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## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Projects

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**Souvenir 150<sup>th</sup> insert**

At 2PM, on Sunday 15 April, St Kilda Historical Society in collaboration with Friends of St Kilda Cemetery, and supported by Port Phillip City, are co-hosting a community function to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Kilda as a Municipal District. Please turn to P4 for more details.

Depending on logistics and cost, SKHS is hoping to take a nuanced look at contemporary St Kilda on a particular day in our 150<sup>th</sup> year. One suggestion is that each member creates two photographic images on the selected date — one, of our private domain (e.g. home, car, garden), the other, in the public domain (e.g. neighbourhood, public transport, shops, etc). **Sponsors and helpers are needed to set up the project.**

SKHS is initiating a series of **inserts** in the *St Kilda Times* to commemorate the ‘Separation’ of St Kilda from the City of Melbourne. Purchase an A4 sleeved folder at your newsagent to create your own special ‘souvenir issue’ — it will come in handy for the **150<sup>th</sup> Quiz** later on in 2007. SKHS would also be very grateful if members would kindly donate some prizes for the quiz (e.g. champagne, free tickets, etc). **Do let us know if you have any preferred quiz themes, plus we welcome humorous Q’s & A’s.**

## Missing from St Kilda

Louise Faulkner and her daughter Charmian (aged two years) were last seen outside **Leithen**, their Acland St flat in the early evening of 26 April 1980, the Anzac Day long weekend.

A relative, who is actively investigating their disappearance, thinks that more than one witness may have seen Louise and Charmian **enter a white utility outside their home that evening.**

In connection with their disappearance, information is also being sought regarding the month and day of a fire that destroyed the Acland St Anglican Church School in 1977.

If anyone has knowledge of either of the above, do advise SKHS who will pass on the information.

## SKHS Nautical Display

Members will have noticed the striking SKHS display highlighting Port Phillip Bay, which was on show in the St Kilda Library foyer during March 2007. John Hutton, manager of the St Kilda-based **Boat Books Australia** kindly supplied SKHS with visually stunning maritime charts, an assortment of recently published maritime histories and navigational equipment. Boat Books staff member, Alex Heydon, who has written a thesis on the St Kilda Pier, also helped SKHS arrange the display. For members not familiar with Boat Books, their ‘cargo hold’, which is open to the public during b/hrs, is at **214 St Kilda Rd**, between Alma Rd and Inkerman Street or **[www.boatbooks-aust.com.au](http://www.boatbooks-aust.com.au)**. It carries a truly amazing manifest of Australian and Overseas charts, histories, calendars, guides, and instruments.

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SKHS thanks the staff in Mr Danby's office, Fitzroy Street, for kindly photocopying the *St Kilda Times*.

## Join in some of the free SKHS community events in 2007! Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of the municipal district of St Kilda, 1857– 2007.

### **ST KILDA BY THE SEA: 1857–1863**

Display of early documents, artefacts, photographs, drawings and watercolors from the Port Phillip Collection and State Library of Victoria: from 15 March 2007 to 30 May 2007. Access Space, Ground Floor St Kilda Town Hall. Enquiries: Kay Rowan, Local History Librarian or Curatorial Services, Port Phillip City. Free Entry. Open to Public during b/hrs.

### **FORMER ST KILDA MAYORS IN ST KILDA CEMETERY**

Bookings are **essential** : 9531 6832, 9527 2387 : Free Performance, Walk-n-Talk, Refreshments, 2.00pm 15 April. Hosted by Friends of St Kilda Cemetery in collaboration with St Kilda Historical Society with support from Port Phillip City.

### **COMMEMORATIVE INSERTS: 1857–2007**

Series of inserts in *St Kilda Times* focusing on the municipality of St Kilda. Hosted by St Kilda Historical Society with support from Port Phillip City. Enquiries/suggestions: info@skhs.org.au

### **ST KILDA IN POETRY : ST KILDA LIBRARY**

Launch of SKHS St Kilda Children's Poetry Book in late July, exhibition and activities for local primary school students. Hosted by St Kilda Historical Society and Port Phillip Library Services with support from Port Phillip City. Enquiries: info@skhs.org.au

### **MONOGRAPH LAUNCH**

*Naming St Kilda: a Yacht, Three Ladies and no Saints*, hosted by St Kilda Historical Society with support from the Port Phillip City. Venue, date and time to be announced.

