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SHIRE

OF

BELLARINE



PROCLAIMED SEPTEMBER 18, 1865

Historic Moves To Shire Proclamation

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Six dates stand out in the early historical days of the Shire of Bellarine as it is today.

They are:—

December	12,	1853
June	10,	1854
March	7,	1859
October	29,	1860
July	8,	1861
September	18,	1865

On each of those occasions important notices were published in the Government Gazette which culminated in the establishment of the Shire of Bellarine.

The Municipality as it is today must be one of the few in the State which was preceded by two other bodies of local administration.

The notifications published in the Government Gazette show that the first Proclamation brought into existence the Portarlington Road District on December 12, 1853.

Six months later on June 10, 1854 the Police Magistrate at Geelong convened a meeting for June 27 to elect a Road Board.

Five years later (1859) the Portarlington Road District was altered and in the following year (1860) the Indented Heads Road District was Proclaimed.

Less than a year later the Indented Heads Road District was "enlarged."

Then on September 18, 1865 that enlarged district was Proclaimed the Shire of Bellarine, and it is that historic event which is being Commemorated today.

One interesting point in connection with the Proclamation of "The Indented Heads Road District Enlarged," is that the definition concludes with the stipulation:

"excepting the area proposed for a municipality of Queenscliff."

Replicas of the historical early documents follow on succeeding pages.

A point of interest is that in the Proclamation of the Shire of Bellarine it is stated that on February 27, 1865 the Indented Heads Road District was divided into three electoral subdivisions.

That was the prelude to the declaration of the Shire as it is today.

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Council Chamber



BELLARINE SHIRE COUNCIL IN SESSION, OCTOBER, 1965.

From Left: Cr. P. McDonald, Cr. J. Davies, Cr. N. Atkins, Miss G. Shaw (Stenographer), Mr. H. Williams (Shire Secretary), Cr. J. Henderson (President), Mr. F. C. Dallimore (Shire Engineer), Cr. R. Guyett, Cr. R. Aitken, Cr. H. Bennett, Cr. G. Stevens.

(Cr. M. Durran was unable to attend when this photograph was taken).

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Proclamation

PORTARLINGTON ROAD DISTRICT

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By His Excellency Charles Joseph La Trobe, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas by an Act of the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria, made and passed in the sixteenth year of the Reign of her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for making and improving Roads in the Colony of Victoria," it is amongst other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor, from time to time, to proclaim and declare any such portion of the said Colony as to him should seem meet, as and to be a Road District for the purposes in the said Act contained, and also to define the boundaries of every Road District thereby proclaimed and declared, and to give a specific name or designation to every such Road District, and from time to time to revoke any such Proclamation, and vary and alter the boundary of any such District as may be necessary and advisable: Now therefore I, Charles Joseph La Trobe, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor as aforesaid, in pursuance of the power so vested in me by the said in part recited Act, and of every other power and authority enabling me in this behalf, do hereby proclaim and declare the undermentioned portion of the said Colony to be a Road District, and that such Road District is bounded as follows:—On the East by the part of the Eastern Boundary of the parish of Bellarine, commencing at Port Phillip Bay, bearing south five miles sixty chains, and by a divisional line between portions 3 and 4 of block 2, parish of Paywit, bearing south one mile; on the South by a line bearing west seven miles to the Eastern boundary of the parish of Moolap, and thence by a line bearing north 82° west, five miles and three chains to the Corporation Boundary of the town of Geelong; on the West by the Corporation Boundary bearing northwards to Port Phillip Bay; and on the North by the waters of Port Phillip Bay to the commencing point: and I do hereby further proclaim and declare, that such Road District shall be called and known as the "Portarlington Road District."

Given under my hand, and the Seal of the said Colony,
at Melbourne, this twelfth day of December, in
the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred
and fifty-three, and the seventeenth year of Her
Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

C. J. LA TROBE.

By His Excellency's Command,

JOHN FOSTER.

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Request For Meeting

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To William Henry Bonsey, Esquire,
Police Magistrate of the Town of Geelong
and of the County of Grant.

We, the undersigned, being Landholders and Householders residing in and within the proclaimed Road District styled the "Portarlington Road District," do hereby request you to convene a meeting of the Landholders and Householders in such District for the purpose of forming a District Road Board in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Council, 16th Victoria, No. 40.

(Signed)	Landholders	Householders
	CAROLINE E. NEWCOMB, H. LANGDON, JOHN ARMSTRONG, THOS. SHANKLIN, JOSEPH BURKITT.	RICHARD SABINE, JAS. McANDREW, THOS. GANGE, JNO. WYLIE, LAWRENCE WEBB.

Bellarine, 29th May, 1854.

In compliance with the above requisition, I hereby convene a meeting of the Landholders and Householders of the Road District above mentioned, to be holden at the Buck's Head Inn, in the parish of Bellarine, in the County of Grant, on Tuesday, the 27th day of June instant, at 12 o'clock, at noon, to form a District Road Board for the purpose of superintending, providing for, and completing the construction, repair and maintenance of the Roads in the said Road District, and for carrying out therein the provisions in the said Act contained.

Dated at Geelong, this tenth day of June, in the year of Our Lord 1854.

WILLIAM HENRY BONSEY,
Police Magistrate.

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Proclamation

PORTARLINGTON ROAD DISTRICT ALTERED

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By His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas by a Proclamation under the Hand of the Governor and the Seal of the Colony, bearing date the twelfth day of December, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, the boundaries of "The Portarlington Road District" were defined as therein mentioned: And whereas it is deemed necessary and advisable to vary and alter the boundary of such district: Now therefore, I Sir Henry Barkly, the Governor of Victoria, with the advice of the Executive Council do hereby revoke the boundaries specified in the said Proclamation; and, with the advice aforesaid, I do hereby proclaim and declare that from henceforth the boundaries of the said Portarlington road district shall be the boundaries hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

Commencing at a point on the west coast line of Swan Bay where intersected by the south boundary of portion 6 of block 2 in the parish of Paywit, in the county of Grant, and being bounded on the south by a line bearing west to the west boundary of the parish of Bellarine; thence further on the south by a line bearing west about 8 degrees north to a point in the west boundary of section 1, in the parish of Moolap, about 33 chains south of the north-west angle of said section; thence on the west by the west boundary of the said section to its north-west angle; thence further on the south by the north boundaries of portions 5, 4, 3, and 22, section 13, in the said parish, and a line bearing west to the east boundary of section 6 in the said parish; thence by the east boundary of the said section northwards to the north-east angle of portion 5 of the said section; thence further on the south by the north boundaries of portions 5 and 2 of the said section, and of portion 5 of section 5 of the said parish; thence further on the west by the west boundary of said section and a line bearing north to Corio Bay; and thence on the north and east by the shores of Port Phillip Bay, bearing easterly and southerly to the commencing point in Swan Bay.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony,
this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord
One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and in
the twenty-second year of Her Majesty's reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

(L.S.)

HENRY BARKLY

C. GAVAN DUFFY,

President of the Board of Land and Works.

