

## 2016 DIARY

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 to join us online, visit our website: [home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm)

### MUSEUM OPEN DAYS 2016

Last Sundays February – November

Trial 2nd Sundays March – November

[*not if a public holiday—unless specified*]

**2-4PM** barn & cottage open to public

e. [moorabbinhs@gmail.com](mailto:moorabbinhs@gmail.com) for confirmation/ bookings

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### DISPLAYS & EVENTS 2016

#### 2-4PM SECOND & LAST SUNDAYS MAR-NOV

[*not open if a public holiday—unless specified*]

APR & MAY	WW1 COMMEMORATION
JUNE & JULY	FROM CMHS COLLECTION
AUGUST 28	PRE-WATTLE DAY SPRING EVENT
SEPT & OCT	LOCAL MARKET GARDENERS
NOV 27	BYO PICNIC & AUST POETRY READINGS

website: [home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm)

<https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/box-cottage-museum>

Annual CMHS Membership is from February to February each year.  
 If you wish to renew by mail, please send your details and cheque to PO Box 4028 McKinnon 3204  
 or bring cash to an open day. To renew online: visit [home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm). Click "Join Us"  
 and follow the prompts — don't forget to add your name for our reference and, after you fill out the  
 online membership form, please submit it so we know you have renewed.



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*LEST  
 WE  
 FORGET*

*This issue of the Moorabbin Mirror is dedicated to all the young, and not so young, men and women from the former City of Moorabbin who served 'King and Country' during the Great War. Especially those who never came home. (ctd p6)*



above:: wall plaque and metal sculpture installation, Bentleigh RSL forecourt (image FB April 2016)

## BOX COTTAGE MUSEUM (BCM) OPERATED BY CITY OF MOORABBIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (CMHS)

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### CMHS TEAM 2016

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J Moore, F Bader

D Moore, D Poole, H Bader.

### TEA-N-TALK

CMHS members meet informally to talk about local history, heritage and CMHS events — from 1pm prior to museum openings 2-4pm last Sundays Feb-Nov excl. public holidays.

### CMHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings for 2016 are held in the Grace Lewis Room every 2nd month. All financial members are welcome. Contact [moorabbinhs@gmail.com](mailto:moorabbinhs@gmail.com) for dates, times, or with ideas and suggestions.

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### GET WELL

CMHS wishes Lorna Thatcher a speedy recovery from her recent illness and look forward to seeing her at the Museum soon.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

CMHS~BCM thanks all our supporters who renewed their membership for 2016. Along with an annual GECC grant to maintain the Box Cottage Museum, CMHS relies on volunteers, members and various fundraising activities by the committee to help with replacing outdated equipment.

### NEW MEMBERS

CMHS extends a very warm welcome to the new members who joined us recently. When you visit us on one of our Open Days, do make yourself known to one of the museum guides so they may introduce you to other members.

### PET PARTY IN ALLNUTT PARK

Thank you to members, supporters and friends who helped CMHS at GECC's Party in Allnutt Park on Sunday 20 March.

Several local residents visited our display held in conjunction with Glen Eira Historical Society. Most accepted our promotional leaflets and viewed a copy of the SLV Map donated by descendants of Thomas George. (more col 2, p3).

### WEDNESDAY MOVERS TOUR

*Wednesday Movers*, a Mentone Bayside Community Health Group, visit Box Cottage Museum on Wed 27 April for a guided tour of the cottage and barn.

## SOME ONLINE HISTORY & HERITAGE RESOURCES

### VICTORIAN COLLECTIONS

MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA (MAVIC)

To view the Box Cottage Museum Collection — catalogued by City of Moorabbin Historical Society members, visit <https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/box-cottage-museum>.

Victorian Collections is a user friendly, online cataloguing system designed and managed by Museum Victoria and Museums Australia. It is available to collecting organisations, including community museums such as Box Cottage Museum.

The Victorian government provides funding for the system through Creative Victoria via the Victorian Cultural Network.

