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OUR NEXT SPEAKER:

JAMES NICOLAS:

TAKING IT ONE WEEK AT A TIME

- an exploration of the histories of the Auburn Football Club and the Hawthorn Amateur Football Club



SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2018,

2.00 pm HAWTHORN COMMUNITY PRECINCT, 584 GLENFERRIE RD, HAWTHORN.

James Nicolas has a love of history and a passion for AFL footy. He has combined his interests to research the history of two of our local amateur clubs. This talk will interest all those who love the local game and the social history of Hawthorn.

Photo caption: The Auburn Junior Football Club, 1922; photo, Frank Arthur.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

All meetings are held in the
HAWTHORN COMMUNITY PRECINCT, 584 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, at 2.00 pm.
Events are free of charge to members. We invite a small donation from visitors. Afternoon Tea is provided.

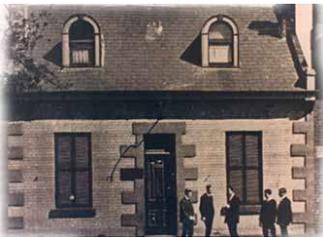
James Nicolas: the hawthorn citizens' youth club and auburn football clubs

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2018

(See front page for full details)

Paul Mishura: scotch college archivist

SATURDAY 17th MARCH 2018

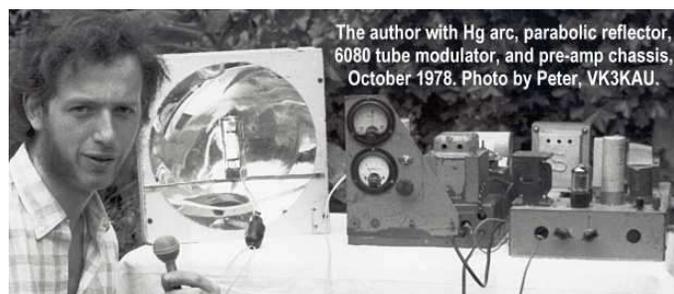


Captions, left to right: Scotch College started life as the Melbourne Academy in this small building in Spring Street, Melbourne; the School's second site on the corner of Collins and Spring Streets was a converted hotel; this c1906 postcard shows the school's East Melbourne campus (the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation occupied this site until 2016).

Learn more about this school, which has been a part of Hawthorn since 1916. Also find out about Scotch College's fascinating early days from the school's archivist, Paul Mishura.

Chris Long - early films made in melbourne

SATURDAY 21st APRIL 2018.



The author with Hg arc, parabolic reflector, 6080 tube modulator, and pre-amp chassis, October 1978. Photo by Peter, VK3KAU.

Chris Long has been researching the history of film, radio and the gramophone for many years. He will convey some of his extraordinary knowledge of film, particularly films made in Melbourne and of our city's important movie pioneers.

We will continue to be available in the Local History Room at the Hawthorn Library on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon, to assist people with their research and to work on projects. We also plan to soon have our new office open for research at specific times.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Libby Love

Happy New Year to all. I trust you have all recovered from your festive season celebrations and are looking forward confidently to a safe and prosperous new year.

2018 will be a busy and significant year for the Hawthorn Historical Society. We recently moved into a space in Inglesby Road Camberwell behind the Camberwell Library. As well as accommodating our office, the new area will give us the opportunity to house all our files, maps and information in one place so that we can build a resource hub for members and other researchers. A major hurdle to overcome in creating a viable space will be achieving internet connection, which will enable us to operate office activities efficiently, and also to catalogue our collection, and access and manage digital databases for research.

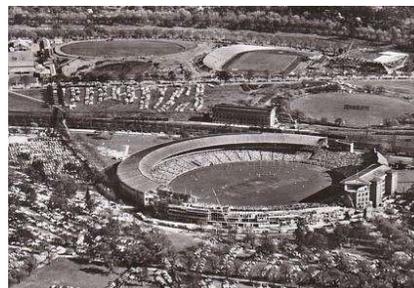
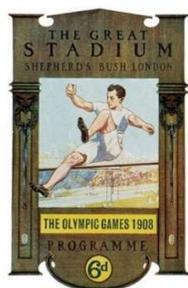
We start the year with some excellent local speakers; James Nicolas talking about the Hawthorn Citizens and Auburn Football Club, and then Paul Mishura from Scotch College. We will also continue our working bees to build our database and resources.

