

DIARY, BOX COTTAGE MUSEUM, JOYCE PARK, ORMOND

Vintage Pharmaceutical Bottles from CMHS Collection

2–4pm Last Sunday February & March 2017

BOOKINGS NOT REQUIRED

CMHS Members Free Non-members: Adults donation \$2+ Children Free

Weekdays

Groups by Appointment

(\$5 per person includes tour, leaflet & light refreshments)

Email moorabbins@gmail.com Mobile 0431 145 231

Website: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm>

BCM-CMHS MEMBERSHIP

Members receive the following benefits

- affiliation with RHSV and other local history groups
- assistance with family history
- occasional newsletters
- notice of heritage events, launches, openings, walks, talks and more
- access to CMHS images, files and local history library

Volunteers

- acquire new and/or enhance existing skills
- gain experience as museum guides
- help curate themed displays
- research local history
- photograph heritage homes/buildings
- publish newsletters
- expand one's social network
- help organise functions and events

BCM-CMHS MEMBERSHIP 2017

Renewing members \$10. New members \$15 from January 2017

To renew or join online visit <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm>, click "Join Us" and follow the prompts. Don't forget to add your name for CMHS reference and fill out the online membership form. Please click "submit" so CMHS know you have renewed.

If paying by cheque please send your details and cheque to
PO Box 4028 McKinnon 3204 or bring cash/cheque to an Open Day.

CMHS NEWSLETTER TEAM

Frances Bader, Holger Bader, Geoffrey Paterson

— short articles relevant to the former City of Moorabbin most welcome —

Moorabbin Mirror

Newsletter City of Moorabbin Historical Society Inc. A0020547E
operating the Box Cottage Museum (BCM)

FEBRUARY 2017 ISSUE 9

WELCOME

The Newsletter Team welcome you to our first issue for 2017. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and that Santa Claus brought you joy.

UNMARKED GRAVE

Prior to the volunteer-run Brighton Cemeterians' inaugural Market Gardeners' Walk, 2pm Sunday, 11 February 2017, they alerted CMHS to a most surprising omission. No headstone or plaque marks the final resting places of William Box, 1834–1902, and Elizabeth Box, 1839–1914, in Lot 42G Church of England, Brighton General Cemetery.



Grave of William & Elizabeth Box
Image: Brighton Cemeterians 2017

William & Elizabeth Box ran a successful flower nursery in East Brighton (now Ormond) from 1868 and also produced thirteen children. William was a Moorabbin councillor, 1871–1878, and a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters for nearly forty years.



OPEN DAYS 2017

LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

NOT IF A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

26 FEBRUARY

26 MARCH

30 APRIL

28 MAY

25 JUNE

30 JULY

27 AUGUST

24 SEPTEMBER

29 OCTOBER

26 NOVEMBER

CMHS members are urged to promote our museum among other groups/organisations, as well as distribute leaflets and issue invitations to visit the Cottage on Open Days or email moorabbins@gmail.com to arrange group visits on a weekday.

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

2017 CMHS COMMITTEE

J. Moore, H. Bader, D. Moore

two vacancies

F. Bader, President

D. Poole, Vice President

C. Poole, Secretary & Treasurer

CMHS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings for 2017 are held in the Grace Lewis Room every 2nd month from February and/or as necessary. Financial members who wish to submit a proposal or present achievable suggestions please contact moorabbins@gmail.com for Committee meeting dates and times.

INFORMAL MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Prior to opening to the public from 2–4pm on last Sunday of months February to November, CMHS members meet **informally** from 1pm in the Grace Lewis Room.

CONTACT DETAILS

As the Box Cottage Museum is not connected to a landline, CMHS has purchased a prepaid mobile phone to receive **INCOMING** queries and text messages.

Mobile number 0431 145 231

Email moorabbins@gmail.com

BCM-CMHS MATTERS

PHARMACEUTICAL BOTTLE DISPLAY

Which tonics & pharmaceuticals were used by our forbears? Come along on February and March Open Days and view a selection of vintage [empty] bottles ranging from Benzedrine Tablets to Penicillin Lozenges; Mustard Ointment and Tromax Purple Crystals.



Image BCM- CMHS Collection

A local McKinnon resident discovered the bottle (above) when digging his garden in 2013. The bottle, manufactured by James Hardie, may have held medicine used by an early settler family.

