

## CITY OF MOORABBIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC (CMHS)

City of Moorabbin Historical Society (CMHS) was established in 1960 by a group of local residents to preserve the history and heritage of the (now former) City of Moorabbin.

At the time, the municipality began at North Rd & Thomas St and stretched south along Nepean Hwy to include Cheltenham with Clarinda & Heather-ton to the east.

When Sir Stanley Argyle, 1867–1940, who was the 32<sup>nd</sup> Premier of Victoria, 1932–1935, proclaimed Moorabbin a City on 10 October 1934, he noted that the name Moorabbin indicated 'a resting place'. He then went on to say:-

'It must not be thought that Moorabbin is by any means quiet' (City of Kingston Historical Website). The City of Moorabbin was dissolved in 1994 and integrated into the cities of Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston and Monash.

Visit CMHS on Open Days at its home in Box Cottage Museum, Joyce Park, and find out why Sir Stanley made that comment.

CMHS is a member of the South Metro History Group, the Bayside History Network, and Kingston History Societies Network. It is affiliated with the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) and Museums Australia Vic (MAV).

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### BOX COTTAGE MUSEUM, JOYCE PARK, ORMOND 3204

home of City of Moorabbin Historical Society Inc

## OPEN DAYS 2015

2-4PM last Sunday ea month February to November  
Public welcome Entry \$2 donation Children free

26 April: *Compact WW1 Display*

31 May, 28 June, 26 July, 30 August,

27 September, 25 October,

29 November:-*ANA & Henry Lawson Society*

*Bryan Kelleher Memorial Picnic*

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## LEST we FORGET

In this issue we commemorate WW1 volunteers with links to the (former) Shire of Moorabbin—now in the Cities of Glen Eira, Kingston and Bayside.

In 1914, Moorabbin Shire included:- Beaumaris & Black Rock (until 1917), Bentleigh, Bentleigh East, Chelsea (until 1920), Cheltenham, Clarinda, Dingley, Hampton (1917), Heather-ton, Highett, Keysborough, Ormond (part), McKinnon, Mentone (1920), Moorabbin, Mordialloc (1920), Parkdale (1920), Sandringham (1917).



Image: CMHS Collection

## BOX COTTAGE MUSEUM COMPACT DISPLAY

### WW1

## MEMORABILIA

from CMHS collection + loan from Bentleigh RSL

1.30PM SUNDAY  
26 APRIL 2015

[bkgs:moorabbinhs@gmail.com](mailto:bkgs:moorabbinhs@gmail.com)

## SANDBELT ANZACS

Before embarking overseas for the war zone, the following number\* of citizen volunteers nominated the **Shire of Moorabbin** as their 'place of association' — extracted from Australian Defence Force Academy records ([aif@adfa.edu.au](mailto:aif@adfa.edu.au))

9, nominated Beaumaris;  
77, Black Rock; 45, Bentleigh;  
132, Cheltenham;  
3, Clarinda; 3, Dingley;  
120, Hampton 18, Heather-ton;  
8, Highett; 10, Keysborough;  
6, McKinnon; 58, Moorabbin;  
91, Mordialloc; 19, Ormond,  
219, Sandringham.

\*Disclaimer:- above figures may be incomplete. Assistance needed to help cross-reference numbers and rectify any omissions or errors.

# CMHS BUSINESS

## MEMBERS MEETINGS

General Meetings are held in the Grace Lewis Room, Box Cottage Museum, 1–2pm last Sundays February to November. Agenda items 24 hrs in advance **Email: moorabbinhs@gmail.com**

## CMHS COMMITTEE 2014–2015

Committee meetings held as rqrd.