The Box Cottage Museum Collection contains a diverse range of artefacts that provides an overview of European settlement\* of the area up to the devolution of the City of Moorabbin in 1994.

\*From the 1841 Special Brighton Land Survey and licensed pastoralists in the Moorabbin Parish to land developers, market gardeners and other settlers.

### HISTORY WEBSITES

Kingston Historical Website

[localhistory.kingston.vic.gov.au](http://localhistory.kingston.vic.gov.au)

National Library of Australia — Trove

Royal Historical Society Vic — RHSV

State Library of Victoria — SLV

Vic Heritage Database — VHD

Prahran Mechanics Institute — PMI

Public Records Office Vic — PROV

## MEMBERS SUGGESTIONS

### HERB-RAISING

One suggestion is that members and friends continue our market gardening heritage and also help CMHS raise extra funds.

The suggestion is that we all plant some herbs in small pots at home. When the seedlings emerge, we donate them to the society to sell on Open Days or at local events.

Do let us know if you are willing to become a local herb-raiser over coming seasons.

### SHIPS & SETTLERS 1830s–1970s

Because ships played a huge role in the lives and memories of many, Victorians from the 1830s to the 1960s~1970s, — a member suggests that CMHS compile images



Fairsea

of the various ships that brought our forbears or ourselves to Port Phillip Bay.

Let us know if you have any documented photos (or models) of sailing or steam ships or more recent ocean liners connected with your antecedents, or yourself. [Must be relevant to the Sandbelt Region:- Glen Eira, Kingston, Bayside and surrounds.]



## LEES NURSERY THOMAS STREET

James H Lees and Sons Pty Ltd Wholesale and Retail Nursery in Thomas St, Brighton East is one of the few flower, vegetable and herb nurseries in our area.

In Sept 1850, brothers James and William Lees arrived in East Brighton after over-landing from NSW — with James Bent and his family — and they all became market gardeners.

Five generations later, in 2016, Lees' Thomas St Nursery still specialises in vegetable, herb and flower seedlings.

## MARKET GARDENING HERITAGE

transcribed from [ausvegvic.com.au/](http://ausvegvic.com.au/)

*Even though the Sandbelt Region is no longer the market gardening hub of Melbourne, many of us are interested in today's vegetable/fruit growing industry. Below is a very brief extract taken from the "Vegetable Industry Profile", updated December 2014, by the Dept of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Victoria.*

Victoria is the second largest vegetable producing state by value, after Queensland, with 26 per cent of total production value for Australia.

Port Phillip and Western Port region produced 42 per cent of the value of Victoria's vegetable production.

In 2012-13 there were 813 businesses in Victoria producing vegetables for human consumption. These included 208 potato growers, 60 onion growers, 51 lettuce growers, 53 capsicum growers, 34 carrot growers and 17 mushroom growers with the remaining growing other vegetables and some two or more vegetable crops.

## LOCAL INTEREST



Above image reproduced from [www.kingston.vic.gov.au](http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au) › Outdoors

## WESTALL UFO

Further to *Moorabbin Mirror's* item (Feb 2016 issue) re the 50th anniversary of the reported sighting of the Westall UFO in April 1966.

A CMHS member tells us that Kingston City Council (KCC) has now immortalised the sighting by creating a children's playground — in Grange Reserve, Osborne Ave, Clayton Sth. The playspace features a silver UFO with red slides and warp-control.

## JOYCE PARK SOLAR SYSTEM

We can have an outer space experience closer to home in the City of Glen Eira.



Visit the Joyce Park playground in Ormond and we and our children or grandchildren can stand on top of the world and swing on a star...

## WATER CLOSET

Our eagerly awaited new WC was 'officially' opened on Sunday 13 March 2016. After welcoming CMHS members and special guests, 2015-2016 CMHS president, Valma Sharp thanked our Glen Eira City Council (GECC) for providing the museum with a much needed amenity.

