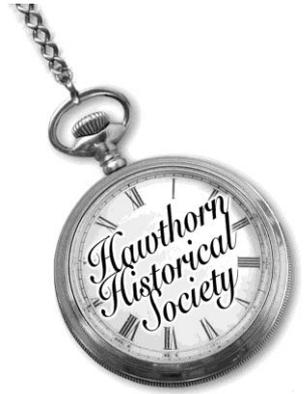


# Hawthorn Historical Society



## *Newsletter* • February 2015



*Retiring President, Shirley Ramsay at the AGM in December 2014*

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## Hawthorn Historical Society Publications

### ***Faint traces: Chinese in Hawthorn before the Second World War***

Diane Nicholas & Mary Sheehan, \$15

### ***Hawthorn streets index***

Gwen McWilliam, (reprinted 2004), \$17

### ***Street Walks***

Gwen McWilliam, \$5

**Publications can now be purchased on our website. Prices include postage**



We can now send out your newsletter by email!

[hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

If you would like to receive future newsletters this way.

## Hawthorn History Walks

Discover the history of Hawthorn with a series of self-guided walks produced by the Hawthorn Historical Society.

A booklet for each of the 18 walks is available from Hawthorn Library for \$5.00 each.



## Welcome

**Welcome** to this edition of the Hawthorn Historical Society Newsletter. And welcome to a new year and a new committee.

We were sad to farewell Shirley Ramsay as a member of the committee and President at the AGM in December 2014. Shirley had been a committee member for 22 years and had performed the duty of President on two occasions. We will miss her gentle stewardship at our meetings but expect to see her continuing to take an active part in Society events this year.

We also welcome the following new members to the Hawthorn Historical Society:

Jenny Bowen

Peter Ryan

Ramona deNiese

Dave Moore

Brian Marshall

We are encouraged by members' enthusiasm about their projects. John Torpey has been working hard with the Gallipoli and Beyond Project. They have developed a fine programme of events which will honour those who served in World War 1. Read John's article about Private Douglas Wood in this edition. Dennis Day has proposed a joint project with the Hawthorn Football Club to sign-post various historic points in and near the Glenferrie Oval. There may be one-eyed Hawks supporters amongst our members who would like to help with this project. Please be in touch.

Many of you will have been researching people or places which interest you and have a story to tell so we are planning a "*Show and Tell – Look what I've Discovered?*" in October during History Week. We are inviting our members to make 10 to 15 minute presentations on the research they are working on, or to set up a display of their collection of artifacts. Think of the times you've said to a friend, "I've just discovered that my great-grandfather...", or "I found this really interesting object and I've just discovered..." That's the story we want to hear. Don't be shy.

And if you want to talk about your research or just say hello, we are planning, again, to have a presence in the Local History Room at the Hawthorn Library twice a month. This will occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and fourth Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm. Please drop in.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Glenferrie Road Festival on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have been promised fine weather this year after a severe drenching last year. We hope to run "Who's Been Living in My House?" as part of our presence on Glenferrie Road. Do come and say hello. And the following weekend we are planning a street walk to view some of Harcourt Street's fine homes. The numbers for this event will be limited so do book early.

With excitement for the year ahead and the stories which will emerge

Elizabeth Yewers

President

## Private Douglas Wood

### #3969 PTE DOUGLAS WOOD 'C' COMPANY 59<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION 15<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE

by John Torpey

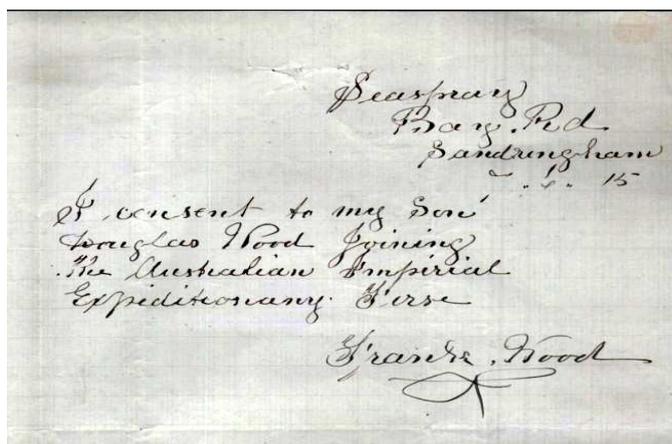
The Auburn State School's World War 1 Commemorative books contain a note that a former pupil who enlisted was 14 at the time - Douglas Wood of 135 Victoria Road, Auburn whose date of birth is noted as 18<sup>th</sup> January 1901. Douglas was at the school in 1911 & 1912. He later attended Camberwell Grammar School.