Chair F Thatcher

Deputy Chair V Sharp

Treasurer B Richardson

Correspondence Secretary J Dale

Minutes Secretary Daniela Rodriguez

Committee F Bader, J Moore, C Poole

## CMHS PO BOX 4028

CMHS now has a secure and consistent postal address. Please direct all hardcopy correspondence, notices and the like to: **-PO Box 4028, McKinnon, VIC 3204.**

## RETIREMENT

Community historian Dennis Maynard has decided to retire after many years of contributing to the development of the Box Cottage Museum and its garden as well as being a mainstay of CMHS. Our very best wishes go with Dennis into the future.

## RESIGNATION

After ensuring the smooth administration of the Box Cottage Museum and CMHS, Bill Richardson has resigned as acting secretary. CMHS are fortunate that Bill will continue on in his role as CMHS Treasurer. Jim will act as correspondence secretary until the AGM.

## NEW CMHS MEMBERS

a very warm welcome to  
**ROSEMARY K., ROBERT,  
MICHELLE, JON, ROSEMARY R.,**  
who joined us in recent months.

## DONATIONS TO COLLECTION

CMHS thanks those listed below for donating the following items to our Collection.

### JAMES DALE

WW11 Sewing Kit

### BRIGHTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VIA **ROBINA**

Costello Real Estate brochures

& local sales records

ca 1920s–1940s

### BRIGHTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

VIA **ROBINA**

Copies of Moorabbin HS

cuttings, records, reminiscences

**Documented significant photos, slides and DVDs specifically relating to the former and current local municipalities/cities are accepted.**

## CMHS LEAFLETS & BOOKLETS

Updated leaflets and booklets funded by a community grant from GECC are now printed. They were compiled and produced by Joan and Carol, Dennis, and Fran with assistance from Valma, Bill, Daryl, Holger and Mario. One complimentary copy goes to current and new CMHS members. **RRP \$5.**

## PROMOTIONAL EQUIPMENT

For promotional purposes, CMHS committee agreed to purchase some much-needed equipment to transport historical items and heritage artefacts to various community venues for talks, festivals and the like. The equipment consists of:- a retractable banner, a foldaway table, a reinforced wheel-bag and a collapsible trolley.

# LOCAL HERITAGE

## SANDBELT VINES

In the later 1840s, Henry Moor<sup>1</sup>, (1809–1877), magistrate and pastoralist, planted a vineyard of 5 acres on the corner of South Rd and what is now Nepean Hwy. Its location was just outside Dendy's "Brighton Estate" in the Parish of Moorabbin, County of Bourke, in the Westport District.

According to Weston Bate, *History of Brighton* (p97), by 1848 (maybe earlier) he had 100,000 vines "either planted out or in the nursery".

Around the same time, Brightonian, Henry O'Neill<sup>2</sup> established his vineyard on the cnr of North Rd & Nepean Hwy.

Others followed their example. Soon, vineyards (as well as orchards, nurseries and market gardens of various sizes) began proliferating in the Parish of Moorabbin "as far south as Cheltenham". Within a few years, the area had become one of the largest grape-producing localities in VIC. The fruit was used to produce wine, raisins and table grapes.

The neighbouring Parish of Prahran also planted vines. By 1856, both parishes were producing 157,000 lbs of grapes between them — representing two thirds of Victoria's output for the year. (Sheehy, T., 1979)

However, the Sandbelt vigneron era ended abruptly in the early 1860s when *phylloxera* (similar to aphids) devastated the vines.

<sup>1</sup>Moor retired to Brighton, England in 1854. His vineyard was taken over by Henry Creswick and, by 1859, transferred to James Gordon. (Bate, W., p114).

<sup>2</sup>CMHS welcomes further information on H.O'Neill.

## ALLNUTT PARK

Allnutt Park, Wheatley Rd, McKinnon was most likely named after Councillor John William Allnutt, 1887–1967, who was born into a market gardening family in Centre Dandenong Rd, Cheltenham.

