



# Reflections

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the Heritage Centre, Thompson Ave., Cowes

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of**  
Phillip Island & District Genealogical Society  
**Saturday 18 August 2012, from 2pm – 4pm**  
Heritage Centre, Thompson Ave Cowes

All members are invited to attend in order to elect a Committee of Management, hear and discuss Reports of the activities of the Society over the past year, and to contribute to the work of the Society in the coming year.

**FAMILY HISTORY FORUM**  
**Saturday, September 15 at 2 pm.**  
Venue: Meeting Room, Heritage Centre

This is a 'show and tell' and information meeting. Bring along your problems, family tree or something of interest from your research. See page 2 for details, and for other news

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### Emigrant ship 'Six Sisters' (aka 'Zes Gesusters')

A reunion to celebrate 160 years since the arrival of the 'Zes Gesusters' aka 'Six Sisters' emigrant ship will be held on SUNDAY 13 JANUARY 2013 at GEELONG.

For more information please contact reunion organiser, Rob Newland at  
[rob.newland@yahoo.com.au](mailto:rob.newland@yahoo.com.au)

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A commercial traveller in the West received the following telegram from his wife:-  
"Twins arrived to-night. More by mail."

He went at once to the nearest office and sent the following reply:-  
"I leave for home to-night. If any more have come by mail, send to Dead Letter Office."

Queanbeyan Age. Friday 17 August 1906

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**“Sighting Your Sauces”**

Here is your opportunity to bring up any issue of concern regarding your family history research – maybe you are stuck at a brick wall, or have a technical problem with your computer: bring your concern along to see if we can help

Maybe it's just to see what we are up to – come and inspect our rooms, library, resources and have a chat.

All members are welcome to bring with them a copy of their own Family Tree to display to the society. Please bring a copy of your Family Chart – a prize is available for the most imaginative chart.

Bring a copy of any report on your Tree you have completed so far – prizes for the earliest date of any family member so far discovered (eg 1066!); a prize for the most number of people acquired over-all so far (eg 5638!!); a prize for the most distant geographic place where an ancestor may be found (East Siberia!!!), most famous ancestor and so on. Be prepared to tell us how you found your results.

**“Sighting Your Sauces”**

**Also on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> David will explain how best to make sure we acknowledge any Copyright material. We now have in place a Copyright Policy, we need to make sure we know what we are doing and how to make sure our sources are properly acknowledged.**

**Beginner's Classes**

'How to start a Family Tree' classes; How to begin, how to collect information, how to use our Society's information and data, how to keep good records, how to start a computer program. Places are strictly limited as we have limited space available. Once a month for no more than 3 hours at \$20 per person per class. If you know of any friend who might be interested, please ask them to contact David on 0411 118 706; or phone Tom on 0419 922 362.

**Transcribers**

If you can type with two or more fingers; if you know what 'Microsoft Exell' means, if you read handwriting, then you are fully qualified to help us compose a data-base of names and addresses from original church records. Yes, we need Volunteers to help compile a data-base of Baptisms from the Anglican church records; and next year (maybe!) to compile a data-base of ratepayers from the Phillip Island Shire Rate Books. If you or any friend is interested, please contact me, David on 0411 118 706; or phone Jenny Adam on 0408 360 906.

**Increase in Charges**

At the last Committee Meeting it was agreed to increase our basic charges as from 1 September 2012.

1. Casual Visitor charge will be \$10 per visit.
2. Commissioned Research will be \$15 per hour.
3. "Aussie Heritage Package" \$100.
4. All Stationery will be 50c per sheet.

David Rathgen (President)

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**MORE FREE INTERNET SITES**

Kent <http://www.kentarchaeology.org.uk/Research/research.htm>

Hotham History Project Inc. <http://www.hothamhistory.org.au>

Ireland. 1901 & 1911 census <http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

Check <http://www.familysearch.org> for records - world wide. Scroll down to 'Browse by location'. then click on the area and then the country.

Scotland - Headstone & memorial photographs & transcriptions  
<http://www.deceasedonline.com>

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## MELBOURNE GENERAL CEMETERY ADVENTURE

Suzanne Hayes

Not keen on visiting cemeteries on my own, fellow member Coral Grey, offered to join me on a trip to the MGC. Coral is known to us all as our "Cemetery Explorer". Every place she travels it is a must that she visits the cemetery.

We set off from Phillip Island at 8.00 am with me thinking that I was pretty well organised. I had done my research on burials at the MGC, compiled a colour-coded spreadsheet as to who was buried where and plotted them on the MGC map. We arrived at the MGC and the staff member in the office was so helpful. She printed off the grave location maps that we needed and checked a few names for us. So we parked the car, planned our direction and off we went on foot. It was rather a warm day, so hat and water bottle were in hand.