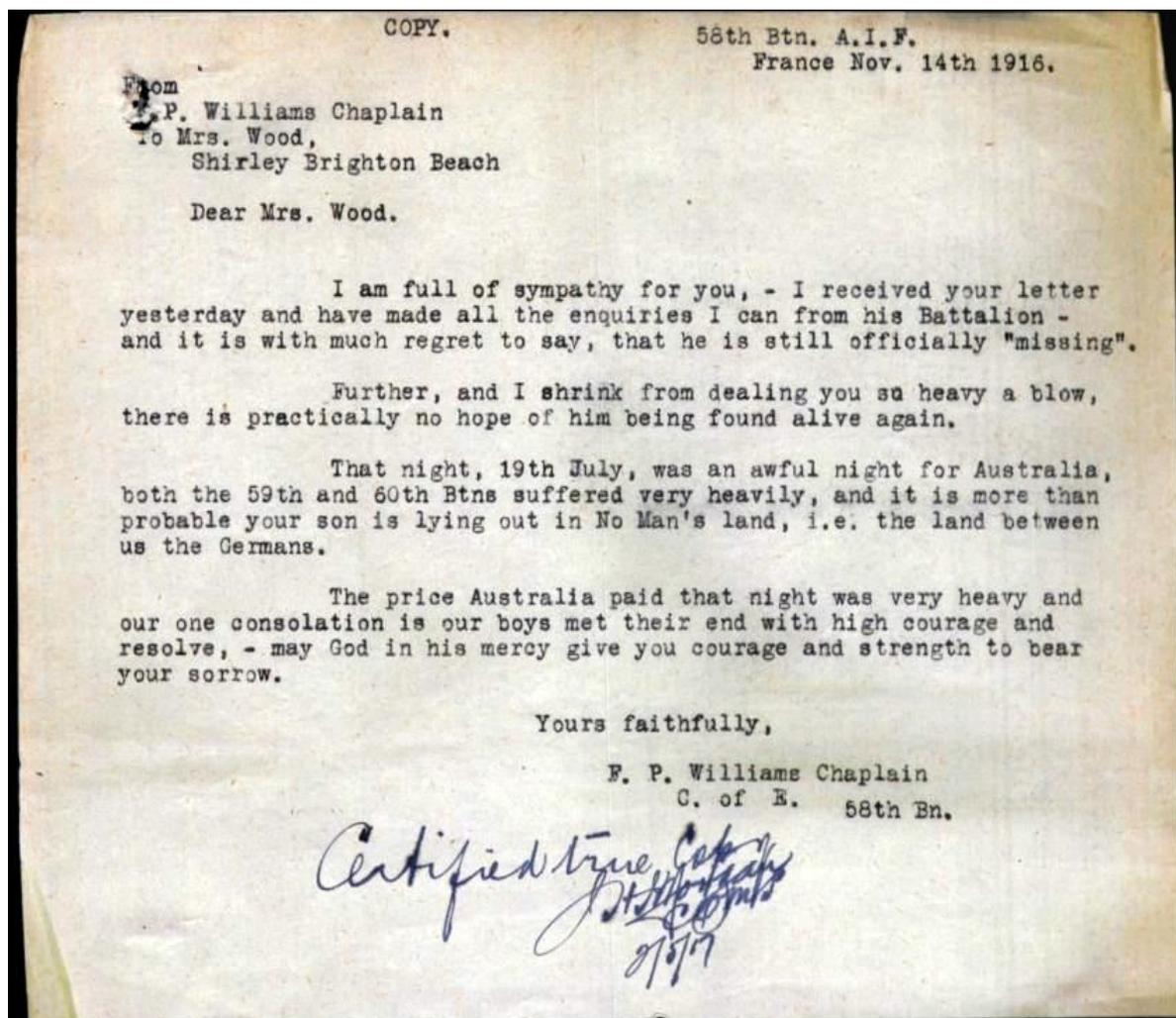
I cannot find Douglas' birth recorded at the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages with father Frank or mother Christina. According to his National Archives of Australia file his parents were in a *de facto* relationship & were separated at the time of his death in France in 1916. This separation led to a dispute over who was *next of kin* which was referred to the Attorney General's Department for resolution as to who was entitled to his medals, recovered kit & pension entitlement – it appears that his mother was deemed to be.

