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Meeting Schedule for 2020 –2021

Committee Meetings

Unless otherwise advised, committee meetings will be held in the Research Rooms, at 7:00pm, prior to the General Meetings on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

There will be no committee meeting in the months when the General Meetings are rescheduled.

General Meetings

General Meetings are *usually* held at 1.30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Research Rooms at The Community Hub 12 - 22 Nolan Street. Visitors are most welcome.

Membership Fee's:

Full Single Membership	\$25.00
Full Joint Membership	\$40.00
Newsletter only membership	\$8.00

- A Joining fee of \$5 applies to all new membership applications (including lapsed memberships)
- Membership Fee's cover the period from 1st of March to 28th or 29th of February.
- Any subscriptions received from *new members* between 1 December and 28/29 February will include the membership for the following year.

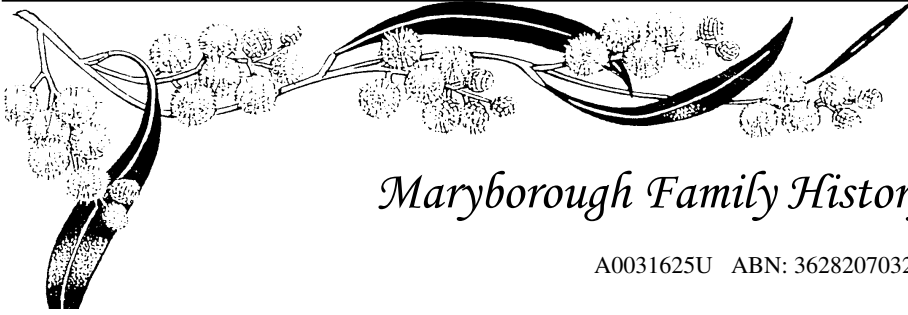
Benefits:

- The annual subscription includes our quarterly newsletter "Wattle Bark" posted to your home address.
 - Full members have access to our extensive research facilities in the Community Hub 12 - 22 Nolan Street for *personal* research.
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Front Cover

2828 State School Grade 3 1918

Kevin Spokes Collection



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Research Fee's:

Postal Research:

- Deposit: \$20, non-refundable
- Hourly research fee: \$10 for each hour or part thereof
- Photocopying and Computer print-out: 50 cents per sheet side
- Additional costs: as advised.

Upon receipt of the deposit we will complete the research as requested. The applicant will then be advised of the costs applicable. The results would be posted upon receipt of the balance. *[The rationale behind the non-refundable*

deposit being that it takes just the same amount of time (or even longer) to come up with a nil result.]

Enhanced Research: For a fee of \$15 per grave we will provide a full monumental transcription as well as a photograph of the grave.

Visiting Research: The fee is \$10 per hour or part thereof; the minimum fee is \$10. and is for the purposes of **personal research only**.

Visitors *must* be accompanied by a financial member who will *only* provide assistance to access the records but will *not undertake any research per se*.

MEETING TIMES

December, No Meeting

January, 26th 1.30pm

February, 23rd 1.30pm

Question

Q; Which word, if pronounced right is Wrong but if pronounced wrong is right?

A; Wrong.

Q; Why do icebergs float?

A; Because they are made of fresh water Which is less dense than sea water.

HISTORY OF HAVELOCK SCHOOLS

The first school at Havelock was state-aided Rural School (No. 49) under the control of the Board of Education. This was opened on Aug. 1st. 1870. It was situated 6 miles from Maryborough on the Dunolly Road.

During its initial year the enrolment was 36 with an average attendance of 21. Mrs. Margaret Robinson was the H.T. until the school's closure on Sept 30th 1873.

On Oct 1st. 1873 the Havelock School No. 1264 was officially established (in the same building, rented from the Shire of Tullaroop for 1/- per annum) with Mrs. Robinson again being the H.T. until Jan 1879. The average attendance figures for the opening period of 1873 were 28 pupils.

