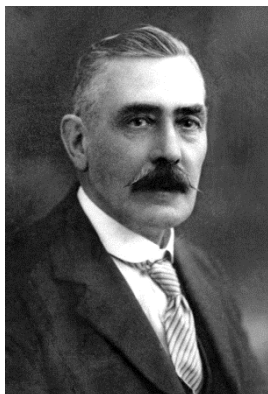
David MacFarlan Reserve, 860 Melbourne Rd, Sorrento

Born in Brunswick c.1868, David Macfarlan was apprenticed to renowned printers Troedel, but was running a West Brunswick hotel by the age of 20.



He came to Sorrento in the early 1900s and married Mary Thorpe.

He bought his brother-in-law's grocery in the Main St of Sorrento, and ran it with Walter Stringer. The single shop doubled in size and continues to be known as "Stringer's" even today. David left the shop to run the Athenaeum picture theatre from 1923 to 1948.



With headmaster John Kemp, he compiled the 1917 Progress Association Guide to Sorrento.

He was a Justice of the Peace from 1911 to 1950, and a Flinders Shire councillor from 1914 to 1943 and 1945-1946, during which time he was Shire President four times.



During this term he negotiated strongly for the purchase of the privately owned Hurley Estate, adjoining the Recreation Reserve for the purpose of extending the Reserve and to provide other sporting facilities, including the tennis courts and the bowling green. The Recreation Reserve finally took his name in 1972.

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He was on numerous local committees, and was instrumental in forming the local Australian Natives Association.

David was Life Governor of the Alfred Hospital and the Royal Institute for the Blind, he also received a Commonwealth Government Certificate for his contribution to the WW2 National War Effort.



Dimmicks Bushland Reserve, Mungala Cres, Blairgowrie

Harold and Barbara Dimmick owned much of the land around where this reserve now stands. There is some indication that they had a dairy farm, but that cannot be confirmed.

In his *History of Blairgowrie* blog on the Internet, Jack Ritchie states: "Milk was obtained from Mrs James Watson, and later from Mr Reg Dimmick, who farmed a property formerly owned by Mr Ernie Holmes."



Mrs Dimmick later lived alone in an old house off Mirino St, and Jack Ritchie did odd jobs for her. She was a well-educated lady and a talented artist, having been taught in Europe.

This is not part of the National Park, but rather two 20-metre wide blocks of land, saved from sale by the Shire in 1999. They allow access to Dimmicks Beach.

Dorothy Houghton Walk, Eastern Sister, Sorrento

Dorothy Houghton was a Shire of Flinders Councillor, who first came to the Mornington Peninsula in the early 1940s.

The Houghton family spent over 70 years in the hotel industry on the Mornington Peninsula, running the Rye Hotel from 1974, and also the Koonya Hotel for 14 years.



Elected to Council in 1972, Dorothy became the first woman Councillor in the Shire of Flinders and remained the only female in that position for seven years, later becoming Shire President in 1980-81, and serving on Council for a total of 12 years.

In 1980, as Flinders Shire President, Dorothy was instrumental in the State Government's purchase of land along the Sorrento foreshore including Sullivan Bay, the Eastern and Western Sisters and part of Camerons Bight.

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The \$1.5m 270-metre pathway was funded by the Shire and it provides coastal access between Camerons Bight Beach and Sullivan Bay – it was “opened” in 2018.

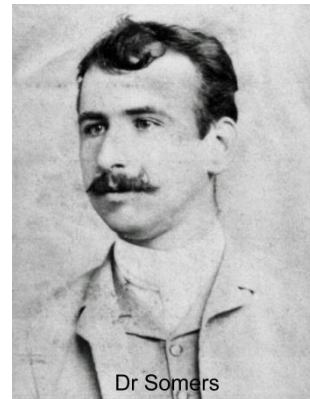
Dr Somers Memorial Gardens, Main St, Mornington



Dr James Louis Edgeworth Somers was born in Roscrea Ireland in 1863, was educated at Dublin and Cambridge Universities and graduated at the age of 19, the youngest doctor to have qualified in the

British Empire up to that time.

His remarkable career included a period of two years that he lived with an Arab tribe; he also lived and practiced in South America and Spain before arriving in Australia about 1890.



After marrying Miss Frances Usher of Ballarat, the family arrived in Mornington, where Dr. Somers practiced medicine in the community for the next 47 years.



He was much loved and a familiar figure on his white horse as he travelled many distances to visit patients.

Dr. Somers was involved in all aspects of the community and served on all sorts of committees.

Dr and Mrs Somers had five children and their three sons enlisted in the 1st World War. Two of their sons were killed in the war, and Mrs Somers donated an Honour Board with the names of the local fallen inscribed on it. She also wrote poems which were published in the *Peninsula Post*.



The Somers' were also instrumental in obtaining a fitting war memorial to be erected in the Mornington Shire. This now stands in Memorial Park near where Dr Somers lived in Albert St.



On the death of Dr. Somers a sundial was erected in the Dr Somers Memorial Gardens, on the corner of Main Street and the Nepean Highway, in his memory.

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This was unveiled by Sir George Fairbairn in 1939. The Argus reporting at that time: "*Sir George Fairbairn officially unveiled a sundial to the memory of Dr James Louis Edgeworth Somers at Mornington today.*"

The sundial is erected on a stone base in a garden called the Dr Somers' Memorial Garden. Sir George spoke of Dr Somers' great qualities, and gave interesting information about his history, saying that at the age of 19 he had graduated as a doctor. At that time he was the youngest doctor in the British Empire.



Other speakers at the unveiling were Councillor Bradford, Captain Radley, and Captain Leggatt. All referred to the high esteem in which Dr Somers had been held. He practiced at Mornington for 47 years".



The plaque and sundial were replaced in 1978, and this time, they were unveiled by the then Shire President, Cr Marcia Sly, J.P.



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Dr Somers passed away in 1938 and is buried in the Mornington Cemetery.

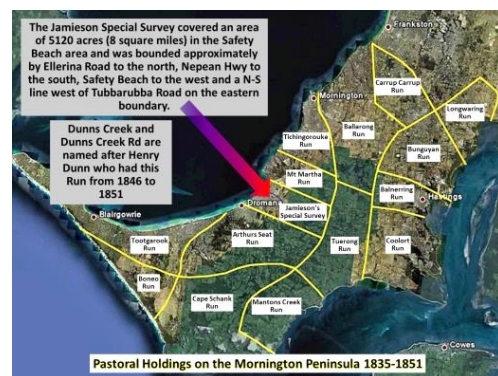
Dunn's Creek Reserve, Dromana



Dunn's Creek where it spills into Port Phillip, at Safety Beach. In the background is the Dromana Drive-in (on right). All of this area would have been part of Jamieson's Special Survey

Henry Dunn (1808-1891) was a farmer and grazier, and a very early pioneer of the Mornington area.

From 1846 to 1851 he leased the land known as Jamieson's Special Survey at Safety Beach.



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His son, William Henry Dunn (1865-1934) purchased the property known as Park Hill in 1890, to run a pastoral lease.

The property stretched from Mornington-Tyabb Rd along Dunns Rd to Bentons Rd, to Moorooduc Hwy, and passed through three generations before being subdivided.



The Homestead built on the property by William in 1892 (left) is now the Oak Hill Gallery, on Mornington-Tyabb Rd.

Friday, April 22, 1921.

PARK HILL.

ANY STOCK found trespassing on my property, Park Hill, Mornington, or "The Farm," Moorooduc, will be impounded.
MRS B. M. DUNN.
Park Hill, Mornington, 6/5/20.

NOTICE.

ANYONE found taking Wood out of any of my Paddocks will be Prosecuted without respect to persons.
Anyone found Shooting or Trespassing in any of my Paddocks will be Prosecuted.
(Mrs.) B. M. DUNN,
Park Hill.

ROYAL BATHS, Mornington

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Edward Berry Reserve, Phillip St, Mornington



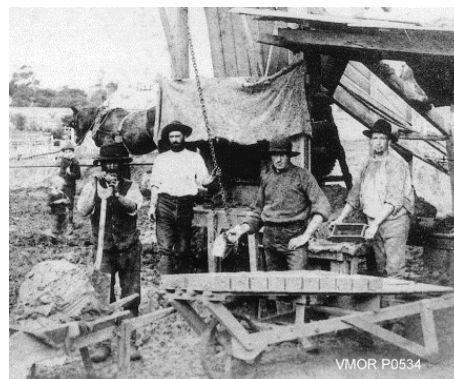
Edward Albert (Ted) Berry (1891-1979) served in WW1 and was an ANZAC. He settled in Mornington in 1924 and lived in Franklin Close before moving around the corner to Sutton St where he remained until he died, aged 88 years.

His occupation was recorded as

"Railway Employee" from 1924 until he passed away in 1979.

He was the Mornington Shire President in 1936 and 1944.

The Reserve is on the site of the former Allchin's brick pit (right).

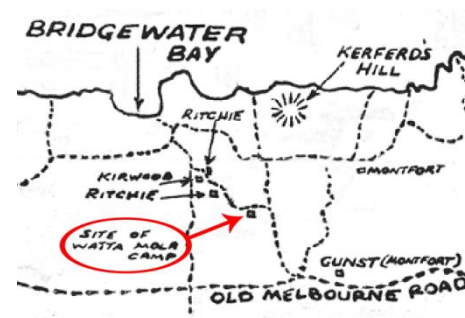


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E.G. Ritchie Memorial Bushland Reserve, cnr Summoner St and Dana Ave, Blairgowrie

Edgar Gowar Ritchie (1871-1956) was a leading water engineer, who was involved in the construction of the Hume, Maroondah and Sylvan reservoirs.

In the early 1900s, a group of bachelors, a few girls, and later, families, began to camp in what would become Blairgowrie, on land owned by T.W. Fowler, who had taught Ritchie at Melbourne University. Named Watta-mola ('By the Sound of the sea') this semi-permanent camp gradually grew from wooden crates to huts, then cottages, some of which were later moved elsewhere.



In 1909 Alec Russell erected a “camp house” for the Ritchies, and this was known as “Bridgewater Camp”. It consisted of an unlined house with an eight bunk bedroom for the girls, a living room, kitchen and a small room for Mrs Ritchie. The men camped in tents.

An account of the camp written by Mr H.E. Prior and published in a printer’s journal of 1909 gives an interesting account of travelling and camping at the time:

“This New Year, the ‘Call of the Wild’ in the shape of an invitation to Camp Watta-mola near Sorrento tempts a few of us.... There is much summer girl and summer boy on the Queenscliff and Sorrento piers, and our cynic remarks how many present-day young men, instead of taking to gun and rod or other manly sports, hang about the piers and esplanades posing for effect and admiration. Yachtsmen are here also, too neat and trim to be over workmanlike, and various bands of town-lot campers, whose chief object seems to be roaming about in hordes and making the air resound with hideous noises. Vehicles are in great demand, but we secure an ancient looking concern drawn by a pair of mature steeds.



A drive of about three miles over a road winding in and out the thickly clustering ti-tree, and we reach Watta-mola prettily situated in a small clearing, surrounded by ti-tree, honeysuckles and sheoaks.

The dining room, an outdoor apartment, consists of a roof comprised of shingles and flattened kerosene tins, and showing more roof angles than a Queen Anne villa, with a number of boxes in tiers at one end to serve as cupboards. The sleeping apartment is

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a much more pretentious structure, being weatherboard with galvanised iron roof, and contained six bunks."

The Ritchie and Kirwood families, linked by marriage, bought and built on land nearby, and have enjoyed the area for over a hundred years. Edgar's son Jack was a founding member of both the Nepean Historical Society, and the Portsea, Sorrento, Blairgowrie Conservation Group.

Elsie Dorrington Reserve, 30 Wellington St, Mornington

On Friday 7 December, 1951, a 49-year-old housewife named Mrs. Elsie Dorrington became the Shire of Mornington's first woman Councillor, when six hundred ratepayers decided to break with tradition of no women in the Shire Council. She won a by-election in 1951 by 14 votes, and kept her seat for 7 years, through 3 elections – from 1951 to 1958.

Elsie's family was among the early Mornington settlers.



Cr. Dorrington's first job was to urge the Council to set up a home-help scheme – she achieved this, with Mrs Ann Souter - and she also went on to initiate a number of social welfare schemes in the Shire.

In 1960 Mrs Dorrington was appointed as a Justice of the Peace and sat on the bench at Mornington's Magistrate's Court.

From 1961 to 1969, Mrs Dorrington worked for the Department of Mental Hygiene as the Manager of Moorakyne Girls Hostel in Hawthorn.

Elsie Dorrington passed away on 1 June, 1995 in Mount Eliza.

In 2013 Mornington Peninsula Shire upgraded facilities and the pavilion at Elsie Dorrington Reserve in Mornington. During consultation with architects and contractors, Shire officers discovered that the name of the reserve has never been formally gazetted with VICNAMES. This is possibly due to the length of time the reserve has been referred to Elsie Dorrington Reserve, and procedures for naming features may have been different or not as stringent back then.



The Argus, 10 Dec, 1951
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It is believed the name was adopted in the late 1960's to early 1970's however there is no documented proof this is the case.

Emil Madsen Reserve, 261 Wooralla Dve, Mount Eliza

The reserve was originally called Wooralla Reserve but by Council resolution on 20 July 1981, it was renamed Emil Madsen Reserve in recognition of outstanding service given to the municipality by Mr Emil Charles Madsen, Shire Engineer, since 1 March 1947.

