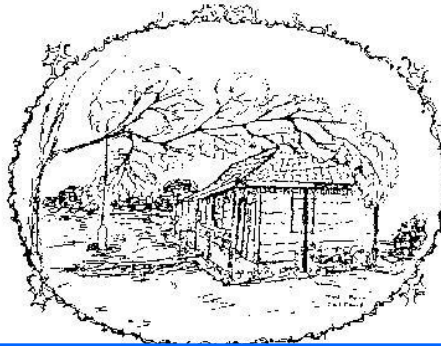


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The August Open Day, the Hawker Family visit and Harry Hawker's Loughshinny Spark Plug.



When I was first contacted last year by Martin McDowell from Frankston regarding Harry Hawker in Ireland, I was more than happy to support the Project to Commemorate Harry Hawker's and Harry Kauper's landing at Loughshinny, County Fingal Ireland in 1913 and more than pleased to have a son of Moorabbin remembered so very far from his home town. From a shaky start Martin informed me of the problems the Fingal Group had in sponsorship and organization. From my part all I could do was to provide stories of Harry Hawker's life in Moorabbin and prod a few people into action.

August Open Day

The day from our end at the Box Cottage went very well with Elizabeth Miller MP for Bentleigh and Jamie as Mayor of Glen Eira to welcome the Hawker Family on their visit and display on their relative Harry George Hawker. The Hawker's included Chris, Jude and Dale Hawker, David Inglis, Bob Hawker from Highbury and Ted and Wendy Brambley. Even though due to personal problems a few members could not attend it was a well attended day. Every one found the Hawker's display on Harry Hawker interesting and will be seen again next year at Caulfield Race Course.

In Loughshinny.

On the same day and we watched the days event in Loughshinny and Project Hawker 2013 with Jeff Boying and his crew in their Catalina came to the end. It was a surprise on that Monday that I received the Email from Michael Healey "A spark plug which was retrieved from Hawker's aircraft at Loughshinny in 1913 will be forwarded to you via Australian ambassador which should have a good home in the Museum at Moorabbin".

I was honored that the Spark Plug was to be sent to the City of Moorabbin Historical Society. However, on advice from Elizabeth at the Council and Museums Victoria it was clear that I could not hold an item that was to be of National importance at the Box Cottage.

As the Federal Government was involved, I had to make the best and a clear decision on the on were the best place to keep the Spark Plug would be. I was lucky, I had a contact with the Royal Australian Air Force in Chris Hawker; Harry Hawker's grand Nephew and was introduced to the Director of RAAF museum Point Cook, Mr David Gardener and when the Harry's Spark Plug arrived in Melbourne on the 5th of September I took the Train in to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Then I had a nerves train ride with the Spark Plug in my old brief case out to meet Chris where he drove me to Point Cook.



David Gardener Director RAAF Point Cook Museum and Jim Dale

Next AGM, Meeting and Open Day.

The next open day will be the 27th of October this will include the General meeting and the AGM as notified by Bill earlier this month. There are a few important issues that need to be discussed, so please make an effort attend. The last meeting for the year will be the 24th of November and we will start again on the 23rd of February 2014. There are commemoration events through 2014 for Harry Hawker and the Great War were some planning needs to be discussed. Also be ready for our new treasure chasing for membership fees.

A History of Cheltenham Scouts.

The Two Acre Village

'The Cheltenham of 1911' was a very deferent. But in a few ways still the same place that we know today, It was a country town well established in the 1850,s as the Two acre village , Established by Josiah Hol-loway around 1851 It had settled population of around 500. It was a busy hub for the Market gardens and industries.

St Mathews was on the unsealed Charman Rd the Mechanics Hall was the Largest building on Point Nepean Rd, a gas light water fountain was on the Corner of Nepean Hwy and Charman Rd to commemorate the men that had returned and the few didn't from the Boar War . The Cheltenham Railway Station, court House and hotels were still the main Land Marks.



In 1909 there was now large group of children causing problems for the Cheltenham Police this problem was being talked about at the Moorabbin Shire Council where Everest LePage had connections with Scouting, Scouting had begun in England in 1907 and in Australia by 1908. Having start most of the sporting Clubs in the area and participating in a few more, he went about starting activities for the local boys.

The Beginnings

By 1911 with 10 boys and no permanent hall and Everest LePage as Scout Master had his first Scout meeting at St Mathews Church Hall. It would go well for a few years changing venues from sheds to stables around the area. Until 1915 - 1916, when the lack of resources and men made it difficult to hold meetings and most of the Scouts left. Some of the Boys ended up as far away as Elsternwick to attend meetings. It was not until 1917 that 1st Cheltenham was reestablished by Everest Lepage

with the help of Charles Mewett and Percivell Firlam at Mechanics Hall Cheltenham. Not much was said in the media at that time because the war was still heading all the papers.

In the Wars

By 1929 it was decided by the committee lead by Mr Barry, Brown to build a permanent Hall and finished by 1930 for £250 and volunteer workers. The Troop was getting larger now by 1932 the name had been changed to 3rd Morialloc. However, many years with out any problems, first the Second World War and in 1940 the Hall was damages by fire. It would appear that an amount of records were lost in that fire including the King scout Roll. For a time the meetings were held in a garage near the corner of Nepean Hwy and Centre Dandenong Rd.



The new beginning the 60s.

The hall was repaired in the 40s and by 1947 the troop was very active, the Log book of that time shows an active group. There were a lot of Cooking days, Cricket day, Football days all using Cheltenham Park to there advantage. Some of the member came from St John of Gods Boys Home that was where Southland is now. The Group made the 1948 Pan Pacific Jamboree. By the 1950s the troops name was changed again to 1st City of Moorabbin and later on to 1st Moorabbin. In 1960 the worse fire the troop has seen occurred. This time the fire destroying any record that survived the 1940 fire and nearly every thing since that fire. The group then meet at 4th Cheltenham Hall in Wheatherall Rd until there hall was repaired.

A busy group

The 1960s the now 1st south Moorabbin scouts log book started with an entry about the fire ,then continued to have a very busy time, Attending the Royal Melbourne show, the Railway Museum Williamstown, Moorabbin airport and Museum and the big adventures on a ship at Port Melbourne and Essendon Airport. As well as a few air shows at Laverton that a Cub Sixer was very enthusiastic about in his report. The activities were many and varied with a few camps and good community deeds thrown in for good measure.

60th jubilee

In 1977 the Cheltenham Scouts held its 60th jubilee celebrations ; it was well attended with 500 old boys eventually finding out about the event. Even one of the original ten members of the Cheltenham Scout was there and pointed out that they had missed the 60th by six years because of the reestablishment in 1917.

Now in 2013

Now back to the name 1st Cheltenham and combined with 3rd Cheltenham the Group Has a Cub Troop, Scout Troop, a Venturer troop, a Rover Troop (The Everest LaPage Rover Troop) and next year a Joey troop. Hundreds of member and leaders over those years, Though two world wars, the Great depression, the GFC, two hall fires and a lot of the leaders bad jokes around the Camp fires and Scouting is still in Cheltenham.

Jim Dale.



1940s -50s from Cheltenham Park looking towards Highett. Note the Gas works Chimney in the background.

1914 1964 fifty years of scouting with first Mordialloc

First Mordialloc Log Book 1958

Moorabbin Standard sep14 1977

Feature page articles by F whitehead, T Sheer.

3rd Mordialloc log book 1947

When scouting came to stay,

History of Scouting in Cheltenham,

Tom Sheery Historical Research officer City of Moorabbin

A short History author unknown 1977

Moorabbin A Pictorial History 1862-1994

John Cribbin,