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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Future Members Meeting Dates:

- Saturday 15th September, 2018
- Saturday 8th December, 2018 (Christmas break up activity).

Project Group:

- Monday 10th September, 2018 10.30am
- Monday 12th November, 2018 10.30am

What's New in the Library?

- "Land Musters, Stock Returns and Lists - Van Diemen's Land 1803 - 1882" Edited by Irene Schaffer.

MEMBERSHIP

Initial 1st year Admin Fee	\$10
Single full membership	\$30
Joint full membership	\$50

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to our new members **John Wilson** and **Mardi Muirson**.

Welcome

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WFHS Library Changes

Important changes have recently been made to the configuration of our WFHS Library. These changes were structurally necessary and urgent, and the task of organising and moving all and sundry was taken on by Beryl and John Strang, and Val and George McPherson. They marshalled the troops and oversaw the huge job of moving hundreds of books from one side of the room to the other.

From all of us at WFHS, a big thank you to all who were involved! Well done people!



Members Meeting Saturday 15th September, 2018 at 1.00pm:

Guest speaker will be Pat Hocking (nee Wohlers) who will be talking about her time in Wangaratta, local families etc. There will also be time for interaction and discussion. Please bring a plate for afternoon tea.

End of Year Get Together Saturday 8th December, 2018:

A visit to Tarrawingee Cemetery with a meal to follow, possibly at Tarrawingee or Everton has been suggested. Any other ideas are welcome, with a decision on the activity to be confirmed at the forthcoming meeting.

Looking for suggestions....

Last members meeting, the issue of access for members with limited mobility was raised yet again, with the suggestion that an alternative ground floor venue be sought for future members' meetings.

Committee would like members to have a think about this issue and forward suggestions to any Committee Member, or send an e-mail via the website. Put your thinking caps on and make some enquiries, as any input will greatly assist our already overworked Committee. Thanking you in advance.....

A Happy Ending

OLD RACING TROPHY.



The inscription on the cup shown above is as follows:—"Jockey Club Cup, won by Cardinal Wiseman, the property of Benjamin Warby, Esq. Rider, Mr. William Rutland; distance, two miles. Time, 4min. 4sec. Oct. 7, 1857. The quickest race hitherto run in the Colony."

(See Sporting pages.)

We had a request via Facebook from Yvonne Smith/Jago regarding an item belonging to one of our local pioneers. According to Yvonne, in 1857 a black thoroughbred stallion named "Cardinal Wiseman" won the Jockey Club Cup run at what was to become Flemington Racecourse. The horse was owned by Benjamin Warby junior, of Taminick.

It appears the Jockey Club Cup may have been the forerunner of the Melbourne Cup, which was first run in 1861. Warby had an entrant in that first cup, a 3 yo colt named "Antonelli". A son of "Cardinal Wiseman", the colt ran a close 4th to the winner, "Archer" in that first ever race. "Archer" went on to legend status winning again in 1862.

"Cardinal Wiseman" was not accepted in the Australian Studbook as his female grand dam was not recorded, hence his bloodlines will not be found in our modern thoroughbreds. A painting of "Cardinal Wiseman" by artist Frederick Woodhouse Senior is currently housed at the National Sports Museum at the MCG.

Several newspaper articles on Trove showed a photograph of the trophy that was won by Warby, and Yvonne was wondering where that trophy might be. Yvonne had done her homework, and had contacted Historical Societies, Museums, Racing Victoria and of course, our Society.



A very happy Yvonne has found out that the trophy does still exist, and is in the hands of the same private collector who owns the Woodhouse portrait. Yvonne was put in contact with the owner, Ian Armstrong, who has the second largest private collection in the world. Yvonne, who met up with Ian recently, describes him as "an absolutely wonderful man, so knowledgeable and passionate about historic artifacts." Yvonne was able to look at and photograph the trophy; such a thrill after her exhaustive search!

Both the painting and the trophy will be on display at Flemington during the 2018 Melbourne Cup Carnival - 161 years after the original race and presentation.

A big thank you to Yvonne Jago for allowing us to tell her story in our newsletter!

