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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Fernando

Our AGM was held on 24 August 2019 and the usual reports were presented. The Committee was elected for 2019 - 2020 and comprises: President: George Fernando; Secretary: Adèle Fernando-Swart; Treasurer: Peter Huggan; Committee: Bryony Cosgrove, Jennifer McArthur, Alister Bennie and Peter Stephens. I look forward to another successful year for Camberwell Historical Society.

Boroondara Historical Societies Association held a very successful Boroondara Historical Societies Valuation Day on Sunday 25 August 2019 1 - 4pm. Representatives from Camberwell, Balwyn, Canterbury, Hawthorn, Kew and Surrey Hills were all present.

A visit to HMAS Cerberus has been booked for Wednesday 2 October 8am start. Photo ID is needed for this tour. A few places are left, bookings and payment are needed immediately.

A recent local issue, which has been featured in The Age is covered by an article by Liz Burton. In response to local calls for Interim Heritage Orders to protect threatened historic properties, Boroondara Council applied Heritage Overlay to properties in Canterbury and in Camberwell. The Minister believed that this raised 'issues of natural justice and fairness for landowners' and proclaimed a Planning Amendment (C299) allowing demolition despite the interim order if a permit had already been obtained (Carolyn Webb, "Irrevocably wrecked": Fury as another old



house razed', Age, 1 September). Since the point of Interim Orders is to protect buildings of heritage value which Council had failed to protect, this renders them useless. Several homes have been demolished under this provision.

368 Auburn Road, Hawthorn, being demolished under Planning Amendment C299 (photo by Liz Burton)

INTERIM HERITAGE CONTROLS IN BOROONDARA AND THE APPLICATION OF EXEMPTIONS ALLOWING DEMOLITION: House 368 Auburn Rd Hawthorn

Liz Burton

On 30 August 2019 demolition contractors arrived at 368 Auburn Road Hawthorn and proceeded to demolish another fine example of Victorian architecture. Following a heritage gap study by the City of Boroondara, the house was classified as ‘contributory’ in the heritage study statement of significance. Contributory properties normally have a higher level of protection as they have been assessed as contributing to the cultural heritage significance of a precinct. The property is within the Longford Estate and Environs Precinct HO844.



Left: 368 Auburn Road Hawthorn (photo Liz Burton)

Interim heritage controls designed to protect the historic character of the neighbourhood precinct had been introduced in April 2019. A building permit issued in July 2018 to redevelop the site with 14 apartments had been obtained before the interim heritage controls came into effect.



Left: Reduced to rubble: 368 Auburn Road Hawthorn (photo Liz Burton)

Neither its contributory grading nor the interim heritage control could save the Victorian dwelling of some 130 years. Notwithstanding the documented reasons for the decision to exercise the power of intervention, the underlying factors are unclear.



Left: Image from Google Maps 2019: 368 Auburn Road Hawthorn on left

Background

In an unprecedented move the Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne, exercised his power of intervention in heritage and planning processes to introduce Amendment C299, an incorporated plan in the Boroondara Planning Scheme. It is designed to ensure that a planning permit is not required under Clause 43.01 Heritage Overlay, for land with interim heritage controls, where a valid permit under the Building Act 1993 had been issued prior to the commencement date of the interim heritage control. C299 came into effect in June 2018.

Key Points

- The City of Boroondara is the only municipality with such an exemption to interim heritage controls.
- Amendment C299 exempts holders of a valid building permit issued before an interim heritage overlay comes into effect from the need to apply for a planning permit.
- Boroondara Council's request to Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to change proposed Amendment C299 to require building permit holder to have commenced demolition and/or building works before the interim heritage control comes into effect to be exempt from planning permit rejected by the Department.
- Amendment C299 does not differentiate properties graded as contributory to the interim heritage overlay and these can also be demolished, potentially causing adverse outcomes to the integrity of the interim heritage overlay.
- Ongoing threats to heritage properties from population pressures and planning responses including intensification of housing in established suburbs.