R.&B.281.

God Save the Queen!

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Proclamation

THE INDENTED HEADS ROAD DISTRICT.

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By His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas by an Act of the Lieutenant Governor and Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria, passed in the sixteenth year of Her present Majesty's reign, intituled, An Act for making and improving Roads in the Colony of Victoria, it was amongst other things enacted, that it should be lawful for the Lieutenant Governor, from time to time, by notice in the Government Gazette, to proclaim and declare any such portion of the said colony as to him should seem meet, as and to be a road district for the purposes in the said Act contained, and also to define the boundaries of every road district thereby proclaimed and declared, and to give a specific name or designation to every such road district: And whereas by a Proclamation under the hand of the Governor and the seal of the colony, bearing date the twelfth day of December, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, a portion of the County of Grant therein described was erected into a road district, under the designation of the "Portarlington Road District:" And whereas by another Proclamation, bearing date the seventh day of March, in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, the boundaries of the said road district were altered: And whereas it is deemed expedient again to alter the boundaries of such district, and to change the designation thereof: Now therefore, I, Sir Henry Barkly, do hereby, with the advice of the Executive Council, revoke the said several Proclamations hereinbefore mentioned, and, with the advice aforesaid, I do hereby proclaim and declare that the portion of the county of Grant hereinafter defined shall be a road district for the purposes in the said Act contained, that is to say: Commencing at a point on the shore of the inner Geelong harbor, about forty chains east of Point Galena; thence south to the south-west angle of portion 5, section V, of the parish of Moolap; thence easterly to the north-east angle of portion 5, section 4, of the said parish; thence south to the south-west angle of portion 1, section 13, of the said parish; thence east to the north-west angle of section 1, in the said parish; thence south to a point about thirty-three chains south of the north-west angle of the said section; thence by a line bearing east about 8 degrees south to the eastern boundary of the parish of Bellarine; thence south by the western boundary of the said parish to the southern boundary of the said parish; thence by the southern boundaries of the said parish and the parish of Paywit and by the sea coast to the commencing point, excepting the area proposed for a municipality of Queenscliff.

And I do hereby further proclaim and declare that the specific name or designation of such road district shall be "The Indented Heads Road District."

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony,
at Melbourne, this twenty-ninth day of October,
in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred and sixty, and in the twenty-fourth
year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

HENRY BARKLY.

By His Excellency's Command,
A. F. A. GREEVES,

President of the Board of Land and Works.

God Save the Queen!

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE VICTORIA GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

OF FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1861

Proclamation

THE INDENTED HEADS ROAD DISTRICT ENLARGED.

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By His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

Whereas by a Proclamation under the Hand of the Governor and the Seal of the Colony, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of October, in the year One thousand eight hundred and sixty, the boundaries of "The Indented Heads Road District" were defined as therein mentioned: And whereas it is deemed necessary and advisable to alter the boundaries of such district: Now therefore, I, Sir Henry Barkly, the Governor of Victoria, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby revoke so much of the said Proclamation as defines the boundaries of the said district; and, with the advice aforesaid, I do hereby proclaim and declare that from henceforth the said Indented Heads Road District shall be and comprise so much of the county of Grant as is included within the area hereinafter specified, that is to say:—

Commencing at the north-west angle of the parish of Moolap; thence south by the western boundary of the said parish; thence easterly and southerly by the southern boundary of the said parish to the south-west angle of the parish of Bellarine; thence south by the western boundary of the said parish to the southern boundary of the said parish; thence by the southern boundaries of the said parish and the parish of Paywit, and by the sea-coast, to the commencing point, excepting the area proposed for a municipality at Queenscliff.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony,
at Melbourne, this eighth day of July, in the
year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred
and sixty-one, and in the twenty-fifth year of
Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

HENRY BARKLY.

By His Excellency's Command,

J. H. BROOKE,

President of the Board of Land and Works.

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The Day Of Commemoration

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PROCLAMATION OF SHIRE

By His Excellency Sir Charles Henry Darling, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Victoria, &c. &c., &c.

Whereas by The Local Government Act 1863 it is amongst other things enacted that if at any time in any district, whether single or united, which shall contain an area of not less than one hundred square miles, the total amount actually paid in respect of the general rate then last made shall have amounted to One thousand pounds, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to proclaim, if it shall seem fit, such district, by such name as in and by such Order in Council may be assigned thereto, to be a shire within the meaning of the said Act, and such district shall thereupon be and be called such shire accordingly; and no district, after the proclamation thereof as such shire, save as therein provided with regard to the adjustment of boundaries to those of electoral districts, shall be united with any other shire or district, or with any borough or municipal district: And whereas by a Proclamation under the hand of the Governor and the seal of the colony, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of October, 1860, a Road District was proclaimed under the designation of "The Indented Heads Road District:" And whereas by another Proclamation bearing date the eighth day of July, 1861, the said Road District was altered as therein mentioned: And whereas by an Order of the Governor in Council made on the twenty-seventh day of February, 1865, the said Road District was divided into the three electoral subdivisions therein defined: And whereas the area of the said district and the amount of the last general rate therein are not less than the area and amount in the said Act mentioned; and it seemed fit to make an Order in Council this day to proclaim the said district to be a shire accordingly: Now therefore I, Sir Charles Henry Darling, the Governor of Victoria, with the advice of the Executive Council, do hereby proclaim the district heretofore proclaimed and called the Indented Heads Road District to be a Shire within the meaning of the said Act, by the name in and by such Order in Council assigned thereto, that is to say:—

THE SHIRE OF BELLARINE.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Colony,
at Melbourne, this eighteenth day of September,
in the year of our Lord One thousand
eight hundred and sixty-five, and in the
twenty-ninth year of Her Majesty's reign.

(L.S.)

C. H. DARLING.

By His Excellency's Command,
J. F. SULLIVAN.

God Save the Queen!

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**Official Documents
For Centenary Meeting**

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Shire of Bellarine

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Notice Paper
for
Special Meeting of the Shire Council

to be held on
Friday, 12th November, 1965
at 11 a.m.

TO COMMEMORATE THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PROCLAMATION OF THE SHIRE ON 18th SEPTEMBER, 1865.

Council Summons

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To Cr.....

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Sir,—

You are hereby summoned to attend a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNCIL OF THE SHIRE OF BELLARINE, to be held in the Council Chamber, Drysdale on FRIDAY, the 12th day of NOVEMBER, 1965, at 11 a.m. for the transaction of the business commemorating the Centenary of the Shire.

H. A. WILLIAMS,
Shire Secretary.

Shire Offices,
Drysdale.
1st November, 1965.