### **150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY QUIZ: 1857– 2007**

Entertainment, Sport, Personalities, Royals, (suggestions for other themes are welcome). Hosted by SKHS with support from Port Phillip City. Prizes. Venue, date and time to be announced. Suggestions: info@skhs.org.au

### **SKHS HERITAGE DAY 2007**

Activities for St Kilda & Elwood families and presentation of the 2007 Don Taggart Creative Arts Awards for Primary School Children. Hosted by St Kilda Historical Society with support from Port Phillip City. Venue, date and time to be announced. Enquiries: 9690 9584 or Email: info@skhs.org.au

## **FREE GUIDED WALK & TALK St Kilda NEIGHBOURHOOD 2007**

Bookings required for all walks via Sustainable Transport Unit: tel 9209 6852  
Email walking@portphillip.vic.gov.au. Enquiries: Phone Assist 9209 6777

### **Where all Roads Meet: Sun. 29 Apr. 10 – 12**

#### **Neighbourhood: St Kilda Road Precinct: Leader: Meyer Eidelson**

St Kilda Junction, Melbourne's greatest intersection, has been the City's south-eastern gateway for over 160 years. Using historic photos, we explore a fascinating past of swamp, corroboree site, bushrangers, pubs (Junction Hotel, venue for first Council Meeting, 1857), and the demolished High Street shopping precinct.

### **Self guided walks in Port Phillip**

See [Walks in Port Phillip - A Guide by Meyer Eidelson](#) for various walks in Port Phillip City, complete with maps, trail notes, local history and details of the animal inhabitants you might see along the way.  
*Available in St Kilda Library.*

## Junction Oval or Shane Warne Oval

St Kilda Cricket Club wants to rename the Junction Oval the 'Shane Warne Oval' as a tribute to the bowler who began playing in 1987 for St Kilda's Fourth XI, and where, in 1991, he made his first class cricket debut playing for Victoria at Junction Oval.

According to a Herald Sun report (4 Jan 2007) Cricket Club president, Mr Laird said the idea was floated by club members after Warne was selected for the Australian Test Team of the Century, and it seemed like a good idea to mark his huge contribution to cricket, and the club. Mr Laird also said 'Junction Oval is the geographic name, but really, the right name is the St Kilda Cricket Club Ground'.

Before official approval is sought from Parks Victoria, the change has to be sanctioned by members of the St Kilda Cricket Club and the Melbourne Cricket Club. The Mayor of Port Phillip City (see below) emailed SKHS asking for our views on the proposed name change. Members who wish to express their opinion should email [info@skhs.org.au](mailto:info@skhs.org.au) or write to PO Box 177 Balaclava and we'll on-forward. (Read SKHS committee responses below.)

From: Bolitho, Janet - Mayor  
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 10:31 AM  
Subject: Re: Junction Oval Name Change

*What is the view of the Society on the suggestion floating around re changing the name of Junction Oval?*

Replies-----

*I ask you, are they proposing to change the name of the MCG to the Trumble Ground? Who remembers Hugh Trumble (1867–1965) 100 years after his career finished? So who do you suppose will remember Warne in 100 years time? It is a silly idea. The Junction Oval has been known (and loved) by that name for over 150 years. Leave it as it is .*

**Peter**

*I have had a dinner time conversation with my daughter Tania (aged 15) regarding this issue:  
Her questions and comments:*

1. Will people from COPP benefit from the change?
2. Will this appeal to ALL of the people of COPP, especially taking into account Warne's personal past?
3. What is the connection between Warne, the Oval and the COPP?
4. Why does the Oval need a new name?