In his rationale for introducing this intervention the Minister for Planning cites that many landowners in Canterbury and Camberwell were caught unaware after obtaining a valid building permit when they were advised by the City of Boroondara to stop work and obtain a planning permit after new heritage overlays were introduced in those suburbs in November 2018 and March 2019 respectively. It was considered by the Minister that this raised issues of fairness for affected landowners.

Boroondara Council had received a letter from the Director, State Planning Services in May 2018 informing Council of the Minister's intention to prepare and approve Planning Scheme Amendment C299 to exempt building permit holders from the requirement of a planning permit in cases where interim heritage controls had been introduced after the building permit was issued.

The reason given in the letter related to a property in Victoria Avenue Canterbury which had been demolished and a new building was under construction before the interim heritage control, C264, came into effect in Canterbury in February 2018. The interim heritage control would have required the owner to apply for a planning permit. Under delegation by the Minister for Planning, the Director, State Planning Services arranged to delete the site from the Canterbury Heritage Overlay. To ensure that similar circumstances do not arise in future in the municipality, introduction of Amendment C299 to the Boroondara Planning Scheme was arranged.



Left: The Victoria Avenue, Canterbury house before demolition in January 2018

In the Canterbury Heritage Gap Study the Victoria Avenue property was originally identified as a contributory graded building to the heritage precinct. Subsequently the dwelling was demolished 25 January 2018 following the grant of a building permit by officers on 14 February 2017. The site was then

downgraded to non-contributory and later deleted from the interim heritage overlay by the State Planning Office. It was not considered appropriate that the owners should be required to apply for a planning permit.

The Director of State Planning Services noted in the document 'Reasons for decision to exercise Power of Intervention' regarding Amendment C299:

"The effect of the exemption is that those entitled to be notified of the Amendment under the Act will not receive notice, the Amendment will not be put on public exhibition and there will be no opportunity to make a submission or to present to an independent panel".

Council was invited to comment on the proposed amendment and at its May 2018 meeting agreed to advise DELWP, that while it generally supported the proposed exemption, it requested an important amendment. Council requested DELWP to require the permit holder to have commenced demolition and/or building works under a valid building permit in order to be exempt from the requirement of planning permit under clause 43.01 (Heritage Overlay).

Council's request was not supported by DELWP which considers permit holders should be exempt from a planning permit application regardless of whether demolition and/or building works had commenced at the time interim heritage controls come into effect.

DELWP was also not fussy as to whether the site was graded 'contributory' to the heritage overlay. The demolition of 'contributory' properties has a significant impact on the heritage status of a precinct and this absence of nuanced consideration of the implications of the exemption is considered highly unsatisfactory. The importance of consistency of built form in a precinct's statement of significance is identified in 'Heritage Issues. Summaries from Panel Reports. Issue 2 March 2018, Planning Panels Victoria:

'A precinct should be able to show a consistency of built form and be able to be precisely described in a statement of significance'. p5 of 74.

The question of fairness is referred to in the explanation for the introduction of Amendment C299. Owners with a building permit are considered by DELWP to be entitled to proceed with the development regardless of whether an interim heritage control has come into effect after the granting of a building permit.

While the holder of the building permit would be satisfied with this consideration, it leaves with numerous grievances a significant number of residents, both those in the specific locations such as the Longford Estate precinct in which 368 Auburn Road Hawthorn is located, and those more broadly concerned about heritage protection in Boroondara,

First is the consideration that heritage studies and preparing amendments to the planning scheme are lengthy processes and systems in Councils are not perfect. Notwithstanding significant population growth across Melbourne since 2006, Boroondara Council initiated a municipal wide heritage gap study only in 2016 and Amendment C309 Hawthorn East heritage overlay became effective in April 2019.

While this process is underway, heritage properties, especially those on large blocks are development targets. Early responses by Councils to population growth drivers assist with heritage protection but responses can be slow. The lack of action on a heritage gap study in

Boroondara has enabled indiscriminate demolition of heritage properties throughout the municipality and reduced the quantum of such dwellings.