As well as GECC's Narelle and Cameron, CMHS Committee were delighted that Helen Stanley, our former Secretary was able to attend, along with Glen Eira Historical Society members, Margaret Dunbar and Carol Stals, and local photographer Mario Mirabile (Caulfield Photography Club) — who took some snapshots of the event for our records (p4-5).

Prior to the actual construction of the amenity, CMHS committee members were very gratified that the Glen Eira City Council design team involved them in some of the initial planning process.

It was a pleasure for members to work with:- Amanda Mills, Property Coordinator; Buildings & Properties Department; Very Lim, Building Project Officer, and Marie Johnson, Parks & Gardens. Now, thanks to GECC, BCM~CMHS have a unique amenity that harmonises with its surrounds.

When Valma cut the ribbon, Cnclr Jamie Hyams unlocked the door and declared the toilet open. Refreshments were then served in the cottage garden by committee members and all tucked into Valma's scones.



## BCM~CMHS MATTERS

### WEBSITE

CMHS thanks David Hardham, I.T. developer and member of Glen Eira Historical Society, who generously donated his expertise and time to update and add new pages to our CMHS website:- visit [home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm](http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm).

### WEBSITE HITS

Cameron Auty, GECC Arts and Culture, informs us that over the past 12 months, BCM~CMHS website has had more than 11,000 visitors.

### REPEAT CALL FOR RIETMAN OEUVRE

To mark the centenary of August and Freida Rietman's arrival at the Box Cottage in 1917, the CMHS committee are planning to mount an exhibition during 2017 to showcase the family's contribution to our local history.

CMHS asks members and friends to let us know if you have any photos of Rietman carvings, sculptures, WW1 monuments, garden furniture, landscape products, or other. Please email us on [moorabinhs@gmail.com](mailto:moorabinhs@gmail.com)

### COPY OF 1892 SLV MAP

Many thanks to Marion & Keith, descendants of local market gardener, THOMAS GEORGE. They have kindly donated an A3 photocopy of a State Library Victoria map of the Moorabbin Parish, dated 1892. The map shows the names of many local property occupiers at that time — from North Rd to Cheltenham.

CMHS members and friends may **pre-order** A3 black and white photocopies of the 1892 map for \$1 — to collect on Open Days. E: [moorabinhs@gmail.com](mailto:moorabinhs@gmail.com).



*'One of the best, if not the best, designed toilets...'*



Images: Mario Mirabile



13 March 2016



Image FB

Above:  
CMHS President Valma and member Jamie formally open the museum's new toilet facility — designed and installed — thanks to Glen Eira City Council  
Images ctd p5



### MOORABBIN TENPIN BOWLS

938-954 Nepean Highway, Kingston City  
Source: Vic Heritage Database  
File Number B0514 Classified: 27/04/2010  
Text .transcribed from Vic Heritage Database

“...The Moorabbin Indoor Bowl is a single-storey modernist [featurist] building comprising a large concrete block wing (containing 28 bowling lanes) with parapet roof, and a lower curtain-walled amenities wing (cafe, offices, locker rooms, etc) with flat roof and broad eaves. Wall surfaces are enlivened by ceramic tiling and textured concrete blocks, while a low random stone wall defines a series of planter boxes...

The fifth\* bowling alley to be established in Victoria by Indoor Bowling Australia Ltd (which had introduced the sport in this state two years earlier), the Moorabbin Bowl was designed in early 1962 by the Office of Theodore Berman, and officially opened on 17 November that year.

...The Moorabbin Bowl stands out as the oldest tenpin bowling centre in Victoria that still remains in use as such. It provides rare and valuable evidence of a fad sport that was hugely, if only fleetingly, fashionable at that time but which has since experienced successive peaks and troughs of popularity.

\* First alley was at Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn 1961.

## LOCAL HERITAGE

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vhd.heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/

Architecturally, the Moorabbin Bowl building is significant as a rare early surviving example of this distinctive building type.

While more than 20 bowling centres existed in metropolitan Melbourne by the end of 1964, one third had closed by the early 1970s.