If anyone ever needs a companion to go cemetery hunting, take Coral. The kit she carried with her was full of items that I would never have thought of, a clipboard so the papers wouldn't blow away, a mark off pen, spare camera batteries and block of chalk for those gravestones that are difficult to read. Also, unlike me Coral is a great photographer, so I left that up to her. My job was that of "Map Reader". Well, let me warn anyone going on future cemetery explorations with me, don't let me be the map-reader. Absolutely hopeless! In my defence though I will say, it's not easy locating graves around the MGC. The section markings are difficult to follow. "Are we in Section Q or R," says me yelling out across to Coral. Certainly not a quiet place to be when I am there yelling out across our ancestors resting place.

The lady in the office reminded us that the gates at the MGC close at 4.00pm. We both thought, we would be back on Phillip Island by then. We had a lunch break and headed back to the MGC. It's warm, windy and I'm grumpy because I can't find the graves we are looking for. Thank goodness for Coral who doesn't give up as easily as I do and we find a few more graves that we needed. It's now 3.45pm and we could not believe where the time had gone. We arrived back home to Phillip Island at 6.30pm absolutely exhausted and with very sore feet.



Coral's handiwork with the chalk.



Suzanne placing lavender on the grave of one of her ancestors

Suzanne & Coral brought back a number of A3 size grave location maps for the Melbourne General Cemetery. They show the grave numbers, and in some cases the family names of those buried in each grave. These are now in our library, in the A3 binder labeled 'cemeteries', in the journals bookcase.

### EPITAPHS

#### **John Round, Norfolk:**

*Underneath this sod lies John Round,  
Who was lost in the sea and never was found.*

#### **Mrs Shute, Connecticut:**

*Here lies cut down like unripe fruit,  
The wife of Deacon Amos Shute:  
She died of drinking too much coffee  
Anno Domini eighteen forty.*

source: <http://shadowsoftime.co.nz>

## BAYVIEW GUEST HOUSE

Walter Richardson relocated a small house to four allotments and rented paddocks on the corner of The Esplanade and Warley Avenue. In 1911 another small cottage was moved to the site, and these two houses, together with a small existing cottage were joined and became the start of 'Bayview', one of Phillip Island's leading guesthouses, managed by his wife, Mrs. Eva Richardson, nee Standeven.

Walter Richardson enlisted in World War I, and 'Bayview' was leased. After his death in England, Mrs Richardson decided to sell 'Bayview', but it was not a good time to sell businesses, and the guest house ceased to function.

In March 1924 'Bayview' was re-opened by Mr & Mrs Charles Herbert 'Bert' Matthews. A large wing of 30 bedrooms was build along the Warley Avenue side of 'Bayview' and across the back of the building. The enclosed area became the site of a full sized tennis court.

'Bayview' was sold in 1943 to Ingleton & Lewis, estate agents in Melbourne. The building was completey destroyed by fire in 1948.

Sources: Cutter, June. Guesthouse on Phillip Island: a history (June Cutter, 1987)  
NLA Australian newspapers <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>



### Cowes (Seaside)

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The Argus. Monday 20 March 1939

## BAYVIEW—COWES

**THIS OLD ESTABLISHED GUEST HOUSE—THE FINEST ON PHILLIP ISLAND — IS NOW OPEN TO GUESTS.**

The management is fully confident that you will enjoy a visit to this delightful holiday resort . . . . . Extensive views — spacious sun verandah—luxurious lounges—log fires—unrivalled cuisine—efficient service.

**TENNIS COURT — RIDING — FISHING — DANCING  
NO VACANCIES XMAS.**

**FOR RESERVATIONS WRITE OR PHONE  
INGLETON & LEWIS, 333 Flinders Lane,  
MANAGING AGENTS. MU9839.**

The Argus. Saturday 6 September 1947



## £50,000 fire destroys Cowes Guest House

Firemen and about 200 people in pyjamas watched helplessly while Bayview Guest House at Cowes, Phillip Island, burnt down early yesterday, causing a loss of about £50,000.

Mr J. C. Ingleton, manager and part-owner, was burned on the forehead when his hair caught fire, but got out after warning the solitary guest and the two members of the staff.

Mr Ingleton said: "I was awakened at 5am by the crash of falling glass. By the time I had warned the others

the flames were through almost every part. The building was already beyond saving."

### Too little water

The Phillip Island Bush Fire Brigade, with a 500-gallon tank truck and sprinkler, and a 20ft hose, organised a bucket brigade of about 50 volunteers.

The only other water available was in the guest house's 20 tanks and a small bore.

The bucket chain stopped the wind spreading the fire to a large wooden shop and house at the back of the guest house. They saved an 80-year-

old cottage at the back, the bake-house, and the garages.

Captain J. Clarke, master of the Cowes ferry, was the only guest. He saved most of his clothing, but lost everything else. The others lost everything.

### Traders will lose

Mr Ingleton said that Bayview was only partly insured, and would not be rebuilt for many years. Local tradesmen estimate that the fire will cost them about £100,000 worth of tourist business a year.

The fire is believed to have started at the main fuse-board.

