

BOX COTTAGE MUSEUM (BCM) GLEN EIRA

Box Cottage Museum (BCM) is supported by Glen Eira City Council and is home to the City of Moorabbin Historical Society (CMHS).

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 incl. Cheltenham with Clarinda & Heatherston to the east.

After local council amalgamations in 1994 the former City of Moorabbin was consigned to history with some of its records and artefacts entrusted to BCM — which continues to operate under the CMHS incorporated name with support from Glen Eira Council.

BCM 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).

FINANCIAL MEMBERS RECEIVE:-

- free admission to the Museum on open days & by arrangement
- free access to the museum's local history image collection
- free membership of the museum's local history library
- occasional e-newsletters
- invitations to local heritage events, book launches, exhibition openings
- affiliate membership of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- opportunities to:
 - undertake local history research
 - help preserve community heritage
 - create and edit newsletters
 - learn to take minutes of meetings
 - gain experience as museum guides
 - help curate themed displays
 - meet some interesting locals — from the past and the present

FORMER MEMBERS WELCOMED BACK

BOX COTTAGE MUSEUM, JOYCE PARK, ORMOND 3204

home of City of Moorabbin Historical Society Inc
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OPEN DAYS 2015

2-3.45PM last Sunday ea month February to November
Public welcome Entry \$2 donation Children free

30 August "Experimental Container-Garden & Display"
27 September; 25 October "Underwear Display"
29 November "Australian Poetry Recitals"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Market Garden Display

Come along on Sunday 30 August and view the Cottage Museum's collection of market gardening images and equipment.

Fund-Raising Project

Members may also help the museum raise much needed funds by contributing some spring seedlings, and/or coming along on 30 August to purchase same from our experimental container-garden.

Many thanks to James Lee Nurseries, Thomas St, East Brighton-McKinnon who have kindly donated a pallet of seedlings to our project

Outreach Heritage Displays

Read about BCM's two outreach heritage displays on p5. One, in conjunction with Glen Eira Historical Society, is at Stanley's Menswear, 700 Ctr Rd, East Bentleigh. The second display is at the Bendigo Bank, 485 North Rd, Ormond.

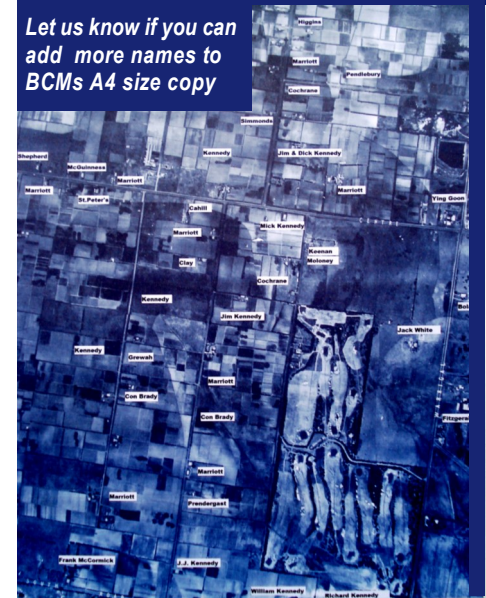
Brighton Cemetery's 160th

Brighton Cemeterians are marking the Cemetery's 160th anniversary on October 16 2015 and have invited BCM to participate in the commemoration.

East Bentleigh Market Gardeners 1945 courtesy A. McGuinness 2015

[image reduced by Moorabbin Mirror]

Let us know if you can
add more names to
BCMs A4 size copy



Open House Box Cottage Museum

2-3.45pm Sunday
30 August 2015

Museum Matters

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Grace Lewis Room, Box Cottage Museum (BCM)

- 1pm last Sundays
February to November
- Agenda items 24 hrs in advance

Email: bader.fran@gmail.com

FOCUS

The focus of general members meetings is on the exchange of community heritage information to expand our knowledge of local and Victorian history, build community links and of course, socialise.