James Hardie emigrated from Linlithgow Scotland in 1888 and created a business importing oils and animal hides before partnering with Andrew Reid in 1895. The firm went on to develop a diverse portfolio of other products, among them glass bottles and ... asbestos.

OFF-SITE MUSEUM DISPLAY

CMHS teamed up again this year with Glen Eira Historical Society to mount a market gardening themed display — at Stanley's Menswear Shop, 700 Centre Rd, East Bentleigh from 23 January to 22 February 2017.

Among the items on display from CMHS Collection: a mattock; tilling rake and hand plough; horseshoes; a horse collar and harness plus our

image of Geoff Marriott with *Duke* his magnificent Clydesdale and *Smoky* his dog.

Image courtesy of Mrs W Marriott 1969, CMHS Collection

BCM-CMHS PHARMACEUTICAL BOTTLE COLLECTION

Sources: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~cmhsbcm>; <http://localhistory.kingston.vic.gov.au>

CHARMAN'S MARIGOLD GARDEN

On 4 September 1852, Stephen Charman was granted and later purchased 160 acres of land for £328 in Cheltenham then in the Parish of Moorabbin. Charman and his new wife,



CMHS collection

Mary Ann Gettens née Rees, 1820–1870, (left), a widow with five children, set themselves up as market gardeners in their new property *Spring Grove* and grew marigolds, botanical name *Calendula officinalis*. The

Charmans sold their flowers to Melbourne pharmacists Martin & Pleasance¹ who extract/distil *Calendula Oil* for tinctures, disinfectants, balms, poultices, soaps, creams, tea and a number of other uses.

¹ Gould & Martin pharmacists was renamed Martin and Pleasance after Charles Pleasance became partner with R. Martin in 1878 and the firm continues today.

CALENDULA OFFICINALIS

*Calendula officinalis*¹ products have a long history of medicinal and pharmaceutical as well as homeopathic and therapeutic uses — from easing abdominal cramps, burns, varicose veins to food colorants and other applications.



Marigold refers to Miriam or Mary, mother of Jesus Christ (New Testament). The genus name comes from *calendae*, Latin for the first day of the month and refers to its long flowering season.

¹ *Calendula officinalis* is not to be confused with ornamental marigolds of the genus *Tagetes*, commonly grown in domestic and vegetable gardens.

KRUSE'S FLUID MAGNESIA

BOTTLE MADE BY
FELTON, GRIMWADE & CO.,
MELBOURNE GLASS BOTTLE
WORKS



Kruse's Fluid Magnesia claimed to ease muscle cramps, relieve indigestion, correct magnesium deficiency and boost wellbeing. Kruse also manufactured other pharmaceuticals and health products, some still in use. In addition, he leased Clifton Springs on the Bellarine Peninsula where he established a mineral water bottling plant.

Johann (John) August Kruse¹, 1822–1895, who qualified as an analytical pharmacist at the University of Göttingen² in the Electorate of Hanover, arrived in Victoria in 1853. Regarded as 'a driving force behind the creation of the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria', Johann Kruse was a member of the Society's inaugural council in 1857.³

¹ *Eucalyptus kruseana* named in Johann Kruse's honour by Victorian Government Botanist, Ferdinand von Mueller in 1895.

² The University of Göttingen was founded in 1737 by King George 11, Augustus, born 1683, monarch of Great Britain [England & Scotland], 1727–1760, Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg (Hanover) and Prince-elect of the Holy Roman Empire.

³ *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.

MELBOURNE GLASS BOTTLE WORKS

Felton, Grimwade & Co., wholesale druggists, formed in 1867 when Felton bought the wholesale drug house of Youngman & Co. in partnership with its manager, Frederick Grimwade. Renamed Felton, Grimwade & Co. the firm founded the Melbourne¹ Glass Bottle Works, and developed into firms manufacturing acids, fertilisers, glass bottles and ... eucalyptus oil.²

¹ Ancestor of Australian Glass Manufacturers Ltd.

² *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.

MOORLEIGH CERAMICIST



Dingley Village Danceworks (detail) supermarket mural 1997 by Hedley Potts
Ceramic life-size figure of Harry Hawker, pioneer aviator, Moorabbin hero
Reproduced with permission from catalogue *Nominative Determinism, Hedley Potts Retro @80*
produced for Hedley Potts' exhibition at Glen Eira Town Hall, 3–20 November 2016.