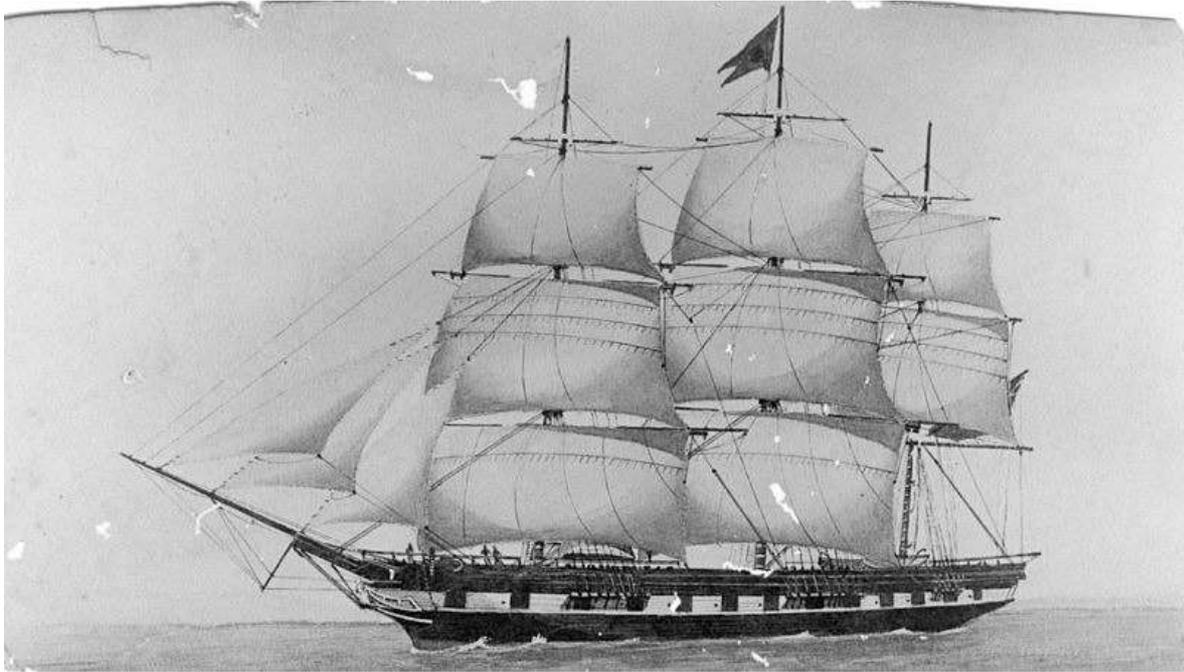
Just goes to prove that sometimes, persistence really does pay off!

1857 Jockey Club Cup in all its glory.

Hell Ship - The Journey of the Ticonderoga

Australian comedian and actor, Michael Veitch, is currently touring Victoria with his one man show about the journey of the emigrant clipper, *Ticonderoga*. He has also authored a book of the same title.

Ticonderoga was a double decked clipper ship constructed of oak, of 1,089 tons. 169 feet long, 37 feet wide, with an 18 foot draught. Passenger decks were 7'10" for top deck, and 6'11" for the second deck. The vessel was launched in New York in 1849 and spent the first 3 years of its life carrying general cargo.



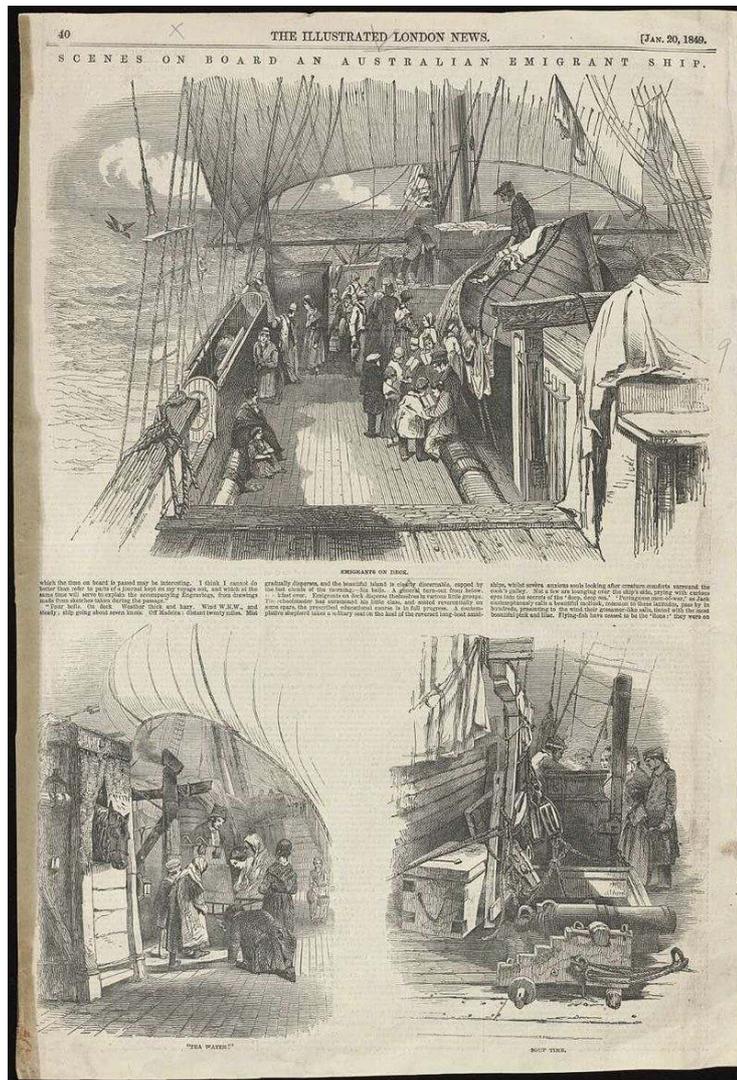
The double deck clipper ship "Marco Polo", one of four double deck ships to run into trouble transporting emigrants during the year 1852. (Courtesy State Library of Queensland).