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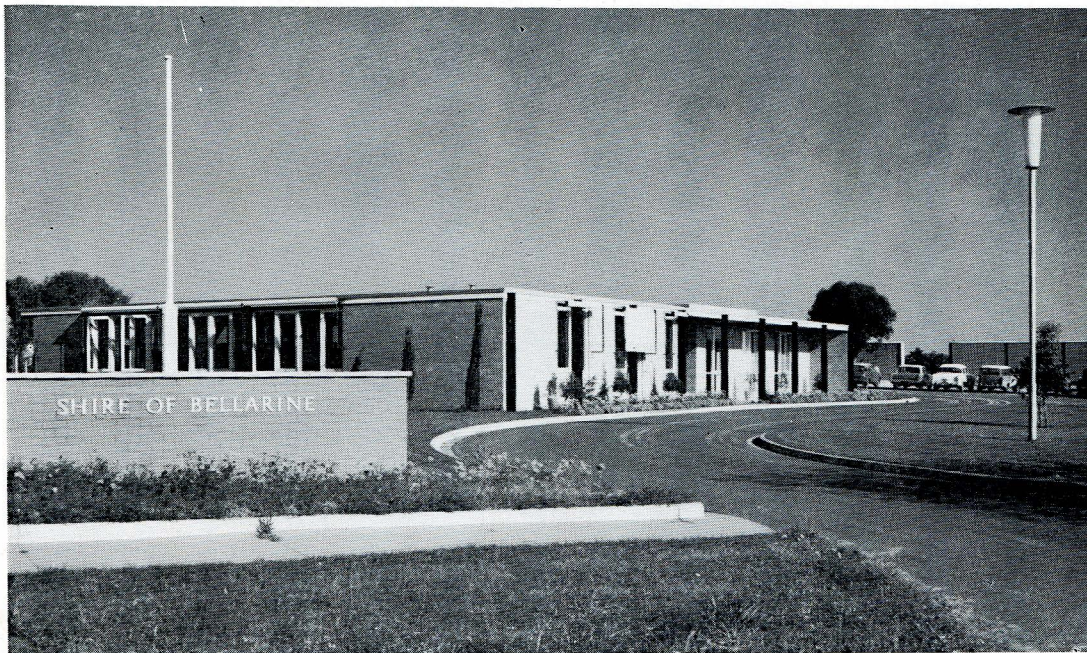
MEETING PLACES OF THE COUNCIL.



THE OLD.

Shire Hall, in Western section of the Drysdale township, erected in 1880 and used until APRIL, 1962, when the new offices were brought into use.

This hall also was the Drysdale Court House from the time it was opened and is still used for that purpose. It is now also used for Kindergarten purposes.



THE NEW.

Shire offices and Council Chamber on the new site in the Eastern section of the Drysdale township.

This is the focal point of the Centenary Commemoration.

Meeting Places Of The Council

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Interesting records are available regarding the erection of the Shire Hall which was vacated in 1962 to move into the building now in use.

It is apparent there was a Shire Hall prior to 1880, but available records do not indicate its location.

But the interesting records in respect of the new building—as taken from minute books—are as follows:—

The meeting ordered to be held on the 5th day of May 1880 to act as a building Committee took place at 4 p.m.

Present—Cr. Trethowan, in the Chair. Councillors Cant, Williamson, Henderson.

Tenders were opened. They were as follows:—

J. C. Taylor	£1017 0 0	Ebbles	1041 0 0
I. Holyoak	1048 6 0	Trevena & Gubby	1020 0 0
Thomas Pescott	996 0 0	V. Saddler	999 17 6
G. Winstone	996 5 0	J. Baxter & Son	978 14 0

The tender of Baxter & Son contained an addenda that if medium axed bluestone be used for Base Course £7 less would be taken.

Moved by Cr. Henderson, seconded by Cr. Cant "That the tender of Baxter & Son be accepted at the reduced figure of £971.14.0."—Carried.

Moved by Cr. Henderson, seconded by Cr. Williamson "That Secretary write to Mr. Levien, M.P., to secure the £400 granted by the late Government by paying it over to the Council before the end of June next or have it revoted on the new estimates together with an additional £100 for the same purpose."—Carried.

Messrs. Trethowan and Williamson were appointed to see Mr. Levien on the subject.

The Meeting then closed.

(Signed) John McMaster, President.

Next reference to the erection of the new Shire Hall is this extract from the Minutes of Meeting "held on Wednesday, 4th August, 1880, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at the Shire Hall, Drysdale."

"The Council adjourned until 3 o'clock with a view of laying Foundation stone of new Shire Hall in the interim."

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone was described as follows:—

"Messrs. Bates and Brazier, two of the local justices, were in attendance at the site and also a number of ratepayers.

Mr. George Henderson, senior Councillor of the Shire, laid the foundation stone.

The stone covered a sealed bottle placed in a cavity having therein a copy of the Melbourne Argus, the Melbourne Age, Geelong Advertiser and Geelong Times also a shilling of the latest coin of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and also a manuscript containing the following matter—

This foundation stone was laid on the fourth day of August, 1880 by Councillor George Henderson of Hopefield, senior Councillor of the Shire. The Council consisting of the following members—

Cr. John McMaster—Shire President.

Bellarine Riding—Crs. G. Henderson, E. Trethowan and D. Williamson.

Moolap Riding—Crs. J. McMaster, T. Sutterby and W. Walker.

Paywit Riding—Crs. R. Smiley, A. McLeod and J. Cant.

Andrew McWilliams, Secretary and Surveyor.

George Hebbard, Inspector and Collector.

The Council resumed at 3 o'clock."

An extract from Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th October, 1880, stated:—

"The report of the Committee for conducting the opening ceremony of the new shire hall was read, in which was nominated a Committee of Management.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to forward the invitations mentioned in the report and get tickets of admission printed and circulated among the members of the Committee."

Just over eight years later the Minutes of the meeting held 7th September, 1881, had this reference to the site on which the hall was erected:—

Letter from the Lands and Survey Department was read requesting the Council to pay £2 for the title for the ground on which the Shire Hall was built.

The Secretary was instructed to reply and state that the Council would pay half the cost of preparing same and that the Law Department should pay the remaining half.

Letter from J. F. Levien, M.P., was read also a letter from the Treasury was read both informing the Council that the £500 promised toward the cost of building the Shire Hall and Court House would be paid immediately.

The Secretary informed the Council that this amount had been placed to the credit of the Shire fund.

Centenary Year Shire Offices

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Four years ago the stage was reached when the offices which had served the Shire since 1880 were not only inadequate to meet the demands of the expanding municipality, but were also out of harmony with the standing of the Shire which had become one of the best known in the State.

The Council decided on a move designed to serve the Shire for many years and it was decided to purchase an area which would serve not only as a site for municipal headquarters, but also of ample proportions to accommodate the headquarters' activities—workshop, plant, and any section of shire work—as well as providing room for further expansion.

The decision brought about a move from the traditional area of the Shire headquarters from the west of the centre of the Drysdale township to eastern side.

Three and a half acres of land were purchased from Mr. and Mrs. A. Drake.

The shire offices and Council chamber, focal point of the Centenary celebrations, were officially opened on 6th April, 1962.

Since then a modern workshop and auxiliary facilities have been erected adjacent to the Shire offices.

On this Centenary celebration day the Shire of Bellarine has a municipal headquarters of which its ratepayers can be justifiably proud.