Mr Madsen retired in 1981.



Fairbairn Park, Scenic View Dve, Mount Martha



Sir George Fairbairn (1855-1943) owned land in the Nepean Hwy/Forest Dve area. His house was called "Greenlaw". In 1928 he gave land to the State Rivers for the Mount Martha Reservoir.

George Fairbairn grazed Suffolk sheep for many years, in the south-eastern section of the Mount Martha Estate, where the Mt Martha Municipal Golf Course is now (off Hopetoun Rd).

Sir George Fairbairn laid the foundation stone of the Bush Nursing Home in 1937.

George Fairbairn was a Member of Parliament for 20 years, and he was appointed Agent General of Victoria. He was knighted in 1926.

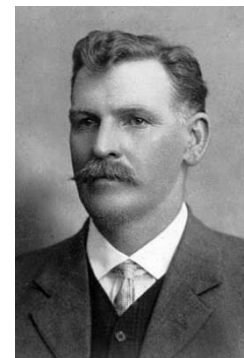
George's son, G.A. Fairbairn (gentleman) was a Mornington Shire Councillor in 1964-65. He lost his seat in 1965 while overseas on Polling Day, but he was elected again a year later. He represented the Mt Martha Riding from 1966-71.



Fenton Hall, 181 Bittern-Dromana Rd, Merricks North

James Edward Fenton, C.M.G, represented Maribyrnong in the Federal Parliament from 1910 to 1934 and was acting Prime Minister in the Scullin Government in 1930. He left the Labor Party in 1931 and with Joseph Lyons (former Treasurer in the Scullin Government), he formed the United Australian Party.

This party went on to win the next election in a landslide, and James became Post Master General. He introduced legislation for



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the formation of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, finally losing his seat in 1934.



Official opening of Fenton Hall - 22 Oct 1938

James Fenton was a long-time resident of Merricks North, residing on the corner of Tubba Rubba and One Chain Rds.

He was much involved in the community in which he lived, being responsible for obtaining a Post Office for Merricks North (no longer there), and the erection of a Community Hall that was also used as a school for many years, up until the Red Hill Consolidated School began.

This was named Fenton Hall in his honour, and he was instrumental in electricity being made available to the school (Fenton Hall).

He is notable for having been appointed a Cabinet Minister by two governments of different persuasions, but resigning from both as a matter of principle.



F.J. Gregory Gardens, Rosebud Foreshore, opposite Fifth Ave - surrounding the Memorial Hall

Fred Gregory J.P. (1914-1982) and his family moved to Rosebud in 1950 where he and his wife Clem, established a pharmacy on the corner of 5th Ave and Pt Nepean Rd.

In his first few years in Rosebud he joined several committees, and before his untimely death from cancer in 1982, he served in a position of responsibility in over 40 Peninsula service clubs and organisations. Every facet of life was covered by his amazing work: sporting clubs, charities, the Southern



Peninsula Hospital, the Memorial Hall, the Rosebud Carnival, Rotary, Rosebud Chamber of Commerce, Citizen's League, Rosebud Secondary College, Fire Brigade and many others, all of which benefited directly from his amazing foresight and selflessness.



Wood carving of F.J. Gregory, at Rosebud Shopping Centre, near 5th Ave

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In Rotary, he was considered to be a “Human Dynamo”, and when the going got tough it was Fred who stood up and showed the way with clear thinking and sound judgement.

Fred Smith Reserve, 60 Marine Pde, Hastings (opposite Shire Offices)

Frederick George Smith was born in Hastings in 1903, to father Abraham and mother Anne (nee Kearns). Fred had a passion for sport and in the winter months he played for the Hastings Football Club. Between 1923 and 1935 Fred played approximately 150 senior games and became a life member of the club.

Over Fred’s playing days the team was the most feared side in the competition due to their strong and rough style of play. After Fred’s playing days he became the club’s trainer. Vic Jeremiah is quoted as saying: ‘A rub down from Fred was equal to a rough game of footy’.



In the summer months Fred played for Hastings Cricket Club and again, was made a life member of the club. Known as a ‘slogger’ Fred walked out to the pitch with only his front leg pad. Fred’s playing style was to hit for six or go out.

Fred worked for both Hastings and Frankston Shire Councils as a member of the Outdoor/Road crew which in that time consisted of hard manual labour.

Fred’s work duties included the operation of the manual grader and the hot job of road tarring and sealing. In Fred’s later working years, he was involved in a serious truck accident, suffering injuries to his foot. Complications some time later necessitated the removal of his leg above the knee.

Another of Fred’s responsibilities was the maintaining of water levels in the original Hastings Swimming Pool with fresh water from the mains both in the morning and at night. This was to ensure that the pool was always made available for the local children to swim throughout the warmer months.

During World War II Fred was a Voluntary Air Raid Warden Enemy Aircraft Spotter for the Naval Patrol. Fred would scan Western Port with the local fishermen and the naval patrol looking for enemy submarines, ships and aircraft.

Fred died in 1973 and is now buried at the Tyabb Cemetery.

Fred Smith Reserve was named after him by the Shire of Hastings in recognition of his valued contribution to local sport and community life.

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Fruit Growers Reserve, 328 Jones Rd, Somerville

In the early days, the fruit growers of Somerville and Tyabb had a finger in the pie in almost every facet of their community projects, taking responsibility on behalf of the people for the smooth running of the district. They were instrumental in bringing electricity and water to Somerville and Tyabb and influenced train timetables, mail times and telephone connections.



For almost half a century, the annual legendary fruit and agricultural shows which were organised by the Somerville fruit growers from 1895 and advertised as the largest in the southern hemisphere, were honoured by the attendances of many Australian dignitaries including Prime Ministers and Governors General. There were public show holidays on the Peninsula and special trains from Melbourne, for the occasion.

The Somerville Fruitgrowers' Association was literally the unofficial Progress Association of its district and delved into such diverse subjects as herd testing cows, tobacco growing, an angora rabbit industry, butter factories, swimming pools and a roller-skating rink (from *She's Apples* by Leila Shaw).

Originally named the Showgrounds, a bushfire razed the Horticultural Hall there in 1944. A Scout Hall which was beside the Hall was saved.

In 2018 a machinery display shed was built at the Fruit Growers Reserve to house historic fruit harvesting and processing machinery.

Gary Watson Oval, Seppelt Ave, Mount Martha

Gary Watson was the coach and Vice President of the Mount Martha Junior Football Club. He was made a Life Member in 1996. He promoted junior football prior to his death.



George Bishop Reserve, Point Nepean Road, Dromana (opp. Pier St)



George Bishop was a local policeman well-known for keeping the youth of the town in line with a few words or actions. He was well respected and a local identity who is remembered with affection by many people.

He was born on 18th November 1902 and was appointed to the Victoria Police Force on 2 December 1924.

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Prior to coming to Dromana he had been in the Geelong area and had achieved similar results to his time in Dromana.

George Bishop (right) was awarded the Victoria Police Valour Badge in 1951 for bravery and devotion to duty in the apprehension of an armed criminal at Cape Schanck the year before.



George, a Flinders Shire Councillor, having failed to get a Technical School in Mornington the year before, called a meeting at the Rosebud Memorial Hall in October 1966 for parents of prospective students for a technical school at Dromana. He reported to the large crowd in attendance that his tireless work had paid off and he had won the struggle to obtain the school in Dromana.

He believed that the time was right to open a technical school to complement Rosebud High School, a co-educational secondary school that had commenced operation in 1954, and Red Hill Consolidated School which held classes from Prep to Form 4 (Year 10). Any boy however wanting a trade education had to catch a bus and those who resided on the Westernport side of the Peninsula, a train to Frankston Technical School.

It was Cr George Bishop's drive and enthusiasm and his no nonsense approach to the community that ensured the establishment of Dromana Technical School.

George was President of the Shire of Flinders in 1962-3.

He continued to live in Dromana after his retirement and died on 21 August 1990.

George Kilborn Reserve, McCrae Foreshore, near the lighthouse

George Herbert Kilborn (1888-1967) was born in Auburn and lived in Malvern from 1914-1942 and in The Avenue, McCrae from 1949-1967. He is buried in the Dromana Cemetery.

He was a Malvern Councillor from 1930-1946 and the Mayor in 1933-34.

He was a member of the Rosebud Citizen's League – the President in 1950, and the President of the Committee of Management of the Rosebud Memorial Hall from its inception until May 1965 when he resigned due to ill health. He was also on the Rosebud Carnival Committee in 1954.



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Gordon Rolfe Bushland Reserve & Wetland, Iluka Rd, Somerville



William Gordon L'Oste-Rolfe (1910-2004), lived at "Waikato", Lot 26 Yaringa Rd, Somerville.

In the 1960s he developed the area now known as Yaringa Boat Harbour, by digging a channel to access deep water and then built a boat launch ramp, a mooring jetty and a caravan park with the support and assistance of his wife Dava, and children, Susan and David.



Yaringa Boat Harbour

On 10 October, 1960, the plan of the Yaringa subdivision was one of the last sealed by the Shire of Frankston & Hastings before the new Shire of Hastings was formed on 19 October, 1960.

These facilities remained untouched for about twenty years when they were further developed to cater for fishermen and yachties.

To honour Gordon's founding foresight, the small area of natural bush land to the south, was named after him.

Both Gordon and Dava are buried in the Mornington Cemetery.



Graham Myers Recreation Reserve, 101 Hendersons Rd, Bittern

Graham Myers was a Councillor on the first Hastings Shire Council, sworn in on 19 October, 1960.

Graham was one of the long-time settlers - the Myers family (Myers Road). He was a well-known sportsman and prominent in local affairs.

He was instrumental in the building of the basketball stadium.

Councillor Bill Myers, who represented Bittern on the Hastings Shire Council for six years, was chairman of the Graham Myers Memorial Park Advisory Committee.



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Greenlaw Reserve, Penleigh Cres, Mount Martha

Sir George Fairbairn was a Victorian Senator from 1917-23. He bought "Greenlaw" (approx. 440 hectares) c1906 and he raised Suffolk sheep there.

After the Second World War, Clive P. Fairbairn donated land from his Greenlaw Estate and set up a Trust to assist ex-service personnel in acquiring homes.

Greenlaw was finally subdivided in the early 1960s.

Mount Martha Golf Course was built on part of the Greenlaw property.



Hann's Creek Reserve, Frankston-Flinders Rd, Merricks



Joseph Hann

In the 1850s Joseph Hann held the Pre-emptive Right to Coolart and at the first land sales he had bought additional lots adjoining the Pre-emptive Right (part of the former extensive grazing run held by lease). The land on which the reserve is located and through which the creek runs is on one of these lots.



Hann's Creek is purely a local name. Elsewhere the creek is called Merricks Creek.

Harry Blythe Playground, Adelaide St, Blairgowrie



John Howard "Harry" Blythe was born in Parkville in 1905.

He married Ellen Sanders in 1935 and they had two sons, John (b.1937) and Noel (b.1944).

"Harry" enlisted in the RAAF in 1942, but never left Australia due to his age (37 years).

He had previously worked as a Traveller with Amalgamated Cash Orders of Bourke St, and before that, with his father as a tinsmith.

He was discharged from the RAAF in December, 1944.

In 1967 the family were living at the Brighton Road State School, as caretaker and cleaner, and in



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1972 they moved to live at 25 Grant St, Blairgowrie – around the corner from what is now the Harry Blythe Playground.

His son Noel, said that while there, Harry worked at the Blairgowrie Yacht Club as a cleaner and “odd-jobs man”. He believes that it was (Councillor) Dorothy Houghton who arranged for the playground to be named after him.

John Howard (Harry) Blythe (1905-1998) is buried in Rye Cemetery.

Howard Parker Reserve, 90 Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza

In the early 1920s as the sole surviving trustee of the “Old Hall Trust”, Howard Parker (right), who during his twenty years of residence in Mount Eliza had been active in the Cricket Club, Fire Brigade, Pre-school Fund-raising Committee, and other local activities, negotiated the purchase of 13½ acres (5.5 hectares) of land on Boundary Rd, Mount Eliza for a recreational area.



Assisted by the executive of the Mount Eliza Community Association, Howard Parker sought and gained Supreme Court approval and the land was placed in the joint ownership of the Mornington and Frankston Councils.

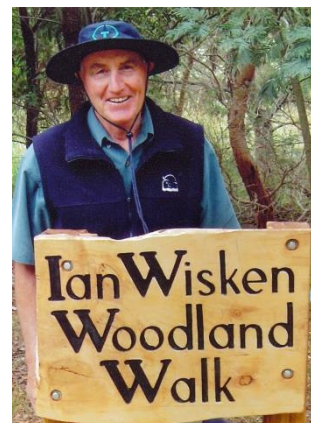
The Howard Parker Reserve stands on part of the original subdivision of the Ranelagh Estate designed by Walter Burley Griffin, his wife Marion and Saxil Tuxen.

Ian Wisken Woodlands Walk, behind the Balnarring Primary School

A school teacher, Ian Wisken came to live in Balnarring in 1970.

He taught at a number of primary schools in the area before being appointed Vice Principal at the new Balnarring Primary School when it opened in 1990. He remained there until he retired from teaching.

The school sat on a 50-acre site of former farmland and it was decided to turn the land south of the school grounds into a nature park and wetlands.



