

Flagstaff Collections

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Hello Lt Commander Biedermann

Thank you for taking my call without notice this morning.

Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village Warrnambool (www.flagstaffhill.com) maintains and operates the original Warrnambool Garrison site overlooking Lady Bay.

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The site is on the Victorian State Heritage Register for the intact and operational nature of the 1888 garrison and fortifications. This year is our 40th year of operation and we have museum accreditation under Museums Australia Accreditation.

This year we also restored to operational conditional condition meaning we have two 80 pound RML cannons. We fired the two guns for the local ANZAC Dawn Service.

W Clarke Trophy and Warrnambool Ladies Bugle

We have been told that these two items are currently in display down the Army Pertobe Road site. The trophy was awarded the Warrnambool Garrison for accuracy in firing in competitions between other victorian colonial garrisons. Warrnambool Garrison was apparently quite an accurate crew as the won the trophy many times through the 1880 and 1890's. we believe these competitions ceased around federation period of 1900.

There is also a bugle that was gifted by the 'ladies of warrnambool' to the Warrnambool Militia. The inscription has more details about the gift by the warrnambool community to their own towns unit.

Loan and Display

With the activation of our original garrison we are seeking display items that detail the story of this important part of the victorian colonial heritage. The local connection to the W Clarge Trophy and Ladies Bugle is clear and we ask for your assistance to gain these two important items to the community of Warrnambool for loan and display here at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.

I understand you will be away for a couple of weeks and hope to discuss this matter further with you shortly. The items of course would be housed in our museum that has CCTV and security systems installed. The main advantage is that they would be on display in their home community and celebrate the heritage of our wonderful Warrnambool Garrison.

Thank you again for taking my call.

Regards,

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