Second, the demolition of significant and contributory heritage properties is a permanent loss to the integrity of a precinct and may require re-evaluation to determine whether recommended properties or precincts can still be justified for inclusion in the Heritage Overlay. The Victorian house at 368 Auburn Road Hawthorn was graded ‘contributory’ to its Longford Estate precinct in the Heritage Gap Study and its demolition detracts from the precinct’s heritage significance. The intervention instrument C299 does not distinguish between exemptions for dwellings based on their heritage grading in the heritage gap study and this is a serious concern that needs to be remedied in Amendment C299.

Third, the obliteration of heritage properties destroys more than the external appearance. The level of craftsmanship, detail of design and inherent quality of the materials is a legacy that is no longer readily reproducible. Many residents who live in older established suburbs value these unique attributes that characterise neighbourhoods.

Fourth, Boroondara Council’s request to DELWP to revise the proposed Amendment C299 so as to require the permit holder to have commenced demolition and/or building works in order to be exempt from the requirement of a planning permit was rejected by the Department but would have saved the property at 368 Auburn Road Hawthorn.

Fifth, demolition in preparation of a new development generally includes clearance of the entire site, including all vegetation such as canopy trees and established gardens and features. The ecosystems and microclimates within precincts are permanently changed. Benefits of heat reduction from canopy trees is likely to impact neighbours after site clearance, particularly in a warming climate.

Sixth, approval to demolish heritage dwellings sends a signal to the community that these properties are not valued as a historical asset. This is contrary to research by SGS Economics and Planning commissioned by DELWP in 2017. The Report, ‘The Value of Heritage’ identifies inter alia: (a) that Victorians place a high value on heritage stock, (b) Victorians overwhelmingly agree that the government should ensure the protection of Victoria’s heritage places and objects and (c) Victorians support stricter regulations, higher penalties and better enforcement of heritage regulations. (piii, Summary Report).

Threats to heritage properties

1. High population growth

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures at the end of the December quarter 2018, Victoria’s population was 6,526,400, representing an increase of 138,000 over the previous year, a 2.2 per cent increase in relation to the previous year.

(ABS catalogue 3101.0 - Australian Demographic Statistics, Dec 2018 refers). Victoria’s growth rate is higher than any other state or territory.

Further, Melbourne is projected to be the largest city in Australia by 2066 with a projected population between 12.2 million and 8.6 million, surpassing Sydney around 2050. The State’s population is expected to hit 7-8 million by 2027.

High population growth in Australia's capital cities creates commensurate housing demand and locations with existing infrastructure particularly public transport, access to jobs and within close proximity to Melbourne are considered highly desirable locations for intensification. This pattern appears set to continue.

'In recent decades, the urban and socio-political fabric of our societies has been shaped by a range of inexorable global forces. Climate change, urbanisation and population growth, mass migration, the restructuring of the global economy and the advent of the smart city have all had significant repercussions for the way communities and governments approach the built environment'. Christopher Tilley, 'Introduction: Identity, place, landscape and heritage.' *Journal of Material Culture*, 11, No. 1-2 (2006): 7-32. Quoted in 'The Value of Heritage: Summary Report', January 2018, prepared by SGS Economics and Planning for DELWP.

2. Plan Melbourne strategy and intensification of established areas

The Plan Melbourne strategy identifies specific strategies to control the ongoing expansion of Melbourne and to support densification of existing suburbs. For example Policy 2.1.2: 'Facilitate an increased percentage of new housing in established areas to create a city of 20-minute neighbourhoods close to existing services, jobs and public transport' cites 'Victoria in Future' projections indicating that around 65 per cent of all new dwellings will be in Melbourne's established areas, with 35 per cent in growth area greenfield sites. It also provides an alternate aspirational scenario of housing distribution if 70 per cent of new housing was to be provided within Melbourne's established areas.