In the middle of the year we have an exciting opportunity to showcase Hawthorn's history and heritage to the wider community, as we have been awarded a Community Strengthening Grant to mount an interactive exhibition in the Hawthorn Town Hall (now Hawthorn Arts Centre). This exhibition will celebrate the diverse rôles the Town Hall has played within the community over the past 130 years; this includes functions as varied as housing the fire brigade, the library and the Hawthorn court house and lockup, to providing a venue for school speech nights, Saturday night 50-50 dancing, and vaccination programs for babies.

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and working bees and hearing your ideas as to how our Society can better meet your expectations. With your continued support, 2018 can be another year of shared friendship, whilst fostering awareness of Hawthorn's history.

FOR YOUR DIARY – AN HHS EVENT IN MAY 2018:

Albert Isaacs: Controversy –
the politics and culture behind early modern Olympic games
SATURDAY 19th MAY 2018.



Captions, left to right: was Pierre Baron de Coubertin really the founder of the modern Olympics or was it Evangelis Zappas?; how close did the U.S. team's flag-bearer at the 1908 London Olympics come to starting a war between the U.S. and Britain?; Nazi propaganda at the 1936 Games was all-pervading; an early 1956 photo of Games' venues shows both the M.C.G.'s Olympic Stand and the Olympic Pool under construction.

The International Olympics Committee has a vested interest in conveying its own version of history, which is often wrong. Albert Isaacs will talk about many of the remarkable events that occurred in the early days of the modern Olympics. Did you know that the modern Olympics really started in 1859, and not 1896, as we are told? Learn about this and many dozens of other Olympics controversies.

This is a talk about policy-making and philosophy, not sport.

THE DALLEYS OF HAWTHORN

By Rupert M. Dalley, RFD

In June 2017, Hawthorn Historical Society member, Rupert Dalley, presented a talk on his forebears, the pioneering family, The Dalleys. We acknowledge the assistance of Libby Love, Liz Yewers, John Torpey and Albert Isaacs in the drafting of this document.



Samuel Dalley (at left), Mary Ann Dalley (centre) and Charles Dalley (at right) were early Victorian pioneers. On Samuel's gravestone it is written that he had been a colonist for 38 years when he died in 1887, aged 78, so that would put their arrival at 1849. The ship that they sailed out on has not been able to be tracked thus far. Australian archives and the shipping records at Greenwich have been researched, but without success.

Born in 1809 in Huntingdonshire, Samuel Dalley married Mary Ann Hawkins on the 26th November 1836, in Bonchurch on the Isle of Wight. Samuel was recorded as being on the Isle of Wight until 1838. Why he was there is not definitively known but the island was noted for its glass houses of which Samuel was an expert.

Between 1842 and 1849 Samuel was Head Gardener at *Casewick*, the estate of the Trollope family in Uffington, Lincolnshire. Uffington is a village and a parish about 145 kms north of London and about 2.5 kms from Stamford. The sixth Baronet at *Casewick* was Thomas William, High Sheriff of Lincolnshire. He died after falling off a horse in 1820 and was succeeded by his eldest son John who was created Lord Kesteven. He was MP for South Lincolnshire from 1841 to 1868; thus Samuel was employed by Sir John Trollope.

During the Victorian era in Britain, Head Gardeners of great country houses were experts in horticultural practices, commanded large staffs and supervised not only the gardens of the estate, but also the kitchen and flower gardens that had to supply the main household, in all seasons. They also supervised the glass houses, the hot houses and the exotic flowers and ferns. A particular friend of Samuel Dalley was Sir John Paxton. *Casewick* was noted for its glass houses and John Paxton, a friend of Samuel's, was the ultimate expert. It was he who went on to design the Crystal Palace for Prince Albert's Great Exhibition in 1851.