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With the help of Heather Goddard (parent) and Brian Thomas (the ranger at Coolart), work started in 1991 to plant indigenous species, criss-crossed with walking trails. Low lying areas were allowed to revert to swampland and ponds created (left foreground). The wetlands were officially opened in 1995.

The Woodlands Walk is in the Balbirooroo Community Wetlands. Balbirooroo is a tribal language Koori name for ibis.

Ian Wisken can also be credited with founding the Balnarring Historical Society.

Whilst researching the history of the original Balnarring State School, for the new primary school which was under construction in 1989, Ian saw the possibilities for a group of people interested in local history to form a society.



Shortly after the official opening of the Balnarring Primary School in May, 1990, Ian called a public meeting that resulted in the establishment of the Historical Society with Ian as its first president.

Jack Babington Reserve, Marine Pde, Hastings

Jack Allen Babington (born 1918) lived in Toolangi where his father owned a log mill. The sudden death of his father at the age of 26 years in 1921 caused a major change in plans and culminated in Jack, together with his mother Jessie (nee Ross) and brother,



William, moving to French Island to live with his mother's family.

Jack's mother later married Alex Reid and the family moved to a 50 acre (20 hectare) dairy farm on Henderson's Road Hastings. The family grew with two more brothers, Alex, Malcolm and a sister,



Janet. The boys did the milk round by bike in Hastings before going to school.

Hastings provided many activities for the local youth with church, social dances, balls in the hall, football, cricket and tennis. Jack was a member of the 1st Hastings Scout Troup earning the distinction of becoming a King's Scout.

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In 1940, along with others, Jack joined the Heavy Anti-Aircraft Unit and served in the Middle East, Israel, Syria, Lebanon and New Guinea. Later, on his return to Hastings, he opened a small hardware store in Marine Parade.

In 1946 Jack moved his store to the corner of High and Salmon Streets.

In 1947 Jack married Norma Jean Barrett and had two daughters, Valerie and Shirley.

Jack and Norma opened the first self-service hardware and grocery store on the Western Port side of the Peninsula in 1958.

Jack campaigned strongly for the Shire of Hastings to become a separate identity and was elected a Shire councillor in 1960, marking the beginning of the Shire of Hastings. His term of office included three as Shire President, retiring in 1989.

Jack was involved in many community activities including Hastings Fire Brigade (20 years), Justice of the Peace, Hastings Progress Association, Hastings RSL, Hastings Foreshore Committee, foundation member of Hastings Bowling Club, Hastings Hospital Committee, Peninsula Legacy, charter member of Western Port Lions Club, life member of Hastings Football Club, member of Hastings Primary School and Western Port Secondary School Committees. He was personally responsible for the first tree planting scheme on the Hastings foreshore.

He was awarded the Commonwealth Medal in 1977.

Jack died on 13th April 1991 and is buried in the Tyabb Cemetery at Hastings.

Jack's Beach Reserve, Woolley's Rd, Crib Point



Jacks Beach is named after the Jack family who settled near this site on the Bittern/Crib Point foreshore in 1908. John Alexander Jack purchased land here and he and his wife moved from Seymour.

The Jacks originally derived their income from farming and timber getting and family members later became some of the first employed to clear land for the Flinders Naval Base.



Werner Compressor in Jack Babington Park. From the Somerville Cool Store, this was preserved by the Western Port Lions Club. It was used for the cold storage of fruit until 1970 when the cool store ceased operation

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There were 14 children in the family, notably Hector and Leslie who were known locally as Biddy and Blinker. The brothers were renowned for swimming the narrow channel between Jacks Beach and Sandstone Island in freezing winter temperatures, to go rabbiting on the island.

The brothers built a tan pit (right), which was used to tan their fishing nets and lines which were made of cotton. Tanning was done by boiling wattle bark before soaking the nets in the boiling mixture.



James Ford Reserve, 63A Wattle Gve, Portsea



James Sandle Ford (1811-1890) was transported to Van Diemen's Land, arriving in Hobart in 1831. He and another 19-year-old were condemned to seven years' transportation during the 1830s "Swing Riots" in Hampshire, despite a petition being signed by many villagers and notables.

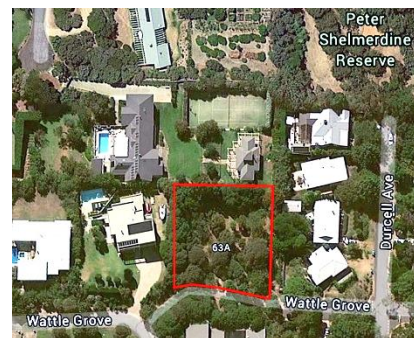
After obtaining a pardon in 1836, he sailed for Melbourne aboard the *Enterprize*, arriving in December, 1836. By 1840 he had established himself as a limeburner, on leasehold land at Portsea, the town that he pioneered and named.

He built his home on the northern slope of his land, which went from Port Phillip to Bass Strait. His lime kilns stood at the south bend of the Portsea Back Beach Rd, across the road from his home.

In 1860, he purchased land and built the first Portsea Pier, and public baths, between the pier and Point Franklin. He also built a small limestone building near the foreshore, which became a public house, with the addition of a bar adding to the enjoyment of the local limeburners and fishermen.

He owned the land currently occupied by the reserve.

The Registrar of Geographic Names approved the naming of James Ford Reserve, in Wattle Gve, Portsea, on 21 September, 2000.



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James B. Paton Plantation, Frankston-Flinders Rd, Balnarring



James (Jim) Blane Paton arrived on the Peninsula in 1950 with his wife Anne and son, Blane.

The family ran a dairy farm in Kentucky Rd, Merricks North. At one time he also grew proteas and even travelled to South Africa to select varieties and learn more about the plants.



In 1956 Jim was President of the Mornington Peninsula Herd Testing Association.

During WWII Jim was a fighter pilot, flying Hurricane jets, and in 1957 he was involved in the Hastings RSL as assistant secretary.

In 1960 he was elected to Balnarring Riding, Shire of Hastings where he served until he retired in 1987.



Paton Real Estate, Balnarring

He also served time as the chairman of the MP Artificial Breeding Association, and was the Hastings Shire representative on the Mornington High School Council.

In 1960, in partnership with Gordon Gray, chairman of the Hastings Sewerage Authority, Jim succeeded in having a sewerage system installed in Hastings.

He was also elected to the Vermin and Noxious Weeds Destruction Committee (Mornington District), in 1963.

He started his Real Estate Business in Hastings in 1961 and that business still exists in Balnarring, managed by his son, Blane.



The Post, 19 June, 1963

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J.B. Macdonald Reserve, Rosebud foreshore, opp. Ninth Ave

John Bruce Macdonald, OAM (1932-2004) moved from 123 Tanti Ave, Mornington, to 26 Beverly Rd, McCrae in 1974 and he took on the role of Secretary, Rosebud Park & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management from 1977 to 1985.



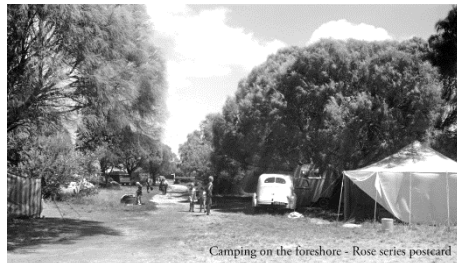
He later moved to 12 Bromley St, Rosebud and finally, 64 Barragowa Dve, Rosebud West, before retiring to Tasmania.

He was a Shire of Flinders Councillor from 1976–1994 and Shire President in 1977-78, 1978-79, and 1994.

In his book “On the road to Rosebud”, Peter Wilson reports that John Macdonald involved himself in the devastating growth, and spread of the disastrous sea grass. Although it wasn't a problem which the foreshore committee had any responsibility to control as it was below the high water mark, it was obvious that the presence of the unpleasant sea grass was a certain threat to the popularity of camping, and the desirability of



J.B. Macdonald Reserve on Rosebud foreshore



Camping on the foreshore - Rose series postcard

Rosebud as a tourist town.

He was also a member of the Rosebud Fire Brigade, the Rosebud Cricket Club and the Rosebud RSL.

In 1977 John was elected President of the Rosebud Tennis Club and he also joined the Shire of Flinders Concert Band.

In 1986 he was appointed a Bailiff of Crown Lands.

The Reserve is on the Rosebud Foreshore, adjacent to the Rosebud Motor Boat Squadron which can be seen on the right of this photo.

John was heavily involved in assisting the Rosebud Motor Boat Squadron and the Rosebud Yacht Club.

He was awarded the Order of Australia medal in the 1995 Australia Day awards “for service to local government”.

He passed away in Launceston Hospital in 2006.



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J.E. Dowdle Reserve, Two Bays Cres, Mount Martha



In 1933 *Melrose* (6 Lempriere Ave), Robert Watson's grand house of the 1880s at Mornington, was purchased from the builder by (James)



Eric Dowdle to add to his "Mary" chain of guesthouses.

Dowdle restyled and added to the buildings at *Melrose* so that it could accommodate 145 guests and changed its name to *Maryport*.

It operated as a guesthouse until it was closed down by war regulations at the beginning of WW II. A 1950s tour guide listed the building as a "Rehabilitation Centre".

The Dowdles also used the *Melrose* racecourse, built on the property in 1927 by the previous owner, E.M. Pearce.

Mr Pearce, who raced under the name "Mr Melrose", owned champion racehorse, Mollison. Prior to starting his racing career in the late 1920s, Mollison was housed at Pearce's stables in what is now Two Bays Crescent.



Peninsula Post, 22 March, 1940 p.2

Jessie White Reserve, Acheron Way, nr Earimil Creek Bushland Reserve, Mount Eliza



Jessie White, MBE, J.P., was Mornington Shire's first female President in 1971. She planted an orange gum tree in Memorial Park on Centenary Day 1971. She was also secretary of the Mt Eliza Community Association and a member of the Community Hall Committee of Management.



Jessie represented Mt Eliza Riding from 1963 to 1972.

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J. H. Butler Reserve, 2-10 Ranelagh Dve, Mount Eliza

John H. Butler, was Mornington Shire President in 1967. He was an architect. He designed Corowa Court, the Mornington High School hall, St James the Less vicarage and a number of imposing private houses, including one on the corner of Morell and Herbert Streets.



Only a matter of six weeks after his term as Shire President, he suffered a severe heart attack and died within hours on October 10, 1968. He served for 8 years on the Council.

J.T. Smith Reserve, Canadian Bay Rd, Mount Eliza

Named in honour of John Thomas Smith (1816-1879), the first settler on this land, which he purchased in 1854. He built a cottage and later a homestead. The bricks in the panel beside the plaque are from the original cottage.



He was seven times Mayor of Melbourne between 1851 and 1864.

John F. Ferrero Reserve, Seppelt Ave, Mount Martha

J.F. (Jack) Ferrero, was Mornington Shire President 1953 and 1961.



He was the son of the long-term proprietors of the Mount Martha Guest House, the general store and the post office.

He was a plumber by trade and was a Councillor from 1951 until 1975.



John R. Anderson Reserve, S-E corner of Nepean Hwy and Craigie Rd, Mount Martha

John Anderson was a dentist in Mornington and a leading member of the Mornington Lions Club. The reserve is shown as "A Lions Club Project" on the sign. His dental clinic was beside the cinema in Main St.

He was at one time the Chairman of the Westernport Regional Planning Authority.



John was a Mornington Shire Councillor from 1971-1979, and Shire President in 1975.

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Jones' Corner, Mornington-Tyabb and Derril Roads, Moorooduc



The community of Moorooduc based itself at this road junction, known locally as Jones' Corner, after the Jones family, members of whom have lived at Moorooduc since the 1840s.

Edward and Sarah Jones (right) lived at the corner of Stumpy Gully and Mornington-Tyabb Roads, on a property called Spring Farm. Edward also owned the land from

Derril Road to Moorooduc Hwy, along Tyabb Road. He served as a Councillor with the Mornington Shire for many years and was also a Justice of the Peace.



Edward and Sarah had seven children, born between 1869 and 1890 and the property owned by Edward was eventually divided amongst them – 40 acres (16 hectares) each.

Edward's grandchild, eldest son of his son Charles, was William "Bill" Jones (above, left), so well known in the area he was called "Mr Moorooduc".

In 1915, Edward and his son Charles agreed to excise a block of land from his property on which the local community could build a hall. This was on the corner of Tyabb and Derril Roads.



The Jones family operated a store on part of their property, Spring Farm, near this junction, in the 1920s.

The "Bottom of the Draw" antiques business is in the former Moorooduc Co-operative building – this sold machinery, stock food, equipment and groceries from 1948 to 1969.

The Jones family has remained in the Moorooduc community and over the years has been instrumental in the establishment of the Moorooduc Fire Brigade by donating land to house the fire truck in a Nissen hut (right).



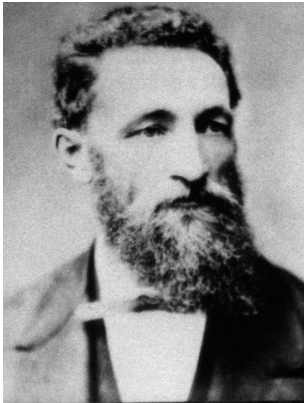
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In 1968, a radio base was installed on the Jones' Derril Road property and was used there for many years. Family members were heavily involved in the development and construction of a new fire station in Moorooduc in 1994, with four members across two generations acknowledged in the official opening.