A new wooden building with accommodation for 60 was erected on Crown Land with first classes on Feb 10th. 1874. According to Mrs. Robinson, attendance in winter was poor due to gaps between the walls and roof so making the school "almost uninhabitable".)

Around 1900 a fenced dam with underground piping was constructed for watering trees and the established garden. In Oct 1900 local residents petitioned for a school residence to be constructed to obviate the then teacher travelling out 6 miles daily in horse and buggy— a 1½ hour journey. The Board of Advice advocated provision of a residence but this was never built.

One of the notable characters connected with the school was Timothy Robert Lehane H.T. from 1910-14. During this time he had one assistant and one sewing mistress with about 60 pupils attending.

The school was closed Feb 1929 with the last H.T. being Blanche Dancocks from mid 1925 to Jan 8th 1927. The school evidently being unstaffed prior to its closure in 1929.

The building no longer stands at Havelock but is thought to have been moved to Red Lion and then to S.S. 404 Maryborough as extra accommodation.

Author:- Mark J. Power H.M. 1970. (Eddington S.S. 793)

PRIMARY SCHOOL No. 714 LEVIATHAN REEF

Leviathan Reef Primary School No. 714 was situated in the Chinaman's area three miles from Maryborough on a road parallel to, and north-west of, the main Maryborough– Timor road. No sign remains of the school site to indicate that quite a large school flourished there for many years.

The original school, a two roomed brick edifice, was built in 1864 as a Common School—the children of the gold-diggers paying 1/- per week for instruction. In the 1880s a new brick building was erected by the Education Department, the old one serving as a shelter when the weather was inclement. A school residence was provided. The homes that this school served have long since been transported away, or demolished, as have the five churches that also served the community.

Among the original settlers whose children attended the school were the Denyer, Snowdon, Hastings, Howden, White, Barry, Blake, Lucas, Lester, Ward, Small and Wilson families.

Towards the close of the nineteenth century, the school population dwindled and for many years the Leviathan Reef School was an adjunct of State School No.1207 Timor. After reaching Grade 1V the pupils of Leviathan Reef transferred either to Timor or Maryborough 404.

In 1902, when the school enrolment was 14, the school was finally closed, Mr. Williams being the teacher in charge.

Well remembered teachers at Leviathan Reef were Miss Roper, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Featherstone, and Mr. David Bilton, who later taught at Adelaide Lead, Maryborough East, Maryborough 404 and at Craigie.

School History

Compiled by, L.T. Crowe. Principal 2828 Maryborough East.

AMHERST

This non-vested Denominational School on the Amherst goldfields was established by the Church of England authorities on the 8th July 1856. The first H.T. Samuel Stephens had an average attendance of 61 pupils. A site was gazetted in 1873, and a schoolhouse built in 1874. Nevertheless the school closed on 8th October 1874. No trace of it remains.

PRIMARY SCHOOL 25 ADELAIDE LEAD

The Adelaide School, which is still standing, is situated about four miles from Maryborough. Information about this school has been hard to glean as the district residents are all comparative newcomers. Letters to names handed to me have not been answered.

Adelaide Lead was opened as a Common School possibly late 1863, but certainly was serving the educational needs of the mining community in 1864. As was the custom in this district the school was built of handmade bricks and today is used as a Hall for the district residents.

Names of early settlers that are recalled include Abbot, Bartlett, Neyland, Dupuy, Delaney, Chadwick, Everett, Hibbins, Male, Jose, Waldron, Selman, Cruickshank and Williams.

I have been unsuccessful in my research for the names of early teachers, but in the late 1880's Mr. David Bilton and his wife taught there, driving across country in their buggy each day from Craigie.

During the Head Teachership of Mrs Chamberlain , the school was closed in May 1954— due to low attendance and the fact that the school bus to Maryborough, four miles distant, passed within two miles of the families then attending.

Sometime later the building was purchased by the Tullaroop Shire Council for use as the local Hall, for which purpose it is still used.



