

November, 1995

Dear Lola, I did not have to search for the enclosed "letter of appreciation" — so I'm sending it immediately so that I won't mistay it.

It was lovely to speak with you again.

I showed it to Bill and he said "Who wrote that?" Fancy me remembering after all those years. Anyway, you all wrote the same — no "mongrel" writing like the children are taught today.

I am guessing where the lines are on this paper — but I don't think I'm too successful.

This is the 3rd note I've written since I spoke to you an hour ago.

Some day you'll get a surprise when I find the handkerchiefs.

Love

Linda Coulter

11 Fairmont Ave
Camberwell

3124

1-11-1995

History written by Mrs. Lala Lindal who grew up on an orchard in Ringwood. Her husband - Donald. The Lindals are now in their eighties and have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They are members of the North Ringwood Senior Citizens Group.

11-1995 2.

THE MARKET CATERED FOR EVERYTHING.

THE STOCK ROUTE. DOWN RINGWOOD ST TO THE MARKET CORNER. MAROONDAH HIGHWAY + RINGWOOD ST. THEY ALSO HAD LARGE AUCTION ROOMS. A DRIVER RIDING AHEAD CRACKING HIS WHIP YELLING OUT SHUT YOUR GATES AS THE HERD WAS COMING THROUGH TO THE SALE YARDS WHICH SOLD EVERYTHING. A MRS BURN'S DID THE CATERING AT THE MARKET.

ABOUT 1921. MY FATHER LEAVING AT 7:30 TO 8 PM TO QUEEN VIC MARKET. WITH APPLES PEAR OR PLUMS OR CHERRIES ACCORDING TO SEASON. ONCE HE HAD A LOAD OF PEAS CABBAGE, SWEDES + WHITE TURNIPS HE ARRIVED HOME WITH NOT A CABBAGE SOLD. BETTER LUCK WITH THE OTHER PRODUCE. MY SISTERS USED TO PICK LARGE BUNCHES OF GUM TIPS TO SELL TO LADIES. A LITTLE BIT OF POCKET MONEY FOR THEM. OUR MOTHER USED TO ~~SELL~~ TAKE ORDERS FOR DRESSED POULTRY + SETTINGS OF EGGS. MANY WOMEN ON THE LAND HAD THIS SIDELINE.

MR HERMAN PUMP. A VERY CIVIC MINDED MAN. INSTRUMENTAL IN THE LOCATION + BUILDING OF RINGWOOD STATE PR - JUV. SCHOOL IN GREENWOOD AVE. ALSO THE BOWLING GREEN. THO HE NEVER BOWLED. HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER LINDA WAS A JUNIOR TEACHER IN GRADE 4 WE WERE ONE OF THE 1ST SCHOOL'S TO HAVE + LEARN BASKETBALL TAUGHT BY LINDA.

RINGWOOD SHOPPING CENTER WAS OPEN ON A FRIDAY NIGHT. A RINGWOOD SHOW. WE SAW TROTTERS FOR THE 1ST TIME. MY FATHER RECEIVED PRIZE FOR PEAS + A SISTER ~~FOR~~ FOR WRITING, TURNING THE HEEL OF A SOCK. THERE WAS ^{FOOT} RUNNING, DOG + POULTRY JUDGING. WE HEARD M. P. S CHANDLER + MR. REID. FOR THE FIRST TIME WE HAD OUR TEA (BASKET) + A SERVICE THAT EVENING.

REMEMBER 1919/1922? THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST (IN ONE DAY)

PGREAT REJOKING WHEN RINGWOOD BECAME A BOROUGH + WE HAD OUR OWN COUNCILLORS. A MR MCALPIN HAD BEEN A COUNCILLOR AT LILYDALE PREVIOUSLY

3.

AT SCHOOL

2.

1-11-1973

ONE LUNCH TIME WENT WITH WIN CARMICHAEL + FRIENDS.
 RUNNING ALL THE WAY DOWN TO CANTRBURY RD TO HEAR ONE OF
 THE 1ST LOUD SPEAKER RADIOS. HER MOTHER PUT IT ON WE HEARD THE
 STOCK REPORT. 1924?