A difference to 1880 when it was written:—

“The Shire Hall and Court House is an aged wooden building quite unfitted for the present business, and a more commodious and convenient structure is much desired.”

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Centenary Celebrations Honor Progress of Local Government

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One hundred and thirty-one years ago the Shire of Bellarine, as it is known today, came into the picture of world importance when John Batman, founder of Melbourne landed at Indented Head.

In the wealth of historical documents published since that time, the story of those early days has been told.

But before that time actually in 1802, it is recorded that Indented Head was first given its name.

From the time of Batman's landing the tempo of progress was increased, but it was not until 1853 that the first measure of local government became operative for part of the present Shire with the formation of the Portarlington Road District.

From that time there was a stream of events which connected the first authority to the present Shire and the Centenary Celebrations today.

The Shire of Bellarine can be proud of its position today. It has been, and still is a prolific rural area, it has developed as an outstanding holiday area because of its considerable and attractive coastal areas, and in more recent years it has achieved considerable residential and industrial progress.

Today the Shire of Bellarine is widely known.

There have been clouded periods during the developmental process, but they have been surmounted, and the future outlook is only one of prosperity.

Today must be one of rejoicing at the achievements of the past, gratitude for the past to municipal legislators and pioneer citizens, and reverent thanksgiving for the prosperity of the Shire.

Agenda For Special Centenary Meeting

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PRAYER.

1. "ALMIGHTY GOD we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of Thy Glory and the true welfare of the people of the Shire of Bellarine. Amen."
2. The Shire President (Cr. J. Henderson) will welcome the Governor of Victoria (Sir Rohan Delacombe) and Lady Delacombe, the Minister for Local Government (The Hon. R. J. Hamer, M.L.C.), officials of the Municipal Association of Victoria, and other guests.
3. RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY.
Submitted by Cr. N. W. H. Atkins:
"That this meeting desires to convey on behalf of the citizens of the Shire of Bellarine an assurance of devotion, loyalty and attachment to the Throne and person of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and that His Excellency be asked to convey this resolution to Her Majesty.
Seconded by Cr. R. Guyett.
4. CORRESPONDENCE.
The Secretary will read congratulatory messages.
5. RESOLUTIONS.
Submitted by Cr. H. W. Bennett:
"That the correspondence be received and that the senders of the congratulatory messages be thanked for their good wishes."
Seconded by Cr. M. J. Durran.
6. Submitted by Cr. P. E. McDonald:
"That this Council places on record its gratitude at the attainment of 100 years of municipal life, and the prosperity and progress which has marked its centenary of operations.
"This Council also pays tribute to the pioneers of the municipality, those who have served in an honorary capacity as Councillors, and who have laid and maintained the high standards the fruit of which are evident today. To the residents of the municipality throughout the past 100 years, the Council also records its appreciation in the continuity of the work which has been necessary since the proclamation of the Bellarine municipality on 18th September, 1865."
Seconded by Cr. J. G. Davies.
7. Submitted by Cr. R. Aitken:
"That as a permanent memento of the commemoration of the Centenary of The Shire of Bellarine, His Excellency be asked to unveil the Honor Board of Presidents who have been the leaders of the Shire throughout the past 100 years, and that this Council thanks Sir Rohan and Lady Delacombe for honoring the municipality today with their presence."
Seconded by Cr. G. R. Stevens.
8. President will ask His Excellency to unveil the Honor Board.
9. President will declare the meeting closed, and advise guests that Sir Rohan and Lady Delacombe will be at the Drysdale Recreation Reserve at noon.

A Glimpse Into The Past

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Fifteen years after the Shire had been Proclaimed—a reasonable period of settling down—the following was the official details published in the municipal directory of 1880.

Area, 116 square miles; Population 3700; Ratepayers on Roll, 750; Annual Value, £22,853; Revenue, £3,269; Rate, 1s. in the Pound; Revenue from Licences, £225.

Nature of Country—The pastoral land is mostly scrubby timber; the agricultural varies from sandy loam to rich black soil.

Leading Industries—Production of corn, hay, potatoes, and onions.

Public Buildings—An unfinished Anglican Church at Kensington; a neat and well-finished Anglican church, a good brick State School, and a brick Wesleyan church, at Drysdale; and a neat Scots' church at Bellarine.

Notable Places—Clifton Spa and The Basin (the latter an extinct volcano), near Drysdale.

Townships in Shire—Drysdale, Portarlington, and St. Leonards.

DRYSDALE

Telegraph and railway station on the Queenscliff line of railway. It has a savings bank in connection with the post office, also a money-order office, and a branch of the Colonial Bank. It is situated one mile from Lake Lorne, two miles from Drysdale jetty, on Port Phillip Bay; and is fifty-eight miles from Melbourne by rail and road. There is a daily coach through from Geelong to Portarlington.

The steamer Atheltic calls at the jetty for goods and passengers to and from Geelong and Melbourne. There is one hotel.

The shire hall and court house is an old wooden building, quite unfitted for the present business, and a more commodious and convenient structure is much desired.

There are three churches, a State-school, and a mechanics' institute. The Roman Catholic body have their own school, which is held at their chapel.

The land is well tilled for onions, potatoes, and corn, and supplies the early crops to Geelong, Ballarat, and Melbourne markets, and also to New South Wales and the northern parts of the colony.

The land south of the town is poor, and is utilised for pasturing sheep, and held in comparatively small quantities by the graziers.

Perch, carp, and tench can be found with rod and line in the local reservoir; fishing licence is 1s. per week.

There are several mineral springs at Clifton, which are well reported of by the medical faculty.

PORTARLINGTON

A post town, savings bank, and money-order office, and favourably known as a healthy watering place. There is a good jetty. A large quantity of provisions are exported to Melbourne, New South Wales, and other places, giving employment to a number of sailing crafts of various sizes.

The town is an exceptionally clean one, and being situated on a slope facing Port Phillip Bay, within view of the surrounding shores, unfolds scenery of remarkable beauty.

The land to the south is rich black soil, and carries excellent crops of all kinds.

There is one church, a branch bank, two hotels, and two miles south a well built Scots' church.

There is a coach daily to and from Geelong, nineteen miles distant, which passes through Drysdale. The Drysdale railway station is six miles distant.

ST. LEONARDS (INDENTED HEAD)

A bathing and fishing village on the shore of Port Phillip Bay, twenty-four miles S.W. of Melbourne by steamer.

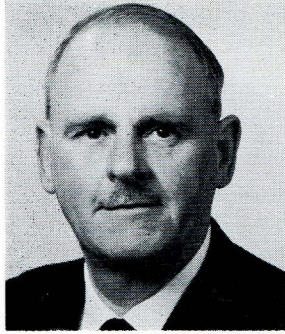
The 'Queenscliff' steamer takes and leaves passengers and goods for Melbourne and Queenscliff. There is a splendid jetty with sixteen feet of water.