Many heritage properties stand on large blocks in the most desirable parts of Melbourne. They generate high returns on investment. This combination of attributes together with continuing strong population growth creates tension from lobbying by various interest groups and means they are an ongoing target for development. Boroondara Council has put in place a municipal wide heritage gap study aimed at conserving a wider range of heritage precincts. Future population pressures will intensify demand to develop these precincts and it is essential that residents remain active and engaged to ensure their ongoing conservation.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-08-31/hawthorn-boroondara-heritage-rules-home-demolished-apartments/11467410>

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/irrevocably-wrecked-fury-as-another-old-house-razed-20190901-p52mw2.html>

BEULAH: 61 PROSPECT HILL ROAD

Christina Branagan recently talked to the Society about Beulah. Beulah is in a heritage overlay area but has no significant or contributory status and as such has no protection under the planning scheme. Christina is recommending to the council that Beulah is given contributory status. It has been on the National Trust database since the 1950s. Its history starts with Elizabeth Robinson in 1890, whose family owned it until 1939. Anthony George Malden Mitchell, an international engineer and inventor, owned it 1939 – 1949.

There is a petition to council about re-grading the house to get protection. See link below.

https://www.change.org/p/city-of-boroondara-protect-heritage-house-beulah-1886-61-prospect-hill-road-camberwell?fbclid=IwAR3UwQ7xf3VLMYEYEAZFIJAB2vc7S-jbGnVsDf_jPzljhPOw6xcG8OjkBPZQ

MONASH UNIVERSITY URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN STUDENTS ON WALKING TOUR OF CAMBERWELL

Elizabeth Taylor

On August 11th, 2019, students from the Monash University Master of Urban Planning and Design course undertook a walking tour in Camberwell. This was as part of the study unit “Regulating the City”, which develops knowledge and skills around the legal and administrative frameworks that underpin the implementation of planning in Australia. “Regulating the City” is taught by Dr Elizabeth Taylor and forms part of the relatively new (since 2018) two-year Masters program in Urban Planning and Design offered by Monash Art Design and Architecture at its Caulfield campus. The Masters course includes a focus on smaller class sizes and studio-based (project) learning.



Around 20 students came on the Camberwell walking tour. The tour served to highlight aspects of planning and zoning history, as well as current policy debates around heritage and urban space. Dr Stephen Rowley of RMIT University also joined the group; as did Christina Branagan who is involved in a campaign to increase heritage protections for the property ‘Beulah’ on Prospect Hill Road; and Bryony Cosgrove who is part of the “Camberwell Green” campaign.

Beginning at Camberwell Station, the students were encouraged to consider historical aspects of dry zones, residential subdivision, and speculative railway development; the current application of neighbourhood residential zoning (and local schedules to it); the role of heritage overlays (specifically HO159 as applied to the Prospect Hill Road Precinct); the heritage status of ‘Beulah’, including differences between heritage listings and heritage overlays, and between contributory and non-contributory buildings; protections on gardens and street trees; and the competing demands for public space including for green space and for car parking.



During the walk, Christina Branagan explained concerns around the currently limited heritage status of ‘Beulah’ at 61 Prospect Hill Road. At the conclusion of the walk Bryony Cosgrove explaining the history, use, and potential future of an area currently used as a car park by council employees. Some in the community hope that in future this car park might be converted into the “Camberwell Green Community Parklands”. Bryony explained how young families increasingly occupy apartment developments around Camberwell

Junction. The site's position near a school highlights some of the historical trade-offs made between space demands for car parking, and for public open space including for children. The site also illustrates how Crown Land has been allocated and managed in Australia's history.

Camberwell was chosen for the visit as it showcases the effects and politics of land use regulations, both past and present. Thanks to Christina and Bryony for helping out. Suggestions for future student visits are welcome.