Joseph Harris Park, Hearn Rd, Mount Martha

Joseph Harris was born in England in 1833, and he set sail in 1856 to visit the gold fields of Australia.



After spending a year looking for gold, he returned to Melbourne and bought a seed and floral nursery in South Yarra.

He married Eliza Nicholson in 1863 and they raised three daughters and a son.

He built his own home in Mornington, and he also had a nursery on the summit of Mount Martha – part of his 80 acre (32 hectare) property.

The land for the Joseph Harris Boy Scout Camp (now called Bay Park) was donated in 1931 by Mrs Rose Pitt, daughter of Joseph.

Joseph was Mayor of Prahran in 1875, Member of Parliament from 1880-84 and from 1897-1904, and was involved in the founding of the Burnley Horticultural Society.



Joseph Harris Park

From 1895 he edited the horticultural columns in *The Argus* and *The Australasian* from his home, "Marina", on the Esplanade, Mornington until well into his 80s.

In 1915 fire destroyed "Marina" and also Joseph's notes and records. He rebuilt the house, and at the time of the gift of the land for the Scout Camp, it was the home of his daughter, Mrs Rose Pitt.

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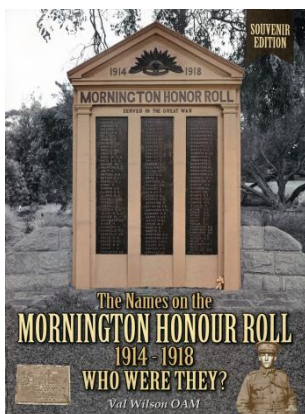
J.W. (Bill) Coventry Trail, Mornington and District Memorial Park, Barkly St, Mornington

Prior to becoming a memorial park, this land was known as Barrett's Paddock where local milkmen and butchers' grazed their horses. During the 1950s it was also a well-known area for young boys setting rabbit traps.

Council acquired the land as a potential site for new offices before it became a memorial park in 1970, when Mornington's Cenotaph was relocated here from the corner of Nepean Hwy and Main St, where it had been positioned since 1925.

Mrs Barrett had always wanted the land to be used as a soldiers' memorial and in the 1990s a small group of ex-servicemen led by Bill Coventry and Ken Matthews decided to help bring Mrs Barrett's wishes to fruition, with the aim of creating a memorial park to commemorate every conflict in which Australians are known to have been involved, since the nineteenth century.

The Honour Roll was moved from Elliott Square (from the old Mechanics Institute wall) in 1998, was refurbished and rededicated in a public ceremony, with many descendants of those whose names appear on the Roll present.



Val Wilson, OAM, wrote a book in 2015, detailing the lives of all those listed on the Honour Roll – this is available from the Mornington and District Historical Society.

Much of the granite used in this park is from Mount Martha, rescued from the demolished Osborne House. The two pines were grown from seeds from a tree from Lone Pine in Gallipoli.



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The trail through the park is named in honour of J.W. (Bill) Coventry (1918-2010), for his long-standing contribution to the park.

Bill's military service began in 1934 when he joined the cadets of the 5th Battalion, Victorian Scottish Regiment (VSR) at the age of 16.

At the outbreak of WW11 in 1939, the VSR took up duty at Point Nepean to guard the entrance of Port Phillip.

Bill resigned from his militia unit in 1940 to enlist in the Australian Infantry Force. He was captured by the Japanese in Timor and spent three and a half years as a prisoner of war, returning to Australia in 1945.

Bill became an active member of the Ex-Prisoners of War & Relatives Association and with the support of the Shire and many other people, his efforts were tireless in creating the memorial park that exists today.



Bill was named Anzac of the Year in 2005 and was honoured with a Centenary Medal for his service to POWs and in recognition of his determination to create the park over 20 years.

Lawson Park, Leon Ave, Rosebud

While the person after whom this park may have been named cannot be identified as part of this research project, Lawson Park provides an interesting insight into the history of the Mornington Peninsula.

This site started out as a Shire tip in the late 1950s or early 1960s. Locals who lived in the area at that time have described the site as "a bit of a swamp, the tip would have just been landfill."



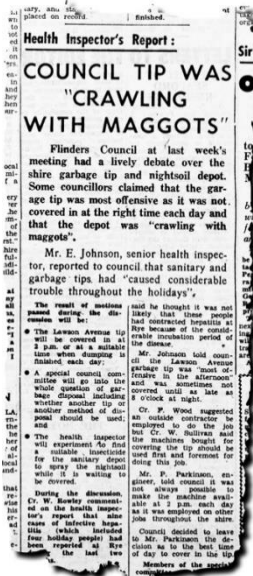
Lawson Park, showing Rosebud Community Garden, with the playground on the distant right

One long-time local resident recalls that while playing/scrounging at the tip as a child, he one day "found 23 quid (\$46) in a tin." That would have been a huge amount of money in the 1960s.

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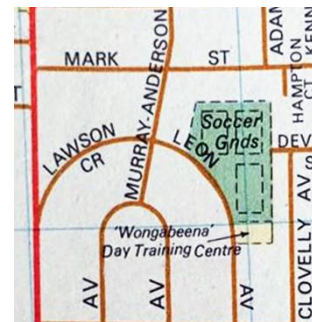
Peninsula Post 14 Feb, 1962 p.1

Scrounging at tips used to be a common pastime – before occupational health and safety and “liability issues” became important. Many people would leave the tip with more treasures than they took there to dump.

In 1960, the Flinders Shire Council estimated that it would take four years to fill the tip and they were concerned about spending £10-12000 (\$20-24000) on a bulldozer to cover the rubbish each day. After due consideration, they decided to contract the job out to a person with the appropriate machinery.

The 1975 Melway – the first edition to cover that area – showed three soccer grounds on the site. These remained until 1978 when Melway showed it to be “Lawson Park”.

It is currently home to the Rosebud Community Garden, as well as a playground.



Transforming tip sites into reserves has been a common practice, with Vern Wright and Truemans Rd Reserves being two more local examples.

Littlejohn Bridge, Nepean Highway, Dromana



William Littlejohn

William Littlejohn came to Dromana in 1917 with his young family of nine children and settled on land along Dunns Creek.

In 1927 William successfully tendered to build the reinforced concrete bridge that replaced an old timber bridge and was located right at the entrance to the Littlejohn property.



Littlejohn Bridge, over Dunn's Creek

William and his sons also built houses, fruit packing sheds and were involved in renovating the Dromana State School.

The Littlejohn family was heavily involved in many community activities, including:

- Local School Committees;

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- Initiating the building of the Tennis Clubhouse at Red Hill;
- Building of the Red Hill Scout Hall;
- Members of the Red Hill Committee for the Dromana Bush Nursing Home;
- Involvement in the Red Hill Show; and
- Improvements to the Red Hill Reserve.

Lorna's Triangle Bushland Reserve, cnr South Beach Rd and Disney St, Bittern



Lorna Bennetts, JP, conservationist, represented Bittern on the Hastings Shire Council in 1970, the first woman to be elected to the Council. When elected she was described as “just about knowing the *Local Government Act* backwards”.



In 1981 she represented Balnarring on the same Shire Council.

Lorna lived in Myers Rd, Bittern with her husband Fred.

She was the Council's representative on the Mornington Peninsula Municipalities' Association and the Westernport Memorial Youth Centre Advisory Committee, and was one of the “Shire of Hastings' Citizens of the Decade 1980-90”.

Mrs Bennetts was a foundation member of the Bittern Mothers' Club and a former secretary and foundation member of the Bittern Basketball Club. She was also secretary of the Bittern Progress Association.

The Shire of Hastings purchased the land for this reserve in 1985.



Frankston & Peninsula Independent
22 Aug, 1989 p.1

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Mace Oval, Nepean Highway, Mount Martha

In 1951, Sergeant Raymond Charles (Mick) Mace (1922-2016), previously a Plant Operator, borrowed a D4 bulldozer to carve the side out of a hill to develop a playing field at the Balcombe Army Apprentices School.

Sgt Mace, MM, BEM, of the Royal Australian Engineers, did this in his own time, assisted by volunteer Apprentices.



The Mace Oval was used for rugby, hockey, athletics and Military ceremonies.



WO2 Mace was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in Borneo in 1945. His citation reads (in part):

“For courage, personal endurance and leadership in the breaching of beach obstacles during the pre-assault phase of the landing on Tarakan Island, 30 April-31 May, 1945. LCpl Mace was the NCO in command of a demolition team engaged in the breaching of underwater beach obstacles on Lingkas Beach, Tarakan Island.”

He was also awarded the British Empire Medal for his devotion to duty and untiring work, especially at the Balcombe Army Apprentices’ School. His citation on that occasion reads (in part):

“By his outstanding devotion to duty and by inspiring leadership Sergeant Mace has made a significant and important contribution to the setting up of the Army Apprentices’ School at Balcombe, Victoria. For more than a year he worked efficiently and arduously almost every day from dawn until after dark on earthmoving equipment to prepare the school oval, declining to take leave at weekends, or during the Christmas and Easter breaks.”

The nickname “Mick” was derived from his initials, “R.C.”

Raymond Charles (Mick) Mace passed away on 11 October, 2016 aged 94.

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McLaren's Dam, Arthur's Seat State Park, Waterfall Gully Rd, Rosebud

Phillip Patrick (Pat) McLaren (1914-2003) was a mechanic who owned McLaren's Garage on the corner of Pier St and Pt Nepean Rd, Dromana, in partnership with his brother Quentin.



He adapted a limousine hire car owned by the former owner of the business, Sam de Ville, to a tow truck by cutting the back out (right).



He later had the Caltex distributorship at Mornington.



In 1942 he enlisted and served in the RAN in WWII.

In 1955 he bought Carrington Park, described in *The Argus* on 24 February, 1945 as “a most imposing brick

seaside residence...built to provide the maximum of comfort, and its interior designed with thought and quality.” Special attention was also drawn to the “magnificent circular observation lounge, beautifully panelled dining room, music room and all-glass sun deck.”

The building now known Carrington Park was originally a private house, built in 1941 on one of Rosebud's largest single land holdings.



The 200-acre (81 hectare) site, designated as Crown Allotment 31E (Parish of Wannaeue, County of Mornington) was originally granted to William John Peatey, a local fisherman, on 3 September, 1930. Within a week, the title had been transferred to Leonard Edwin Pankhurst Moran, one of the heirs to the Moran & Cato retail empire (grocery stores).

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Best Overend, one of Melbourne's most prominent modern architects of the day, designed Carrington Park for Leonard Moran. As well as an imposing entrance hall with billiard room and den on the ground floor, living areas above and three bedrooms with bathrooms, there was self-contained servants' accommodation, a four-car garage with chauffeur's flat, and facilities for electric generation and pumping water from the nearby Waterfall Creek.



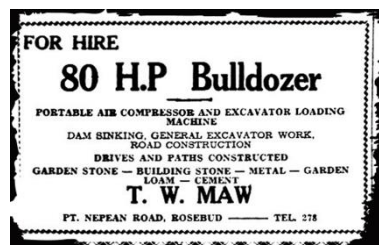
At one stage, there were two large water tanks near the house, but these were removed some time later to make room for bowling greens when the property was acquired as the new premises of the Carrington Park Club Pty Ltd.



But back to the dam. A 2002 Parks Victoria document titled: **McLarens Dam - Arthurs Seat State Park - Future Management Recommendations** reports that "Little is known of the history of the dam other than its construction by McLaren as a trout farm and for irrigation."

Another Parks Victoria document, **Mornington Peninsula National Park and Arthurs Seat State Park Management Plan May 1998** (amended in 2014 and 2016) states: "*The Carrington Bowling Club maintains a water supply tank, pump station, water mains and power supply at McLaren's Dam which are subject to licensing.*"

The Shire of Mornington Peninsula Heritage Review 2010 reports that "It was during McLaren's tenure that Carrington Park was whittled away by subdivision. By the early 1960s, the house occupied only a three-acre (1.2 hectare) block in the north-western corner of the original Crown Allotment 31E, with principal access off Elizabeth Drive."



Mornington Post, 13 Jan, 1949 p.3

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Thomas Maw's daughter, Lesley Martin, is firmly of the belief that her father would have built the dam for McLaren. Tom Maw bought a bulldozer in 1947 and he was then the only person on the peninsula with such a machine and was in strong demand to undertake major earthworks, including most of the dam building.



While it has been impossible to determine exactly when the dam was built, it is fair to say that it was built for Pat McLaren and it certainly has a direct connection to the Carrington Park building at 52 Elizabeth Drive, Rosebud.

McLear's Hill, Nepean Hwy, Dromana

John and Mary Ann McLear immigrated to Australia from Ireland in 1838 and initially settled in NSW before moving to near the Plenty River in Victoria, in 1846.



After John McLear was killed in a fight in 1849, Mary Ann (1808-1884) was left to bring up her five children.

In 1851 she moved to Jamieson's Special Survey in Dromana – the portion of the property that she leased

became known as "The Willows" and was just near where the Dromana Drive-In currently stands.

Mary Ann initially used her land to grow wheat.

During the 1850s, Mary Ann's sons, Bill, George, John and Tom, would visit the aborigines who had their kitchen middens among the honeysuckles on the sand rise by the mouth of Dunn's Creek.