The Dalleys were encouraged to migrate to Australia by Thomas Lavidge. He was born in Uffington on 28th February 1802. A native of Tallington and an agricultural labourer, he arrived in Australia on the *Nelson*, with his family on 11th November 1848. Lavidge must have had funds, for within weeks of arrival he attended government land sales and purchased 7.7 hectares on 13th December of the same year, and on 4th September 1850 he purchased a further 13 hectares. All up, he eventually owned 250 hectares including his main residence, *Casewick House*, at 73 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn. PLC School, Burwood, is now located on his land, and Thomas and Lavidge Streets in Hawthorn are named after him. He passed away on 4th June 1873.

What connection he had with Samuel Dalley is not known but since they lived close to each other, they obviously knew each other. It was he who met the Dalley family when they landed on the beach at St Kilda, there being no wharf in those days.

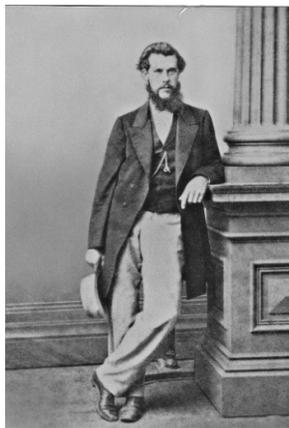
THE DALLEYS OF HAWTHORN. Continued.

Samuel travelled to Australia with a wooden barrel full of gold sovereigns. He kept a diary on the voyage and noted that it took them two weeks to get through the Port Phillip Heads. They sailed up and down the coast, watching numerous plumes of smoke; they thought the whole country was on fire and wished to return home, but what they were seeing was just Aborigines with their fire sticks.

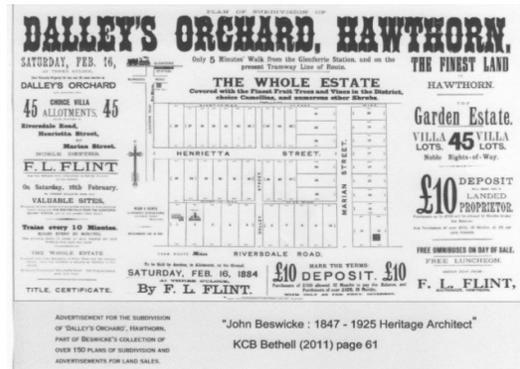
Initially, Samuel had glass houses in St Kilda but he moved to Hawthorn after purchasing two hectares of land on 1st July 1853 from Thomas Lavidge’s Crown Allotment 62, on the south-east corner of Glenferrie and Riversdale Roads, for £39. This was later increased to about five hectares and he established market gardens, orchards and extensive glass houses on this site.

Dalley’s orchards grew the finest fruit trees in the district, as well as choice camellias and numerous other shrubs. According to Gwen McWilliam in her book *Hawthorn Peppercorns*, he grew Royal Russett apples, and pears including Norfolk Biffin. He also had a vineyard. Gwen McWilliam also mentions that sparrows and mynahs that had been introduced by acclimatisation societies had grown in such numbers that they progressively ate their way through the cherries, plums and mulberries. Samuel is said to have sat on his veranda with a loaded shotgun and taken pot shots at the birds.

Samuel Dalley passed away on 17th January 1887, aged 78. His wife Mary Ann followed on 8th August in the same year, at the age of 76. They were buried in a family plot in the newly established Boroondara Cemetery.



Charles Dalley (←), son of Samuel, was born at Casewick in 1842. He arrived in Australia as a seven year old. Upon leaving school, Charles and his father engaged in agricultural and horticultural pursuits. Charles carried on these activities until the death of his father, when he inherited the property. He was not a keen gardener and, as with many others in this period, he subdivided the land (→).



The auction, conducted in a blaze of publicity, was one of the first housing block land sales east of

the Yarra, and it was also one of the first land sales at which all of the allotments were sold at auction, realising a total of £7000. Dalley Street, Henrietta Street and Marian Street are within this subdivision.