Douglas Wood enlisted 9<sup>th</sup> July 1915 stating that he was 18 years & 2 months old, occupation Baker & living at Station Street Sandringham. His father's consent is on file. Douglas' height is recorded as 5'3" (160cm) weight 8stn5lb (53kg) & is described as fair haired, blue eyed with a fresh complexion. It would have been obvious to any observer that he was under age.

Source: Mr Selwyn Glanvill ,  
Douglas Wood's Nephew



Douglas embarked with the 12<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1915 on the HMAT A 40 "Ceramic". He transferred to the 59<sup>th</sup> Battalion in Egypt & landed in Marseilles 29<sup>th</sup> June 1916. He was reported as Missing on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1916 after the battle of Fromelles; a Court of Enquiry in the field determined that he was killed in action 19<sup>th</sup> July "Presume Buried In No Man's Land..." A copy of the 58<sup>th</sup> Battalion Chaplain's letter to his mother conveys a message of the senseless loss in that battle.



Sources: National Archive of Australia [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au), Australian War Memorial [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au), Victorian Registry of Birth Death & Marriages <http://online.justice.vic.gov.au/bdm/home>; Auburn State Schools' Commemorative books (Robert Short); "Lost in France" Peter Lawlor The Big Issue 6 – 19 July 2010.

The Gallipoli and Beyond Committee has prepared a fine programme of events to commemorate the Centenary of WW1. This includes a free exhibition of material relating to those residents of Boroondara who participated in the war effort. Commencing with a launch on April 11<sup>th</sup>, the exhibition will be open in the Kew Court House until April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Website update

Well we have started the year with some excitement. We have established the Hawthorn Historical Society on FACE BOOK. Moving out of one's comfort zone can be challenging, but this risk was worth taking and we were absolutely delighted to reach more than 141 people in our first posts about the old Hawthorn Town Hall in Burwood road. Social media will enable us to reach a wider audience, to promote our Hawthorn heritage and interact with the community by sharing photos and anecdotes about our past experiences of Hawthorn. We look forward to your contributions and please ask your friends to *like* us on Face book.



Swinburne IT students have continued to make further upgrades to our website. This now enables members to renew and friends from around the country to take up memberships on line. Our publication can also be ordered through the website and we hope to shortly have an extensive photo gallery. There are continuing updates to the content and we thank John Torpey for recent articles on the Irving Family and Private Douglas Wood, printed here. So please if you haven't looked recently please take another look at your website at [www.hawthornhistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.hawthornhistoricalsociety.com.au)

The History app for a mobile phone we promised you, is still a little way off. The audience at our AGM in December was however able to see a demonstration and discuss with the team how the app will work when fully operational. There have been a few time glitches along the way but we certainly hope to be using this app in the not too distant future.

Elizabeth Yewers (Liz) and Elizabeth Love (Libby) recently attended a *Digital Marketing with Impact* workshop sponsored by the Community Planning and Development Department of the City of Boroondara. It was a packed auditorium of local community groups and it prompted much food for thought as to how, 'not for profit' organisations can build "loyalty" by engaging with people of all ages and interests whether they live locally or not. While many of us might prefer the more traditional methods of historical societies such as talks and printed newsletters, with our limited financial reserves and ageing core membership, we need to find new members and new avenues to sustain and renew our Society for the future.