THE ^{CLOTHS PROP} BROOM MAN + RABBITO USED TO COME AROUND. REGULARY.
 MISS DAISY PADDOK OUR MUCH LOVED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER. SO GOOD
 AT SCHOOL IN

+ JUST TO ALL CHILDREN. HEADMASTER. MR BROBEN. HAD TAUGHT RINGWOOD ST
 MISS GRAN. ORGANIST. MR LITTLE MINISTER. MR CHRISP. (MUSIC) NY SISTERS WENT TREE
 THE BUILDING OF THE METHODIST CHURCH. PEOPLE PAID 1/- A BRICK. ALL

DENOMINATIONS CONTRIBUTED. MACALPINS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING
 THE PIPE ORGAN. EVERYONE SEEMED TO BE THERE FOR THE OPENING.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST BUILT IN A DAY. WE HAD OUR TEA + DEDICATION SERVICE SAME DAY

MY MOTHER TELLING US OF COACH TRAVEL FROM MANSFEL TO MELB

1920

STOPPING OVER AT COACH + HORSES 1900.

WE HAD A SECOND HAND SHOP MAROONDAH HWY. OPP MARKET
 MANY FOLK AROUND HAD FURNITURE FROM OUR SHOP.

THE MISSES MACGILLIVRAY. RAN THE COFFEE PALACE IN THE MAIN ST.

THEY WERE THE ONES WHO HAD THE 1ST CHURCH (PRES) MOVED TO RINGWOOD.

FROM THE RICHMOND BURNLEY AREA. IT WAS SITUATED DOWN BY

THE LAKE. THE NEW CHURCH MOVED TO EASTLAND. BUILT ABOUT. 1926.

OUR 1ST HARVEST FESTIVAL DECORATED WITH BRANCHES OF FRUIT.

HANGING FROM THE CEILING BEAMS. CASES OF FRUIT + BASKETS OF

VEGS + FRUIT. ALL GROWN IN RINGWOOD DISTRICT. I + MY DAUGHTERS

WERE MARRIED IN SCOTS CHURCH. SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICS BY WAGON

TO THE BEACH. ONCE BY STEAM TRAIN TO WILLIAMSTOWN. AROUND THIS

TIME THE WATER CAME TO RINGWOOD. A GREAT ASSET. AS WHEN THE TANKS

WERE LOW OUR MOTHER ^{CARRIED} CARTED WATER FROM THE DAM. LET STAND

OVER NIGHT + DID HER LAUNDRY THE NEXT DAY.
 OCCASIONALLY WE WENT TO THE PICTURES. THEY RUNG A BELL WHEN
 THE PICTURES WERE GOING TO START. FOLK CAME FROM
 MITCHAM.

INDIFFERENT WAYS

1928 RINGWOOD STATE SCHOOL. RAISED MONEY TOWARD'S CLOCK TOWER.
 IN MEMORY OF SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT + DIED IN THE GREAT WAR. ONE WAS A
 CANTATA. + IT WAS THE 1ST TIME COLORED LIGHTS WERE USED ON THE STAGE
 THE NORTH RINGWOOD SCHOOL WAS OPENED DUE TO DICKSONS FAMILY + MACALPINS
 RINGWOOD EAST STATION OPENED. 1921? BUILT OVER SWAMP LAND.
 KNOWN AS A SNAKE AREA. NOT LONG AFTER HEATMONT WAS
 OPENED. MR HERMAN PUMP WAS INSTRUMENTAL.
 THE MEYLAND FAMILY.
 RINGWOOD EAST SCHOOL HELPED OVER CROWDING AT RINGWOOD
 OUR 1ST SMALL LIBRARY (BROWNS) NEXT TO POST OFFICE OPERATED BY
 MISS QUINN.

A MIDWIFE. MRS. NURSE MAGGS + LATER MRS. NURSE GOWLAND
 LOOKED AFTER MOTHERS IN THE DISTRICT FROM BEFORE I WAS BORN.

