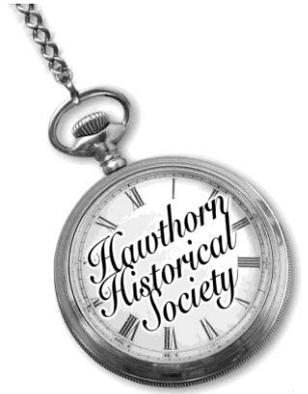


Hawthorn Historical Society



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*Presentation Goblet given
to Hon. Michael O'Grady
Esq., M.L.A, J.P.
by the citizens of
Boroondara in 1862
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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) \$22

Glimpse of Glenferry
 Ruth O’Dwyer \$20

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Hawthorn History Walks

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

Village Walk (revised 2015) - \$7.50

Sets of the walks are available from the Hawthorn Library for \$5.00 each.



Welcome

Dear Members and Friends

We welcome the following as members of the Society. We hope you have a long association with the Society and find much to interest you in researching the history of the area:

Jane Jackson

Belinda Plotnik

Anthony De Jong

We've really thrown ourselves into the year with some fun and interesting activities and some projects to challenge us. The weather was pleasant for our **Picnic in the Park** in the Morang Road Reserve in February. It was a good opportunity to catch up and we had a short stroll across to visit the Wurrundjeri Gardens. Thanks to **Ellie Bastow** for coming and giving us a background to the work which has been taking place there.

In March we were pleased with the engagement we had with the community at the **Glenferrie Road Festival**. The "Who's Been Living in my House?" again proved to be popular. There were "I'm A History Detective" badges for the children as well as a history quiz. And thanks to **Lindy Bajurnow** who crafted the Edwardian lady and gentleman for people to have their photos taken with. **Jim Love** brought his photographic expertise to the exercise. Thanks Jim.

We had about 24 people join our **Creswick Street walk** which took in Palmer's punt, the Chinese market gardens and the floods along the Yarra and the important places and people in Creswick, Mason & Grattan Streets. Some of the members on our walk were from 'Precinct 24' (that area bounded by the Yarra River, Barkers Road and Church Street) and we congratulate them on making a successful appeal to the State Government to have their zoning altered so as to give them a small measure of protection from high density development.

Thanks to **Albert Isaacs** for his talk on 17th April on "The Jews of the Eastern Suburbs". This was a wide ranging talk which outlined the development of various synagogues in the area into the present age. He also spoke about important members of Melbourne Jewry, particularly with a Hawthorn connection.

Thank you to **Elizabeth Love** for her hard work in putting together the collection of articles written by the late Ruth Dwyer, "A Glimpse of Glenferry". This has been a huge project with many hours of editing but there are some fine articles to be found in this publication and it well worth reading.

Thanks too to **James Nicolas** for his article in this issue concerning the Auburn Lodge. It is so important to put these memories to paper because they can so easily be lost. James is writing a history of the **Hawthorn Amateur Football Club** so if you have any stories or memorabilia associated with this club, please get in touch with James via our email.

We hope to see you at our coming events. If you have seen the movie, a visit to **The Dressmaker** costume exhibition (May 16th) at Ripponlea is a must. And on June 19th we are combining with Richmond & Burnley Historical Society to hear a talk about the history of the construction of the **Hawthorn Bridge** (or perhaps the Richmond Bridge, depending which side you are coming from).

Elizabeth Yewers
President

Article

The Lodge of Auburn Story – James Nicolas

These are my memories of being a member of the Lodge of Auburn, a Masonic lodge that met at the Laundry St. Masonic temple from 1929 until it handed back its Charter, and folded in about 1999. I have great memories and had wonderful times there, and would like to share this as a tribute to the great people, who in many cases spent a lifetime with this lodge.