J.W. Allnutt enlisted in the AIF on 7 July 1915 as a private in the 23rd Battalion, 5th Reinforcement. His Unit embarked from Port Melbourne aboard HMAT RMS *Osterley* on 29 September 1915 for Egypt. By the time they arrived Gallipoli had been evacuated. The 5th Reinforcement was then posted to the Western Front where J.W. Allnutt was wounded. After being hospitalised in England he was repatriated in 1917.

Later on from 1927–1949, J.W. Allnutt represented Moorabbin residents as a councillor. He became shire president in 1930 and was mayor of the City of Moorabbin in 1936 and 1948.

Main source: City of Kingston Historical Website: Whitehead., G.J., Article Ref 254.



Image: John William Allnutt on crutches at a hospital in England...  
Courtesy: Dorothy Allnutt, Kingston Collection, City of Kingston

## SERGEANT ALONZO SHELDRAKE BOX



**ALONZO SHELDRAKE BOX**

Image: Box Cottage Museum

Alonzo Box, (left) born 1881, enlisted in the First AIF on 10 September 1914. He joined the original B Company of the 6th Infantry Battalion as a private. After training at Broadmeadows, Alonzo embarked aboard HMAT *Hororata* at Port Melbourne on 18 October 1914.

Further training took part in Egypt before the Battalion landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915. On withdrawing from the Peninsula, the Battalion refitted and retrained before service in France and Flanders.

Alonzo returned to Australia on 13 February 1919. A few months later, when he and Mary Louise Closter\* married on 12 June 1918, he noted his birthplace as Bentleigh.

Thanks to PROV, Mary Louise's unique Chinese silk wedding dress is on display in the Box Cottage Museum.

### ALONZO'S PARENTS

Alonzo's father, John Box was the younger brother of William Box (first long-term owner of the Box Cottage). Alonzo was the 9<sup>th</sup> child of John Box and his first wife Martha Louise Box nee Sheldrake who died in 1895. John Box's ten children were all born in East Brighton now in Bentleigh and Bentleigh East.

According to *Victoria and its Metropolis Past and Present* also titled *The Colony and its People –1888* by Alexander Sutherland:-

*Box, John, East Brighton was born in Sussex England in 1841 and came to Victoria with his parents in 1856. He remained with them for a number of years engaged in market gardening and then in partnership with his father carried on the same business for fifteen (eleven) years on a piece of land in East Brighton. After that he purchased 10 acres at Nth Rd the whole of which now is under cultivation....His real estate also included a house in Davey St, Oakleigh...*

When Alonzo Box volunteered for AIF service in September 1914 he resided in Davey St, Oakleigh and gave his occupation as "stonewaller".

### TRICHOSURUS

CMHS thanks Glen Eira City Council for installing possum-proof grating in the chimney of the cottage museum. The grating will surely put a stop to any more nocturnal flings by our local *Trichosurus Vulpecula*.

### BRYAN KELLEHER MEMORIAL PICNIC

The Bryan Kelleher Memorial Picnic—conducted jointly by the Australian Natives Association (ANA) now Australian Unity<sup>1</sup>, and the Henry Lawson Memorial & Literary Society<sup>2</sup>—was held in the grounds of Box Cottage Museum, 30 November 2014.

All present enjoyed the open air readings and recitals of the works of Lawson as well as several other Australian poets. (Pencil in Sunday 29 Nov 2015 for the next literary picnic.)

Afternoon tea included the 2nd tier of the wedding cake donated by Robina—kindly decorated by Mr & Mrs Kingsford—for the unveiling of CMHS' new cabinet to display Mary Louisa Box nee Closter's wedding dress. The cabinet and mesh mannequin were funded by a grant from the Public Records Office Vic (PROV).

<sup>1</sup> Australian Unity has an illustrious history dating back to the 1840s.

<sup>2</sup> Henry Lawson Society meets 3rd Sat each month, 1.30–4. pm at Monastery Hall, rear St Francis Church, 326 Lonsdale St.

### KINGSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETIES NETWORK (KHSN)

Frank attended the February KHSN Network Meeting and has agreed to represent CMHS at future meetings. The Network includes Chelsea, Dingley, Moorabbin~Kingston, Mordialloc and District.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### MOORLEIGH U3A

CMHS Treasurer, Bill Richardson presented a talk titled *The City of Moorabbin: A Short Hi-story of its Long Life, 1841–1994*, to U3A Moorleigh's Summer School on 16 January 2015.

### ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

On 5 March, Bill, assisted by Joan, gave a talk to Grade 3 pupils at St Paul's School, Bentleigh.

### ALLNUTT PARK PET EXPO

CMHS are very grateful to the Glen Eira Historical Society (GEHS) for sharing their marquee with the BCM (Box Cottage Museum) & CMHS on Sun 15 March, at GECC's *Pet Expo* at Allnutt Park, McKinnon.

Fran, Joan, Holger, Frank and Lorna were happy to have our new trolley to ferry stuff to and from their vehicles—including our new banner and foldaway table. During the day, they networked with other community groups and handed out leaflets & membership forms to the public.

### GLEN EIRA REMEMBERS

Bill agreed to represent Box Cottage Museum and CMHS at the Glen Eira Historical Society's *Glen Eira Remembers* night on 25th March at the Carnegie Library.

### GECC EXPLORER PROGRAM

GECC's Older Adults Explorer Group selected a tour of Box Cottage Museum for their first stop on a day excursion, Fri 27 March.

# HISTORY QUERIES

If you can supply further information or add more details to any of the following queries, please email [moorabbinhs@gmail.com](mailto:moorabbinhs@gmail.com) or write to PO Box 4028 McKinnon 3204.

## JOYCE PARK

Does anyone know if Joyce Park is named after Dr Arthur Fleming Joyce, or his son Dr Colin Joyce?

## CARLYON ST

Jon is looking for more information on the architectural detailing of Victorian villas.

## ANCESTORS

Lisa requests information on the Clements family.

## JOSEPH WEST BREWER RD

Carmel seeks more information on farmer and market gardener Joseph West (1809–1891) and his family. He bought land in 1847 in the East Brighton area with frontages to Brewer and Patterson Roads. Several years later, two of his sons settled on Phillip Island and played a part in its development.

## OLDEST EXISTING BUILDING IN BENTLEIGH

CMHS received an inquiry about the street location of the oldest existing building in the former East Brighton now Bentleigh & E. Bentleigh.

Send us short articles or suggestions for future articles email: [moorabbinhs@gmail.com](mailto:moorabbinhs@gmail.com) or to PO Box 4028 McKinnon 3204

## HISTORY QUIZ

Winner is the **FIRST** person to email both correct answers to [moorabbinhs@gmail.com](mailto:moorabbinhs@gmail.com)

Prize:- Induction into the **SANDBELT HALL OF FAME**. Winner and solutions in next issue.

- 1: What was the Nepean Hwy originally called.....?
- 2: Whose or what "boundary" did the East Boundary Road once define.....?

## NOTICES

### PMI Vic History Library

National Trust Heritage Week Event  
39 St Edmunds Rd, Prahran  
exhibition from the

GLEN EIRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### *On the Home Front: WW1 in Caulfield & Beyond*

18 April–26 May  
Opening 11am Saturday 18 April  
incs talk & tour of exhibition

### Brighton Cemeterians ANZAC WALK

2pm, 19 April, Brighton Cemetery.  
Non members \$10 Members \$8,  
includes refreshments and tour  
pamphlet. Bkgs: 95584248  
E: [info@brightoncemeterians.org](mailto:info@brightoncemeterians.org).

### GECC Story-Telling Festival

CMHS will participate in this year's GECC *Story-Telling Festival*. The Festival takes place from 13 to 28 June. Bill will present "Our Story" on Thursday 25 June at the Carnegie Library from 10.30–11.30am (10am arrival to help set-up). All welcome.