The surrounding country is chiefly used for grazing sheep. There is one hotel and a State School. It is situated twelve miles N. of Queenscliff, six miles from Portarlington, ten miles from Drysdale, twenty-two miles from Geelong and sixty-eight miles from Melbourne.

There is a comfortable and well kept hotel. Population, 100. The land in the district is adapted for grazing and farming.

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Centenary Year, Councillors and Officers



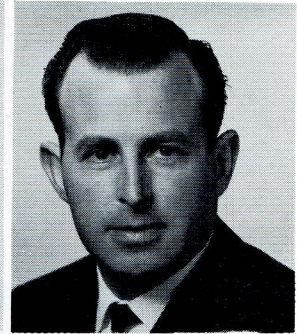
Cr. N. W. H. ATKINS, J.P.
(Moolap Riding), resides at Newcomb. Elected to Council in 1951. Has been President on four occasions.



Cr. R. GUYETT, J.P.
(Bellarine Riding), resides at Ocean Grove. Elected to Council in 1955. Has been President on two occasions.



Cr. H. W. BENNETT, J.P.
(Bellarine Riding), resides at Drysdale. Elected to Council in 1957. Has been President on one occasion.



Cr. P. E. McDONALD
(Paywit Riding). Elected to Council in 1964 to succeed his father, Mr. F. McDonald who served for 23 years. Resides at Swan Bay as does his father.

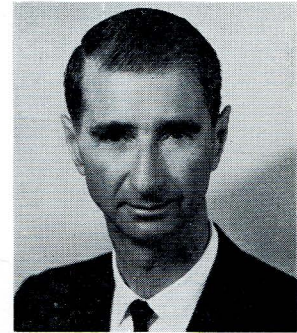


Mr. H. A. WILLIAMS
F.I.M.A., J.P.
SHIRE SECRETARY

Appointed to the Shire of Bellarine in 1948 when he was Town Clerk of St. Arnaud. Commenced his municipal career in the Geelong district with the Shire of Barrabool, later was with other municipalities. Qualified as Municipal Clerk in 1934.

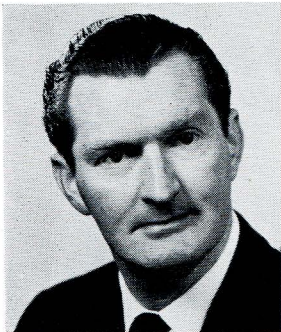


Cr. J. HENDERSON, J.P.
(Paywit Riding), resides at Portarlington. Elected to the Council in 1920. Has been President on nine occasions. His grandfather George Henderson was a member of the Council from 1867-1889.

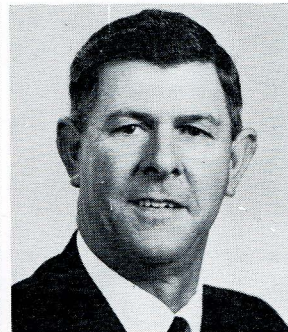


Mr. F. C. DALIMORE
C.E., A.M.Inst.C.E.,
A.M.I.E. (Aust.).
SHIRE ENGINEER

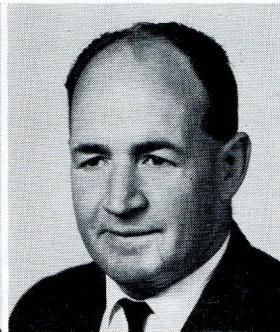
Appointed Shire Engineer in 1954 when engineer to the Shire of Stawell. Studied engineering at the Gordon Institute of Technology, Geelong. Has been 37 years in Municipal engineering.



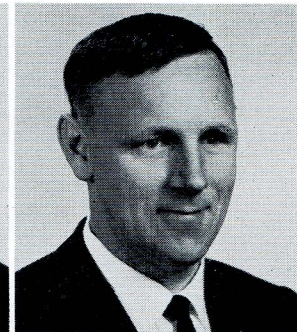
Cr. R. L. AITKEN
(Bellarine Riding), resides at Wallington. Elected to Council in 1963.



Cr. J. H. DAVIES
(Moolap Riding), resides at Moolap. Elected Council in 1965 (Centenary Year).



Cr. M. J. DURRAN, J.P.
(Moolap Riding), resides at Newcomb. Elected to Council in 1955.



Cr. G. R. STEVENS
(Paywit Riding), resides at Portarlington. Elected to Council in 1965 (Centenary Year).

Members of Council and Shire Details

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1965 - 1966

Cr. J. HENDERSON, J.P., Shire President.

BELLARINE RIDING

- *Cr. Reginald GUYETT, J.P., Ocean Grove Elected 1955
- *Cr. Harold William BENNETT, J.P., Drysdale Elected 1957
- Cr. Russell Lawrence AITKEN, Wallington Elected 1963

MOOLAP RIDING

- *Cr. Norman Wallace Holden ATKINS, J.P., Newcomb Elected 1951
- Cr. Mervyn James DURRAN, J.P. Newcomb Elected 1955
- Cr. John Geoffrey DAVIES, Moolap Elected 1965

PAYWIT RIDING

- *Cr. James HENDERSON, J.P., Portarlinton Elected 1920
- Cr. Philip Ewen McDONALD, P.O. Box 16, Queenscliff Elected 1964
- Cr. Gordon Ralph STEVENS, Portarlinton Elected 1965

* Has been Shire President.

Shire Secretary—Harold Arthur WILLIAMS
F.I.M.A., J.P.

Shire Engineer—Frank Craig DALLIMORE
C.E., A.M.Inst.C.E., A.M.I.E. (Aust.).

SHIRE DETAILS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1965.

Shire Offices—Portarlinton Road, Drysdale.

Area of Shire—128 square miles.

Population (Estimated)—12,290.

Dwellings—4737.

Net Annual Value of Rateable Property—£1,804,896.

General Rate—1/9d. in the £.

Rate Revenue—£157,928.

Rate Assessments—12,595.

Presidential Allowance—£450.

Value of Building Permits, 1964-65—£1,743,582.

There has been only one alteration in connection with the Shire since it was proclaimed a century ago.

In March, 1919 an internal alteration was made to riding boundaries. This was undertaken so that the whole of the area generally known as the Portarlinton district was incorporated in the Paywit riding. Previously it had been partly in Bellarine riding and partly in Paywit.

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Programme For Centenary Celebrations

November 12, 1965

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- 10.45 A.M. Arrival of His Excellency, the Governor of Victoria, Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., K.St.J., and Lady Delacombe at Shire Offices.
- 11.00 A.M. Commencement of Special Council Meeting, at conclusion of which, an inspection will be made of Shire depot and meeting with outdoor staff.
- 11.50 A.M. Vice Regal Party leaves for Drysdale Recreation Reserve.
- 12.30 P.M. Vice Regal Party leaves reserve and travels via Bellarine and Portarlington to Indented Head.
- 12.45 P.M. Inspection of Batman Memorial Cairn in Batman Park.
- 12.50 P.M. Leave Indented Head for St. Leonards.
- 1.00 P.M. Commencement of Centenary Luncheon at St. Leonards Hotel.
- 2.30 P.M. Vice Regal Party leaves St. Leonards for Ocean Grove travelling via a route designed to show rural and seaside aspects of the Shire.
- 2.55 P.M. Arrival at Ocean Grove Memorial Reserve, where His Excellency will lay a wreath on the R.S.L. Memorial.
- 3.10 P.M. Afternoon Tea at The Chalet, Ocean Grove, after inspecting the surfing beach.
- 3.45 P.M. Sir Rohan and Lady Delacombe depart.