*When I think of a reason for a change of a name of something in the community, I think of publicity and benefit to the community.*

*As the Oval is already so successful and already benefits the community under its current name, and the Oval nor Warne do not need the publicity. Therefore she cannot find a valid reason for changing the name of the Oval at this given time. Perhaps the voice of youth might be of use. Pass it on!*

**John**

*Who was Hugh Trumble?  
Peter is right in saying  
Warne will not be remembered in 100 years time when his record has been shattered by some other Australian or maybe an Englishman on some performance enhancing potion !! So let us leave as is.*

**Dorothy**

*I STRONGLY resist the suggestion to name it Warne Oval. What an ... man, even if he is a good cricketer, and how about we hold onto some tradition, not named after anybody, but depicting an area — the Junction. Naming something should be permanent not just with a popular fad. What will he be remembered by in later years??? I hate to think— maybe Telstra Oval should be named Warne Oval!!!!*

**Carol**

*I would vote for keeping "Junction Oval", mainly because Shane Warne is a ... in my opinion.*

**Mark**

*Keep 'Junction Oval'. Incidentally, does anyone know what a 'Junction' would be called in Bunurrong?*

**Fran**

*The corroboree tree nearby at the junction is called Ngargee Yalukit Willam. Basically it means meeting or ceremonial place of the local clan: Yalukit Willam. I guess a former football ground could be called Ngargee Marngrook. Meyer*

**To the Mayor:**

*I have done a quick census of the committee ...*

*I thought that it may appeal to the younger generation but even teenage Tania thinks it is a travesty.*

*As Peter says, the Junction Oval has been known (and loved) by that name for over 150 years. Meyer*

## Letter from the President

Recently, SKHS assisted with two Koori Trail Heritage Walks on the CoPP Aboriginal Trail. The walks attracted 150 participants. Initially this was organised by CoPP and the EcoCentre for the St Kilda festival. Also involved were the Koori Heritage Trust and Caroline Briggs of the Bunurong community.

Hopefully this is part of an exciting new project which is intended to provide opportunities for young Koori-Victorians to work as trail guides in the City of Port Phillip.

The SKHS Committee of Management recently wrote to the City of Port Phillip expressing concern over their proposal to site a skate park and urban plaza on the Aboriginal heritage trail.

While SKHS supports recreational opportunities for young persons, however in the spirit of reconciliation we believe that the choice of sites for all new developments must be sensitive to any impacts on the heritage of the traditional owners.

Several months ago we asked local resident, entertaining speaker and eminent jurist, Howard Nathan to speak on any subject of his choice. He chose to speak on a topic dear to him: the Koori History of Port Phillip. Don't miss this at our next meeting, **22**

**A p r i l 2 0 0 7 !**

*Meyer*

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Unless otherwise notified:

– Members are welcome to attend  
Committee meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesdays each month (except January)  
at 6.30pm in SKHS office, St Kilda  
Library.

– General meetings are held on 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Sunday each month (except January)  
at 2.30pm in the Community Room, St  
Kilda Library. Free talk at 3.00pm.  
Everyone welcome. Afternoon tea  
served. Open to the public.

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## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Kilda as a Municipal District**

**2PM Sunday 15 April 2007, St Kilda Cemetery,**

St Kilda Historical Society in collaboration with Friends of the St Kilda Cemetery, and support from the City of Port Phillip, are hosting a **FREE** community event to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Kilda as a Municipal District in 1857.

The event will commence at **2PM Sunday 15 April** with professional actors presenting an original performance piece highlighting our earliest representatives at local government level. This will be followed by a guided walk-n-talk tour focusing on some of the former mayors interred in the cemetery, and the celebrations will close with light refreshments.

Bookings are **essential** as numbers are limited for insurance and catering purposes. Enquiries and bookings: phone 9531 6832, 95272387 or email: [info@foskc.org](mailto:info@foskc.org).

### **SKHS 2007 Talks : 22 April 13 May 10 June**

#### **The Koories of Port Phillip**

**3.00pm Sunday 22 April**

Guest speaker and distinguished jurist, Howard Nathan, explores the historic events before and after colonial settlement affecting the traditional owners of the Port Phillip District.

**NB: no meeting on 8 April  
(Easter Sunday)**

#### **Roller Coaster History**

**3.00pm Sunday 13 May**

Author Bruce Patience talks about his research on the history of amusement parks in Australia including our own Luna Park.

Share your memories and pictures with us of this heritage icon, the subject of endless artworks, film and literature.

#### **Gay St Kilda**

**3.00pm Sunday 10 June**

Our speaker Wayne Murdoch is from the Australian Gay and Lesbian Archives (ALGA) which records the history of the advancement of civil rights of the Gay movement in which St Kilda has played an enormous role.

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