**HERBERT STANLEY HAWKER**

Image: reproduced from  
Chris Hawker's Facebook Page

## HERBERT STANLEY HAWKER

(ctd from p8)

Herbert enlisted in the First AIF during August 1914 as an Armourer Sergeant in the 5th Infantry Battalion. By then he was living at Gourlay Street, St Kilda with his wife Lilian.

The battalion departed Port Melbourne on HMAT *Orvioto* on 21 Oct 1914 and Herbert Hawker survived the Gallipoli Landing, 25 April 1915. Later on, he served on the Western Front where he was promoted to captain and received the Military Cross, 1914–1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

On returning home, Herbert worked for some time as an engineer and was a founding member of the Caulfield Army & Navy Club (RSL). He died in the Caulfield Repatriation Hospital in 1942. His funeral cōrtège departed from Duke St, South Caulfield for the Cheltenham Memorial Cemetery.

## HARRY GEORGE HAWKER 1899–1921

Harry Hawker (below right) was born in Moorabbin Shire and, like Herbert, his older brother, attended Worthing Rd Primary School, Moorabbin (pic p8) as well as state schools at St Kilda and Brighton.

Following an apprenticeship and then working as a mechanic, Harry went over to England where he became chief test pilot for the Sopwith Aviation Company. During WW1 he was involved in the design of many of their military aircraft, some of which were also used by French, Belgian and U.S. air services.

When the war ended, Harry co-founded Hawker Aircraft Company (later Hawker Siddeley) with Thomas Octave Rupert Sopwith and two others. Unfortunately, Harry died on 12 June 1921 when his aircraft crashed at Hendon Aerodrome.



# HERBERT STANLEY HAWKER by J. DALE

Jim Dale is a committee member of CMHS plus the Harry Hawker Pioneer Aviation Society

AIF Captain Herbert (Bert) Stanley Hawker (1885–1942) was the first born son in the family of two sons and two daughters of George Hawker and Mary nee Anderson.

He, and his sister Maude, were the older siblings of aviator Harold (Harry) George (1889–1921), and their sister Ruby. Not only was George Hawker a smith and wheelwright who reputedly designed a steam engine to power his workshop, he was a noted rifleman and a Primitive Methodist minister.

Bert was born in a rented house on Dandenong Rd Malvern, and baptised at St Johns, Dandenong Rd Nth Caulfield.

After the family moved to Wickham Rd, Highett, Bert attended Moorabbin State School No. 1111 in Worthing Rd (below). The school, dating back to 1872/5, is one of oldest schools in Moorabbin then called South Brighton.



Moorabbin Primary School No 1111, Worthing Road  
Image: Jim Dale (www.panoramio.co.user 2873105)

Bert, who was blessed with a good singing voice, sang at Primitive Methodist Church services in Carpenter St, Brighton. With his sisters Maude and Ruby, he would also assist at services when George was circuit minister from Ormond to Mordialloc. Bert and his brother Harry played in the Austral Brass Band (later, the St Kilda City Band) where his father was band leader. Additionally, on Saturdays during the summer, Bert and Harry would help their father who was Secretary of the Highett Cricket Club.

Bert, who trained as a mechanic, is reputed to be among the earliest Victorians to get a driver's license along with his brother Harry. During March 1910, Bert, with brother Harry and friends, was at Diggers Rest when American escapologist Harry Houdini made the first controlled, powered flight of an airplane in Australia.

# AIF PRIVATE ALBERT OGDEN

Box Cottage Museum is privileged to have the bible of Private Albert Ogden of Jasper Rd in its Collection (image below right). According to AWM online records, Private Albert Ogden, a Bentleigh market gardener, enlisted on 17 Oct 1916 in the AIF Regimental No. 6416, 6th Infantry Brigade, 22nd Infantry Battalion, 18th Reinforcements. He was aged 24 and single. His parents, Walter and Amelia Ogden, Butler St, Camberwell are noted as next of kin.