When the crash following the land boom came in 1890, Charles lost £90,000. Luckily, a lot of the family money was in his wife’s name and was thus preserved. Charles also invested in the Doncaster tram line (↩), the first electric tram in the southern hemisphere. It opened in 1889 just before the crash, and closed in 1896 with little profit to the investors.



After retiring, Charles became very much involved in community service, particularly the affairs of the then Borough of Hawthorn (from 1887 – Town of Hawthorn, and from 1890 - City of Hawthorn). He was elected a member of Hawthorn Council in 1873, 1876 and once more in 1883. After several years he again offered his services to the ratepayers of the Glenferrie Ward and was returned with an overwhelming majority. He retained this seat until his death in 1907.

THE DALLEYS OF HAWTHORN. Continued.

In 1896/97 and again in 1906/07 he was elected Mayor of Hawthorn (→). On his appointment in 1896 *The Express* newspaper stated that he: “had a cordial manner, a zealous regard for duty and straightforward conduct”. On the subject of the allowance of £200 for the Mayor, he said that he would not touch a penny of it.



As with all Mayors, he was a Justice of the Peace for the Central Bailiwick. In the *Hawthorn Citizen* newspaper of 19th December 1896 it was reported that a Chinese laundryman was prosecuted for working outside the regulated hours, as per the award of 1882 which granted all workers eight hours work, eight hours recreation and eight hours sleep per day. The defendant was working at 10.00 pm on 15th November. Lew Din appealed to the Bench: “What government make this bad law?.....What for new law takem business? No good” (sic). Mayor Dalley stepped down as Chairman of the Bench so that he could speak from the floor. He said that he considered this to be the most stupid regulation ever made by the Government. He continued by talking about: “a ridiculous and tyrannical resolution. Everyone knew that before 7.30 am was the best for washing and after 5.00 pm for ironing”.

Charles Dalley was also involved with the Manchester Unity Order of Oddfellows, and occupied the position of Chief Secretary of the Yarra Yarra District. He was also Financial Secretary of the Manchester Unity’s Loyal Boroondara Lodge, and was Provincial Grand Master of the Port Phillip District.

In March 1907, as Lord Mayor of Hawthorn, he hosted the Manchester Unity Conference in the Hawthorn Town Hall and was appointed secretary to take the Minutes of the meeting. That night, there were entertainments, including a concert, and at which Messrs Johnson and Gibson displayed their well-known moving picture of *Living Hawthorn* that they had then titled – ‘Moving Hawthorn’. (A copy of *Living Hawthorn* is preserved in the Hawthorn historical archives.)

There was also a Manchester Unity ball for 150 couples in the Hawthorn Town Hall hosted by Cr Dalley. Guests proclaimed the event to be one of the most social and enjoyable evenings they had spent. The Mayor and Mayoress were presented with a handsome silver tea and coffee service on a massive tray, suitably inscribed. The Deputy Grand Master, Mr McGowan, made the presentation in recognition of the kindness that the body had received during their stay in Hawthorn and he trusted that the lady and her husband would be spared to enjoy many years of life and happiness.

Charles Dalley was organist at the Hawthorn Congregational Church and the Hawthorn Presbyterian Church in the 1870s. In *The Early History of the Presbyterian Church in Victoria*, F. Maxwell Bradshaw writes that there was a battle royal in 1875 when a group decided to get rid of Mr Dalley who protested and fought hard to retain his position. The handling of the situation by the Board of Management was questioned and it went to a congregational meeting where there was a sharp division of opinion. Despite the efforts of James Fergusson, MLA, Dalley sustained a defeat of 20 votes to eight. To put this into context, Mr Vernon, Dalley’s replacement, also had his services terminated but, in Vernon’s case, without the mighty struggle put up by Dalley.

Amongst other community affairs in which Dalley was involved, he was the Chair of a meeting that, in May 1906, established a technical college for the eastern suburbs, and which appointed him General Treasurer. George Swinburne, MLA, was a major sponsor of the college. In early 1908, the first plans for a college building were prepared and, on that occasion, the Council especially remembered the valuable assistance of the late Charles Dalley, JP. The Eastern Suburbs Technical College has evolved into Swinburne University.