COWES GUEST HOUSE  
BURNT DOWN



The Argus. Monday 26 July 1948

## VICTORIAN FIRE

### Island Guest House Razed

MELBOURNE, July 25: Fire today razed the biggest guest house on Phillip Island, the 50-room Bayview at Cowes. Hampered by inadequate pumping gear Cowes bushfire brigade fought unsuccessfully for three hours to save it and narrowly prevented the fire spreading to nearby shops. Only a change in the wind saved the western side of the main street from destruction. The replacement value of the building and furnishings is estimated at between £60,000 and £70,000. The insurance cover was for £28,000.

Bayview was one of the oldest guest houses in Victoria. Part of it was built 50 years ago. Only one guest was in the house when the fire broke out. He was Capt. James Clark, master of the Stony Point-Cowes ferry, Westernport, which is due to stop running on Saturday.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27.  
At Three O'Clock.  
In the Auction-rooms,  
SCOTT'S HOTEL 444 COLLINS  
STREET, MELBOURNE.  
SALE BY AUCTION,  
The Property Known as  
BAYVIEW, COWES.

Situated on the Corner of the  
Esplanade and Warley Avenue,  
COWES, PHILLIP ISLAND.

BUILDINGS NOW COMPRISE 8  
Bungalows and 5-roomed W.B. Cot-  
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of 4 Rooms. Block Comprising Men's  
and Ladies' Toilet, Shower Rooms, 3  
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WATER SUPPLY: Wells, 35,000 Gal-  
lons; Tanks, 22,000 Gallons. Bore  
and Pump Ensuring Continuous  
Water Supply.

Tennis-court.  
LAND: 247ft. 6in. x 198ft. Along  
Warley Avenue and 132ft. to Warley  
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Please Note: BUILDING PERMIT IS  
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Estate Agents,  
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33 Flinders Lane, MU9839.

The Argus. Saturday 9 April 1949

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**LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY**

Sykes, Barry	Change here for Outtrim!
Christie, Rob	Dargo Crooked River. A pictorial history
Price, Bob	Family memories. A guide to reminiscing
Williams, Peter	Shipwrecks at Port Phillip Heads 1840-1963
Ramsay, Keith	Bristol coal industry
Fleming, Patricia	Waratah story
Woodley, Arthur E.	Western Port wrecks and maritime disasters
Jacobs, James W	Let them be admitted (Royal Freemasons' Homes of Vic.)
Korong Historical Society	Nuggests or nothing. vols. 10 & 12 (Wedderburn region)
The Cabinet.	A repository of facts, figures and fancies relating to the voyage of the "Great Britain" S.S. from Liverpool to Melbourne 1862
Corinella	sesqui-centenary celebrations

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**Bringing Home Australia's Birth Certificate**

THE HON. GREG HUNT MP  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FLINDERS, SHADOW MINISTER FOR HERITAGE

Most people would agree that a birth certificate is an important document. It confirms your existence, describing who you are and by what name you will be known to the world. Australia has just such a document: the very first map of the continent with its name written prominently across the middle.

It was drawn in 1804 by navigator Matthew Flinders after his historic circumnavigation of what had until then largely been referred to as Terra Australis.

This was the first time any European had circled the continent, the first time an accurate map of the entire "great south land" had been drawn and the first reference on any such map to the name Australia.

The story of Flinders' amazing voyage around Australia has all the elements of a swashbuckling adventure: shipwreck, extreme hardship, survival against the odds, even imprisonment by colonial rival France.

He was taken prisoner on the island of Mauritius while on his way back to England. It was during this six-year incarceration that Flinders drew the very first map of Australia. He titled the map "Australia or Terra Australis".

Upon returning to England in 1810, the Admiralty ordered Flinders to produce a new map with the order reversed to "Terra Australis or Australia". It was this map that was published in 1814, the day before Flinders' death.

In 1817, Governor Macquarie, learning of Flinders' preference for the name "Australia" adopted the name Australians have come to cherish. Since Flinder's time, the map has been kept under lock and key by the British Admiralty.

The Matthew Flinders' map is an important piece of our national heritage. It is Australia's birth certificate and it should be here in Australia, on public display, for all Australians to see,

That is why I have launched a campaign to persuade the British to hand the map to Australia. Keeping the map in England probably made sense during the early turbulent years of Australia's formation. But we're now a mature, independent nation with a standard of living and quality of life that's the envy of the world.

We can be trusted to look after it. To keep the map locked away in some dusty British archive is a terrible waste of an extraordinary historical document. I urge all those who believe we should have this vital piece of our heritage here in Australia to join my campaign to reclaim Australia's birth certificate.

It would be a wonderful gesture on the part of the British if the map were gifted to Australia to mark the bicentenary of Flinders' death in 2014.

FOR MORE INFORMATION and to sign an on-line petition to the British Government please visit my website at [www.greghunt.com.au](http://www.greghunt.com.au)