My interest in Freemasonry started as a child. I had read books about it, and knew that one of my dad's brothers had been in the lodge in Queensland. It was not until my mid 20s when working at Box Hill Recreation Centre in the early 90's as a lifeguard as a part-time job, that I got to know a patron there by the name of *George Collins*. One day I noticed that on George's finger was a ring with a Masonic symbol on it. This pricked my interest and George told me that he was a Freemason. I told him I wanted to join, and when he knew that I was serious he said he had a mate who would sponsor me into his lodge. I met that person soon after



at George's Greek Restaurant called Laikon in Bridge Rd Richmond. His name was *Gary Ashton*, and we chatted over some Greek food about Freemasonry and I signed the forms to join.

I then went on a world trip and when I returned there was a letter from Auburn Lodge, inviting me to attend their next meeting, to be initiated into Freemasonry. I can remember how excited I was to receive this letter which was known as a summons. It had the lodge name and number on it, and it had an Agenda for the meeting, and on the back was a list of the names of all the other members. I looked at this endlessly.

On the night of my initiation in 1992 I turned up in a suit, and met a chap called *Jean Marc Emile*, who was also to be initiated on the same night. He was about my age and told me he was a Mauritian. We were both excited, but just a little nervous as we got ribbed from some of the other members about what to expect. They said they had a goat waiting for us etc.

The ceremony was a wonderful experience, and later on when we retired to the supper room and I was asked to make a speech. I thanked everyone and said I hoped I would become a worthy mason. Well I ended up becoming the Master of Lodge of Auburn, and am still a Freemason to this day, but at Walhalla lodge in the mountains of Gippsland.

Lodge of Auburn was similar to many of the lodges but also very different. Similar in that a hard core of its members had been members for in many cases 30 years or more, and different, because it had a large percentage of members who were Greek and Mauritian. Each lodge had their very own number based on when they got their charter to operate, and ours was No 475.

The temple was a magnificent building that was built when Freemasonry was huge, and the lodge room was enormous and able to hold hundreds. By my day that was far too big for the numbers of members and guests we would get. It was also fairly run down by the time I became a member, and I remember hearing stories from old timers who recalled it being filled to the rafters. We would get on a good night five or six visitors when once there might have been 20 or more. The lodge room was upstairs, so you had to walk up a winding staircase, which was symbolic, if you understood Freemasonry. In latter years an attempt was made to build a small lodge room downstairs in what had once been the visitors waiting room, and all Lodge meetings moved there as it was newer and more intimate. I found it a bit sad as it showed the decline from what was once a huge organization.

The original Master in 1929 was *Worshipful Brother Frederick Colechin P.J.G.D* and *Brother Charles Robinson* the First Senior Warden and *Brother Charles Oakley* the First Junior Warden. These were the only officers listed. Those who signed the Petition for this lodge to be approved were mainly locals but some on the list were from regional areas. One of the petitioners was an L Ashton of Glenferrie Lodge most likely an ancestor of the famous Ashton family who were synonymous with this Lodge.*

Some of the older members were great servants of the craft as we called it. The late *Lou Shean*, a man who would have been in his 70s when I first met him. A tall man who you could see would have been a very imposing man when younger. He still was at his age. He had a great shock of thick white hair that he styled. Lou and I had two things in common. He was a life member of the Camberwell Football club, a club that I had played for and supported and Lou was a Hawk supporter. Lou once told me that when he coached Camberwell reserves they were short, and he took the field playing a number of games when he was in his 50s. He was a ruckman and his bent fingers were the scars he kept as a souvenir. Lou owned a business that operated out of a factory in West Melbourne, and was also a pilot as a hobby. Lou also was a member of every Masonic order that existed and had been a Master of almost all of them, and Grand master and Deputy Grand master of a couple of them. He was a highly esteemed Mason and when someone would not turn up to the meeting or be late etc. He had a saying that he would always say "That is not Freemasonry". Lou would drive to lodge in his beautiful old black Dodge, I think it was. Just a legend. Lou had a huge influence on me and I remember him fondly to this day.