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Councillors and Officers

Record of persons who have occupied the position of Councillor to the Shire of Bellarine since its proclamation on the 18th September, 1865.

Campbell, A. M.	1865-1873	Moffat, D.	1889-1892	Henderson, J.	1920
Bourke, J.	1865-1875	Key, W.	1890-1892	Hall, R. G.	1920-1941
Clery, J.	1865-1873	McDonald, R.	1890-1898	Patching, A. S.	1920-1922
Devine, A.	1865-1879	Trebilcock, R.	1889-1898	Jensen, J.	1922-1927
Gange, J. T.	1865-1868	Adams, J.	1890-1891	Wisbey, G.	1926-1947
Hood, A.	1865-1868	Capron, W. H.	1891-1911	Graham, C. E.	1927-1950
Matthews, J. H.	1865-1866	Calhoun, J.	1892-1896	Gallop, R. H.	1928-1930
Savage, T.	1865-1867	Sutterby, R. H.	1893-1899	Vines, A. N.	1929-1938
Wiggins, J.	1865-1867	Pacey, F. J.	1893-1907	Anderson, J. C.	1930-1943
Longden, D.	1866-1868	Gray, W.	1896-1917	O'Halloran, D., Jnr.	1937-1965
Collins	1867-1869	Willis, J. B.	1897-1903	Hammond, J.	1938-1951
Henderson, G.	1867-1889	Webster, G. E.	1898-1906	Clarke, D. G.	1941-1943
Smiley, R.	1868-1886	O'Halloran, D., Snr.	1898-1937	McDonald, F.	1941-1964
Levien, J. F.	1869-1875	Rhind, D.	1900-1902	Whitcombe, R. A.	1943-1952
Trethowan, E.	1868-1882	Wilson, J. A.	1899-1907	Mitchell, E. H.	1943-1955
Sutterby, T.	1869-1889	Edney, W. H.	1902-1905	Lennox, N. D.	1945-1953
Curlewis, A. C.	1873-1875	Wilton, W. B.	1903-1943	Lorimer, C. O.	1947-1953
McAndrew, D.	1873-1876	Harvey, E. A. J.	1905-1941	Ibbotson, V. H.	1950-1965
McLeod, A.	1873-1882	Willey, R.	1905-1912	Hall, L. G.	1953-1955
McMaster, J.	1875-1884	Richardson, C.	1905-1908	Nash, S.	1953-1957
Dredge, J.	1875-1878	Hood, G. A.	1906-1919	Urquhart, C.	1957-1963
Cameron, P.	1875-1878	Turner, J.	1908-1928	Atkins, N. W. H.	1951
Williamson, D.	1878-1891	Adler, E.	1908-1911	Spry, F. R. W.	1952-1957
Cant, J.	1879-1881	Watson, W.	1911-1916	Guyett, R.	1955
Walker, W.	1879-1886	Dew, J.	1911-1917	Durrant, M. J.	1955
Hollins, J.	1881-1884	McLean, A. D.	1912-1919	Bennett, H. W.	1957
Martin, H.	1882-1888	Cornall, R. G.	1917-1929	Aitken, R. L.	1963
Harvey, E.	1882-1897	Dean, W.	1917-1929	McDonald, P. E.	1964
Dalley, J.	1884-1890	Warren, A. W.	1917-1920	Davies, J. G.	1965
Hooper, M. J.	1884-1893	Armytage, F.	1919-1926	Stevens, G. R.	1965
Cooper, J.	1886-1889	Wallis, R.	1919-1920		
Curlewis, G. C.	1886-1890	Beal, A. H.	1919-1920		
Grigg, T. T.	1889-1905				

Record of persons who have occupied the position of Shire Secretary or Engineer to the Shire of Bellarine.

Joint Secretary and Engineer		Engineer	Secretary
McWilliams, A.	1865-1899	White, C. H.	1950-1952
Le Cocq, S.	1899-1907	Leggo, L. M.	1952-1954
Strettle, W. S.	1907-1908	Dallimore, F. C.	1954-
Tuffs, J. R.	1908-1924		
Le Cocq, S.	1924-1925		
Dean, A.	1926-1948		
			Williams, H. A. 1948-

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Presidents Down 100 Years

Since the Proclamation of the Shire of Bellarine in 1865, occupants of the office of President have been:—