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### RECENT RESEARCH QUERIES

- Corneille family of Hawthorn in 1850s
- Palace and Glenferrie Picture Theatre
- Information about William Street
- William Thomas Lewis ( three time mayor of Hawthorn)
- 13 Morang Road and the Hodgins family
- Thomas Radford and 15 Lennox Street
- Auburn South Primary School
- Australian Fair Hawthorn badge
- Hawthorn West Preschool archives
- Henry Hilyear
- Children's homes in Auburn Road.

Please help us preserve Hawthorn's history for future generations. If you have information, booklets, photographs, newspaper clippings or family histories, please share them with us. Please email us at [hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) or phone me Elizabeth (Libby) at 9889 7498.

Elizabeth Love

## Projects

**REAL ESTATE Project 2014.** The year 2014 was our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and so we considered it would be useful to establish a 'snap shot' of sales in Hawthorn, during that year. Hawthorn streetscapes have changed and will continue to do so. Hopefully some of our older houses will be lovingly restored or renovated but others in particularly in designated growth corridors will be replaced. We need to document them before they go and create records that illustrate changes in lifestyle and the variety of accommodation currently on offer. This will become a resource for the future. Thanks to members Valerie Adams and Elizabeth Love, hundreds of items have been collected, filed by street with the description, details, sale date and price recorded. This project is nearing completion and a short report will be available in the next newsletter.

**West Hawthorn Preschool** historic archives. We were asked for assistance by the management committee to evaluate the significance of several boxes of records and ephemera, from the 1970s and 1980s, which the organisation no longer wishes to store. Following investigation and discussion with the Public Records Office, State Library and other Historical Societies, we have almost completed the separation of material into categories - to be destroyed; data to be recorded for the future but stored securely: and those items of interest which we will scan for our collection.



**Face Book.** The Hawthorn Historical Society has recently established a Face Book page, which has attracted considerable interest in the community and new 'friends' making contributions, comments and offering photos. This is an exciting and ongoing project and one that allows us to respond quickly to the community's need and interests, for instance a recent request to help find old photos and other information to celebrate Auburn South's up-coming 90th birthday this year.

**Glenferrie Times.** We were approached by the Glenferrie Traders Association to write a series of historical background articles for their Magazine – *Glenferrie Times*. This has been a very interesting project, for our members, as they needed to draw on a variety of sources, such as histories of Hawthorn, newspaper articles, electoral rolls, maps and postal directories. The articles on topics such as floods in Hawthorn, the Town Hall, the Don department store and the railway line, make good reading and we will utilise some of these in our future newsletters. If you would like to help with this research please contact us at [hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

**Burwood Road Shopping Terrace** – Swinburne University of Technology recently unveiled a striking new building that featured modern architecture whilst retaining the façades of a row of shops on Burwood road. Elizabeth Yewers was encouraged to investigate the history of this strip of shops. Project is ongoing.

**Hawthorn Village Walk** It has been more than 20 years since the Hawthorn History Walks were first published by the society utilising historian, Gwen McWilliam's, wealth of knowledge. The data from the highly successful original series of 16 walks will remain a valuable reference, however the changes in Hawthorn streets has created a need to update and revise the walks, to reflect current interest, to give a broader perspective of the history of the area and to focus on what remains of our heritage in this area. To revise all the walks will be a huge undertaking of time and energy so we are starting modestly. With Gwen's assistance, Elizabeth Love, who has an interest in the area around Hill, Denham and Lennox Streets, has rewritten the Hawthorn Village Walk and we hope to make it available for sale at the Glenferrie Road Festival.

## Forthcoming Events

**Local History Room.** This year we will meet in the Local History Room of the library on the second and fourth Wednesday in each month from 11am to 1pm, from March to November. Members will be available to offer you or other members of the public, help with any local history project or family history research. It is an opportunity to become familiar with the collection and meet with fellow minded history lovers.