Gary Ashton who sponsored me, was a member of our lodge who I liked, but rarely attended. However his father *Wal Ashton* was another legend of the lodge who had been there since day dot, along with his brother who died before I met him. Wal was the Director of Ceremonies of the lodge and knew the working of the lodge and its ceremonies back to front. Wal was a real old-school gentleman, well spoken and he lived with his wife Queenie in an old house in Surrey Hills off Elgar road. Wal too was a tall man and would be deceased now, but like Lou I will never forget him. Once he decided to join me on a visit to Olinda lodge in winter. Now the Olinda Lodge has gone but used to be in a very remote part of that village and Wal and I set off one night in the depths of winter and in the darkness I took a wrong turn and we were on a bush track that eventually got us there but it was a harrowing trip. After the meeting I reversed my car in pitch dark until someone screamed 'stop', and informed me if I went an inch further, I would fall off an embankment. Yes it was no surprise they closed that lodge. I used to laugh with Wal's old fashioned way of referring to people by their surname, so he would say "Has anyone seen Lajoie? Or "We will ask Nicolas if he can do this or that". It was always by the surname.

Bill Gregory was the Tyler i.e. the man who stands outside the lodge to guard it. A symbolic role mainly but quite apt for Bill who was an elderly man from Liverpool in England who had, after WW2, been involved in guarding Nazis that were captured at the war's end. Bill had a magnificent head of white hair in a Bob Hawke fashion, with a rapier moustache, and endlessly was puffing on a cigarette. Bill told me he was a supporter of Everton and was a charming old man. He would be long gone now too.

Out of the other members were *Jim Spreadborough*, who was secretary and is now the curator and historian at the Masonic centre; *Jack Michael* was the treasurer until he resigned. I got on well with Jack, but he had a bit of a testy temperament. *Jan Marlow* was another older member who I believe was Norwegian or Danish and he would give some of the major lectures that occur in some of the Masonic ceremonies. Now these lectures had to be learnt off by heart and some of them were 3 or more pages long, and as Jan was elderly he often would forget his place, and need some prompting and this could have happened four times or more. However to learn these charges was an amazing feat. He too was a man of character.

Amongst our Greek members was *Steve Ridis* who would have been in his mid 50s and ran a pizza place in Glenferrie rd. Steve was a great bloke and brought in so many of his relatives and friends to join the lodge. Problem is most of them quit eventually. A good mate of his also a member was *John Hadzimouratis* who was about the same age with a smile that left an impression on everyone who saw it. John I believe was the last Master of the lodge after myself.

The Mauritians were great characters. *John Lajoie* who owned a photographic business in Glen Iris and who would make a joke about anything, *Pierre Monty* a little bloke who worked for Frenchams Flowers and who occasionally would entertain lodge members with his guitar and he would sing in a Calypso /reggae type fashion. Again a lovely man who I remember very fondly from the good times we had at Lodge. Another Mauritian was *Guy Alquer* who was very welcoming on the night I was initiated.

I remember visitors to our lodge would be amazed to see so many younger members and we seemed to have an endless list of new members whilst many lodges at that time were folding due to lack of numbers and new members.

The Lodge celebrated its 50th Jubilee in 1979 and as a result they decided to re-consecrate the lodge which was a symbolic service almost similar to renewing one's marriage vows. Paperwork from then indicates that the Master that year was *W Bro Eugene Paul Danilov* and the immediate Past Master was *W Bro C Ashton*. No fewer than 6 members of the Ashton family were on the list including Wal Ashton, Director of Ceremonies in my time and Gary who sponsored me. Lou Shean was a member back then and Jan Marlow were the only others I knew.*

Unfortunately over time these new members dropped off and a number very suddenly. One of the problems we had was meeting on a Monday each month and people found late nights on a Monday not that appealing, and the other problem in my view, was that after the formal meeting we would meet in the supper room and this would mean lots of dishes, plates and glasses to be washed by the members after the meeting that would take some time. A number would sneak off early and thus avoid this unpleasant task. This then caused some annoyance for those who regularly stayed back.