In 1860 Mary Ann McLear purchased "Maryfield" on the other side of Nepean Hwy from "The Willows". The chimney at Maryfield was made of locally-baked clay bricks and was built by William Baynes, the contractor responsible for the erection of the Mornington Post Office, which is now occupied by the Mornington Historical Society.

All information on the McLear family is from **A Dreamtime of Dromana** by Colin McLear.



Mary Ann McLear

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Merricks Station Grounds, 3540 Frankston-Flinders Rd, Merricks

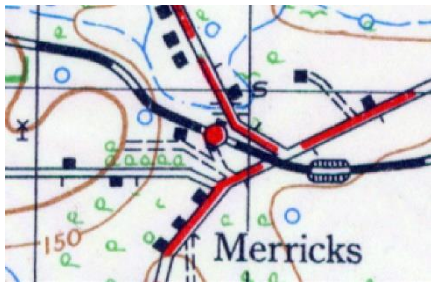
First railway development to the Mornington Peninsula was when the railway opened to Frankston in 1882. Mornington Junction (Baxter) section in 1888, and on to Mornington, Hastings and Stony Point in 1889.

The primary reason for extending the railway past Frankston was to get produce to markets quickly but it was another 39 years before their dreams were realised.



Construction began in Balnarring in July 1920 and the first train arrived at Red Hill in December the following year.

With the end of WWII, road transport had taken over most of the goods traffic from the railways, so in July, 1953 the Red Hill Railway closed.



The old right of way from Merricks to Red Hill is now a 6.5 km walkway and riding trail.

Information from **The Bittern-Red Hill Railway 1921-1953** by Keith Holmes.

The Merricks Station Reserve covers the site of the old rail yards, and it is used by several local pony clubs.

Moat's Corner, 415 White Hill Rd, Dromana

William Moat (b. 1864) lived for many years at the corner of Nepean Highway, Balnarring (Dunn's Creek) and Red Hill (White Hill) Rds.



Users of the highway came to know Moat's Corner well. He purchased about 60 acres (24 hectares) of land there in 1875. In the same year he



William Moat

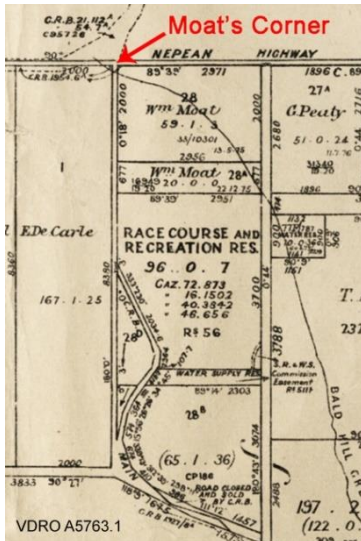
added 20 acres (8 hectares) next door.

Moat's property was in the area where the dam is shown in the photo above.

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He fenced his property and planted many pine trees, some of which still stand. He was also engaged in road work and he grew crops on his property.

About 1912 a telegraph line was brought up White Hill Rd from Moat's Corner to the Post Office, but it was not until June 1924 that full telephone facilities were brought to the district.

Locals used to meet at Moat's Corner to board Harry Cairns' covered wagon drawn by two horses. They would meet the wagon in the early hours, sitting uncomfortably on the produce to be taken to Mornington, to catch the 9 o'clock train.

In the early 1900s race meetings were conducted at the course near Moat's Corner, the program being almost equally divided between foot and horse races. By 1914, several buildings had been erected on the site and the track was said to have the best mile (1.6 km) course on the Peninsula.

The racecourse was adjacent to Moat's property, in the general area of where the Dromana Secondary College is now. On Google Earth it is shown as "Dromana Racecourse Reserve".

Friday, December 11, 1914

Dromana Sports Club.
ANNUAL SPORTS
Will be held on
DROMANA RACECOURSE
(Near Moat's Corner)
BOXING DAY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1914.
Good going. Splendid Mile Track.
Six minutes Motor Drive from Hotel Dromana.

PROGRAMME:
First Race to start at Half-past One sharp.
Quarter-mile Footrace. 1.3/15. Entry 3/.
Brush Hurdle Race. 1 1/2 Miles. 1.5. Entry, 4.
220 Yards Footrace. 1.2/15. Entry, 2/6.
Pony Race, 13.2 a.u. Four Furlongs, 1.3/10. Entry 3/.
Trial Stakes, Five Furlongs. 1.3/10. Entry, 3/.
1 District Novelty Pony Race, 14.2 a.u. 4 1/2 Furlongs. 1.4/10. Entry, 3/.
2 Dromana Handicap. 1 1/4 Miles. 1.6. Entry, 4/.
3 Novelty Pony Race, 14.2 a.u. 4 1/2 Furlongs. 1.4/10. Entry, 3/.

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Nunn's Reserve, Nunns Rd, Mornington

Allen Nunn was born in 1819 in Essex, England and he arrived in South Australia in 1840.



He came to Mornington in the early 1850s where he became the successful founder of "Allen Nunn and Son Storekeepers".

Allen and his son Robert, first opened their store in Federal House, Main St, Mornington, and then moved to Allchin's corner (cnr Main and Albert Sts).

Both men were very involved in community affairs.

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Robert Nunn was elected to the Mornington Shire Council from 1893-1947. He was Shire President in 1898, 1905, 1920 and 1926.

His son, George, represented Mt Martha Riding from 1945-52. He was Shire President in 1950.

In 1894, Robert Nunn and James Barrett became directors of the Mornington Butter Factory and in 1897 the factory commenced operations in Derril Rd, Moorooduc. The factory closed in 1908 due to a falling off in dairying on the Peninsula.

In 1913 Robert Nunn bought "Warrawee", 26 Strachans Rd (right) and lived there with his wife Adah until 1931. When he bought the property it included 3½ acres (1.4 hectares) of land. In 1922 Robert subdivided the land and retained one acre (0.4 hectare) and in 1956 the land was further subdivided so that Warrawee sat on a quarter of an acre (1000 sq m).



Nunns Reserve is just around the corner from Warrawee and would have formed part of the Nunn's property.

Nunns Rd was originally named Brewery Rd because at one time there had been a small brewery associated with the Mornington Hotel in Wilsons Rd. In 1868 the licence of that Mornington Hotel was transferred to a new Mornington Hotel in Main St.

In 1952 Brewery Rd was renamed in honour of veteran councillor, Robert Nunn.

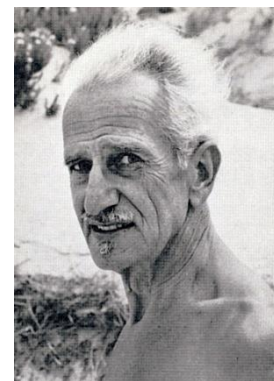
Percy Cerutti Oval, 37 Blair Rd, Portsea

Named in memory of Percy Wells Cerutti, MBE (1895-1975).

A sickly child, Percy was the youngest in a family of six surviving offspring of an unhappy marriage. His mother left her alcoholic husband when Percy was four and raised her family alone.



Aged 12, he left school to start work and was employed in the Postmaster-General's Department from 1910.



In 1946 he bought land in Portsea after leaving his job, having had a nervous breakdown in 1939. He then focused on reconditioning his body and mind and ran as

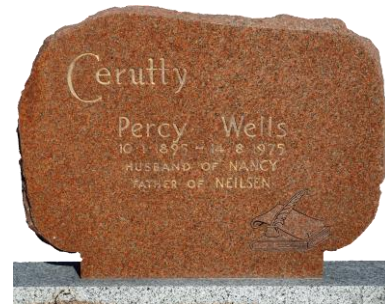
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State marathon champion in 1950 having set Australian records for 30, 50 and 60 miles.

In 1959 he commenced training athletes on this oval and in the nearby sand dunes, using Stoic and Spartan disciplines. Among his successful students were Herb Elliott, John Landy and Betty Cuthbert.

He retired in 1969 aged 74. In 1972 he was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) and in 1989 he was admitted to Australia's sporting Hall of Fame.

He is buried in Sorrento Cemetery.



Peter Shelmerdine Reserve, Sahara Crt, Portsea

Peter Edgar Shelmerdine was a Shire of Flinders Councillor from 1988 until he passed away while in office in May, 1990.

It is believed that this reserve was formerly the James Sandle Ford Reserve, or part thereof.



Pitt Reserve, Johns Rd, Mornington



Pitt Reserve

Rose Pitt, born in 1861, lived at "Marina" on the Esplanade in Mornington (right), for much of her life with her father Joseph Harris.

In 1931 she married Howard Pitt who had arrived in Australia on board the "Austral" in 1885.



Howard married Rose seven years after his first wife, Jessie, had died.

Rose lived on at "Marina" until her death in 1948, aged 93 years. She is buried in the Mornington Cemetery with her parents.

Quinn's Park, Burdett St, Tootgarook

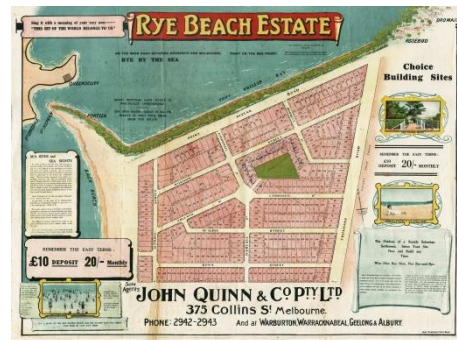
John Quinn & Co advertised the sale of the Rye Beach Estate subdivision in 1927.

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Quinn's Park with Tootgarook Primary School in the background can be seen in the plan on the Rye Beach Estate advertising brochure (right).

This subdivision was bounded by Point Nepean Rd, Truemans Rd, Bona St and Morris St, Tootgarook, and was advertised as "On the main road between Sorrento and Melbourne. Right on the seafront. Rye by the sea."



The "easy terms" were £10 (\$20) deposit, 20/- (\$2) monthly.

John Quinn is recorded on the 1940 Shire of Flinders Voters' Roll with the address being 62 Swanston St, Melbourne, his occupation as "agent" and being the owner of land and buildings in Kangerong.

The Post, on 15 August, 1962, reported that the Mornington Council purchased 55 acres (22 hectares) from John Quinn & Co for a public recreation area in Wooralla Dve, Mount Eliza. The land was valued at £4,125 (\$8,250).



John Quinn & Co was also involved in the sale of the Blairgowrie Estate subdivision in 1923.

The State Library Victoria website details many other land sales conducted by John Quinn & Co, including at Essendon, Sunshine, Greensborough, St Albans and Geelong.

Raws Reserve, Western Parade, Point Leo

In 1955 Point Leo Surf Life Saving Club was formed, with Geoff Raws, a local farmer, as its inaugural president – he remained in that position for 18 years. Geoff went on to become a Life Patron of the club.



Raws Reserve is part of the Point Leo Foreshore Reserve, an area of 54 hectares along 3.25 km of coastline.

Geoff was also Captain of the Shoreham Rural Fire Brigade. This had the effect of bringing the two organisations together.

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First club house, later destroyed by fire in 1974

Photo: Alan Forster

In 1961, Geoff Raws and Glen Cornish recruited the whole of the Pt Leo Surf Life Saving Club to the Shoreham Fire Brigade. This



Point Leo Surf Lifesaving Clubhouse 2015

resulted in many members of the fire brigade assisting

in the building of the Surf Lifesaving clubhouse, cementing the relationship between the two organisations.

Ray Baker Reserve, McCrae Foreshore – opp. The Avenue and Wattle Gve, McCrae

Raymond Sydney Baker was born in Sydney on 3 November, 1918 the elder son of Sydney Alfred and Ethel May Baker.



He joined the Army in 1939 and in 1946 Lieutenant Raymond Sydney Baker was

transferred to the “Reserve” – Australian Army Service Corps - 2nd /188th Australian Supply Depot Platoon where he remained until 1948.

Weddings

BAKER—CLARKE
A gown of white satin and tulle and a tulle veil were worn by Kathleen Ailsa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Woolner Clarke, at her wedding to Lieutenant Raymond Sydney Baker, AIF returned, elder son of Mr and Mrs S. A. Baker, of Sorrento, which took place at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gardiner, yesterday. Rev J. E. Owen officiated. The bride was attended by Mrs G. W. McKinley Wilson, matron of honour, and Miss Jean Clarke. Captain H. L. Cornell was best man and Lieutenant R. McAdam groomsmen.

On 6 March 1946 he married Kathleen Ailsa Clarke, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Woolner Clarke at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Gardiner.

In 1945, his father Syd, became the licensee of the Continental Hotel, Sorrento, and in 1948 he won the Shire of Flinders' seat of North Riding unopposed after it

was vacated by David Macfarlan. He later transferred to the Collins Riding.

Ray was working for Syd at the Continental from 1949-1952.

In May 1952, Syd and Ethel bought the Rosebud Hotel from John Bachli, and had the hotel until

1989. Ray, was manager at the Hotel – known locally as the “Bakers' Hotel”. He later passed it on to his son Greg who was tragically killed in motor car accident in 1987.



THE ROSE SERIES P. 2281 ROSEBUD HOTEL, NEPEAN HIGHWAY, ROSEBUD, VIC.

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Ray was a Flinders Shire Councillor from 1955-1961 and again from 1966-1976. He was Shire President in 1957/58. He left Council in 1961 – defeated at election, but he returned and was Shire President again in 1969/70.