THE BLACKSMITH MR PICKET. OPPOSITE KENWORTHYS COACH BUILDER.
 LATER LAURIE FLYNN IN PIT ST. THESE MEN WERE ARTISTS IN THEIR WORK

GREAT DAY WHEN SIR DALLAS BROOKES OPENED CITY OF RINGWOOD.
 HE SAID HOW MUCH THE FAMILY WOULD ENJOY THE CASE OF CHERRIES
 HE WAS PRESENTED WITH.

Miss Russel was very² interested in the Country Womers Assoc. rode all over the Walle especially to isolated farms. encouraging women to join the C.W.A. She was always on horseback. Mrs Russel went overseas quite often. loved Europe etc. but always said how wonderful it was coming home as there was nothing to compare with our Dandenongs. In those days, the hills did not have the scars & not nearly so many duellings. People were more civic minded when I was a child. for instance the Russels gave their groom a beautiful wedding. My mother helped with cooking etc. The children helped carry things across. We saw our first wedding cake and the bride. Great memories.

There were eight orchardists in Heathmont. John & Herman Pump. who had an orchard ^{on} opposite sides of Canterbury Rd. Herman Pump & his wife were always out to help folk. great workers. I remember a Sunday night tea. Such a sumptuous meal. The children had to take our place to Mr Pump who carved the cold meats. he would look at you & say. you are growing, you must be hungry - yes you need another good slice. Meals were never rushed at week ends or evenings. The children always learnt something from the adults conversation. The Pumps orchard. ended at the Railway and went through to Bedford Road.

Canterbury Road was just a track. thick mud in winter and gluey mud in winter. mainly caused by the steel rims of buggies & wagons.

The Pump family were very civic minded. loved the area. He was pres. cricket club for 27 years. the progress association, a hard worker of the bowling club. tho he never had a bowl there. He loaned his horses + equipment for the work of building the Heathmont Railway station. plus £200. The Pump family was held in high regard. much loved people. Wilfrid (son) and Linda (daughter) are still alive.

The Pumps cleared there land + planted the orchard. George Muller (Dickason Rd. just a track to there orchard) came to Heathmont 1913. with his father. (from Eucha.) Cleared his land + had an orchard of apples pears + plums. He built his own Cool store. A family man. a son + daughter. his son Douglas still living in Heathmont. Was on the session of our church. (was treasurer) when it was down by the lake. There was a commemorative chair given when he died, used in our pulpit.

He was sec. Progress Association. Wrote a letter to the council more than once asking if something could be done to Canterbury Road as the condition of the road was so bad. Also Heathmont + Great Pyrie were impassable in winter because of the creeks. He was always also involved in the Ringwood show the cricket and tennis clubs. He was ¹⁹²² principal mover in getting a committee together for the building of the station. Herman Pump was President. He was also ^{the one who} helped get the B. In 1925 the estimated cost was £3392. reduced to £2800 because they did not need a residence. A large amount was raised towards the cost by the residents.

Canterbury Road. from the Bedford Rd end. They grew apples, pears & plums. There 4 children walked to school with us. They were all interested in cricket & tennis Mrs Sharp was a great tennis player. Mr Sharp had come from Portland in 1905-1903. The tennis courts were near the station. We never went to all the shows & most activities when we could. Mr Ron Sharp who is still alive remembers the 1st shop. It was a house up near the post office. They were served through a window of the house. The cuttings had the 1st General Store later in Canterbury Rd.

Further along down Mountain View Rd were the Washusen family. She had a variety of fruits. The children ^{#5} walked to Ringwood Primary. Both sons took up land further away.

From Williamstown ¹⁹¹⁹ there were ^{Bayleys} ^{Smiths} ^{Gerlachs} all had orchards. Kerkels house still standing. also Pumps. We walked to Sunday School. down by the Lake. We walked down Bedford Rd to Dublin then to what is Marsondah Highway.

Lola Lindal.