I became master of the lodge after about 5 years and this was a huge honour for me. I was the youngest master ever of this lodge but it was tough as you had many lines to learn and did a lot of travelling visiting other lodges to visit. By the end of my year as master I was a bit jaded. Every lodge had its own lodge song and ours was to the tune of the Marines hymn or what people would know today as the Adelaide Crows Club song. Basically it went:

Lodge of Auburn Brethren all
On your feet with rousing toast
Greet your friends within his hall
Hearty friendship is our boast
Welcome them with might and main
So that they will come again
Lodge of Auburn Brethren All
Please come again

That is very close to the lyrics and we would also sing at the end of the meeting God Save the Queen and Auld Lang Syne without fail.

I had a bit of a falling out with John Hatzimouratis when he was master after me. Over nothing really. He told me off for not remembering my lines in a ceremony and I took offence and the next thing I resigned. That was sad as John and I had been good friends for years and I felt I had let down people like Lou and Wal by doing that.

The lodge folded soon after and yet another lodge and its traditions was gone and in most cases forgotten about. I will never forget the time I spent at that wonderful lodge and it is with sadness when on occasion I drive down Launder St and see the Temple is still there but it has been sold off and the interior converted into apartments. I remember all those wonderful Freemasons of which that place was a huge part of their lives. In its heyday it had about ten or more Lodges meeting there on different days and weeks.

It served the community of Hawthorn for over a hundred years and is now gone.

* Information provided courtesy of The Freemasons Victoria Library and Museum

Can You Help?

We are looking for people with a little time to spare to help us run the Society. There are some on-going jobs and some one-off tasks. Perhaps one of these might interest you.

- ❖ **Indexing our early Newsletters** – noting down the authors of articles and the topics; identifying and recording photographs. Some interesting material to be found here.
- ❖ **Keeping the Website up to date** – This might need a couple of hours a month. Adding events to the calendar. Loading articles. Deleting out of date material. Instruction given.
- ❖ **Cataloguing and Archiving our collection** – from time to time, people give us items of interest pertaining to the history of Hawthorn: invitations to mayoral balls, invoices from local traders, medals, books or postcards. We need to keep a good record of these items and care for them appropriately. Instruction given.

Recent Research Queries

If you can add any information, photos or anecdotes please contact the Society.

- ❖ "Clontarf" Private Hospital, 25 Manningtree Road
- ❖ Hawthorn Tramway Trust – information related to their Centenary
- ❖ Auburn Primary School re resources
- ❖ Vito Milana re Hawthorn Patriotic Badges
- ❖ Crowley Family
- ❖ Ray Pearce re Ray Thomson veteran of the American Civil War
- ❖ Killamount – Riversdale Road
- ❖ Hawthorn Cricket Club in the 1890's
- ❖ Henry Hilyear, nurseryman
- ❖ 27 Shakespeare Grove
- ❖ Hooke & Billings families
- ❖ Artist seeking information and images of early Hawthorn for use in a Municipal Mural
- ❖ Information about the Stillwell family
- ❖ Information about #9 Auburn Grove for a Heritage application
- ❖ Information sought about the history of #13 Morang Road
- ❖ Information sought about #3 Hill Street

Dates for Your Diary

Local History Room – Hawthorn Library 11am to 1pm

Wednesday 11th May

Wednesday 25th May

Wednesday 8th June

Wednesday 22nd June

Wednesday 13th July

Wednesday 27th July

Wednesday 10th August

Wednesday 24th August

Committee meets – 2nd Tuesday of June, August, October at 7pm in the Local History Room

Committee holds working sessions & subcommittee meetings on the 2nd Monday of May, July, September

Events

Monday 16th May 10.30am Visit to 'The Dressmaker' costume exhibition at Ripponlea

Sunday 19th June, 2.30 pm 'The Bridge' – the history of the construction of the Hawthorn Bridge.
Venue: Hawthorn Rowing Club