HEDLEY POTTS

Works exhibited in Glen Eira Town Hall, November 2016, by ceramicist Hedley Potts were created in the Moorleigh Ceramic Co-Operative Studios at 92 Bignell Rd, Bentleigh East. Hedley's works range from dynamic life-size figures to tiny medallions as well as murals. His public commissions (1997) include the above life-sized figure of aviator Harry Hawker.

Harry Hawker inquiries: ph Jim 0410 110 994 E. harryhawkersociety@iinet.com.au

MOORLEIGH VILLAGE

The Moorleigh Ceramic Co-Operative space and workshop established by Hedley Potts is on the site of the former Moorleigh High School. The school was closed by the Victorian Government around 1992 and the land sold to Moorabbin City Council. After local council amalgamations from 1994, Glen Eira City Council developed the space as a community village and reserve.

BCM-CMHS MATTERS

CMHS HISTORY LIBRARY

Our 2017 Committee are currently updating the CMHS Local History Library and the following donated titles are available for borrowing by financial members:

- Gobbi, H.G., *Taking its Place, A History of Oakleigh*, (1853–2003), Oakleigh & District Historical Society 2004.
- Kingston Historical Network, *We Remember, A Souvenir Catalogue*, exhibition of historical photographs & memorabilia relating to WW1 2014.
- James, R., *A Street and Time Too Far Away*, R. L. James 2014. [1950s Bentleigh, McKinnon, Ormond, at play, at school and at home.]
- Mordialloc Writers' Group, *Kingston My City*, editors M. Neil & G. Whiting 2015.
- Schaeche, A., *Dingley, Journey to the Village*, Dingley Village & District Historical Society 2011.
- Triolo, R., *Schooling, Service and the Great War, A Resource for Secondary Schools*, (includes CD-ROM), Veteran Affairs Dept, Commonwealth of Australia 2014.

NEARBY HISTORY LIBRARIES

Glen Eira Historical Society, Caulfield hold a (members' reference only) copy of Rainey, J. E., *From the Horse's Mouth*, Melbourne Kurrajong Press 2015. It contains recollections of twelve well-known local market gardeners. Phone GEHS on 9077 5395, Tuesday or Friday 10–12.

The Victorian History Library at Prahran Mechanics' Institute (PMI subscription library) hold a copy of Baragwanath, P., & James, K., *These Walls Speak Volumes, A History of Mechanics' Institutes in Victoria* 2015. Contact details on www.pmi.net.au.

WW1 'LONE DIGGER' MEMORIALS

Members are reminded that CMHS Committee are planning a compact exhibition¹ in October and November 2017, to mark the centenary of August Rietman's arrival in Ormond (1917). While working for Monumental Masons Corben & Sons and in his own studio workshop, August Rietman was involved in carving, modifying or finishing some of the 'Lone Digger' figures erected across Victoria in the aftermath of World War One.



Image
CMHS

¹With advice and direction from Museums Australia (Victoria) Roving Curator.

SWISS FONDUE

To recall August Rietman's Swiss-German background, the CMHS Committee ask members to check their kitchen cabinets for a fondue set. If you are willing to loan it to CMHS for *potential* use during the centenary exhibition opening/closing, would you kindly email moorabbinhs@gmail.com.

In addition, should you have photos of, or inherited, any statuary or ornamental garden products cast in Rietman's studio-workshop between 1930 and 1950, or sundials with this inscription in the bronze dial face, *be as true to each other as this is to the sun* — please email CMHS.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Share your skills with CMHS and help our 2017 Committee become more 'social media savvy'. Show them how to set up and maintain a blog, facebook, twitter, flickr, etc. CMHS also welcomes volunteers who can allocate some time to help with historical research, Open Days, displays, and heritage events.

LOCAL VOLUNTEER-RUN ORGANISATIONS



CMHS volunteers
visit the East Boundary Hotel,
December 2016.

CMHS VOLUNTEERS

In addition to their passion for our community history and local heritage, as well as Victorian and Australian history and heritage, antiques and collectables, CMHS volunteers do actually have other interests.

Among them: visiting art galleries; dining out; wine tastings; reading; travelling; attending local theatre; concerts; opera; ballet, and movies. Dancing; swimming; walking; model trains; car races; gardening; natural history; painting; choral singing, and poetry readings.