2014–2015 COMMITTEE

Chair	Frank Thatcher
Deputy Chair	Valma Sharp
Acting Secretary	James Dale
Treasurer	Bill Richardson
Committee	Frances Bader Joan Moore Carol Poole

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee of Management meetings are held when necessary to make decisions concerning the business affairs of our society and to plan for the future.

email moorabbinhs@gmail.com if you have documents, articles or photos relevant to the past & present Cities of Glen Eira, Kingston, Bayside, Monash

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Office bearers are elected each year at the AGM held on the last Sunday in October (25 October, 2015).

Financial members with:-

- ◆ a passion for local history
- ◆ internet access
- ◆ enthusiasm and energy
- ◆ time to commit some hours per month to help operate the museum

are asked to think about playing an active role during 2015-2016 — either on the committee of management or as a guide, cataloguer, editor, or researcher.

MUSEUM OPPORTUNITIES

- play your part in local history events
- meet locals with a passion for history
- help research and preserve the heritage of our local area and make it accessible to members and the public
- connect with other community groups:- schools, traders, organizations
- facilitate tours of the museum for visitors, schools, groups, organizations
- respond to inquiries from the public re our local history & heritage
- arrange heritage events for members and the community
- help manage the museum
- become a museum guide
- mount themed displays in the museum and off-site
- catalogue 2D & 3D items relating to the local area
- help maintain the cottage garden
- develop the local history library
- record minutes of members' meetings
- create occasional newsletters /blogs
- publicize the museum

ST PETER'S 150TH

CMHs congratulates St Peter's co-ed Catholic primary school East Bentleigh on reaching their 150th. The local community, including some of our members, celebrated the occasion by attending a tour of the school on Sunday, 21 June 2015.

St Peter's started off in 1865 as the "Moorabbin Catholic School" on land donated by Fred Quinn on Centre Rd, East Brighton, opposite the site of the current Monash Medical Centre. The small wooden structure was built by local market gardeners and it's likely the school was also used as a chapel.

The Living Harvest (CMHS Library) written by WT Dobson, publ. 1974, lists the surnames of the leading individuals involved in the construction of the school. Among them:- Brady, Kennedy, Leary and McGuinness* [names also perpetuated by local street names]. Dobson tells us "legend has it that the men who built the school may have named it after Saint Peter to reflect Peter Brady's first name".



2nd St Peter's School 1903

Image: courtesy Alan McGuinness* 2015

As the population grew, the wooden school was replaced by a new brick building in 1903. Fifty years later in 1953 the parish purchased the present site and erected a new St Peter's school and a church.

*Alan McGuinness has kindly donated to BCM a copy of his historical research for St Peter's 150th.

HERITAGE QUERY

should you be able to provide a precise location for the below would you kindly email moorabbinhs@gmail.com

WOMEN'S FARM

MORDIALLOC 1916

then in Shire of Moorabbin

[Text transcribed from various print media sources]

...Carrying with them a large quantity of vegetables, including a massive pumpkin, Miss Vida Goldstein, Miss Cecilia John, and Mrs. Larcher, representing the Women's Rural Industries Company Ltd, waited on the Minister for Lands (Mr Hutchinson) yesterday, and urged that the State should assist in the development of the company's farm at Mordialloc.

...The produce displayed was grown on the farm, where women in need of employment are trained in agricultural and gardening pursuits. The farm is rented from the Closer Settlement* Board. [Closer Settlement initiated by Sir Thomas Bent] ...The farm is to be worked on the share system, £1 shares being issued, and vegetables, small fruits and flowers are to be the principal output

...Farm hands have already adopted an exceedingly rational and quite attractive dress. This consists of full brown knickers and leggings, and a blouse worn under a linen smock. A soft felt hat will complete the truly workmanlike costume...