THE DALLEYS OF HAWTHORN. Continued.

Charles Dalley was a patron of sport and took a great interest in the various clubs in the district, including football and cricket clubs. Cr Dalley and his estimable wife usually took leading parts in local charities, and most cases of genuine distress did not go unaided.

Dalley is believed to have owned one of the first three motor cars in Victoria, purchased in about 1900. Much of the film *Living Hawthorn* was taken from this vehicle as it moved around Hawthorn. The film also shows images of Dalley being driven to a Mayoral reception (→). The film was made in 1906 and launched at the Hawthorn Sports Stadium in February 1907.



One painting in the Boroondara collection is a portrait of Mayor Charles Dalley, presented by him and believed to have been valued at \$500,000. It is reputedly painted by Carl Kahler, an Austrian painter who arrived in Melbourne in 1885, and who is remembered for three famous paintings of race days at Flemington. He left Australia in 1890 and was killed in the infamous San Francisco Earthquake of 1906. The painting of Dalley is believed to have been from the early 1900s and so Carl Kahler's involvement has to be disputed.

Charles Dalley married Sarah Power on 9th November 1865, according to the rights of the Congregational Church. They were married at the bride's residence at 25 Denmark Hill Road, East Hawthorn, which, today, is part of the Vision Eye Institute.



Sarah Power (←) was the daughter of John Power and Harriet Brooks. Sarah arrived in Australia as a 12 year old on 1st January 1852 on board the *Bride*, along with her father and siblings: Thomas; John; and Ellen. Her mother stayed in England. It is interesting to note that Ellen had a daughter called Henrietta after whom Henrietta Street, Hawthorn, may well have been named.

Charles and Sarah had two daughters and three sons: Victoria Salina, born in 1866; Samuel John, 1868; Charles Hawkins, 1870; Ada Ellen, 1873; and Harry Power, 1879.

Sarah Dalley passed away on the 17 April 1914, aged 73. She was also buried in the family plot. Mary Ann Rutherford, née Dalley, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann, died on

24th August 1875, aged 36, and she is also buried in the family grave.

In 1906 Charles Dalley pricked his finger whilst pruning his roses. It became infected, so they gave him a bottle of Scotch and removed his hand, which is why he is pictured in this painting (→) wearing a leather glove. Dalley died on 17th September 1907, with the funeral procession leaving *Casewick House*, Hawthorn, for the Boroondara Cemetery. The newspapers of the day recorded that over 100 members of Manchester Unity marched two abreast in front of the hearse. Council workers walked behind the hearse determined to show their sorrow at the loss of one who had always been foremost in trying to improve their conditions. Three mourning coaches containing the family, plus



THE DALLEYS OF HAWTHORN. Continued.



two vehicles carrying the Mayor, Councillors and Officers of the City of Hawthorn, plus a number of private vehicles, followed; the whole procession was reported to have presented a truly imposing spectacle.

Many were the eulogies in the press, and at the grave the minister alluded to Charles Dalley's many acts of kindness and consideration. "He dedicated his life," he said, "to the citizens and the promotion of the interests of Friendly Societies in general. In his public life he had, by his upright, fearless and straightforward conduct, earned for himself the admiration, respect and esteem of every member of the community. In his private life he had proved himself to be an exemplary member of society and had won the firm friendship of a very large number of acquaintances. In his domestic life he had been a model husband and a father."

This then is the history of the Dalley family of Hawthorn; particularly of those buried in the family plot numbered A 0369 and A 0370 at Boroondara Cemetery, Kew (↗).

HERE WE ARE AGAIN

Albert Isaacs

Long term members of the Society may recall that I was a member of the first Committee of the Hawthorn Historical Society over 40 years' ago, and the first editor of the *Newsletter*. Well, here we go again – I have again been elected onto the Committee and have again been asked to edit the *Newsletter*.

In taking on the rôle, my first job must be to thank Liz Yewers for the wonderful job she's done in editing recent *Newsletters* for us. Of course, this is only one of the many responsibilities that Liz has had within the Society, and I'm delighted to confirm that she will continue to work just as hard for the H.H.S. as she has in the past. Thanks, Liz!