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L.T. Crowe— Principal
Primary School 2828
Maryborough East
May 1970

JOYCE'S CREEK SCHOOL No. 1053

The location of the school was first near the present railway line bridge which passes over the Cairn Curran Reservoir on the north side of the Maryborough-Castlemaine road on a site now underwater.

At the time of the opening the school was on the Maryborough side of the Creek but at sometime during 1920 the entire school building was moved to a new location. It was shifted across the creek and moved some 200 yards closer to Newstead, where it remained until the closure in 1944.

The building was a single room wooden construction with brick fire place and chimney. At the front was a verandah and a door. After the site change the door was changed to side and approached through a type of porch. There was also a shelter shed.

Before the site change a residence is reputed to have existed but after the change there was no word of it.

Enrolments reached a peak of 43 just before the move across the Creek. The high number was aided by the closure of Moolort school in 1915 and the influx of additional pupils from this school. Following this period the enrolment numbers progressively fell, the final blow coming with the reopening of the Moolort school in 1936, when a number of the pupils enrolled at this school. The depression years also helped to drop the number of attending pupils.

Some of the names of Heads of the school were Ernest Crosely, Elsie Stephens, Jack Caulfield and Elvira Martinez. These were present during the period 1914-1922. A Sewing Mistress was used during the time of large enrolments. The school was finally closed in 1944 due to lack of numbers.

The only organisation active during the school life was the School Committee.

Chief occupations were, as taken from the admission role, labourers and farmers.

One notable person to have received his early education at the school is Mr. Balfore Frankling an Inspector of schools. He lives at present in Beechworth.

JOYCE'S CREEK No 333

This school could possibly have been the original school before the shift across the creek but information to hand is insufficient and vague.

P J Tobin
H.M Strathlea P.S
No 4201

AMPHITHEATRE

The earliest known school in the district was conducted at Mountain Hut, some 5 miles from Amphitheatre gold-field; this closed in 1861. The Church of England authorities opened a school (Amphitheatre N0 22) in November 1861, which worked for ten years under HT Robert Walker, who became MLA and editor of the Daily Telegraph and Bendigo Evening Mail. With the urgent need for a new building. A site was gazetted in November 1873, and upon it George McDonald of Avoca erected a 50ftx20ft wooden schoolroom. In this building SS1637 commenced on 1st September 1875, No 22 having been struck off the rolls at the end of the previous month

MOORES FLAT SCHOOL No 1575

This School No 1575 Moore's Flat was opened about 1877

The site of the school is half mile south east of the Pyrenees Highway about eight miles from Maryborough. The ground of three to four acres is still maintained by the Education Department. The original school had a bark roof. While the second school was being built the school was conducted in a shed near the present site. The building was 24ft long, 12ft wide with verandah on two sides and porch on the other side.

The first teacher was Miss Embleton followed by Mr Mathewa, Miss Bailey, Mr Dew, Mr Miles, Mr McCarthy, Miss Stevenson, Miss O'Donnell, Mr Walters and later by other teachers.

One of the great days for the school children was to go to the Bung-Bong Railway Station to see the first go through on the opening of the Maryborough-Avoca line about 1878. During the school life the greatest number of pupils was 36.

The school closed in 1934 and the building was sold in 1945 and removed by a local resident.

Copies of the Histories of these schools, were given to the Group by Donald Historical Society, and are believed to have been compiled early 1970's for the Department of Education for the publication for the Vision and Realisation Volumes.

Statistics
Civil Establishment of Victoria the year of 1858
Index of Offices in and around Maryborough
Taken from Ancestor 1983-84

