



LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

We are fortunate to live in a fascinating place. The Springthorpe area has a history that is rich and diverse.

We're aware that many community members – young and old – would either like to know more or have already started to find out more about the remarkable place in which we live. So, to support and encourage this, we bring to you, with great fanfare and pride:

The Springthorpe & La Trobe Local History Project

Through this project, we will create a dynamic and engaging website. A portal to the history of the Springthorpe area. A window to the past that will shed light on topics and themes such as:

- Local Aboriginal 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 WWI returned soldiers and other military history
- Natural, geological, botanical and ecological history (including the wildlife reserves)
- History of the Springthorpe estate in Macleod

Together with what may be your specific topic of interest.

But we need you!

Sarah Rood, our project historian, will assist you to get involved in:

- planning and designing the web portal
- learning how to do oral history interviews and interviewing people who lived and worked in the area
- exploring and researching an element of the history of the area
- writing about an aspect of the area's history
- photographing the sites of Springthorpe – both old and new
- helping us to create a strong social media presence for this project.

So how do you get involved?

Easy! Come to a community meeting on:

**Tuesday 21 February
at 7.00 pm**

**Springthorpe Country
Club**

Contact at any time project historian Sarah Rood via email or phone and let her know your area of interest:

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Professional historian Sarah Rood is a Director of *Way Back When Consulting Historians* and brings a wealth of experience in all areas of public history.

Keep an eye on the Springthorpe Facebook page and website for more information. We hope you will join us on this journey as we explore the history of the Springthorpe area – the wonderful place in which we all live.

This project is a collaboration between the Springthorpe Owners Corporation, La Trobe University and Darebin Council. Feel free to contact any of the project team members at any time:

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