CMHS SUBSCRIPTIONS 2017

As most of us are aware, encouragement and assistance, as well as succession planning and members' subscriptions, are needed to prevent our historical society becoming an endangered species in the future. Please act now if you haven't already renewed for 2017 (refer p12). Also email moorabbinhs@gmail.com your innovative ideas for new approaches or initiatives so CMHS can adapt to changing community attitudes and evolving technologies.

CITY OF KINGSTON HISTORICAL NETWORK

The Kingston History Network is an informal association with the aim of fostering mutual support and interaction between community-run historical societies and the City of Kingston Local History, Information and Library Service.

The Network meets quarterly and rotates between Kingston locations:

- **Dr Graham Whitehead**,
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Ph: 1300 135 668
- **City of Kingston Information and Library Service**,
96 Parkers Road, Parkdale, 3195.
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31 Marcus Road, Dingley Village 3172.
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EARLIEST CMHS NEWSLETTERS

UPLOADING

Thanks to a 2016 Kingston City Council Community Grant, CMHS Committee member Joan Moore is progressively scanning and uploading early CMHS newsletters onto the Victorian Collections website.

Victorian Collections website:
<https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/box-cottage-museum>.
Enter 'CMHS Newsletter 1961' in the search area and click.

NEWSLETTER No.1, AUG 1961

By August 1961, CMHS members had produced their first newsletter consisting of two typewritten foolscap pages printed on one side. The opening paragraphs stated:

... We, the members of your Historical Society are anxious to set forth with fullness and accuracy, the story of Moorabbin, and we appeal to you for your assistance ... Remember, history is not necessarily something that happened long ago, it is something that is taking place at committee meetings, political gatherings, on the sports fields, at progress associations and youth movement league meetings ...

The newsletter asked for a resumé of local organisations; it provided a brief history of how CMHS began; its aims (refer p8) and contact details; short extracts 'From Our Files'; notice of upcoming meetings, and an acknowledgement that the newsletter was sponsored by the Cheltenham & District Co-Operative Society Limited (est.1896).

FIRST NEWSLETTER EDITOR

CMHS newsletters were edited by Mr Sheehy who continued doing so for a number of years. In 1962, Mr Sheehy accepted the newly created honorary position of Historical Research Officer of the City of Moorabbin. Seemingly this was after 'a lot of strange but untrue stories began to appear in print and claimed to be part of Moorabbin's history'.¹ After Mr Sheehy accepted the position of research officer, photographer, Mr R Ashley was elected CMHS President.

Over the next thirty years or so, Mr Sheehy was called upon for advice by other municipalities who wished to follow suit. Plus he was asked to appear on television a number of times. He also authored over 1000 papers ranging from 300 words to books of 200 pages.² Titles included:

Short History of Moorabbin (1965)
Mordialloc-Chelsea- Aspects of History (1970)
Sandringham, A Sketchbook History (1972)
A Saga of Heatherton (1978)
A Hospital for the Bayside (1982)
Battlers Tamed a Sandbelt (1985)

^{1,2} Kingston City Historical website, Dr G Whitehead, Article Category, People, Article Reference, 90.



Mr T Sheehy
reproduced from
City of Kingston
Historical website
Article Ref. 90

NEWSLETTER No. 2, SEPT 1961

Newsletter No. 2 contained notices of a CMHS planning meeting; an Essay Competition among local school children for Moorabbin's Centenary [Roads District Board, established 1862], and an History Display at Cheltenham High. There was an obituary for Cr Shipston; an interpretation of "Moorabbin" by Professor Browne; receipt of Benteigh Presbyterian Church files; progress of East Benteigh research by Mr Kennedy, and a short article 'Who was Highett?'

BRIEF HISTORY: CITY OF MOORABBIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ORIGINS OF THE SOCIETY

Acting on persistent suggestions by Mr Tom Sheehy and fellow residents to form a local Historical Society, a public meeting was convened in the Moorabbin Town Hall by the Mayor, Cr D. H. Clark on Wednesday, 26th October 1960. RHSV historians addressed the meeting attended by over thirty people who resolved to establish a City of Moorabbin Historical Society and that all present should form a provisional committee.