Adams S.J.	Public Vaccinator	Amherst.
Aldwill J.F.	Sorter Post Office	Maryborough
Alexander Benj.,	Gold Receiver	Avoca
Alexander Benjamin	Clerk	Gold Fields
Andrews Isaiah	Postmaster	Back Creek
Brown R.L.	Sorter Post Office	Maryborough
Butler T.H.	Public Vaccinator	Ampitheatre
Butt J.W.C.	Gold Receiver	Dunolly
Call Frederick	Police Magistrate	Maryborough
Cambridge G,H.	Postmaster	Carisbrook
Campbell C.A.	Registrar of Marriages	Kingower
Catto John	Postmaster	Kingower
Chapman G.	Gold Receiver	Amherst
Coffey Patrick	Postmaster	Ampitheatre
Collis Jas.	Postmaster	Dunolly
Collett George	Postmaster	Maryborough
Collier J.L.	Clerk in Charge Post Office	Clunes
Deverell S.R.	Station Master Electric Telegraph	Maryborough
Dow A.	Public Vaccinator	Amherst
Eassie Chas.	Postmaster	Mt. Moliagul
Edmondson James	Public Vaccinator	Creswick
Edmondson James	Deputy Registrar of Births & Deaths	Creswick
Fisher John	Gold Receiver	Creswick
Fitzmaurice L.	Bailiff County Court	Dunolly
Furniss Thomas	Clerk County Court	Carisbrook
Goodshaw William	Deputy Registrar Births & Deaths	Avoca
Goslett Joseph	Clerk Petty Sessions	Avoca
Hallifax A.W.	Postmaster	Dunolly
Laidman F.M.	Public Vaccinator	Maryborough
Laidman F.M.	Coroner	Maryborough
Laurence R.J.	Postmaster	Baringhup
Lees W.B.	Coroner	Creswick
Lempriere F.R.	Clerk Petty Sessions	Avoca
Lempriere F.R.	Clerk Petty Sessions	Ampitheatre
Lempriere F.R.	Deputy Registrar of Births & Deaths	Avoca
Mackie Alexander	Clerk Petty Sessions	Amherst
Mackie A.	Gold Receiver	Amherst
Macoboy M.F.	Judge County Court	Amherst
Mack P.	Postmaster	Clunes
Mason C.T.	Public Vaccinator	Maldon
Meyrick A.	Clerk Receiver & Paymasters Office	Maryborough
Miskelly John	Clerk Petty Sessions	Dunolly
Mitchell A.	Postmaster	Dunolly
Moncklon F.O.	Second Clerk Petty Sessions	Maryborough
Moncklon F.O.	Clerk Petty Sessions	Amherst
Montgomery R.A.	Clerk Petty Sessions	Maryborough
Morris W.S.	Public Vaccinator	Avoca

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Nott John	Deputy Registrar Births & Deaths	Maldon
Nott John	Acting Clerk Petty Sessions	Maldon
O'Connor D.F.	Postmaster	Goldsborough
Orme Francis K	Police Magistrate	Avoca
Pierce W.C.	Registrar of Marriages	Dunolly
Pierce Walter Chas.	Deputy Registrar of Birth & Deaths	Dunolly
Pierce W.C.	Public Vaccinator	Dunolly
Quinlan L.M.	Coroner	Dunolly
Ratcliffe Wm. Hy.	Deputy Registrar of Births & Deaths	Ampitheatre
Reynell A.	Receiver and Paymaster	Maryborough
Rich John	Clerk Petty Sessions	Dunolly
Richards George	Bailiff County Court	Carisbrook
Robinson J.T.	Public Vaccinator	Clunes
Roe Wellesley F.	Clerk Petty Sessions	Carisbrook
Roe W.F.	Registrar of Marriages	Carisbrook
Roe W.F.	Registrar of Births & Deaths	Carisbrook
Rose T.G.	Public Vaccinator	Carisbrook

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Do you have something to contribute?

Do you have a yen to write? Or maybe you have some family stories that you would like to share with others? Maybe you are having a problem with your research? If the answer is Yes! then you may wish to submit an article to be published in a future edition of the newsletter. Articles can be left for collection in the box at our research room, or you can pass them to me (Cheryl Lovel) or to any Committee Member.

Not able to put it into writing?

Please contact the Editor for assistance or guidance. Phone: 0409561885.

Publication Dates & Deadlines

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FINAL WORD

True happiness longevity

And good fortune be with you

This New Year and always



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