On 9 May, 1956, The Post reported that Cr Baker moved that land at the corner of Lawson Crescent and Murray Anderson Rd be purchased for £2000 for a recreational reserve - this motion was carried. This is where Lawson Park is today.

For several years both Ray and his father Sid were Flinders Shire Councillors. In 1958 they were both Shire Council representatives on the Works and Sanitary Committee with Cr Rudduck.

Ray was President of the Rosebud Foreshore Trust when it decided, in 1956, to construct an Olympic standard swimming pool on the foreshore. In August, 1961, Ray reported that the Pool Committee was “making good progress with the construction of the pool from monies raised by public functions.” The pool opened in December, 1961 at a cost of £40,000. Although Ray had to give up the role of President of the Foreshore Trust when defeated in the 1961 Council election, he remained as chairman of the Rosebud and District Memorial Swimming Pool Association.

In December, 1957 Ray was the vice president of the Rosebud District Athletic Club when it conducted a professional athletic meeting at the Rosebud Reserve.



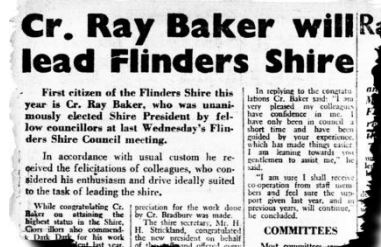
Councillor Ray Baker at the opening of the Rosebud Guide Hall - 26 Nov, 1957

He was the Shire Council representative on the Rosebud Park Golf Club.

Cr Ray Baker was described a “leader of various youth projects in the districts” – he was at that time requesting that the CRB (Country Roads Board) be asked for permission to stage a Hill Climb at Arthur’s Seat (1957).

In the same year he was appointed as the Council representative on the Rosebud and District Police and Citizens’ Youth Club Committee.

He was a member of the Rosebud Rotary Club.



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In 1961 he was the President of the Peninsula branch of the "Uncle Bobs Club". Uncle Bobs originated in 1942 when four men were discussing what they could do to help less fortunate members of the community. They hit upon the idea of paying a "bob" (1 shilling/10 cents now) a week to help crippled children. Uncle Bob became well known and helped thousands of people over the years. In July, 1962 Ray presented a humid crib to the Southern Peninsula Hospital, on behalf of the Uncle Bobs' Club.

In the same year, Ray was appointed as a trustee for the Intellectually Handicapped Children's Centre.

In 1962 Ray was the Rosebud District Chairman of the Peninsula Development Association, and also on the inaugural committee of the Rosebud Country Club.

Cr Ray Baker J.P. was at 1976 opening of the new Municipal Offices in Rosebud.

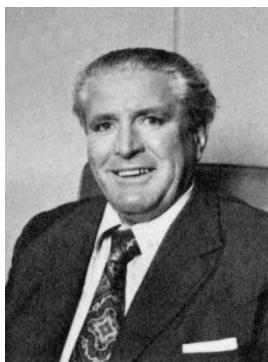
He was awarded the Silver Jubilee Medal on 1 August 1977. This was a commemorative medal created in 1977 to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Elizabeth II's accession in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Probably best known for his time at the Rosebud Hotel, Ray Baker certainly contributed significantly to the community in many ways, over many years.



Wooden sculpture depicting Syd Baker outside the Rosebud Hotel

R.J. Rowley Recreation Reserve, 20 Melbourne Rd, Rye



Robert James Rowley was the third generation of Robert Rowley's to call Rye home. Born in 1924, he attended Rye State School, where he obtained his Merit Certificate. He left school at the age of 14 and worked in his father's butcher's shop which he took over and ran until 1946. Joined by his brother Des, they remained in business until 1973.

In 1960 Bob (left) stood for Council with Bill Sullivan, and Peter Timmins. He was a

Flinders Shire councillor for 21 years (1960-79 and 1985-88), including two terms as Shire President – 1964-5 and 1968-9.



During the eight years that Bob chaired the Shire Finance Committee he arranged funds for the upgrading of the Rye Recreation Reserve which now proudly bears his name.

Who are these people, and why are they honoured in this way?

R.M. Hooper Reserve, 111 Graydens Rd, Tuerong

Robert Malcolm Hooper, OAM was the Assistant Shire Engineer for the Hastings Shire in 1981.

He was a life member of the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association who advocated for many years for the Association to have their own grounds.



A board in the clubrooms reads: "The Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association gratefully acknowledges the assistance given by the Mornington Peninsula Cricketers' Club in the establishment of these Headquarters."



Another plaque, on the wall of the Clubrooms states: "The Mornington Peninsula Cricketer's Club recognises the considerable efforts and services of Bob Hillas, Pat McIvor and Ric Marsella in the development of facilities of the R.M. Hooper Oval, Graydens Road, Hastings - January 1999".



The R.M. Hooper Bushland Reserve (right) abuts the oval.

Bob was a member of the Hastings Rotary Club in 1973, and in 1983, he was awarded the Order of Australia medal for "service to sport, particularly cricket and football, and to the community".

Robertson Park, 2 Library Rd, Balnarring

Albert "Robbie" Robertson served on the Balnarring Foreshore Committee for 30 years (from the late 1920s) and was the Ranger for a number of years.

He was the honorary Crown Lands Bailiff who lived in Prahran during the week but at Tulum Rd, Balnarring Beach during the weekend. He reported a number of campers cutting down trees in the camping reserves, them stating that they did not know it was wrong – he became known as "Robbie the Bobby".



A lands department inspection reinforced the view that no more trees should be cut down. A petition in June 1932 sought prohibition of camping on the Tulum Recreation Reserve.

In 1959 it was agreed to rename the recreation reserve, Robertson Park, after the first Crown Lands Bailiff who had retired the previous year, after 30 years of service.

Who are these people, and why are they honoured in this way?

Roger Penman Reserve, Wilson Rd, Blairgowrie

Roger Penman was born in Camberwell in 1932 and spent much of his childhood in Mildura.

He moved to the Peninsula in 1965 and became a member of the Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron two years later. In 1973 he became the Commodore – the first for many years to be a full-time local resident.



He worked for Mitre 10 Hardware before buying Redman's Hardware store in Sorrento in 1969. He had a tool collection on public show, part of which he left to the Nepean Historical Society and which is now on display in the Sorrento Museum.

Roger was also active in other community activities such as the Lions Club in Sorrento and he helped with the formation of a Lions Club in Rye, in 1972. The playground in Wilson St, behind Blairgowrie shopping centre is named in his honour.

Rudduck Square, Point Nepean Road, Dromana (opp. Pier St)

'Rudduck Square' pays respect to Ernest Rudduck, son of Nelson Rudduck, for many years a Councillor of Flinders Shire.

Ern Rudduck took over his father Nelson's store on the corner of Pier Street and Point Nepean Road, Dromana. He expanded his business interests opening another store in Rosebud and also ran a boat to Melbourne for supplies for a time. He was involved in the Wesleyan Church, the Independent Order of Rechabites, scouting and served on the Flinders Shire Council.



Rudduck Square was named after him as a tribute in his own lifetime.

Rupert White Reserve, Mount Eliza Way, Mount Eliza

Rupert White's wife, Jess, was a Mornington Councillor. They moved to Mount Eliza to live on several acres to poultry-farm it when it was a rural area. Later they sold the property for residential and commercial use and built their new home in a far corner of their original property.

Cr White won her way into Council in 1963 and was Mornington Shire's first female President in 1971.



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R.W. Stone Reserve, 68 Camp Hill Rd, Somers

Ron William Stone (right), was known as the “unofficial Mayor of Somers”. When Somers was first opened up for subdivision, Ron (son of Ern Stone of the Balnarring Store) moved his family to Somers where he had the General Store, Post office and Real estate business. He was also a very good, all-round sportsman.

He was involved in every aspect of life in the community for the 40 years that Somers was his home. He was president of the Progress Association formed in 1927 and one of the sub-committee set up to select a new name for the area – Somers was the ultimate choice.



He was instrumental in establishing the school, and the caravan park, in the re-vegetation of former grazing land, in arranging sporting activities and entertainment for both local and holiday people and in securing essential services for the area.

Ron died in 1967.

The reserve was named in Ron’s honour in 1992, with Mayor, Cr Brian Stahl unveiling a plaque.

S.L. Butler Reserve, 33 Lucerne Ave, Mornington



Samuel Lincoln (Lin) Butler answered the call to war in 1915. He gave his occupation as Civil Servant. He was 22 years of age at the time and his next of kin was his mother, Mrs Keyes of the Lighthouse Dromana (now McCrae Lighthouse).

He progressed quickly through the ranks from private to lieutenant, and he was mentioned in dispatches. He was awarded the Military Cross in October, 1917 for conspicuous gallantry

and devotion to duty.



He was a prominent member of the Mornington RSL when it was formed in 1920.

He was the Honorary Secretary of the Bush Nursing Hospital in 1937.

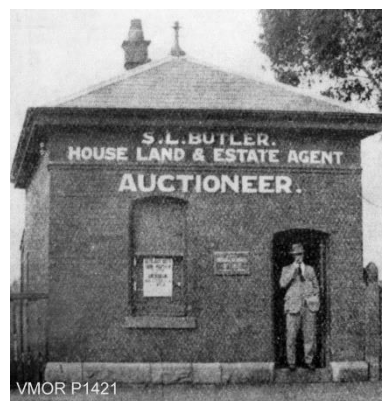
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Lin Butler was Mornington Shire President in 1942, 1950, and again 1958.

When the Joint Transport Research Committee sat in the Mornington Court House to investigate the railway situation in February, 1954 it heard evidence from a wide variety of people representing the Shire, business interests, and a number of organisations.

Sole opposition to the proposal to restore the rail passenger service was voiced by S.L. Butler, who claimed that 70% of the population owned their own transport, or made use of other people's. Of the remaining 30%, not more than 10% travelled to Melbourne regularly. In October, the Committee recommended that no action be taken to restore the Mornington-Frankston rail passenger service.

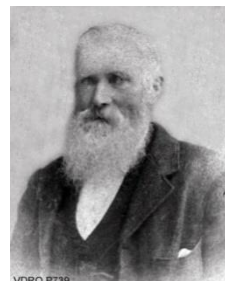
Lin Butler was a successful Real Estate Agent and businessman. He died in 1961, aged 67 years.



Shaw McKeown Reserve, Edith Pl/Atunga Tce, Dromana



Archie Shaw

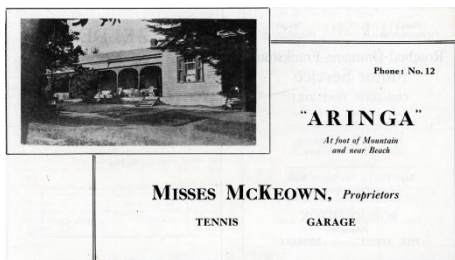


James McKeown

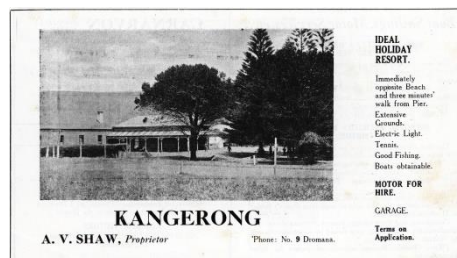
Archibald Vine (Archie) Shaw was a Flinders Councillor and Shire President.

He and Maud (nee McKeown) started Kangerong Guest House in 1880.

The McKeowns were early settlers in Red Hill and later moved to Dromana.



They built Aringa Guest House and established an orchard.



In later years two McKeown spinster sisters ran the guest house for many years and it was one of the last guesthouses operating in Dromana until about the 1960's.

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A proposal for the naming of the reserve was submitted by the Dromana & District Historical Society. This was accepted by the Shire and the reserve duly named in a ceremony on-site in c.2010.

Sheehan's Corner, corner of White Hill and Arthurs Seat Rds, Red Hill South

The Sheehan family was one of the early pioneers to settle in Red Hill.

Robert Sheehan (1830-1902) had come to Australia from Ireland, at first settling in Adelaide where he married Eliza Ewers in 1852 – he was 22 and Eliza was 17. They raised a family of eight surviving children, moving around between South Australia and Victoria before settling in Murtoa in 1869.



In search of a better climate, they arrived at Red Hill in 1886 and Robert bought 215 acres (87 hectares) from James McKeown. He built a house, "Glenbower" on the property.

The first services of the Church of Christ were held at "Glenbower" in late 1886. Later on, meetings were held in the first State School and a Sunday School was conducted by John Sheehan's wife.



Looking east on Arthurs Seat Rd, towards White Hill Rd (Sheehans Corner). Sheehans Rd is on the left, in the foreground

Together with his sons, Alfred, John and William, Robert farmed the property. Fruit trees planted by the previous owner of the property were in their prime by that stage. The orchard was on either side of Sheehans Rd.



Photo reproduced from *Red Hill Church of Christ – 100 Years*
Glenbower, c. 1910.

The Baker sisters had a small bakery on the corner of Sheehans and Arthurs Seat Roads – the area known as "Sheehan's Corner".

Robert Sheehan was the Treasurer of the Mornington Peninsula Combined Railway League when it was formed in 1889 to have the railway extended to Red Hill.

Reg and Syd Sheehan, Robert's grandsons, both enlisted in World War 1 in 1915.

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Sherlock Family Playground, Dunns Road Reserve, Mount Martha

Samuel Sherlock was born in Launceston in 1836. He moved to Rye with his sister and her husband in 1848.