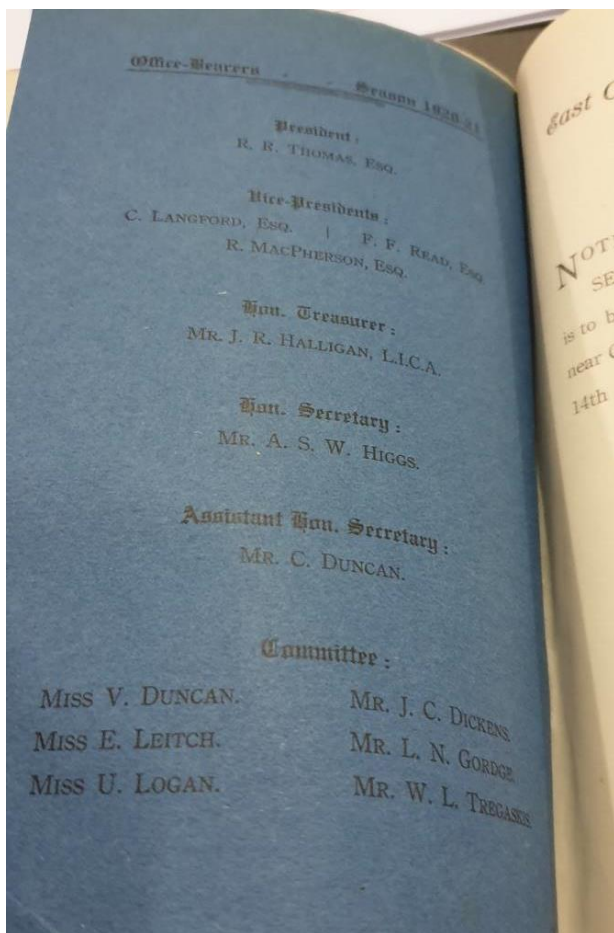
Elizabeth Taylor is author of the book, *Dry Zones: Planning and the Hangovers of Liquor Licensing History*.

Stephen Rowley is author of the book, *The Victorian Planning System Practice, Problems and Prospects*.

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EAST CAMBERWELL TENNIS CLUB CENTENARY

Peter Beer



The East Camberwell Tennis Club is preparing to celebrate its Centenary next year. Various activities are being planned, and we are trying to find out more about our roots.

On April 21st 1920, around twenty people met at the East Camberwell Pavilion Croquet Green, to discuss the formation of the East Camberwell Tennis Club. The driving forces appear to have been a Mr. Robert R. Thomas and Mr. Arthur S.W. Higgs. After a few months it was decided that Mr. Thomas would be the President, with Mr. Clements Langford, Mr. Frederick F. Read from Camberwell Council, and a Mr. R.A. M(a)cPherson as Vice Presidents, and Mr. Higgs as Secretary. The Vice Presidents were largely patron-like, providing local credibility and financial support.

I have discovered some information about Mr. Thomas, Higgs, Langford (who also happens to be my great grandfather – I had no idea he had been involved in the Club until recently) and Read. I wonder if Mr. MacPherson was Ronald Alexander McPherson, who lived at

31 Myrtle Rd Canterbury and then (~16) Allambee Av. Camberwell in the early 1920s.

If anyone has any information about the founders, or photos, or anything that can help to shed more light on the early days of the Club, I would love to chat with you. peter.beer25@gmail.com

CAMBERWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS

Camberwell Historical Society would like to welcome the following new members: Christina Branagan and family and Alfred Kruijshoop

REPORT OF MEETINGS 2019

22 June 2019 Gillian Yung:
Mary Reibey: clever convict to wealthy widow

Mary was born in Lancaster shire as Mary Haydocks 12 May 1777. She was called Molly and taught to read and write. Mary spent 12 months in a prison hulk before she was transported in June 1792. In 1794, aged 17, Mary married Thomas Reibey. After Thomas died in 1811, Mary took over the business, ran it successfully and invested in real estate. When the first bank was established in 1817, Mary Reibey, was invited to be on the Board. She became governor of the Sydney Free Grammar School in 1825 and died 30 May 1855.

Thomas Meagher: a tale of 3 continents.

Next to the St John the Evangelist church in Richmond Tasmania (1835), there is a tiny grave of Henry Emmett Meagher beside the church. Looking at this isolated grave, Gillian wondered about the parents and the story behind it. Thomas Francis Meagher (father of the infant) was born in Waterford in Ireland. He was arrested and sentence to transportation for his work as part of the Irish separatist movement. Catherine Bennett (mother of the infant) married Thomas Meagher in 1851. Thomas emigrated to America in 1852. Catherine gave birth to Henry in March 1853, but he died in June. Catherine travelled to Ireland and then America before returning to Waterford, Ireland.