**The Glenferrie Road Festival** is on again this year on Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is a fun day for the family, and we are hoping for fine weather, as the Hawthorn Historical Society will again have a stall on Glenferrie Road. We are seeking help from our members to man our stall, to sell our publications and field any questions from the public. Ring our President Elizabeth Yewers on 9819 1218 if you can help.

**Beswicke's Harcourt Street History Walk.** Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. John Beswicke designed many extraordinary homes along a short stretch of this prestigious street. For this walk we will have the benefit of the knowledge and insights of his grandson, Ken Bethell. The walk is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Bookings are essential as we will limit numbers to 20 people. Ring Elizabeth Love 9889 7498

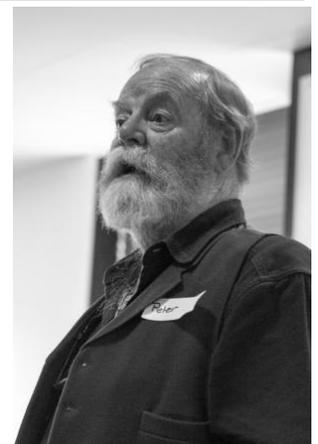
**Celebrating our ANZACs.** This will be a joint event between St Columbs Anglican Church and the Historical Society in May. After a two year project researching those who enlisted from this parish in World War 1 take the opportunity to view this beautiful church while listening to some of the stories being told.

**Look What I've Discovered! - Hawthorn History Show and Tell** – a special event during History Week in October. This will be an entertaining mix of short oral and visual presentations that capture some unique aspects of our history – informative and eclectic presentations, that includes how-to information as well as some hidden treasures or unusual aspects of Hawthorn. We are seeking contributions from our members.

## AGM Festivities

We were pleased to welcome so many distinguished guests and old friends to our AGM in December, amongst them Foundation Members of the Society, Prof Weston Bate, a past President and his wife Janice and Albert Isaacs who was the first editor of the newsletter. Prof Bate, kindly consented to cut a celebratory 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake to much acclaim.

Dr Peter Love (pictured), Senior Lecturer in Politics and Public Policy at Swinburne University, was our guest speaker. He gave a scholarly and entertaining overview of Swinburne University from its establishment as the Eastern Suburbs Technical College in 1908 by George Swinburne, a former mayor of Hawthorn and Victorian parliamentarian. Its first classes were carpentry, plumbing and blacksmithing for boys Classes for girls were offered soon after. It was renamed Swinburne Technical College in 1913.



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HAWTHORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD IN ROOMS 3&4 OF THE HAWTHORN COMMUNITY PRECINCT  
ON SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2014 AT 2.30PM

**Welcome to:** Peter Love speaker at the AGM

**Foundation members** - Weston & Janice Bate, Albert Isaacs, Judy Lawson & Margot Dorum. **Other Historical Societies, Camberwell HS** - George & Adele & Val Goldsworthy, **Richmond HS** - David Langdon & **Glenferrie Traders Association** - Max & Bruce Kirkman, **Victorian Telecommunications Museum** - Richard Schipper

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cr Coral Ross (Mayor), Cr Steve Hurd, the Honourable Josh Frydenberg, Sue Barnett, Surrey Hills, Kay & Graham Sussex, Gwen McWilliam, Ruth Dwyer & Pauline Clayton.