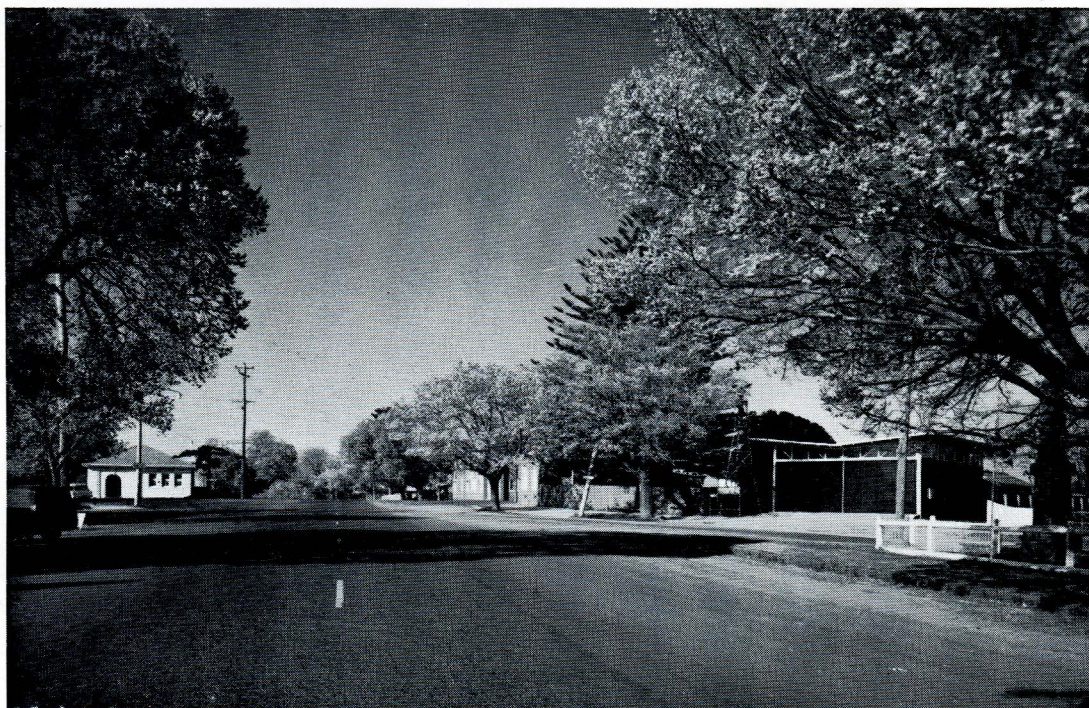
Campbell, A. M.	1865-66	Gray, W.	1899-1900	Wisbey, G.	1932-33
Campbell, A. M.	1866-67	Gray, W.	1900-01	Wisbey, G.	1933-34
Campbell, A. M.	1867-68	Webster, G. E.	1901-02	Wisbey, G.	1934-35
Campbell, A. M.	1868-69	Webster, G. E.	1902-03	O'Halloran, D.,	
Campbell, A. M.	1869-70	O'Halloran, D.,		Snr.	1935-36
Levien, J. F.	1870-71	Snr.	1903-04	Vines, A. N.	1936-37
Levien, J. F.	1871-71	O'Halloran, D.,		Vines, A. N.	1937-38
Smiley, R.	1872-73	Snr.	1904-05	Hall, R. G.	1938-39
Smiley, R.	1873-74	Pacey, F. J.	1905-06	Hall, R. G.	1939-40
Curlewis, A. C. }	1874-75	Pacey, F. J.	1906-07	Henderson, J.	1940-41
Henderson, G. }		Wilton, W. B.	1907-08	Henderson, J.	1941-42
Henderson, G.	1875-76	Wilton, W. B.	1908-09	Henderson, J.	1942-43
Devine, A.	1876-77	Capron, W. H.	1909-10	Henderson, J.	1943-44
Sutterby, T.	1877-78	Capron, W. H.	1910-11	O'Halloran, D.,	
Trethowan, E.	1878-79	Willey, R.	1911-12	Jnr.	1944-45
McMaster, J.	1879-80	O'Halloran, D.,		McDonald, F.	1945-46
McMaster, J.	1880-81	Snr.	1912-13	Whitcombe, R. A.	1946-47
McLeod, A.	1881-82	Harvey, E. A.	1913-14	Hammond, J.	1947-48
Williamson, D.	1882-83	Turner, J.	1914-15	Henderson, J.	1948-49
Williamson, D.	1883-84	Dew, J.	1915-16	Lennox, N. D.	1949-50
Sutterby, T.	1884-85	Gray, W.	1916-17	Mitchell, E. H.	1950-51
Sutterby, T.	1885-86	Wilton, W. B.	1917-18	McDonald, F.	1951-52
Harvey, E.	1886-87	Harvey, E. A.	1918-19	McDonald, F.	1952-53
Harvey, E.	1887-88	Warren, A. W.	1919-20	Spry, F. R. W.	1953-54
Dalley, J.	1888-89	Dean, W.	1920-21	Atkins, N. W. H.	1954-55
Hooper, M. J.	1889-90	Dean, W.	1921-22	Ibbotson, V. H.	1955-56
Hooper, M. J.	1890-91	Dean, W.	1922-23	Nash, S.	1956-57
Grigg, T. T.	1891-92	Henderson, J.	1923-24	Atkins, N. W. H.	1957-58
Grigg, T. T.	1892-93	Armytage, F.	1924-25	Henderson, J.	1958-59
Trebilcock, R.	1893-94	Armytage, F.	1925-26	Guyett, R.	1959-60
McDonald, R.	1894-95	O'Halloran, D.,		Guyett, R.	1960-61
Pacey, F. J.	1895-96	Snr.	1926-27	Atkins, N. W. H.	1961-62
Pacey, F. J.	1896-97	Harvey, E. A.	1927-28	Henderson, J.	1962-63
Capron, W. H.	1897-98	Hall, R. G.	1928-29	Bennett, H. W.	1963-64
Sutterby, R. H.	1898-99	Hall, R. G.	1929-30	Atkins, N. W. H.	1964-65
		Hall, R. G.	1930-31	Henderson, J.	1965-66
		Graham, C. E.	1931-32		

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CENTENARY DAY SCENES IN PRINCIPAL CENTRES OF THE SHIRE.



NEWCOMB—This photograph taken from Boundary Road (the Shire junction with the City of Geelong) shows the commencement of the four lane highway which will extend from Geelong to Queenscliff (Bellarine Highway).



DRYSDALE—A scene in the centre of the township where five roads meet. In the background (left) is the Post Office. In the foreground (right) is the Fire Station. Opposite the Post Office on the right is the Drysdale Hotel—the meeting place of original Road Board. It was then known as the Buck's Head Inn.

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PORTARLINGTON—View of Newcombe Street, Portarlington taken from the entrance from Geelong. On the left foreground is shown the old Post Office, then the new Post Office, infant welfare centre and kindergarten, weighbridge building and band rotunda. The Free Library in the left background, was established in 1883. Shopping centre is shown on right.



INDENTED HEAD—This view shows a large stretch of beach with the boat club house on the left foreground. On either side of the club house there is accommodation for many boats, whilst upstairs there is a well equipped hall. This building, like the shopping centre emphasises the development of the historic locality.

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ST. LEONARDS—In the March of Progress St. Leonards has been transformed. This view in the centre of the township is looking along Queenscliff Road from the approach to the Pier. On the right is the St. Leonards Hotel erected in recent years, and on the left (beyond the electricity pole) is a large general shopping centre which also includes the Post Office.



OCEAN GROVE—This is a typical street scene in the centre of Ocean Grove business centre. Development at Ocean Grove has been spectacular in the last two decades and embraces residential, business, and extensive foreshore development.

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LEOPOLD—This photograph is of the sentinel of a district now undergoing a transformation. Under Geelong and District Town Plan, Leopold is classified as a satellite town with a population of 30,000. This Leopold hall erected in 1891-2 to replace the first building erected in 1883 and destroyed by fire was the nerve centre of the district in its rural days and retains that distinction in the present era of subdivisional activity. One of the first subdivisional sales in the Leopold area was next to the hall (on the Geelong side).

HISTORIC

This Monument is at Indented Head—the second most historic place in Victoria. It was erected to mark the landing of John Batman in that locality in 1835.

One hundred years later (1935) the Centenary of that historic occasion was commemorated (under the sponsorship of the Geelong Advertiser) at a ceremony at the Memorial. Attendance was more than 3000 of whom 1000 were children drawn from schools on the Bellarine Peninsula.



The inscription on the Memorial reads:—
John Batman, Founder of Melbourne, formed a base, Indented Head, 28th May, 1835.

Matthew Flinders landed here on 1802 and crossed to the You Yangs.

B.P.D. League

Centenary Celebrated May 29, 1935.

(NOTE—"B.P.D. League" refers to the Bellarine Peninsula Development League which was in operation about forty years ago. The League published an attractive booklet (undated) reviewing the various centres on the Peninsula).
The League it was stated comprised the "Combined Progress Associations of the Bellarine Peninsula and District."