July tbc Celebrating the Hawthorn Tramways Trust Centenary

Saturday 20th August History Show & Tell – more great stories to hear and things to see

Saturday 3rd September 12 midday

A guided tour around the Boroondara Cemetery with Tony Michaels

Saturday 22nd October 2 pm Annual General Meeting

Sunday 13th November Repurposing the Old including the history of buttons

NEW PROJECT – HAWTHORN SCHOOLS

**LONGCROFT, POWER STREET,
HAWTHORN.**

Mrs. COLVIN CLARK

Receives a limited number of **YOUNG LADIES** for instruction in the usual branches of a Superior English Education, Accomplishments, and such Modern Languages as may be required.

French taught by M^{lle}. Campo.
Music and Singing by Herr Schott and a Lady.
Dancing, Mr. Delplanque.
Drawing and Painting by Mrs. Colvin Clark.
An Elementary Class for junior pupils.
Term and References on application.

Member **John Torpey** is making a study of early schools in Hawthorn.

The Hawthorn Common School was started in 1853 in Wood Street with the first section of the building completed by 1854. It has had several name changes but is now Hawthorn West Primary School.

By 1872, when these advertisements appeared in the South Bourke Standard, middle-class parents were enrolling their children in private schools to learn refinements and to prepare them for the Matriculation and Public Service Examinations.

Many 'dame' schools, teaching only a small number of pupils sprung up in the area. Mrs Colvin Clark's "Longcroft" eventually became Grace Park Ladies College. Hawthorn Grammar School was founded in 1865 and was situated roughly on the corner of Power Street and Grove Road. It operated until around 1910 and had a reputation for fine scholarship, particularly under the headship of Professor Martin Irving and, later, his son Edward.

Should you have any photographs, certificates or family reminiscences about Hawthorn schooldays please get in touch with John via the Society.
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**HAWTHORN
GRAMMAR SCHOOL.**

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GEORGE SUTHERLAND.

Visiting Masters :—

J. THOMAS, B.A. ,	"	French.
J. R. NEEDHAM,	"	Writing.
L. DELPLANQUE,	"	Dancing.
P. TRACY,	"	Piano.
J. PERRATON,	"	Singing.
T. HAYWARD,	"	Drawing.
T. METZGER,	"	Gymnastics.

Michael O'Grady – some acquisitions

Early this year, your committee was approached by an individual who offered for sale two items referring to Michael O'Grady. These were a silver plated ewer and presentation goblet. They were not of tremendous monetary value but important in their connection to early Hawthorn and Boroondara. Why were we so keen to acquire these items?

Michael O'Grady was born in County Roscommon, Ireland in 1824, becoming a manager of an insurance company, first in London, then in Australia when his firm entrusted him to set up a branch office here in 1855.

He entered into local politics soon after his arrival, becoming the first chairman of the Boroondara Roads Board in 1857 and first chairman of the Hawthorn Municipal Council in 1860-61. He was also mayor of Hawthorn from 1870-71. He facilitated the first free Hawthorn lending library in Burwood Road.

In Colonial politics, he was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1861-68, representing South Bourke and served as Vice President of the Board of Land and Works and was a member of the Education Board.

O'Grady was an ardent supporter of the Roman Catholic Church and its charities and in 1871 was created a knight of St Gregory by Pope Pius IX for his services to the Catholic community.

He died suddenly in January 1876 at his home, Erinagh (on the site of 'Cestria', 521 Glenferrie Road). His funeral drew large crowds and the shops in Hawthorn were closed as a mark of respect during the funeral procession to Boroondara cemetery. A beautiful stained-glass window is dedicated to him in the Immaculate Conception Church in Burwood Road.



Both the ewer and the goblet stand about 23 cm high. The goblet was made in London in 1860 by George Angell and bears the stamp of Walsh & Sons, Melbourne. It has repoussé ivy & vine leaves and grapes on the bowl and flowers on the base with images of Bacchus. The ewer is in less fine condition and is missing its lid and some of its oak leaf and acorn decoration. It was manufactured by Walsh & Sons. Both carry the same inscription.