2. **MINUTES of the 2013 AGM** - taken as read in the March Newsletter

*Moved -Elizabeth Love, Seconded - Pamela Carter*

3. **ANNUAL REPORT given by Shirley Ramsey - President**

**A busy year with significant growth, the highlights being:**

- Further development of the website; we now have a members only section, shopping cart and internet banking, Members are assured that cheques, are still fine for members to use. Thanks to Elizabeth Love for managing these changes
- Enquiries. Virtually all enquiries come by email now. Thanks to Elizabeth Love for answering all the enquiries.
- Newsletters & Library assistance. Thank you to Aileen Carter & Jayne Ginger for collating this for us over the last few years. Elizabeth Yewers has taken on recent responsibility. Thanks to her and to Barbara Woodward for postal distribution.
- In 2014 we have aimed for variety in meetings and activities.
  - 2013 AGM - Wonderful presentation by Major General Mike O'Brian on The Lost Soldiers of Fromelles
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting for 2014 - Elizabeth Yewers gave us a guided tour of St Columbs
  - May - Glenferrie Road Festival we have established a great contact with Steve William from the Traders Association. Elizabeth Love's History Walk of Don Store and Glenferrie Road was a great success with her doing it 3 times across the course of the day
  - May - Myra Dowling (Boroondara Family and Local History Librarian) gave an excellent talk on researching the history of a property
  - July - Mary Rhyllis Clark spoke about Hawthorn musician Christopher Martin
  - August -Don Store & Glenferrie Road History Walk with Elizabeth Love
  - Our September at the National Trust's Ripponlea Exhibition - Love Desire and Riches
  - A Tour of the historic building now Rossbourne School in Power Street Hawthorn was our last event in November 2014.
- Elizabeth Yewers (incoming President spoke of next year's activities. We are planning a visit to Wurundjeri Garden after summer. She welcomed suggestions and advised that members will be informed in the newsletters of the other events for 2015.
- **PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS**
  - Gathering on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month in the history room of the library thanks to Jayne Ginger & Elizabeth Obitaire.
  - The Society applied for a grant to finance history walk publications, and resources to assist in the storage of resource material, but unfortunately it was unsuccessful.

- Elizabeth Love & Elizabeth Yewers with the help of Swinburne students have put together a Hawthorn history app which could be viewed at the end of our meeting.

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Pauline Clayton the Treasurer was unable to attend however the report was tabled. Our new treasurer Pamela Carter noted a surplus of \$542 since the last AGM, and there were 50 paid up members as of 30 September 2014.

*Moved - Pamela Carter, Seconded - Elizabeth Love*

#### 5. COMMITTEE

- Shirley Ramsay thanked Aileen Carter for all her work over several years.
- Shirley also thanked Pauline Clayton who has done a sterling job for the committee as Treasurer. Pauline Clayton & Barry Marks joined at a time when we were about to close down and without their help we would not be here now.
- Retiring long term committee member. Ruth Dwyer, a long time committee member and society member, was also thanked for her contribution to the Society. Being a professional researcher Ruth wrote many articles for the newsletter over the years.
- Shirley Ramsey indicated she would not be renominating for next year as its time for change in roles and thought we are in a fortunate position to do this. She thanked everyone present for the effort, interest and support has shown to her over the years. Shirley was thanked for her contributions over the years.

*Moved -Pamela Carter, Seconded - Elizabeth Love*

#### 6. ELECTION OF 2014 COMMITTEE

The following committee members were elected unanimously

President - Elizabeth Yewers

Vice-President - Elizabeth Love

Treasurer & Public Officer - Pamela Carter

Minutes Secretary - Andrae Talarico

Committee Member - Lindy Bajurnow

No one else wished to nominated as committee members.

Shirley declared five people duly elected.

*Moved - Anne Holmes, Seconded - Shirley Ramsey*

#### 7. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Elizabeth Yewers commented this year was a busy year with one event ever month and the Glenferrie Road festival was a great success. Next year the Wurundjeri Garden is on our list of events, however it would be better to visit the gardens after the summer heat. A calendar of events will be released with March newsletter.

Elizabeth also advised much interest in the history of Hawthorn from the local schools and she is excited they are into history and would like to build connections with the schools, library and Hawthorn Historical Society.

Elizabeth also thanked Shirley for her 22 years on the Committee and on being President on 2 occasions and wished her all the best and made a presentation of flowers on behalf of the Hawthorn Historical Society.

*Moved - Shirley Ramsey, Seconded - Anne Holmes*

#### 8. GUEST SPEAKER

Peter Love who is a Senior Lecturer in Politics & History at Swinburne University was our guest speaker. Peter gave a wonderful speech on the history of Swinburne, and answered many questions from the audience.