EARLY MEMBERS

Mr T Sheehy was elected foundation president, Cr E. Le Page, vice-president, Mr J. Stretton, provisional secretary. Mr R. Colbourne was subsequently elected secretary and Mrs F. Wright, treasurer. Early members included Mr Higgins, Mrs Blackman, Mrs Whitehead, Mr Kennedy, Mr & Mrs Harvey, and Crs Coates and Shipston.



L-R: Cr E. Le Page, Mr I. McLaren (past president RHSV), the Mayor (Cr D. H. Clark), Mr A. T. Latham (secretary RHSV), Mr T A Sheehy (president CMHS).
Image *Bentleigh News*, 2 November 1960, page 1.

1960

Only a few historical societies existed in Victoria back in 1960 when Robert Menzies was Prime Minister, 1949–1966, and Henry Bolte, Premier of Victoria, 1955–1972. Rock-n-Roll had replaced the Pride of Erin and Elvis was King of the Pops. 'Good Neighbour' volunteers welcomed 'New Australians' and helped them acclimatise. Pubs were shut at 6pm and only churches opened on Sundays. Women wore hats and gloves and had to leave work when they married. Since then, CMHS has survived to operate the 'Box Cottage' Early Settlers Museum from 1984 onwards and the dissolution of the City of Moorabbin in 1994.

ORIGINAL AIMS OF CMHS

Transcribed from Newsletter No 1, August 1961

The main aims of CMHS when it was founded in 1960 were to:

- **record the history of the City**
- **register something of the Australian Atmosphere, which the necessary speed-up in post world war two immigration has caused to be lost;**
- **produce a magazine at regular intervals, featuring the work of pioneers and the changing Australian scene,**
- **work constantly with a long range view towards building a hall where records and exhibits can be housed.**

MOORABBIN

From the mid 1830s, the Port Phillip District (Victoria, 1851) was divided into counties¹ and then into civic parishes of approximately 25sq.miles. To avoid name replications, government surveyors were instructed to use local indigenous names where possible. The parish of *Moorabbin* is understood to derive from *Mooroobbin*, a Boonwurrung (various spellings) Kulinian word — interpreted as 'a resting place for mothers and babies'.

Sometime before the 'Dendy Brighton Estate' was subdivided into allotments during 1842, the Martin Brothers had adopted the name *Moorabbin* for their cattle run on the north-eastern corner of the new estate. Robert Hayball, one of Dendy's 'immigrants', reputedly built *Moorabbin House* [since demolished] for J. B. Were. Pastoralist brothers, Richard and John King, (*Kingsland*² cattle run from 1845/6) are reported as supporting the name *Moorabbin* for the 1862 Roads District Board.

¹ County of Bourke included the Parish of Moorabbin.

² Former *Windiert* [?'windyearth'] cattle run licenced by Mr J. O'Shanassy, 1841–1845. After the 1854 Miners' Protest, he instigated the 'Miner's Right', eligibility for [male] suffrage and was later Premier of Victoria, three times.

BENTLEIGH STATION RE-OPENING



Bentleigh Station, 12 November 2016

To celebrate the removal of three contentious level crossings and the official re-opening of Bentleigh, McKinnon and Ormond stations, a big crowd (some CMHS members among them) of women, men, children lined all three station platforms on Saturday morning, 12 November 2016.

FUNDING

Through proceeds of more than \$9.7billion from leasing the Port of Melbourne to the Lonsdale Consortium for 50 years, the Victorian Labor Government provided \$2.4 billion in the 2015–2016 Budget for the removal of at least twenty dangerous level crossings in its first term.¹

The removal and construction work was carried out by John Holland and KBR Consortium. At each location, the rail line was lowered under the road, with Bentleigh, Ormond, and McKinnon stations rebuilt to provide street level access down to the platforms.

¹ Level Crossing Removal Authority Updates 2016.

The Victorian Labor Government's Level Crossing Removal Authority organised a *Family Fun Day* at the three stations to mark the occasion. Festivities included a free ride between stations on an historic steam train with vintage *Red Rattler* carriages, activities for the children, choral singers, live music, entertainment, showbags and giveaways.

HERITAGE QUERIES

If you can help with one or more of the queries below would you kindly email moorabbinhs@gmail.com. We will pass on any images or information you are willing to share.

Lever & Kitchen

Local descendants are searching for work contemporaries (early 1900s) of John Cron and Harry Joyce who worked for Lever & Kitchen.