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CONTROLLING POINT

Signal Station (also at the historic area of Point Henry) which controls the movements of shipping in the Port of Geelong. The Signal Station was brought into use on November 7, 1940 by the Geelong Harbor Trust, the controlling authority of the Port.

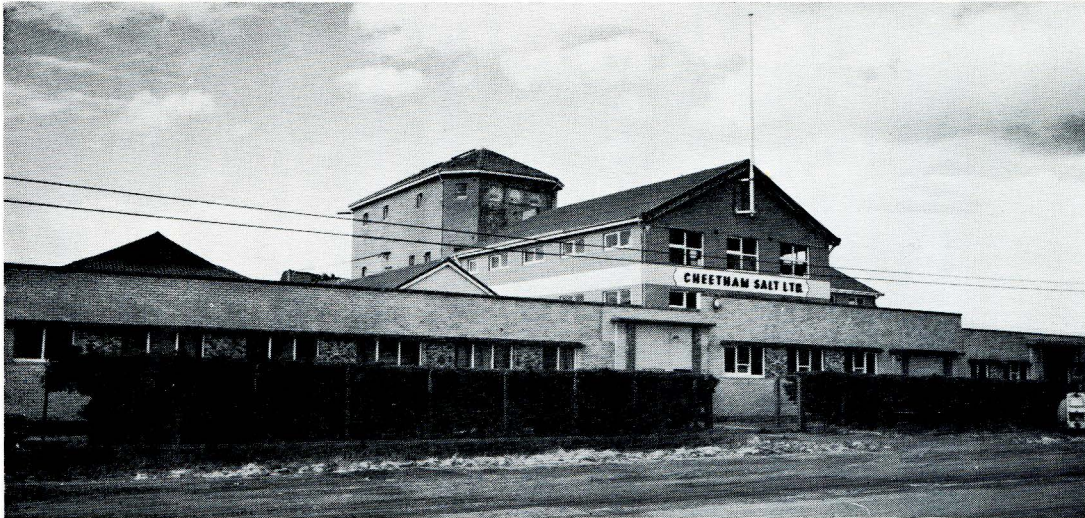


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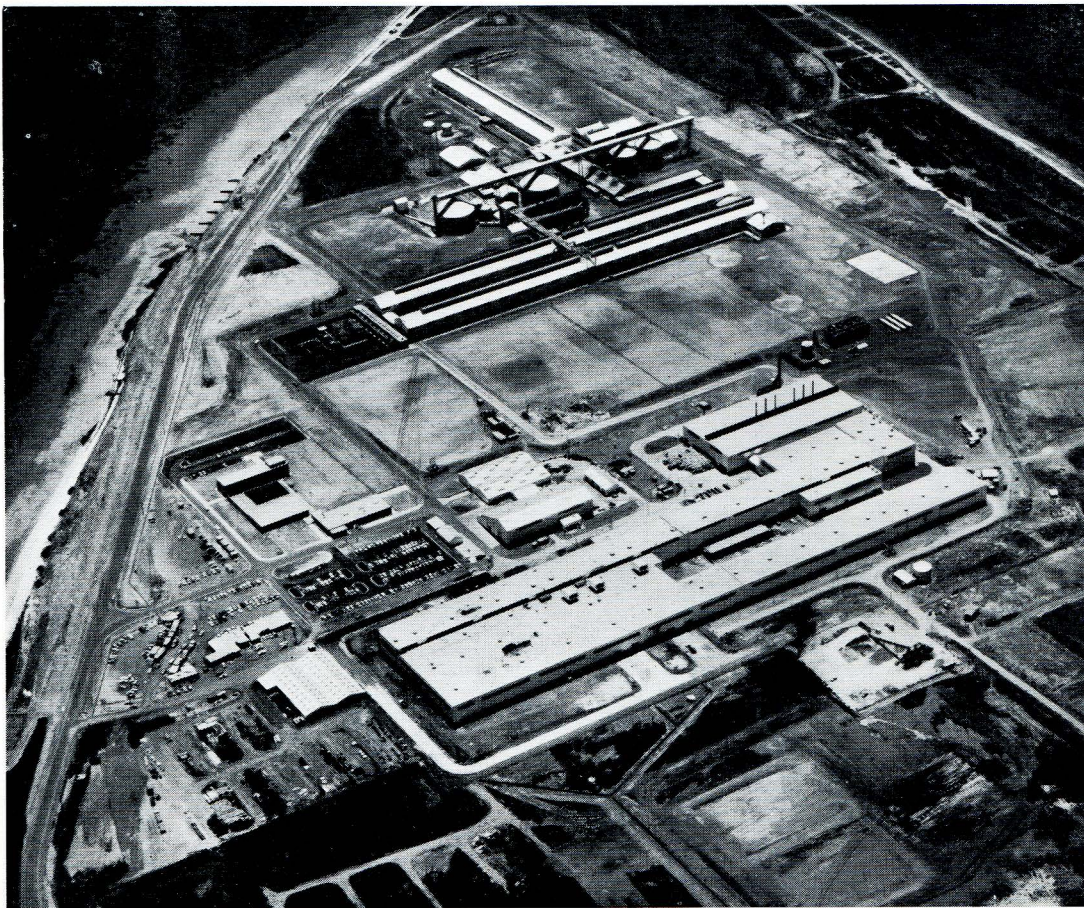
The inscription on this plaque erected at Point Henry tells the story of this historic locality.

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INDUSTRY—OLD AND NEW.



Headquarters of Cheetham Salt Pty. Ltd., on Portarlington Road, Moolap. The well known Saltworks, established in 1880, is the oldest industry in the Shire, and extends from Boundary Road to Point Henry.



An aerial photograph of the Aluminium smelting works of Alcoa of Australia Pty. Ltd., at the historic area of Point Henry. The considerable works, production in which commenced in April, 1963, are part of the £45 million programme undertaken by the Company in Australia.

(Note—The two industries are the major ones in the Centenary year of the Shire).

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Centenary Highlights

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MEMORIAL

In the Council chamber of the Shire there will be a permanent Memorial to the Commemoration of the Centenary of the Proclamation of the Shire.

It will be the honor board unveiled by the Governor and on which there are the names of Presidents since the Shire was Proclaimed.

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CHILDREN TAKE PART

Today children of the Shire are playing their part in commemorating the Centenary of the Shire in which they live.

They will line the road leading to the Shire Hall, to greet Sir Rohan and Lady Delacombe.

Then they will go to the recreation reserve, Drysdale, where, on the arrival of the Vice-regal Party, the children will accord them their greeting.

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Appreciation

The Shire of Bellarine desires to acknowledge its indebtedness to Mr. Ambrose Curtis, Belmont, Geelong, a former Geelong Advertiser Journalist, for his efforts in the compilation of this centenary brochure.

The Council is fortunate in obtaining the benefit of the keen interest and experience of Mr. Curtis in municipal affairs and desires to record its grateful thanks.

J. HENDERSON,
President.

This Centenary brochure was published on November 12, 1965, the day of Commemoration of the Centenary of the Proclamation of the Shire.

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Shire of Bellarine Centenary Celebrations.