"Presented to
 MICHAEL O'GRADY ESQ. M.L.A., J.P.
 CHAIRMAN
 of the
 HAWTHORN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
 by a
 NUMBER OF THE RESIDENTS OF BOROONDARA
 as a mark of esteem and appreciation
 of the Valuable Public Services rendered by him
 to the DISTRICT
 HAWTHORN 8th FEB 1862



Presumably this presentation marked the completion of O'Grady's first term as chairman of the new Hawthorn Municipal Council and his election to the Legislative Assembly.

Walsh & Sons, jewellers, of Melbourne had a strong Hawthorn connection in the person of Henry Sallows Walsh who is of sufficient local interest to warrant his own article. His original property acquired in 1853 ran from Power Street to Glenferrie Road roughly along the length of Lisson Grove. His family later moved to 22 Shakespeare Grove.

In view of the fact that O'Grady was a key player in early Boroondara and early colonial Melbourne we approached the Mayor and Councillor Hurd as well as the Hawthorn Arts Centre Curator and Library Staff to discuss how we should approach the curatorship of such items. We can collect such things as a Society but do not have, as yet, places to display them. It was their opinion at that time that memorabilia was not part of the acquisition policy of Council or any of its cultural bodies. We proceeded with the purchase, nevertheless, and will pursue discussions with Cr Hurd and Myra Dowling, Local History Librarian, about the issues of custodianship.

Private Arthur Cooper

My husband Robert and I were privileged to be able to visit the **Australian War Memorial** in Canberra in April for the presentation of a Bible owned by Private Arthur Cooper, #184, to his descendants. You may recall that we were involved in the research to identify this WW1 soldier whose Bible, discovered on the beach at Gallipoli, has spent the last 100 years in Ireland.

Arthur Edwin Cooper, born in 1889 in Bairnsdale, was the second of seven children born to John Henderson Cooper, a land and insurance agent, and Annie nee Phillips. By 1913, the Coopers had both a city residence in Wellington Street, Kew and continued to operate the business in Bairnsdale with their eldest son Christopher. Arthur was employed at the Auburn telegraph office as a telegraphic operator and the family attended the Barkers Road Methodist Church, on the corner of Elphin Grove.

On 26th October 1914 Arthur enlisted in the AIF. His brother Albert (#1181) had already enlisted on 17th August 1914 and brothers Christopher (#2392) and Richard (#279) also enlisted in early 1916. When Arthur left for the war, he was presented with a New Testament by the congregation from his church. It is likely that his brothers Albert & Richard were also presented with Bibles as they were part of the congregation. Christopher was living in Bairnsdale.



The inscription on the Bible reads:

Presented to
Mr Arthur Cooper
by the members of the
Barkers Rd Methodist Church, Melbourne, Australia
on the occasion of his leaving
to serve King & Country
Anglo German War
Dec 1914

Sapper Cooper was assigned to the British Expeditionary Force at Gallipoli in April 2015. On 11th July 1915 he was injured and evacuated to Malta and then to England. It is believed that this was when his New Testament was dropped on the beach. The Bible was picked up on the beach at Gallipoli on 7th August 1915 by Rifleman Alfred Gibson of the 6th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles who kept it with him throughout the war and believed it protected him.

In 1916, Private Cooper was attached to the Pay Corps in London and was promoted through Corporal, Temporary Sergeant and Staff Sergeant. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal on 22 February 1919 in recognition of valuable services rendered in connexion with the war. He left England in November 1919 for return to Australia on board H.T. 'Nestor' disembarking at Melbourne on 15 December 1919. His enlistment was terminated in 1921.

While stationed in England, Arthur met and married Mary Eva Caroline Coe. After his return to Australia he continued to work with the General Post Office both in Hobart and Melbourne until his retirement. He and his wife had two children, Arthur John and Dorothy (Cherry). Tragically Arthur Jnr died in a railway accident when he was four years old. His daughter Cherry married Robert Rottenbury from NSW in 1946 and had three sons.