He later worked with Mr Burrell, of Arthurs Seat, and after that with Mr Barker, of Cape Schanck, as a stock rider.

In 1849 he married Janet McLellan and they settled in Green Island.

Before the days of coaches, Samuel carried the mail on horseback, from Cheltenham to Rye and Hastings.



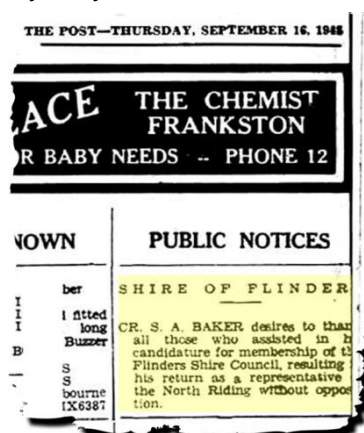
He was also a contractor for roads and bridges, working with the Mt Eliza Roads Board – the precursor to the Mornington Shire, and he ran his own farm as well.

Samuel Sherlock was one of the committee members responsible for establishing a school in 1872. He lived and died in the house he built in Dunns Rd, Green Island (left).

He was buried in the Mornington Cemetery in August, 1900, and 60 vehicles and 40 horsemen followed the funeral to the cemetery.

Sid Baker Reserve, Summoner St, Blairgowrie

Sydney Alfred Baker was a Flinders Shire Councillor (1948-65).



In 1948 Syd Baker, licensee of the Continental Hotel, Sorrento, won the Shire of Flinders' seat of North Riding unopposed after it was vacated by David Macfarlan.



He later transferred to the Collins Riding.

He was President of the Shire of Flinders in 1963. In 1951 he bought "Whiteholme", cnr Nepean Hwy and Violet St, in West Rosebud, for £5000 (\$10,000) – since demolished.

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In 1952 he took over the licence of the Rosebud Hotel, and he remained there until 1989. His son, Ray, was also involved with the Continental Hotel, and was later the manager of the Rosebud Hotel.

Syd was involved in a wide range of community activities and organisations, including:

- Vice-president of the Sorrento Citizens' League;
- President of the Council of Peninsula Progress Associations;
- Chairman of the Sorrento Foreshore Trust – later the Sorrento Foreshore and Ocean Park Reserve Committee;
- President of the Sorrento Football Club;
- Vice-president of the Sorrento Bowling Club;
- Honorary Member of the Sorrento Sailing Club;
- President of the Cranbourne Racing Club;
- Chairman of honorary justices at the southern end of the Peninsula;
- Treasurer of the Southern Peninsula Hospital Committee;
- Supporter of the Sorrento-Portsea Surf Life-saving Club by donating money to head up an appeal to fund the acquisition of a clubhouse;
- Supported of the local Cricket Club by donating facilities to assist fund-raising

In his role as a Justice of the Peace, he presided over matters at the Sorrento Court of Petty Sessions.

Later, he was the senior Justice of the Peace at Dromana Court of Petty Sessions.

When Syd Baker was elected as the President of the Cranbourne Race Club, he was described as having “his finger on the pulse of progression for many years. He is outspoken, efficient and popular.”

In 1968 a tree was planted behind the Police House in Sorrento (opposite the Sorrento Hotel) in recognition of Syd Baker's service to the community as a Flinders Shire Councillor from 1948-65.



Tree and Plaque acknowledging Syd Baker's time as a Flinders Councillor

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Slip's Reserve, 52-54 MacFarlan Ave, Blairgowrie

Named in honour of Reuben Schlipalius who was well known to several generations of Sorrento residents for his ice cream deliveries along the front beach and for the conduct of a milk bar/ice cream shop in the main street.



Reuben sold a wide range of flavours

from his cart and from his shop in Sorrento.

Before the motorised cart came along, his brother, Alby, sold ice cream in Frankston from a horse-drawn cart in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

The business was sold in 1974 when it became too expensive to make ice cream.



Stan Williams Reserve, Storer Dve, Dromana

Stan Williams was the Shire of Flinders Shire Secretary during the 1960s and 70s.

In 1962, he recommended to the Shire of Flinders Council, the purchase of a £3000 (\$6000) accounting machine because it would prove a considerable saving to the municipality, who at that time issued 27,000 rate assessment notices each year.

After the machine was acquired, Stan reported to Council that it had "saved a week of writing."

In March of the following year Stan and his wife, and Shire President, Cr George Bishop, were invited to attend the Royal reception at the Melbourne Town Hall. During the Royal Visit, "a huge basket of rosy apples and pears was accepted by the Queen and Prince Phillip on board the Royal yacht on their arrival in Melbourne" - *Peninsula Post* March 6, 1963, p.3.



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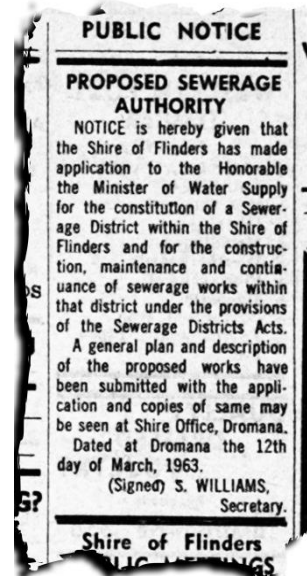
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In October 1963, Stan officially opened the season at Main Ridge Bowling Club. He said that he represented not only the President, but the Shire of Flinders, and in such capacity, he wished the club a successful 1963-64 season.

As part of his civic duties, Stan and his wife were included in the official party at the 3rd Annual Parish Ball of the All Saints Church of England, held in the Rosebud Memorial Hall in October, 1963. Others in the Official Party were the Vicar, Rev John Davies and his wife, president of the ball committee, Mr G. Wawes and his wife, and HMAS Cerberus Chaplain Padre R.C. Lovitt and his wife.

Stan was also on the Southern Peninsula Hospital Committee in 1963.

He was also a Justice of the Peace, and was still Shire Secretary when the new Municipal Offices were opened in 1976.



Peninsula Post 10 Apr, 1963, p.17

The 1973 Voters' Roll listed Stanley Williams as living at 32 Francis St, Dromana, with his occupation listed as Shire Secretary.

Stringer Road Reserve, cnr Melbourne Road, Blairgowrie

Walter Stringer grew up in Sorrento. In 1912 he joined with David Macfarlan in partnership and they remained together until 1924, after which he carried on as a single merchant.



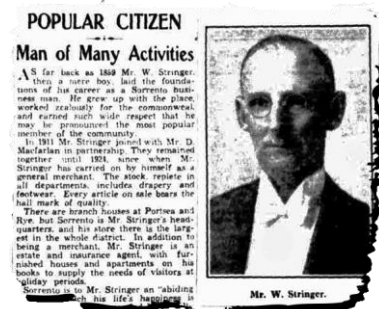
He was also an estate and insurance agent, with furnished houses and apartments on his books to supply the needs of holidaymakers.

In 1925 the business name of "Stringer's Stores" was registered and the Stringer family continued in the business until the 1970s.



THE 1914 SERIES, P. 2012 "WESTELLA HOUSE," SORRENTO, VICTORIA

In 1917 he married Molly Leyden, of Portsea, whose mother, Catherine, managed "Westella" Guesthouse on the Back Beach Rd in Sorrento.



Sporting Globe, 13 January, 1932 p.6

For 15 years he was the Secretary and Treasurer of the Ocean Park Trustees. He was President and Vice-

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president of the Sorrento Football Club, President of the Cricket Club, Vice-president of the Publicity Committee, and President of the local branch of the All Australia League.

Tallis Reserve Playground, 54 Tallis Drive, Mornington



Beleura, built in 1863 by James Butchart, in a prominent position on land purchased at Schnapper Point (now Mornington), was described as the finest mansion in the colony.

It was purchased in 1916 by George Tallis and was the summer retreat for his family for many decades.

Sir George Tallis (left, at Beleura c.1930) died in 1948, and in 1950 Beleura became the home of Jack Morton Tallis by family agreement.

John Tallis, as he preferred to be known, (right c.1955) died in 1996 and bequeathed Beleura and its considerable contents to the people of Victoria, requesting that it become a house museum.



In November, 2004 his dream was realised and Beleura and its gardens are now open to the public.



Beleura's 160 acres (65 hectares) was subdivided in 1915 but when George Tallis purchased it the following year, he acquired surrounding land and by 1924 he held 348 acres (140 hectares).

He eventually owned some 2000 acres

(810 hectares) in Mornington.

Over the years, the land surrounding Beleura has been sold off and Tallis Reserve Playground is on some of this land.



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T.C. McKellar Flora Reserve, Purves Rd, Arthurs Seat



After the 1997 bushfire on Arthurs Seat

Named in honour of Thomas Campbell McKellar after the land was bequeathed as part of Thomas' Estate, to the "Trust for Nature".

When the Trust for Nature was established in 1972 under the Victoria Conservation Act, it was specifically empowered to accept donations from the public.

This 43 hectare Reserve was later transferred to the Crown and became part of the Arthurs Seat State Park.

Thomas Barclay Reserve, 159 Marine Pde, Hastings

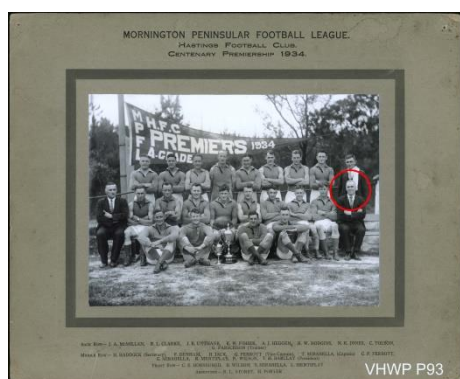
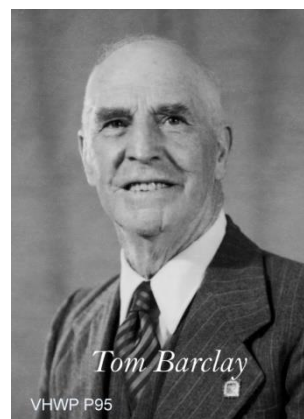
John Barclay came to Hastings in 1860, at the age of 6. He later married Rosina, daughter of Charles and Margaret Grayden.

John and Rosina had five children, one of whom was Thomas Harold Barclay (1886-1973).

John, a farmer, orchardist and fisherman, bought 200 acres in Graydens Road, which he divided amongst his sons.

"Barclay's Hill" on Graydens Road is often mentioned in early editions of the *Peninsula Post*.

Tom Barclay married Ruby Rust and they had one daughter, Jean.



Tom followed in his father's footsteps to become an orchardist and he was also involved in dairying.

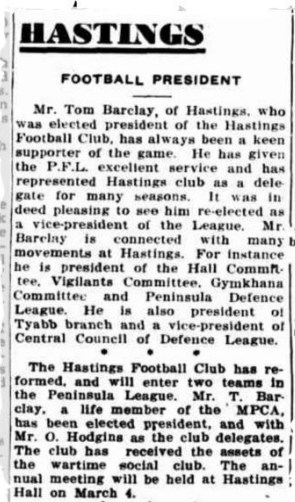
His property was, Sunny Braes, 95 Graydens Road, Tyabb.

Tom represented Hastings Football Club as a delegate on the Mornington Peninsula Football League for many seasons. He was president of the Hastings Football Club when they won the Centenary Premiership in 1934. He was made a Life Member of Hastings Football Club in 1936.

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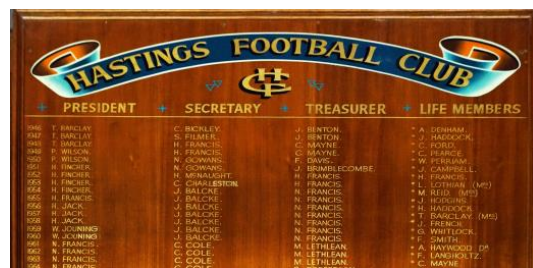
Frankston Standard
28 February, 1947 p.6

In 1940, Tom was elected president of a committee established by Miss Peggy Perrott (Air Force Queen), for her campaign.

In 1941 he was made a Life Member of the Peninsula Football League, and he was also a Life Member of the Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association.

When the Hastings Football Club was re-formed in 1947 he was once again elected president.

Tom's wife, who was a founder of the Hastings CWA, was also a Life Member of the Hastings Football Club.



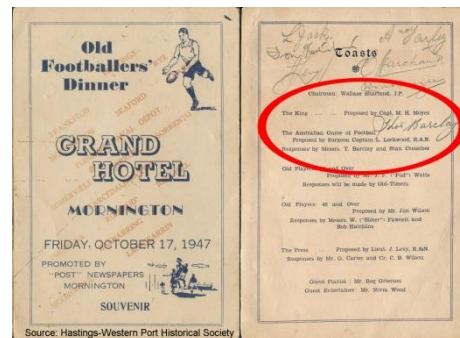
Tom Barclay was very active in the Hastings Community. In 1946 The Frankston Standard reported that as well as being the President of the Hastings Football Club for many years, he was president of the Vigilance Committee (during WW2), Gymkhana Committee (held at Hastings Park), Peninsula Fruitgrowers' Defence League, and the Hastings Hall Committee, for 28 years. He was vice-president of the Central Council of the Defence League.

