**Springthorpe Project**

Below are details of the Springthorpe Project – a well attended meeting and most interesting approach. Maureen Jones & Liz Pidgeon attended , along with a lovely couple whose names I didnt catch (as they had to leave early) who were new Gbh HS members. I am attending tonight but may be 10 mins later so please dont wait.

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**From:** Nicholas Abbey

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**To:** Nicholas Abbey

**Subject:** Springthorpe and La Trobe Local History Project - follow-up note and getting involved

It was an excellent meeting yesterday. The exciting **Springthorpe and La Trobe Local History Project** is underway! Many thanks to everyone for taking part and for providing so many fabulous ideas and suggestions.

**Please don't hesitate, of course, to contact Sarah Rood, the project historian**, at sjrood@waybackwhen.com.au or on 9539 3636 or 0402 221 167. (Sarah is a Director of *Way Back When – Consulting Historians* at <http://www.waybackwhen.com.au/>).

As Sarah outlined at the meeting, Sarah can assist you (and your family, friends and colleagues) to get involved in the project initiatives such as:

* exploring and researching elements of the history of the area
* writing about an aspect of the area’s history
* learning how to do oral history interviews and interviewing people who lived and worked in the area
* photographing the sites of Springthorpe – both old and new
* involving community stakeholders (e.g., schools) in the project
* helping us to create a strong social media presence for the project
* planning and designing the web portal.

Among the key themes in the project (a **collaboration between Springthorpe, La Trobe University and Darebin Council**) are:

* Local Indigenous history
* European settlers
* Landscape design and horticultural history (including the work of Hugh Linaker)
* Hospital and psychiatric care history (Mont Park and Larundel)
* Key individuals such as Dr John Springthorpe and Dr Ernest Jones
* Architectural and heritage-listed buildings history
* Hospital links to World War 1 returned soldiers and other military history
* Natural, geological, botanical and ecological history (including the wildlife reserves)
* History of the Springthorpe estate
* *Together with what may be your specific topic of interest.*

The materials and information gathered will be stored and readily accessible on the web portal. Many thanks to Darebin Council for making this happen.

As well, a heritage trail and interpretive signage (in the wider area), an app and an exhibition space are future possibilities.

Cheers,

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