Elster Creek

A CMHS member is looking for local images of the Elster Creek and its tributaries before its enclosure. In particular, the creek as it flowed through what is now Joyce Park.

THE PATH TO THE BENTLEIGH LIBRARY (continued on p7)

by Geoffrey Paterson (CMHS member)

Moorabbin at the start of the 1950s had no public or free library. Libraries included shopfront circulation libraries and two mechanics institutes. Moorabbin Mechanics Institute Library contained 2100 books and a 16/- annual subscription.¹

This article outlines steps leading to the 1961 opening of the Bentleigh Library involving the City of Moorabbin and the Free Library Service Board (FLSB), a Victorian Government body that provided councils with financial and technical assistance.²

EARLY ACTIONS

In the early 1950s, a number of organisations urged the council to establish a free library. A February 1955 petition, for example, called for the 'establishment of a modern, comprehensive library service in this municipality'. Political parties, churches, RSSAILA (Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia) and lodges supported this proposal, in addition to over a dozen letters to the editor.³

On 22 March 1955, the Moorabbin Council decided to establish a Library and apply for a £3,500 FLSB municipal grant.⁴ The FLSB subsequently prepared a Field Officers Report 'designed to provide the Moorabbin City Council with a plan for a library service to commence about June 1957'.⁵

FUTURE LIBRARY PLANS

This report recommended first establishing a Central Library as headquarters followed by five branches at Moorabbin or Bentleigh, Cheltenham, Highett, McKinnon, and East Bentleigh or further east. Alternatively, fewer branches with a bookmobile could serve the large and growing municipality.

The report provides these details on the Central Library's location:

Probably the most appropriate centre would be Bentleigh but as this would mean acquiring land and erecting a building it is suggested that the service should be commenced at Moorabbin in temporary premises, or in a new building, which can be used as a branch later, when larger premises are built in Bentleigh.⁶

In September 1956, the Council accepted the Mr A. J. Hedberg's £1935 tender to construct a temporary building on the Town Hall site.⁷ The FLSB commented that 'the building is of course, very, very small, and it is certain that the facilities will be quite inadequate within a short period of opening'.⁸

Mayor Councillor Pascoe opened the temporary library in January 1958. The library was immediately popular with 55,000 borrowed books in the first six months.⁹ A letter to the editor, *Bentleigh News*, 27 August 1958,

THE PATH TO THE BENTLEIGH LIBRARY (continued from p6)

expressed delight with the new library which favourably compared with other municipal libraries.¹⁰ However, this popularity was placing pressure on the temporary library. New premises were clearly needed.

ESTABLISHING BENTLEIGH LIBRARY

On 17 August 1959, the Council invited local architect Mr A. J. Richardson to prepare sketch plans for a Central Library in 161 Jasper Road.¹¹ The Council adopted in principle the plans on 5 October 1959¹² and accepted the £27,100 tender of S. S. & R. E. Grimshaw on 21 March 1960.¹³ The Lady Mayoress, Mrs D. H. Clark, opened the new Central Library on 26 July 1961.



Bentleigh Library (undated image)
Scanned from GECC History Trail Passport 2016
www.gleneira.vic.gov.au



Bentleigh Library, February 2017

SOURCES

1. City of Moorabbin minutes, 7 April 1952.
2. *Libraries for the people*, Free library Service Board of Victoria, Melbourne 1974.
3. G. W. Allmand to FLSB, 7 February 1955.
4. Letter Town Clerk to FLSB, 22 March 1955.
5. Field Officers Report on Establishment of the City of Moorabbin Library Service, page 1.
6. Field Officers Report, page 3.
7. Town Clerk to FLSB, 10 September 1956.
8. FLSB to Town Clerk, 31 October 1956.
9. *Bentleigh News*, 23 July 1958 page 1.
10. *Bentleigh News*, 27 August 1958 page 6.
11. City of Moorabbin minutes, 3 August 1959.
12. City of Moorabbin minutes, 5 October 1959.
13. City of Moorabbin minutes, 21 March 1960.

Public Record Office Victoria documents

FLSB documents are at VPRS 10343/P000/000011.
City of Moorabbin Minutes are at VPRS 14595/P0001/00014 (1952),
VPRS 145945/P0001/00018 (1959) and VPRS 14595/P0001/000019 (1960).