In the same year, Tom was elected president of the Tyabb branch of the Fruitgrowers' and Primary Producers' Defence League. He was very vocal in his disapproval of the Federal Government's acquisition scheme for apples and pears during WW2.

The *Peninsula Post*, on 27 February, 1941, reported that Tom Barclay "pioneered the extension of the Fruitgrowers' Defence League to embrace the Mornington Peninsula, and had been largely instrumental in having

branches established in every fruitgrowing district, namely Red Hill, Hastings, Tyabb, Somerville and Pearcedale." It went on to say "Always out to champion social justice for the man of the land, Tom had always been a staunch supporter of the Labor movement."

Tom was described in the June 19, 1947 edition of the *Peninsula Post* as "the well-known orchardist



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and football enthusiast, who is also linked up actively with every worthwhile organisation in the Hastings district.”

The Hastings Club, at Hastings Park, is home to the Hastings Cricket Club, Hastings Football Club, Hastings Junior Football Club, Hastings Netball Club, and Hastings Darts Club.



Thomas Barclay Reserve at Hastings Park

It is also host to the Hastings Gift. Thomas Barclay Reserve forms part of that complex.

Tolhurst Osborne Reserve, Osborne Dve (near Birdrock Ave), Mount Martha



This reserve is accessible from Osborne Dve and also from Tolhurst Place.

Alfred Tolhurst owned “Woodcliffe” from c1908 and Mrs E Tolhurst owned it from c1920 into the 1950s.

After her death in 1957, Edward Tolhurst, of Toorak

owned the property which was then approximately 23 acres (9 hectares).

E.K. Tolhurst was a member of the Committee of the Ranelagh Club, along with other illustrious names such as R.G. Menzies.

Tom Salt Memorial Park, Rosebud Foreshore

Tom H. Salt was made a Life Member of the Rosebud Bowls Club in 1947, “for services rendered”. He was also on the first Committee and Secretary of that Club, in 1948. He was described as the “clerk of works” and together with “his team of labourers” they put a new face on the pavilion. During the official opening of the Bowling Green, Cr Wood made special mention that under Tom’s guidance the green was constructed and brought up to its present state.



Friday, April 22, 1921.

CAUTION.

NETHER Shooting nor Trapping allowed on any part of my property.

Mrs. E. TOLHURST.
“Woodcliffe,” Mornington,

PARK HILL.

Peninsula Post 22 April, 1921

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Tom was the Green Director and Vice President of the Rosebud Bowling Club in 1951.

Tom Salt also assisted Mr George Brown, Shire of Flinders Engineer, in the establishment of the Dromana Bowling Club, in 1951-53.

In 1948 he was elected to the Rosebud Foreshore Trust, and he was re-elected in 1951 along with George Kilborn.

He and his family lived in Eighth Ave, Rosebud.

Tom Salt's daughter, Valerie Louise, married Andrew George Sherlock in 1954.



Tom Salt

Tom Salt is recorded on the Electoral Roll as being a carpenter in Dromana in the 1940s and a builder in Frankston in 1963.

Tubbarubba Reserve, Tubbarubba Rd, Merricks

This Reserve takes its name from the Goldfields that once existed in this area.

The reserve covers about 6 hectares of formerly Crown Land on the Tubbarubba Plains.

It is close to the former Tubbarubba Goldfields where mining was active in the latter part of the 19th and early 20th century.



The reserve was opened to the public in October, 1968.

It was once also known as Cemetery Reserve as it had been set aside as the site for Balnarring's cemetery in 1884 but was never developed.

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Tuckey Track, 3157 Point Nepean Rd, Sorrento

On 9 December, 1803 Lt James Tuckey, Second-in-Command of the *HMS Calcutta*, led a party of sixteen from the Collins Settlement at Sullivan Bay on an overland expedition to Western Port Bay.



This group walked the track en route to the Signal Station (St Pauls) Back Beach. From this point, traversing the coast to Cape Schanck, they explored the area around the present day Flinders,

returning four days later.



Tuckey's keen appreciation of the natural beauty of this special place was reflected in his journal entry:

".... the face of the country bordering the port is beautifully picturesque, swelling into gentle elevations of the brightest verdure, and dotted with trees as if planted by hand of taste, while the ground is covered with a profusion of flowers of every colour....."

Tyrone Foreshore Camping Ground, Pt Nepean Rd, Rye

In 1841, Owen Cain (1798-1896), with his wife Sarah and three children arrived from Co. Tyrone, Ireland, aboard the 'Frankfield', as assisted migrants.



Owen obtained a limestone lease at Rye and established a kiln and farm.

He later owned a total of 325 hectares, with adjacent land in his sons' names.

The whole family worked together,

their main income being from the sale of limestone, burnt lime and firewood.

From a wattle and daub Irish 'bog-house' style home, they moved to a stone house named 'Tyrone' in about 1850.



Owen Cain



"Tyrone", 1-3 Locke St, Rye

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Unthinks Bushland Reserve, Rochester Rd, Somerville

The Unthinks were one of the pioneer families who settled in Somerville.

From the 1850s, many varieties of fruit trees were grown in the large nurseries of Somerville, Tyabb and Moorooduc by nursery men such as the Unthinks.



William Unthank and his wife, Jane, came to live in Somerville in 1882, at what was then called the "Shooters' Camp". William died 13 years later, aged 87, and his wife in 1921.

Mrs Unthank was deeply religious and in conjunction with Mrs Shepherd (another Somerville pioneer), she established the first Sunday School in the district.

The driver of the lorry (right) is Joseph Unthank (1873-1949) - son of a pioneering orchardist William Unthank - and the other man is Bill Avis, who lived in a hut on Unthank's farm 'Merrivale Nurseries', in Eramosa Road West.



Joseph Unthank and his bride Anastacia Hoban, 18 May 1895

Joseph Unthank was the President of the Somerville Fruitgrowers' and Horticultural Association in 1926. He was also on the Show Committee in 1912 and remained involved in the Show for many years after that.

He was elected to the Frankston and Hastings Shire Council in 1917 following the death of Cr George Griffeth. He remained until 1919 and then served again from 1924-1936, during which time he was Shire President in 1931/32.

Joseph Unthank was a trustee of the Somerville Mechanics Institute when it was officially opened on 31 December, 1915.

It is said that even today, when meeting someone for the first time in the Western Port area, if you are not talking to an Unthank then it is more than likely you are meeting a member of the wider family.

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One of Joseph's six children, Eileen Lillian, married Kenneth Webb in 1921 and the couple established an apple orchard in Webbs Lane, Somerville.

Joseph's granddaughter, Brenda Thornell (nee Unthank) also served on the Hastings Shire Council, being the first woman to represent the North Riding. Brenda, and her sister Maisie, are both long-time members of the Somerville, Tyabb and District Heritage Society.

This photo shows the Unthank Bushland Reserve nestled amongst the development that is modern Somerville.



Vern Wright Reserve, 20 Eliza St, Capel Sound



Vernon George Wright was a Councillor for the Bowen Riding (1968-1978) and he died in office as the Shire President.

The reserve, on the site of a former tip, was established for

tennis courts and bowls club in the late 1970s, early 1980s.



Warringine Park, 2 Salmon St, Hastings

Warringine Park, managed by Mornington Peninsula Shire, is located in Hastings and comprises 230 hectares of woodland, Warringine Creek, and Bittern Coastal Wetland – that being a Crown Land wetland of international importance listed under the Convention on Wetlands also known as the Ramsar Convention 1971.



In the late 1960's the non-Crown section of the Park was owned by BHP. When the company acquired John Lysaght steelworks north of Hastings in 1985 they sought a rezoning for subdivision and sale. Local residents and the Western Port and Peninsula Protection Council formed the Warringine Park Group to campaign for the preservation of this important hinterland to the Crown Land coastal reserve for conservation and recreation

purposes. In 1995 the Park was created by the Mornington Peninsula Shire as a negotiated outcome of a Planning Scheme Amendment which resulted in the Kinfauns subdivision.

Who are these people, and why are they honoured in this way?

For ten years, residents were levied to finance the operations of a Shire appointed Advisory Committee. The Committee's task was to prepare a management plan, obtain community support and involvement in implementing the plan, provide education and seek funding opportunities. In 2006, the Committee was disbanded and the Shire adopted full responsibility for Warringine Park.

Warringine is a Boonwurrung place name, meaning unknown, listed in the Dictionary of Aboriginal Placenames of Victoria by Ian D Clark and Toby Heydon 2002.

Webster's Corner, Pt Nepean Rd, Sorrento (opp. St Paul's Rd)



William Webster (1832-1928) was 21 years old when he arrived in Australia in 1853.

He had been a sailor for some time and was paid £3 (\$6) a month for a voyage to America.

When told by the crew of a quarantine cutter who stood by while the Doctor was aboard checking the arrivals, that he could make £2/10/- (\$5) a week under easy conditions in Victoria, he deserted ship with six other sailors while at anchor in Port Phillip, and they landed on the beach at Sorrento.



William Webster

Within 10 days they were all employed – Webster's first job was as a lime burner for George Baker, whose kiln was located on the hillside opposite the present Sorrento Pier. He also worked for Ted Sullivan.

When lime burning began to decline, William worked on the building of the forts at Queenscliff and for 15 years at the fort of Point Nepean. Then when land was opened up, he selected a property abutting the beach opposite St Paul's Rd, on which he built a hut and later a wattle and daub cottage called "The Rest".

In 1872, he had George Morce build "Kilvenny" [3206 Pt Nepean Rd] (right), adjacent to the reserve now called "Webster's Corner".

William bought several acres here in 1870, and lived there until about 1919.



He married Catherine Condon and they had eight daughters and a son, 27 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

Who are these people, and why are they honoured in this way?

W.E. Newton Reserve, Point Nepean Rd, Portsea (near the pier)

William Edward Newton was born in 1885 and died in 1961. He was a Flinders Shire Councillor from 1947 to 1956.

He and his wife lived at and operated Marlborough House as a Guest House for many years.

When his niece's husband, John Nepean Farnsworth, died by accident, his business was taken over by W. Edward Newton, who managed the transition from horse-drawn transports carrying passengers and goods from the Nepean Hotel, to buses and finally motor cars. His first car was a Fiat.



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"MARLBOROUGH HOUSE," PORTSEA, VIC.

He also had a petrol station/garage on the corner of Back Beach Rd and the Nepean Hwy at Portsea for some years.

When the Peninsula Football League resumed after WW2 the president, Mr Gloury, paid tribute to the contributions of 11 men, including Walter Stringer and Bill Newton, in developing the league.

Woolley's Beach Reserve, The Esplanade, Crib Point



Named after the Woolley brothers, who fished in the area and stored their catch in a "cool room" (right) on the beach, before shipping to market in Melbourne.



Blocks of ice were packed in with the fish awaiting transport to Melbourne by train, on Monday mornings.

Bill Woolley built the cool room in 1903, and it is now listed as a District Heritage Place.

Better to be looking at it, than looking for it!

Who are these people, and why are they honoured in this way?

Postscript:

Calder Hwy/Fwy

Now this entry is a bit out of left-field, but William Calder, after whom the Calder Highway was named, was a significant contributor to the Mornington Peninsula, in numerous ways.

William Calder (1860-1928) was born in New Zealand, at his father's sheep farm.



He later studied engineering and in 1888 he came to Victoria and worked in engineering and surveying firms. The following year he became assistant town surveyor for the City of Footscray, and then the town engineer.

By 1912 the appalling condition of Victoria's rural roads was a major concern to both farmers and motorists. The following year a Country Roads Board was set up and William was appointed Chairman – a position he held until his death in 1928.

William, and his fellow Board members, often visited the Mornington Peninsula to discuss the improvements requested by the local Councils. The *Peninsula Post* of the early 1900s has frequent reports of such visits.

Described as a “champion shot”, he assisted with military training in the Moorooduc area during World War 1.

William's chief recreation was working on his 40 acre (16 hectares) orchard at Red Hill, where he spent nearly every weekend.

The *Peninsula Post* described his home at Four Winds, on the corner of White Hill and McIlroys Rds, Red Hill, as “picturesque, having been designed by his son, Stuart Calder, Architect, and William took great delight in its surroundings.”

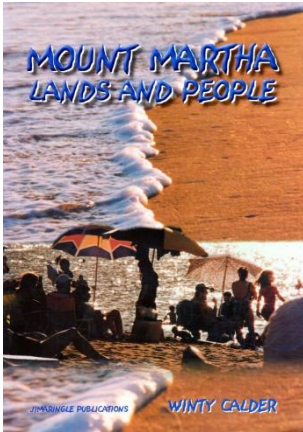
William was the inaugural President of the Red Hill Agricultural and Horticultural Show, and he is said to have frequently remarked to his many friends that he considered Red Hill the prettiest part of Victoria within 100 miles (160 km) of Melbourne.

His son, Stuart Palmer Calder, was the eminent architect responsible for the Shire of Flinders Offices in Dromana (plus other landmark Melbourne buildings). He attended the opening of the Shire Offices in 1928 - this building now houses the Dromana and District Historical Society Museum.



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Winifred “Winty” Calder, is the wife of William’s grandson Stuart (junior).

She is a prominent Mornington Peninsula historian who has written many books, including “Peninsula Perspectives” and “Mount Martha Lands and People”.

Jane Alexander, who Coordinates the Mornington Peninsula Shire’s Arts and Culture Unit and is the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery Director, is William’s great grand-daughter.

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