Arthur Cooper's bible was discovered by the staff of the Royal Ulster Rifles Museum in Belfast, Northern Ireland, when Alfred Gibson's memorabilia was donated to them. The trustees felt it was important for the bible to be returned to Arthur Cooper's descendants. They contacted the Hawthorn Historical Society in early 1915 for advice about identifying this soldier and his descendants. On 9 August 2015 the Assistant Defence Adviser based at the Australian High Commission in London, Lieutenant Colonel Brendan Hogan, accepted the bible from the Royal Ulster Rifles Museum in Belfast on behalf of the Australian High Commissioner and it was brought to the Australian War Memorial who arranged for it to be received by the family.

On 22nd April, 2016, there was a short ceremony to hand the bible over to Staff Sergeant Cooper's descendants. There were some 20 members of the family present including two of Arthur



Cooper's three grandsons, Bruce and

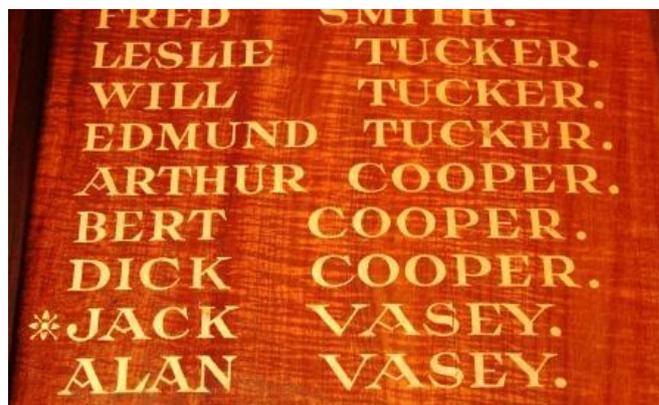
Peter, Murray & Bruce Rottenbury.
Photo courtesy AWM

Murray Rottenbury, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Peter Rottenbury, Arthur's great grandson accepted the bible on behalf of the family from Ms Robyn Van Dyk, the Head of the Australian War Memorial's Research Centre.

It was a moving experience to hold this tiny New Testament which had been given with love by a local community and had travelled to Turkey, France and Ireland before returning to the family some 100 years later.

Many thanks to the Rottenbury family for including us in their celebration and family reunion.

Elizabeth Yewers



Memorial from the Barkers Road Methodist Church now held at the Kew Uniting Church

New Publication

Ruth Dwyer was a much loved and respected member of the Hawthorn Historical Society. She wrote a number of fine articles over the years from 1996 to 2012 and we have collected these together in an 80 page book.

Cost is \$20 plus postage.

This makes fine reading.

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A Glimpse of Glenferry & other writings by Ruth Dwyer



Produced by the Hawthorn Historical Society from articles in the Hawthorn Historical Society Newsletter 1996 – 2012

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DRESSMAKER COSTUME EXHIBITION



A major exhibition of stunning haute couture costumes created by the award winning designers Marion Bryce and Margot Wilson and featured in the Australian movie.

Monday 16th 2016

Ripponlea house and garden 192 Hotham Street, Elsternwick

Meet at the gate at 10.30am and pay on the day.

We can help with transport if needed.

All welcome Bookings essential Phone: Elizabeth Love 0408 176 905 or

hawthornhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Cost: \$20 or \$18 concession

Should we have more than 10 people we can receive a group rate so

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING

“THE BRIDGE”

A History of the Hawthorn Bridge

By Ken McInnes

Ken will talk us through the challenges and ingenuity of the engineering achievement of the building of this bridge 155 years ago



Image SLV

Sunday 19th June at 2.30pm

Venue: Hawthorn Rowing Club

This is a combined event with the Richmond & Burnley Historical Society

RSVP appreciated for catering purposes 9819 1218

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