27 July 2019 Ann Blainey Charles Kingsford Smith



Ann Blainey is the author of *I Am Melba* and *Marvelous Melba: The Extraordinary Life of a Great Diva*. She has served on the council of two Australian opera companies and of the Percy Grainger Museum in Melbourne. Her other books include, *Immortal boy: A portrait of Leigh Hunt*, *The Farthing Poet: A Biography of Richard Hengist Horne 1802-84: A Lesser Literary Lion and Fanny and Adelaide: The Lives of the Remarkable Kemble Sisters*.

Sir Charles Edward Kingsford Smith, MC, AFC, 9 February 1897 – 8 November 1935, was often called by the nickname Smithy. He was an early Australian aviator and probably the greatest flyer of his generation. In three years, he broke records with his astounding voyages: the first trans-Pacific flight from America to Australia, the first flight across the Tasman and the first non-stop crossing of the Australian mainland. He did it all with such courage, modesty and charm that Australia and the world fell in love with him. Crucial to Smithy's success was his partnership with Charles Ulm. Ulm had vision and considerable organising abilities. They set up a charter air service

Ann Blainey presented 'Smithy' as an engaging man, with real musical ability and a natural charm. Smithy had a devil-may-care attitude to money, and to much else. He was reckless enough to try anything, and skilled enough to rescue himself should he misjudge the situation.

Ann charted the highs and the lows of Smithy's life: she explained how when he and Ulm were lost in 1929, people remembered Ulm's talk about staging such an event. Smithy's previous partner, Keith Anderson, got in his plane and went looking for them, only to die in the desert himself.

Smithy was increasingly subject to panic attacks. There was Gallipoli, his time as a motorcycle dispatch rider and his first ventures into the air with the Royal Flying Corps. At the age of 10, Smithy had nearly drowned at Bondi. It left him with a sense of what he termed "aquaphobia". As he became older it got worse, the attacks requiring less and less to trigger them.

24 August 2019 AGM

George Fernando stated that with the AGM each year there is an opportunity to acknowledge those who support Camberwell Historical Society. He thanked Boroondara Library for their help. Boroondara Council for providing CHS with a grant and the use of the room at 25 Inglesby Road and Josh Frydenberg and his office staff for printing our newsletter.



He thanked all those who have contributed to the running of CHS and the work we do. He thanked the committee for their work throughout the year: Adele Fernando-Swart, the Secretary and newsletter editor; Peter Huggan, the Treasurer, Alister Bennie, Archivist and Facebook administrator, Bryony Cosgrove for hosting meetings at her home, finding speakers and helping with the newsletter, Jennifer McArthur, who has represented CHS on Boroondara Council committees and Peter Stephens who had to resign due to ill-health. In addition, he acknowledged the assistance of Wendy Baden-Powell with the CHS meetings. He then thanked every CHS member for their ongoing membership and support, especially those who made additional donations.

25 August 2019 Boroondara Historical Societies Valuation Day

The Boroondara Historical Societies Valuation Day was great success with excellent valuers and a strong turnout of happy people who brought their treasures along. The valuers were Harry Glen, Charles Leski, Albert Isaacs and Richard Gordon.

HISTORICAL 'SHOW AND TELL'

Volkhard Wehner – Wooden Box

This wooden box was made by an Australian sapper from a piece of oak from the ruins of the post office in Ypres. Ypres is a town in the Flemish-speaking region of Belgium close to the French border. The town was attacked continuously from 1914 to 1918 and was the scene of numerous fierce battles including Polygon Wood and Passchendaele, in which numerous Australians lost their lives. Apart from a few days in October 1914, Ypres remained in Allied hands throughout the war but was utterly devastated.

The Sapper from 5th AIF Division Engineers gave the box to Captain Leonard B Cox, RMO of the Engineers. Cox was born in Melbourne and studied medicine at Melbourne University between 1912 - 1916. He volunteered in November 1916, was commissioned as a Captain in April 1917, departed in June 1917, received military training in Wiltshire, and was posted to Rouen by October 1917 to the 8th Field Ambulance and later to the HQ 5th Division Engineers AIF, where he remained until April 1919.