Above image reproduced from:- www.macmillan.com.au/mea/downloadpdfs/9781420279481.pdf

SANDBELT MILESTONES GALLIPOLI LANDING CENTENARY



To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing in 1915, museum guides, Valma, Joan, Carol, Fran and Robina arranged a display of WW1-related artefacts and images from the CMHS Collection. Memorabilia lent by members and local resident Elaine Story, whose father was a Light Horseman, augmented the display on Apr 26.

For those who couldn't attend, you would have viewed:- original ANZAC medals, AIF colour patches, photos, portraits, postcards, recruitment posters, fundraising badges, an original knitting pattern & WW1 pennies for two-up.

Booklets identifying the seven different local WW1 Avenues of Honour, planted after WW1 were kindly donated by the Sandringham Historical Society.

Despite the inclement weather, visitor numbers were satisfactory. Most were residents of surrounding suburbs. Some brought along their children, others, their guests from overseas. Comments ranged from 'love the period setting' to 'didn't know so many young men enlisted from this area'. Visitors received a sprig of Rosemary for Remembrance (provided by Valma), an ANZAC Biscuit and a cup of tea.

BENTLEIGH COMMUNITY HOUSE 30TH



The Community House, 9 Godfrey St, Bentleigh (rear Centre Rd shopping carpark) marked their 30th anniversary with a Winter Art Show on Friday 3 July. The art show, co-ordinated by tutor Russell Nolan Lewis, displayed works created by his students during the year. The House offers low cost classes in oil painting, watercolour, drawing, craft, creative writing, life stories and memoirs. There's the Godfrey St Singers as well as computer training, kindergarten, and lots more! (www.godfreystreet.org)

SANDBELT SAINTS AT MOORABBIN OVAL 50TH

Let us know if you or your parents were among the 50,000 or so who saw St Kilda play their first home game against Collingwood at their new home in Moorabbin Oval 50 years ago during April 1965. [If enough interest, we will try to arrange a tour of their football museum at a later stage.] The Saints continued playing home games at Moorabbin Oval until 1992 when they moved to Waverley Park (until 1999), and then to Docklands Stadium. After a dispute with Kingston City Council in 2010, ostensibly over poker machines, the Saints relocated their training sessions from Moorabbin to Seaford, City of Frankston. Now they are reported as looking to return to Linton St after a proposed 8m upgrade of the Moorabbin Oval as a community sporting hub.



CMHS Collection

MUSEUM PUBLICATIONS LAUNCH 13 MAY 2015

Despite hailstones on Wednesday, 13 May 2015, Frank Thatcher and Valma Sharp (Below Ctr), on behalf of the Box Cottage Museum (BCM) & City of Moorabbin Historical Society (CMHS), were delighted to host the launch of our glossy new publications — thanks to a 2014 community grant from Glen Eira City Council.



Local resident John Lindsay kindly photographed the event for us and Cameron Stewart, McKinnon Hotel* donated Bubbly for the occasion.

*McKinnon Hotel, former Gardeners Arms, was built by George Bent, father of Sir Thomas whose name lives on in Bent-leigh.



Honored Guests at the Launch

Elizabeth Miller (R), former Liberal MLA for Bentleigh
Belinda Ensor, Museums Australia Victoria (L)

Elizabeth and Belinda provided encouragement to members of our society as they prepared their application for a GECC Community grant in 2014.

BCM thanks the Glen Eira City Council for enabling them produce the leaflet and *The Story of Box Cottage* booklet.



Distinguished Guests (L-R)
Cr Oscar Lobo, Tucker Ward
Ms Elizabeth Miller, former MLA Bentleigh
Mr Nick Staikos, current MLA Bentleigh

Special guests included:

- Narelle Dowling, GECC Co-Ordinator Community Grants
- Annalise Hewitt, Branch Mgr and Kylie Lee, Bendigo Bank, Ormond
- Descendants of George and Mary Box, parents of 'our' William & Elizabeth Box ~ original owners Box Cottage and The Big House.