Meeting closed at 4.30 pm with the cutting of the cake for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary followed by afternoon tea.

Andrae Talarico 8 December 2014



## Hawthorn Historical Society Inc.

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### ANNUAL REPORT

**1 OCTOBER 2013 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2014**

This has been a year of significant growth and some changes in direction, thanks to the energy, skills and enthusiasm of committee members.

**WEBSITE:** [www.hawthornhistoricalsociety.com.au](http://www.hawthornhistoricalsociety.com.au)

Elizabeth Love, our website expert, has added a lot more material including additions to most parts of the website and new downloads.

And we extend our warmest thanks to the people who have contributed to these.

The State Library Victoria has requested approval to archive any material published on our website, and we have gladly agreed.

The website now also has provision for interested people to join our society on line. While we appreciate that not all our members – or interested friends – have access to the internet, our website and email messages are now our easiest ways of letting members know of our forthcoming events, and other events/issues of interest and we encourage those who prefer to do so, to use traditional methods.

We are grateful to the Website Team from Swinburne University of Technology which has set up systems allowing us to sell our books on line via a shopping cart as well as to take bookings for events as well as membership applications.

**ENQUIRIES:** Last year I commented on the increasing number of enquiries coming to us by email, and this has increased even further. Our postal mail has now decreased significantly, but we continue to be appreciative of the mailbox provided for us by Hawthorn Library in the Community Precinct.

As before, many of the enquiries concern properties and former Hawthorn personalities.

Special thanks to Elizabeth Love who handles most of these enquiries, and to Andrae Talarico for looking after the mailbox.

**NEWSLETTERS & LIBRARY ASSISTANCE:**

While we have at times had difficulty in getting our newsletters out on time, particularly to publicize forthcoming events, the content has increased – again thanks to our committee members. We have had more articles about people and places of interest. And as with our enquiries we are now sending more newsletters to members by email than by post, with consequent financial saving.

Special thanks to our Secretary Aileen Carter and Community Outreach Officer Jayne Ginger who have produced the newsletters, and to Barbara Woodward for dispatching the postal copies.

Hawthorn Library staff members have again been most helpful in taking bookings for our events and selling our publications.

**MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

At our *Annual General Meeting* on 19 November 2013 our Guest speaker, Major General Michael O'Brian, spoke on *The Lost Soldiers of Fromelles*. This was an outstanding presentation and was well

attended, attracting a number of non-members as well as our own. A brief review of his presentation was included in our December 2013 newsletter.

Also at this meeting we presented Honorary Life Membership to Barbara Woodward, a longtime member and committee member of the society, including some years as Treasurer and Public Officer. Barbara continues to dispatch our newsletters to postal recipients for which we are most grateful.

*A Guided Walk through St Columb's Anglican Church* on 1 March was our first activity for 2014. Special thanks to Elizabeth Yewers who has done extensive research on this church, and who talked about features of the church, people associated with it and relevant social history factors to a most appreciative gathering of history lovers.

The *Glenferrie Road Festival*, held on a cold and wet day on 4 May, still attracted a lot of interest even though the numbers were fewer than in other years. A special feature this year was the local history walk in and around Glenferrie Road conducted by Elizabeth Love. And such was the interest that this was run three times.

As in previous years there were questions and sales of publications, plus interest shown by some who had not known of the society's existence.

This year we also had good contact with Steve Williams of the Glenferrie Road Traders Association. He is keen to build a stronger image for Glenferrie Road, and sees quite an important part for our society in this.

*How do I research the history of a property* was the title of an excellent talk given on 13 May by Myra Dowling, Family & Local History Librarian with Boroondara Library Service. This was a joint meeting of our society and Hawthorn Library, and attracted quite a big attendance.

On 19 July author Mary Ryllis Clark spoke about a book she has edited on *Christopher Martin – Hawthorn Musician*. We were delighted to have Christopher's widow, Annette, and their son Benjamin at this meeting, and they added a lot of anecdotal material. We were also very pleased to welcome members of the U3A Hawthorn Orchestra which Christopher had conducted in the later stages of his life.