After the war he was seconded to Edinburgh to study for the MRCP. He returned home in November 1919. The box went with him everywhere and eventually came home with him to Melbourne.

Neil Munro – Hay fork



This much mended hayfork originally belonged to Neil's great grandfather. His great grandfather arrived in 1849 near Geelong. He waded ashore. He was part of the Rev Dr John Dunmore Lang land scheme from Scotland. The 1892 financial crash saw him move to Melbourne to take up a job with the MMBW. He had 9 children. In 1853 two brothers married two sisters. They started a wagon and tent store at the diggings and prospered so well that they bought a farm in 1856.

Wendy Baden-Powell – Covered china bowl with the Baden-Powell crest



Wendy talked about the Powell family Coat of Arms and about the covered bowl she brought in for display. The Powell Coat of Arms was adopted in 1929 when Robert Baden-Powell, (my grandfather) 1st Baron Baden-Powell, was created a Peer of the Realm, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. Gilwell Park is the Scout Training Centre situated near Epping Forest in North London, England, where all leaders in the movement are trained. Victoria, Australia also has a Gilwell Park at Gembrook and is also a Scout Training Centre for Leaders.

At the time Robert Baden-Powell was created a Peer, the famous porcelain company Copeland Spode, produced a dinner service consisting of plates, covered bowls and side salad plates. These were presented to the Baden-Powell's as a gift from Mr Ronald Copeland, the founder of Copeland. He was the partner of Spode and was a family friend. The service features a Lion rampant (standing) and a lion passant (lying down) with a spear. The covered porcelain bowl that I showed features these two lions coloured in maroon on white surrounded by a maroon circle. The cover features the same two lions. This is part of the family crest.



Baden-Powell Crest:

1st: a lion passant or in the paw a broken Tittilater the head a like Crown charged on the shoulders with a Cross Patee Argent and supporting with the paws a Sord Erect proper Pommel and Hill Gold (Baden).

Escutcheon

Quarterly: 1 and 4th, Per fess Or and Argent a Lion rampant gules between two Tilting Spears erect proper (Powell): 2nd and 3rd, Argent a Lion rampant proper on the head a Crown Vallary Or between four Crosses Patee Gules and as many Fleur-de-lis alternately (Baden).

Supporters were added in 1962 depicting an Officer of 13th/18th Hussars (two regiments that Baden-Powell served in) in full dress his Sword drawn over his shoulder proper; sinister: a Boy Scout holding a Staff also proper.

Motto: Ar Nyd Yw Pwyll Pyd Yw (roughly translated from the Welsh - Where there is steadiness, there will be a Powell).

Robin Kelly – Art Nouveau large copper wall plaque



Robin purchased this platter in the 1970s from a house in Trafalgar Road. She bought it from a lady whose father designed Flinders Street Railway Station. Robin distinctly remembers the copper or brass repoussé elaborate extensions above and below the door handles, about 12 inches either side.

From our notes from a talk by Jenny Davies:

James Fawcett was born September 19th, 1863, in the District of Kendal, County of Westmorland, England. He was an architect and sculptor, and designed jewelry, pressed metal ceilings and household items. 1919 he was listed as a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Victorian Architects. He designed Flinders Street Railway Station and the Hobart Post Office. He was a foundation member of the Yarra Sculptors' Society in 1898 and a member of the Arts and Crafts Society of Victoria. The National Gallery of Victoria

owns 5 items by James Fawcett. James Fawcett, F.R.V.I.A., was a Mason with the title Grand Superintendent of Works.

By 1902, Fawcett is listed as residing at 19 Trafalgar Rd, and in 1906, the house is listed as 'Opawa'. On September 5th, 1934, James Fawcett died at his residence, aged 78. On February 12th, 1945, his wife Mary Fawcett died, aged 83. Id, their daughter, continued to live in the house until her health failed and she died in Nazareth House, Camberwell, on 2nd Nov 1970.