Among them:

- Avis Lorraine Box-Leigh (L) with CMHS member Lorna Thatcher (R)



- (L) Sue Box and (R) Elaine Box-Henry



(L) Raymond Rietman, current Rietman Landscapes Pty Ltd, Leavenswell Road, Moorabbin, grandson of sculptor, August Rietman and his wife Frieda who leased and later owned Box Cottage and The Big House 1917-1970s.

LAUNCH (ctd from p5)

Special Guest:-

Barbara Hoad,
Vice President Glen
Eira Historical
Society (R).

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www.gehs.org.au.



(L) Vice
President
Valma Sharp
and
her
legendary
sandwiches

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY VICTORIA EXHIBITION

a'Beckett St, Melbourne

MacPherson Robertson Nail Can to Knighthood

15 July–18 December 2015

Mon to Thurs 10am-4pm; Fri 10am–3pm



on show at the
RHSV exhibition:-
the marble bust (Left)
(painted in a bronze
color) of MacRob
carved by August
Rietman during 1922
at his Box Cottage
Workshop

Image:
Courtesy Ray Rietman 2015
Rietman Landscapes Pty Ltd

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Booklet



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- ◆ Bill Richardson

STANLEY'S MENSWEAR

BOX COTTAGE MUSEUM

GLEN EIRA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

COMBINED HERITAGE DISPLAY

27 July to 25 August

Head east to Stanley's Menswear at 700
Centre Rd, East Bentleigh (Eastleigh) from
27 July to 25 August to view the heritage
display of early 20th century male grooming
essentials put

on by Box
Cottage Mu-
seum (BCM)

in conjunction
with Glen Eira
Historical

Society (GEHS). The display features instru-
ments, utensils and apparel from both his-
torical collections:- cut-throat razors and
shaving mugs as well as other implements
that were *de rigueur* for the well kempt man
around the turn of the century.

Above image: GEHS & BCM display teams with 'Bill'.



STANLEY'S MENSWEAR

Stanley's daughter Tania told us that Stanley's
Menswear is a third generation family owned
and operated business managed by herself
since 2001. The business was established in
Bairnsdale during 1932 by her grandparents
Rosie & Fred. A decade or so later they moved
to Yarraville in 1943 and set-up as Fred's
Emporium. On retiring in 1979, their son
Stanley and his wife Laura relocated the shop
to Bentleigh. In May 2014, Stanley's moved
2km eastwards to bigger and brighter
premises at 700 Centre Rd, E. Bentleigh.

**Stanley's pride themselves on their
customer service, product knowl-
edge and ability to fit men and boys
of all ages, body shapes, sizes... and
their reasonable prices.**

OUTREACH DISPLAYS

BENDIGO BANK ORMOND

BCM HERITAGE DISPLAY

4 August to 31 August

Bendigo Bank Ormond-McKinnon Commu-
nity Bank at 485 North Road, Ormond has
kindly provided foyer space for Box Cottage
Museum to display material promoting our
programs and activities to a wider audience.

**BCM is most grateful to the
Bendigo Bank for giving us with this
opportunity to connect with the
Ormond community.**

4 August to 31 August 2015

BENDIGO BANK

Bendigo Bank's genesis goes back more than
150 years to the Bendigo goldfields in
Victoria. The Bendigo Permanent Land and
Building Society began financing miners'
cottages in 1858, and while other building
Societies came and went Bendigo grew stead-
ily even through the depressions of the 1890s
and the 1930s.

Despite the more recent 1990s collapse of
some other building societies, Bendigo
survived intact and in 1995 converted to a
bank. After merging with the Bank of Adelaide
in November 2007 it now operates as a
publicly listed company.

Bendigo Bank is represented across Australia
with almost 900 outlets including many locally
owned Community Bank Branches, including
Ormond. Currently among the top 60 ASX
listed companies Bendigo Bank has more than
82,000 shareholders and over 6500
employees serving 1.5million customers.