Today, only four of the original 1960s bowling centres remain in operation in suburban<sup>1</sup> Melbourne.

Of these, one has been already slated for demolition, another has been altered and still another forms part of a shopping centre and is not readily interpreted as a freestanding building.

With 28 lanes, the Moorabbin Bowl stands out as the largest bowling centre ever built in Victoria during the sport's boom period of the early 1960s. It was also the first to incorporate a 'pro shop' amongst its facilities, which subsequently became standard.

By architect [Theodore Berman's<sup>2</sup>] own admission, it was also the most resolved and successful design of the numerous bowling alleys that he designed in the early 1960s...

Notwithstanding unsympathetic over-painting, and the removal of original signage, the [Moorabbin] building remains as a highly distinctive element in this prominent regional thoroughfare.”

Transcribed from Vic Heritage Database

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Southern Indoor Bowls, Hawthorn Rd Caulfield  
<sup>2</sup> Architect Theodore Berman reputed to be “one of Melbourne's earliest and most fluent exponents of the overt vocabulary of commercial vernacular or featurist architecture”. (VHR H2026)



# LOCAL REFLECTIONS

## NORTHERN MEMORIAL POOL



### MOORABBIN

**[NORTHERN] MEMORIAL OLYMPIC POOL**  
2 Parkmore Road, Bentleigh East, VIC 3165  
[www.gesac.com.au/About\\_us/History\\_of\\_GESAC](http://www.gesac.com.au/About_us/History_of_GESAC)

## GESAC



### GESAC

200 East Boundary Rd  
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[www.gesac.com.au/About\\_us/History\\_of\\_GESAC](http://www.gesac.com.au/About_us/History_of_GESAC)

Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre *aka* GESAC was built by Glen Eira Council in partnership with Commonwealth and Victorian Governments and opened in May 2012. It was built on the site of the earlier Northern Memorial Pool in Bentleigh East constructed by the (former) City of Moorabbin in 1964. In 2006 GECC launched a *Discussion Paper* on its aquatic recreation facilities. Several rounds of public consultation were held over 2006 and 2007 and the concept for the Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre was born.

Developed by Hansen & Yuncken\* Pty Ltd, the architects were Mantric Architecture Pty Ltd. Britex was engaged by the architects and building contractor “to assist in the design, manufacture and installation of specially fabricated stainless steel fixtures within the sports and aquatic centre development”.

Since it was opened by Hon Simon Crean & Cr Jamie Hyams in May 2012, the \$45m GESAC (with its Guy Boyd bronze swimmer sculpture) has become one of the most popular leisure and wellbeing facilities across several municipalities.

\*Hansen & Yuncken construction company, founded in Melbourne during 1918 by Otto Yuncken and Lauritz Hansen.. Otto Johannes Wilhelm Juncken was born in the Barossa Valley, S.A.

## SOUTHERN MEMORIAL POOL

CMHS seeks image(s) of Moorabbin’s second Olympic length pool, the *Southern Swimming Pool*, built in Turner Rd, Highett during 1964 by the former City of Moorabbin — now *Waves Leisure Centre*, Chesterville Road, Highett.



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13 March 2016 (ctd from p4)

Images: Mario Mirabile



## SANDBELT ANZACS

Last year's *Moorabbin Mirror* featured images of several WW1 Memorials in the former City of Moorabbin but inadvertently omitted Mordialloc, which was part of Moorabbin City until 1920.