Anna Carina – May Gibbs book 1917 bound with a string



The Gum Blossom Babies book was given to my great aunt Kathleen by her friend Mavis for Christmas 1917. The book was published in 1916. It is 103 years old. May Gibbs loved to sketch native flowers and turn them into babies, such as gumnut babies, gum blossom babies, wattle babies, flannel flower babies, etc. May never had children but was married and loved her black Scotty dogs. May Gibbs home, Nutcote, on Sydney Harbour, is open to the public and accessible by ferry from Circular Quay and bus.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/May_Gibbs

<https://www.maygibbs.org/>

<https://www.maygibbs.com.au/>



Jan Alexander – Titanic Captain's table serviettes

Jan was amazed to find the serviettes recently.

Adele Fernando-Swart – Poniard – Dress dagger of the Dutch East Indies Naval uniform



A poniard is a long, lightweight thrusting knife with a continuously tapering, acutely pointed blade and crossguard.

This poniard or dress dagger of the Dutch East Indies Naval uniform is one of the few surviving WWII and the Japanese invasion of Indonesia. My father took it with him when the Naval cadets were evacuated out of Indonesia ahead of the Japanese invasion. They had 5 minutes to get their things and to be on the ship.

The War Museum in the Netherlands did not have any examples in 1983 when my father visited.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL for the year ending 30th June 2020

The Secretary, Camberwell Historical Society Inc., PO Box 1274, Camberwell, 3124.

Subscription Rate: Ordinary membership: \$30.00
 Family membership: \$40.00
 Corporate membership: \$40.00

Membership: \$ _____

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Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, Account No 142260678

HMAS Cerberus visit Wednesday 2 October 2019

Included: RAN band performance, entry to the Museum, lunch and coach hire.

Cost: \$45 minimum 30 participants (payment with booking please)

Pick up: 7.45 am for 8:00am corner Camberwell Road / Bowen Street, Camberwell

Departure from HMAS Cerberus: 3:30pm.

Please note: To gain access to the Royal Australian Naval Base you must provide some form of photographic identification which also shows your signature.

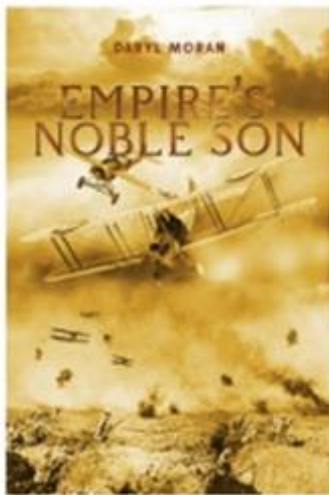
HMAS Cerberus website

<http://www.navy.gov.au/establishments/hmas-cerberus>



Thank you to Hugh Waldron for his work in organizing this visit.

For more information: enquiries@chs.org.au



Empire's Noble Son

Dr Daryl Moran

**Tuesday
22 October 2019
8pm**

**VENUE:
Camberwell Library Meeting Room,
340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell**

Dr Daryl Moran was a school teacher who taught at every level from Prep to University. He is a former Head of the Junior School at Caulfield Grammar School in Wheelers Hill and at Haileybury College in Brighton. He holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Melbourne. He is also greatly involved in the work of Rotary International and is currently the District Governor Nominee for District 9810 in outer Melbourne.

Some 600 young Australians served with the British Army's Royal Flying Corps (RFC) during the Great War, many losing their lives. One young fighter-pilot from Melbourne who gave his life was 2nd Lt Lyle Buntine MC, the son of the Principal of Caulfield Grammar School. Lyle's tragic accidental death, following gallant service as a fighter pilot during the Battle of the Somme, was notable in that his family preserved every letter, newspaper article, photograph and artefact associated with his life and active service. Lyle's letters trace his voyage to and travels around England, his life as an officer in the British Army, his training adventures on primitive RFC aircraft and his combat experiences on the Western Front, including surviving being shot down six times!

DATES FOR MEETINGS 2019

Camberwell Library Meeting Room, 340 Camberwell Road, Camberwell

Wednesday 2 October **8am HMAS Cerberus visit \$45 (including bus, band, lunch and museum entry) 30 people minimum**

Tuesday 22 October **8pm Daryl Moran – Empire’s Noble Son**
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Tuesday 26 November **8pm Barry Gomm - Ginger Meggs**
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