**MINUTES OF THE HAWTHORN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,
HELD IN ROOMS 3 & 4 OF THE HAWTHORN COMMUNITY PRECINCT
ON SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER 2017 AT 2.30PM**

Welcome to: Guest speaker Jan O'Connell

1. **APOLOGIES** – Gwen McWilliam, Anne Holmes, Jim Love, Carole Hooper, Jenny Scott, Ian Scott, Alison Stawell, Richard Stawell, Lindy Bajurnow, Tony Bajurnow, Oriel Flewell-Smith, Tony Place, John Torpey, Sandra Torpey.
2. **MINUTES of the October 2016 AGM** – taken as read, as per in the February 2017 Newsletter, and tabled.
Moved – Elizabeth Yewers, Seconded – Oriel Flewell-Smith
3. **ANNUAL REPORT given by Elizabeth Love – President**

Our management is in a good order but we need the support of our membership to maintain the momentum and to secure long term stability for the Society. We have been working on the financial accounts, membership, event procedures and privacy. Our walks, sale of books, Glenferrie Road Festival, and our major talk have brought in income. However, we need to continue to provide avenues for ongoing research, networks for collaboration, and also work to secure our historical collection.

2017 A.G.M. MINUTES. Continued.

As a result of our high profile we are being asked to help and give advice to local businesses, Council officers and individuals. Many believe that we have funding and assistance, but despite our long historical connection with the local history collection in the Hawthorn Library, we have, until now, had no office, no equipment, no home and, until recently, no historical collection. The good news is we have been offered an office behind the Civic Centre in Camberwell, in a building which also houses the Camberwell Historical Society and Canterbury Historical Group.

We have not been successful with grants so far this year, but Ramona De Niese's hard work will assist us in our future purchases of equipment. Hopefully next year will bring a different outcome.

We have had discussions with Hawthorn Arts Centre regarding the 130th anniversary of laying the foundation stone of the Town Hall. We have been asked to mount an exhibition from 7 July – 26 August, which coincides with Open House Melbourne. We will have access to photos and the archives of the Town Hall, which should be fascinating. Social media builds our brand but is very time consuming. Elizabeth Love continues to manage our Facebook page which adds to the story of Hawthorn through the contributions of members of the public. Elizabeth Yewers continues to edit the Newsletter but this takes away time which could be spent researching and doing other work for the Society. We have secured the services of Helena Ling who has offered to manage our social media and newsletter distribution.

Moved – Pamela Carter Seconded – Jenny Bowen

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

We are in a much better position this year, due to having an extra 10 members. Elizabeth Love has arranged talks and made cards which has also helped put us in a much better financial position.

Moved – Ramona De Niese Seconded – Oriel Flewell-Smith

6. ELECTION OF 2017 COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Love thanked the committee for all their help and support over the year. The contributions of Oriel Flewell-Smith and Jenny Bowen, who are not standing for re-election, were noted with the hope that they will continue their good work for the Society. Pamela Carter was thanked for her management of the accounts and her work as public officer. The President also thanked Jim Love for all his help, particularly in regard to his photographic skills, and to Elizabeth Yewers for her support.

The following people were nominated to the Committee:

Pamela Carter – Treasurer & Public Officer

Elizabeth Love – President

Ramona De Niese – Committee

Andrae Talarico – Committee

Carole Hooper – Committee

Elizabeth Yewers – Committee

Albert Isaacs – Committee.

All seven were duly elected. It was resolved to allocate responsibilities at the next committee meeting.

Moved – Pamela Carter, Seconded – Mark Weller

7. GUEST SPEAKER

Elizabeth Yewers introduced Jan O'Connell whose background in copywriting and advertising led to a lifelong fascination with the people and the companies associated with the food industry. Her first book, *Me & My Big Mouth* is to be followed shortly by a new book called *Mutton to Masterchef*. She also hosts a website entitled *A Timeline of Australian Food*.