### WW1 MEMORIAL MAIN ST, MORDIALLOC

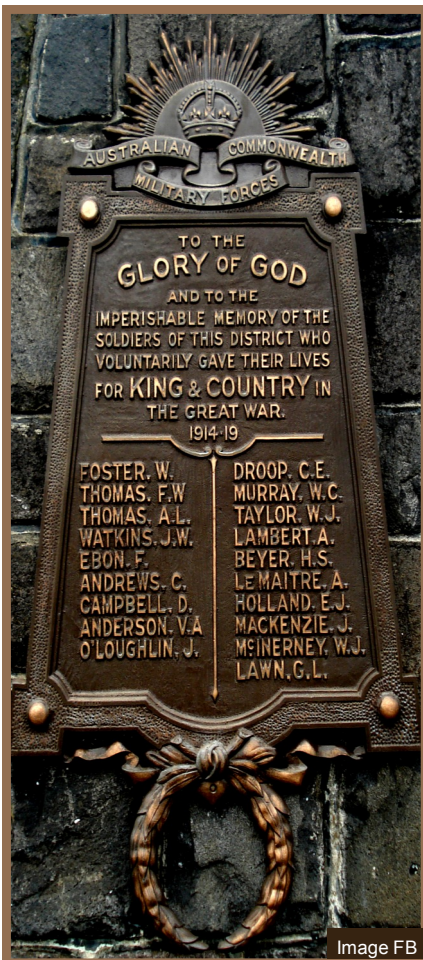


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Current AIF, ADFA online records show that 99 men gave Mordialloc addresses when enlisting in the first AIF, 1914 –1918 .

The Mordialloc Obelisk and Flagstaff was unveiled November 1919 by State Commandant AMF, Brig. Gen. C.H. Brand, CB, CMG, DSO, *aka Digger* — in memory of the 18 Mordialloc ANZACS who fell while defending their King & Country in the Great War

### MORDIALLOC MEN

**Foster W**  
**Thomas F W**  
**Thomas A.L**  
**Watkins J W**  
**Ebon F**  
**Andrews C**  
**Campbell D**  
**Anderson V A**  
**O Loughlin J**  
**Droop C E**  
**Murray W C**  
**Taylor W J**  
**Lambert A**  
**Beyer H S**  
**Le Maitre A**  
**Holland E J.**  
**MacKenzie J**  
**McInerney W J**  
**Lawn G L**

## COMMUNITY WW1 COMMEMORATIONS

### BENTLEIGH

10.15am Sunday 24 April  
**Hodgson Reserve**

### HIGHETT

5.45am Monday 25 April  
**cnr Henry St & Highett Rd**

### HAMPTON

5.30am Monday 25 April  
**25 Holyrood St Hampton**  
 Source: Electorate Office  
 Hon Andrew Robb AO MP

### CHELSEA

6:00am, ANZAC Day  
**321 Station Street, Chelsea**

### MENTONE

6:00am, ANZAC Day  
**RSL Memorial Park, Mentone Pde**  
 Source: RSL Vic Branch

### ST KILDA

**FRIENDS OF ST KILDA CEMETERY**  
**ANZAC DAY TOUR**  
 2pm Monday 25 April. Bookings  
 info@foskc.org or ring 9531 6832

## APRIL-MAY BOX COTTAGE DISPLAY

Box Cottage's 24 April 2016 compact display of WW1 Memorabilia commemorating ANZAC Day, is extended to include our May Open Days on 2nd and last Sundays of the month.

CMHS members who have WW1 memorabilia, ephemera or items that they would like included in the display please e:- moorabbinhs@gmail.com.

## LEST WE FORGET

(Transcribed from RSL Vic Branch)

The final line of Rudyard Kipling's hymn *The Recessional...was* adopted for commemoration services to remind us that, if we forget the sacrifice of those who died in War, we are likely to repeat the futility and obscenity of armed conflict. The expression is normally used to mark the end of *The Silence* and serves as a cue for *Reveille* to be sounded.

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## SCHOOL AMATEUR RADIO SPECIAL EVENT

The School Amateur Radio Club Network (SARCNET) and the Melbourne Region Scouts join forces to present an ANZAC DAY Amateur Radio Special Event at the 1st Bentleigh Scout Hall, Victory Park, 21 Patterson Rd Bentleigh on Monday 25 April 2016 from 9am to 4pm. This all-day event is for families, schools, scouts and young aspiring amateur radio enthusiasts. Bookings essential:- info@sarcnet.org