PTE OGDEN 1893–1917  
(Image: CMHS Collection)



## “Our Fallen Heroes”

Pte Ogden's name is on the marble scroll of the memorial drinking fountain in Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh

Pte Albert Ogden embarked from Melbourne on board HMAT A20 *Horata* on 23 Nov 1916 for service on the Western Front. Ten months later he died of wounds on 18 Sept 1917.

Pte Albert Ogden is memorialized in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West Vlaanderen, Belgium.

His name can also be located on Panel 97 in the Commemorative Area at the War Memorial Canberra as well as the Bentleigh (above scroll) and Kingston Heath Reserve Memorials (p6).



'ACTIVE SERVICE TESTAMENT 1917'  
Pt Ogden, Camp Reuen 23.6.17

# MOORABBIN REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

On 24 April 1993, the mayor of Moorabbin, Cr. Barry Neve, and the mayor of Canakkale, Cr Ismail Ozay dedicated the WW1 Moorabbin Remembrance Garden, and unveiled the memorial plaque (right).

Canakkale is the closest city to the battlefields of Gallipoli (Gelibolu). Canakkalians are now custodians of the ground where so many of our Australian and New Zealand ANZACs fell in 1915.

At the 1993 ceremony, sand from Anzac Cove was combined with Australian soil and two Aleppo Pines were planted to symbolise the bond between Moorabbin's citizens and the citizens of Canakkale.



Above: Canakkale plaque in Moorabbin Remembrance Garden, Kingston Heath Reserve, Cheltenham (formerly in City of Moorabbin now City of Kingston).



WW1 Memorial to the AIF volunteers who enlisted from "Moorabbin and Cheltenham ridings, Beaumaris and portions of Mentone"

Unveiled Cheltenham Park, 26 April 1925. Relocated to Kingston Heath Reserve in 2000.

the 76 names engraved above may be viewed at Box Cottage Museum Open Day 26 April 2015; dedications on the bases are cropped forward for clarity

(Image: HBader 2015)

# McKINNON WW1 MEMORIAL AND OBELISK



The WW1 Memorial Garden and Obelisk with water tap are located in McKinnon Road, near Wattle Grove.

The granite memorial was erected by McKinnon residents: *as a tribute of love and gratitude to her glorious dead and to her returned men who fought to keep the Empire free in the Great War 1914-1918.*

On the front panel the memorial lists the names\* of four locals killed in action along with ten returnees on the left hand side.

*Other WW1 memorials in former City of Moorabbin will feature in a future issue(s)*

# ANZAC BISCUIT RECIPE

The traditional recipe is provided by Valma Sharp, CMHS Vice President, whose mother passed it on to her.

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup flour (plain)
- 1 cup sugar (caster)
- 3/4 cup (desiccated) coconut
- 1 tablespoon golden syrup
- 4 oz butter
- 1/2 teaspoon bicarb soda
- 2 tablespoons boiling water.

# BENTLEIGH WW1 MEMORIAL WATER FOUNTAIN

Unveiled on 25 July 1920, the granite memorial water fountain in Hodgson Rsvs faces Jasper Rd.

The memorial is diagonally opposite the Bentleigh Library.

The shield on its base reads: *- King and Country. In honour of Bentleigh Boys who have fallen in the Great War 1914-1918.*

Etched on the marble scroll are the names\* of locals who fell in WW1.

\* Their individual names may be viewed in Box Cottage Museum on 26 April.



## METHOD

- Mix together oats, flour, sugar and coconut in a bowl.
- Melt golden syrup and butter together over low heat.
- Mix bicarbonate of soda with boiling water and add to the melted mixture.
- Stir into dry ingredients and mix well.
- Place dessertspoonfuls on greased baking trays, allow space for spreading.
- Bake in a moderately hot oven for 20 mins. Remove while still warm. Loosen and allow to cool. Makes 2-2<sup>1/2</sup> dozen.