On 17 August Elizabeth Love repeated her *Don Store & Glenferrie Road History Walk* which was so successful at the Glenferrie Road Festival, and this attracted yet more people particularly from in and around Boroondara

Our final event for this financial year was a very enjoyable trip on 24 September to "Ripponlea" in Elsternwick to see the National Trust's exhibition *Love, Desire and Riches – The Fashion of Weddings*. Special thanks to Elizabeth Yewers and Elizabeth Love for providing transport.

The indigenous *Wurundjeri Garden* on Glan Avon road Hawthorn, instigated by Honorary Life Member Dorothy Sutherland and the former Hawthorn Council, continues to be a very pleasant and peaceful place to spend time, thanks to the regular work undertaken by Dorothy's team of volunteers and Boroondara Council staff.

#### **PUBLICATIONS & NEW PROJECTS:**

From early 2014 members of our society have been gathering in the Local History Room at Hawthorn Library on the first Thursday of each month from 2.00 to 4.00 pm. Some of our work has been on our own material and some on the Library's. We believe it is a good idea to offer this opportunity to

members and any other interested people, and we hope to build on it in 2015. Our thanks to Elizabeth Obotaire and Jayne Ginger for their help with this

Application was made for a Council grant to cover the production and publishing of an updated Hawthorn History Walk – the work chiefly of Elizabeth Love with help from Elizabeth Yewers. Unfortunately the application has not been successful, but we hope to find another way of achieving publication.

We have had two projects with Swinburne University Information Technology students; the upgrade of our website function already described as well as the production of a Hawthorn History App for use with a smart phone. This is a very exciting project which will allow people to take several self guided walks around Hawthorn and to investigate the history of the places around them and the people who shaped Hawthorn.

#### COMMITTEE & MEMBERSHIP:

My sincere thanks to all committee members who have contributed ideas, skills and practical involvement in our programme this year.

I also sincerely thank all of them for their support to me as President. Next year we will see some changes, and I welcome and have every confidence in these. All historical societies need to move on in their thinking, and it is important to make use of new ideas and skills. Currently we are in the fortunate position of having committee members who have the ability and interest in doing this. And there is, of course, scope for more members who would like to be more involved.

Shirley Ramsay - President

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR HAWTHORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

BALANCE SHEET as at 30 September 2014

	YEAR END	2013/2014	2012/2013
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Westpac Bank Account		\$3,929.97	\$3,367.69
Stock Unsold Publications at Market Value		2,955.00	3,030.00
Sundry		0.00	0.00
Float Cash		0.00	0.00
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>\$6,884.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,397.99</u></b>
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Prepaid Subscriptions 2015		35.00	90.00
Accruals		0.00	0.00
Suspense/Contra		0.00	0.00
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>		<b><u>35.00</u></b>	<b><u>90.00</u></b>
<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>		<b><u>\$6,849.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,307.69</u></b>
<b><u>MEMBERS EQUITY</u></b>			
Opening Balance Retained Equity	\$6,307.69		\$7,260.18
Add surplus/Deficit for year	<u>\$542.28</u>	\$6,849.97	<u>-\$952.49</u>
<b><u>TOTAL EQUITY</u></b>		<b><u>\$6,849.97</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,307.69</u></b>

# *Hawthorn Historical Society*

## BESWICKE'S HARCOURT ST. WALK

John Beswicke, renowned architect of the Hawthorn Town Hall, designed fourteen houses in this prestigious street for his family and friends.

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00 pm**

**Cost: \$5** Free for H.H.S. Members

**Booking essential** – places are limited. Ring Elizabeth 9889 7498

Please join us for this walk with Beswicke's grandson and fellow architect, Ken Bethell, to learn more about the magnificent homes designed by Beswicke between 1873 and 1900.



Meet at the corner of Auburn Road and Harcourt Street. Come prepared with walking shoes and wear clothing appropriate for the weather. Afterwards you are welcome to join us for afternoon tea.