Jan spoke to the audience about eleven influential people associated with food in Australia since colonial times; as Jan called them, "Australian Food Heroes". These included: Edward Abbott who wrote the first Australian cookbook in 1864: the 'Rowland Catering' of their day, Messrs. Spiers and Pond; and, of course, a local Hawthorn favourite, Cr Joseph Fowler who brought us Fowler's Vacola.

Meeting closed at 4.00 pm and was followed by afternoon tea.

Andrae Talarico 21 October 2017.

HAWTHORN TOWN HALL CELEBRATES 130 YEARS

Libby Love



A 1912 postcard showing the Hawthorn Town Hall and surrounds. Note that the clock tower is still without the device for which it was designed. Illustration courtesy of the *Victorian Places* website.



Hawthorn Central School students celebrate 1916 Flower Day, posing in front of the Town Hall. The sign on the window, at right, shows that the Hawthorn Library was then sited in the Town Hall. Illustration courtesy of *Telling Tales* website.

The Hawthorn Historical Society has been awarded a Community Strengthening Grant for our proposal to mount an exhibition celebrating 130 years since the laying of the foundation stone of the Hawthorn Town Hall. This iconic building, now beautifully restored as the Hawthorn Art Gallery, has been the centre of Hawthorn life, for many decades, adapting to and accommodating the various civic needs and changing social interests of the community.

This major interactive exhibition will be on display in the Town Hall from 7th July until 26th August 2018 and will attract visitors of all ages from within Boroondara and beyond. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase the history and heritage of Hawthorn. We will however need our members' help to make this event a success.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:

Regarding the display, your assistance is welcome in a variety of ways. Call me, Libby Love, on 9889 7498, if you can help.

- **If you have photos, memorabilia, memories or anecdotes** about the Town Hall and its rôle in your life or that of your family, we would like to hear from you. Perhaps these concern Saturday night dances, school speech nights, the Scouts and Guides' Camberwell Showtime, fundraising, vaccinations, wartime efforts, the Craft Market, or some aspect we haven't even thought of yet.

HAWTHORN TOWN HALL CELEBRATES 130 YEARS. Continued.

- **Perhaps you have the time to help with research** and/or the development of one of the themes for the exhibition.
- **You may be able assist with *meet and greet*** on the day of our exhibition launch, or assist as a tour guide assistant when we take groups around the often-not-seen parts of the Town Hall.
- **Do you have some time to help with promotion?** Perhaps you can distribute some letterbox advertising as you walk around your neighbourhood.
- **Do you have some time to help with the organisation,** or are willing to help with some other job?

CYCLING

Libby Love

Cycling as a sport does not receive wide coverage in our local media and yet the City of Boroondara is well endowed with an extensive network of bike trails. A recent summer bicycle ride with three generations of my family, coupled with some terrific posts on our Hawthorn Historical Society Facebook page, prompted me to look further at cycling within Hawthorn.

The first reference I could find in newspapers was from 1894 when *The Argus* newspaper reported that members of the Hawthorn Ramblers' Cycling Club, who were out cycling beside the Yarra, had assisted in the search for a person who had jumped into the river and had not resurfaced. This group may also have been 'one and the same' as the Hawthorn Cycling and Touring Club and/or the Hawthorn Bicycle Club, because, given Hawthorn's limited population at the time, it was unlikely to have the required level of support for three separate cycling groups.

Members of the Hawthorn Cycling and Touring Club were travelling far and wide on Saturdays in the late 1890s, with trips to and from Grace Park, around Blackburn, and from the Hawthorn Town Hall to Templestowe and return. The state of roads in the outer eastern suburbs must have provided a physical challenge more akin to mountain bike racing than the road racing we know today.

In 1898 *The Age* reported that the road race from Hawthorn to Oakleigh and back, organised by the Hawthorn Bicycle Club, was abandoned at the last moment. Although spectators and starters were all in position and ready for action, the local police arrived and intimated that, under instructions, they would not permit the race to proceed. Regrettably, the reader was not given an explanation.

In 1902 at least two Hawthorn businesses sold cycles – J.S. Wilkie in Burwood Road was manufacturing Hawthorn Cycles, and A.H. Bunning at Rathmore Cycles, also in Burwood Road, was advertising: "highest grade imported machines". Wilkie's advertisements in the *Box Hill Reporter* in 1909 depicted both men and women cycling, although possibly a decline in business induced him to diversify with sales of Gilserzin Cough Cure and Tucker's All-round Embrocation, a liquid for the relief of sprains and strains.

Perhaps the earlier clubs had folded by 1922 as the *Sporting Globe* in 1924 reported that the Hawthorn Cycle Club, which had recently received numerous trophies was constituted less than two years previously. The club appeared to cater only for males. The newspaper went on to say that its 60 members had: "a spacious club room at 142A Glenferrie Road, fitted with two home trainers, showers, punch-ball and quoits where members can assemble on any night in the week".

Stan Edward of Falmouth Street, Hawthorn, took up cycling as a young man in the 1920s and was perhaps a member of this group. His grandson Laurie Edward provided the image of Stan with his father in a studio shot and sitting with members of a Glenferrie Cycle Club

Hawthorn cyclist, Gordon Lawrence, established the iconic Australian cycle shop *Lawrenciacycles* in Hawthorn in 1938. Lawrence had worked previously for 14 years with Bruce Small Pty Ltd on the assembling and technical side of cycle building, before starting his own business. Lawrence riding one of his own bikes won the Victorian Amateur Cycling Club's, Miles Newland Memorial Race in 1941, and many other Hawthorn riders such as Athol Jenkins, were also successful riding the *Lawrenciacycles* brand cycle manufactured in Hawthorn. In 2018, *Lawrenciacycles*, managed by Gordon Lawrence junior (who provided the photos of his father, and of the advert.), is celebrating 80 years of continuous operation. Thousands of Hawthorn residents have purchased bikes or taken their bike for repairs at this well-known family business.

CYCLING. Continued.

Gordon Lawrence senior had had significant success when training with the Malvern Amateurs, but became secretary of the Hawthorn Amateur Cycling Club and the driving force behind the Club, from its inception in 1939. In 1944 the club acquired new clubrooms behind his shop in Glenferrie Road. This Hawthorn Amateur Cycle Club was influential in supporting cycling throughout Victoria, and members of the Hawthorn Club would visit and take part in races in Nagambie, Shepparton and Swan Hill, alongside local cyclists. Lawrence was a mentor to young cyclists within the club, accompanying them on long rides and offering cycling tips.

Through the 1940s, 50s and 60s, F.A. Salter ran a cycle shop in Burwood Road, to the immediate west of the Auburn Post Office, and not that far west of Auburn Road. (It is not known whether there are familial connections between the former Auburn shop and the present Salter Cycles in Altona Meadows.)

In 1953 *The Sporting Globe* reported that the Hawthorn Amateurs had already raised £500 of the £1200 allotted as their share by Hawthorn Council, to meet the cost of building the cycle track opposite Kooyong Tennis Stadium, in what is now the H. A. Smith Reserve. The concept for this track appears to have come from F. A. Salter, who worked there assiduously in the track's early years.

The Hawthorn Amateur Cycling Club continued to have success in the 1950s, particularly through Dave Rumble and Olympian Ian Brown. Later, in 1978, club member Phil Anderson, who grew up in Kew, won the gold medal for Australia in the 188 km road race at the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Canada. He later turned professional, and competed regularly in Europe, including in the Tour de France. In 1987 he returned briefly to Australia to receive an Order of Australia medal at Government House.

The current Hawthorn Cycling Club is thriving! It conducts road, trail and time trial races for men, women and juniors, as well as social events for members, throughout the year. Female membership has quadrupled in recent years and the club was said to be the fastest growing club in 2016, with an increase in community and member-based programs, leading to \$1.3 million in funding for the Hawthorn Velodrome upgrade.



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Victor and Builder.

Captions, clockwise: Gordon Lawrence; those in the photo are believed to be Stan Edward and his father, the Glenferrie Cycle Club in the 1920s; "Lawrencian" advertising. (See the body of the text for photo attributions.)