In 1852, it was hired by the Emigration Commission to carry emigrants to Australia. On 4 August, 795 migrants, mainly from highland Scotland, boarded the vessel for the 3 month trip to Australia. Most were highland agricultural labourers and shepherds with their families, with a small number of English and Irish making up the complement.

The Captain was Thomas H. Boyle, who later became a part owner, with 48 crew members including Dr. J. C. Sanger (Surgeon Superintendent) and his assistant, Dr. James William Henry Veitch.

Problems associated with the double deck aspect of the ship were to have disastrous consequences for the emigrants. Poor ventilation and lighting, coupled with continual damp, lack of exercise and poor personal hygiene saw an outbreak of disease only two weeks after departure. Dr. Sanger reported red rashes and strong delirium as well as diarrhoea and dysentery.

100 passengers perished on the voyage from what was later believed to be typhus, spread by lice on board. 17 adult males, 29 adult females, 39 children between 1 and 14 yrs and 15 infants under the age of 1. Dead passengers were disposed of overboard, wrapped in bedding and mattresses.



Scenes on board an Australian emigrant ship" from Illustrated London News in 1849 (Courtesy National Library of Australia).

Ticonderoga crawled into Port Phillip Bay on 5 November, 1852, 90 days after leaving Birkenhead. It was flying the yellow flag and carried the stench of death. All in all, there were 311 cases of typhus, 127 cases of diarrhoea and 16 cases of dysentery on arrival at Portsea. Passengers were to be quarantined at Point Nepean, with the *Lysander* outfitted as a hospital ship for the worst cases.

Dr. Sanger and Dr. Veitch were both debilitated from the voyage, with Sanger contracting typhus. A further 68 passengers died in quarantine, as well as two crew members.

Surviving passengers arrived in Melbourne on 22 December 1852, most of whom had lost at least one family member on the voyage. To their dismay, they had arrived in an uncivilised country with hot summers, dust, mosquitoes and flies. The burgeoning gold rush contributed to the shortage of accommodation, expensive food and an increasing rime rate. After surviving so much, they could do nothing but make the best of what they had.

Three other double decker ships the ***Bourneuf***, ***Marco Polo*** and ***Wanata*** all sailed that same year and all suffered higher than usual passenger deaths. The Emigration Commission made the decision not to use double decker vessels in the future.

Dr. Sanger recovered and continued to ply his trade as Surgeon Superintendent on emigrant ships as late as 1866. His junior assistant, James William Henry Veitch also survived. He had his eye on a highland lassie from the Isle of Mull, Annie Morrison, who also survived the journey and had ably assisted with nursing the sick and dying.

James Veitch and Annie Morrison married at St. Peter's, Eastern Hill. After being feted as a "hero", James turned to a quieter life as a country doctor. Both he and Annie lived a long and happy life in Bendigo, where, according to descendant Betty Rose of Mansfield, he treated the ill and poor much of the time for nothing.

"Hell Ship - The Journey of the Ticonderoga" can be seen at Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre, 10.30am Monday 3rd September.

Note: For those researchers who may be descended from survivors of this vessel, Mary Kruithof, a **Ticonderoga** descendant herself, published a book called "Fever Beach". The book was nominated for the Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Book Prize in 2003. An updated reprint was issued in November, 2017, and can be obtained through <http://www.qualityinsights.com.au/heritage/bookfb.html> for \$21.95.

Ticonderoga

Passenger List McK-McL

McKAY Christopher (34); Sutherland, ag. laborer, Presbyterian, read & write
 McKAY Charles (44); Sutherland, schoolmaster, Presbyterian, read & write
 McKAY Margaret (39); Sutherland, Presbyterian, read & write
 McKAY Ann (12); Sutherland, Presbyterian, read & write
 McKAY Isabella (8); Sutherland, Presbyterian, read & write
 McKAY Christian (4); Sutherland, Presbyterian
 McKAY Donald (2); Sutherland, Presbyterian
 McKAY Duncan (49); Ross, shepherd, Presbyterian, read
 McKAY Jane (39); Ross, Presbyterian, read
 McKAY Finlay (15); Ross, agricultural laborer, Presbyterian, read & write
 McKAY Ann (13); Ross, Presbyterian, read
 McKAY Christopher (11); Ross, Presbyterian, read
 McKAY Angus (21); Sutherland, ag. laborer, Presbyterian, read
 McKAY Janet (28); Sutherland, Presbyterian, read
 McKAY Male (Inf.); born on board
 McKAY Lucy (1); died in quarantine
 McKAY Margaret (Inf.); died on voyage
 McKAY Margaret (6); died on voyage
 McKAY James (24); died on voyage
 McKAY Margaret (22); Dumbarton, domestic servant, Presbyterian, read & write
 McKAY Anne (17); Forfar, domestic servant, Presbyterian, read & write
 McKAY Malcolm (49); Inverness, ag. laborer, Presbyterian
 McKAY Janet (40); Inverness, Presbyterian

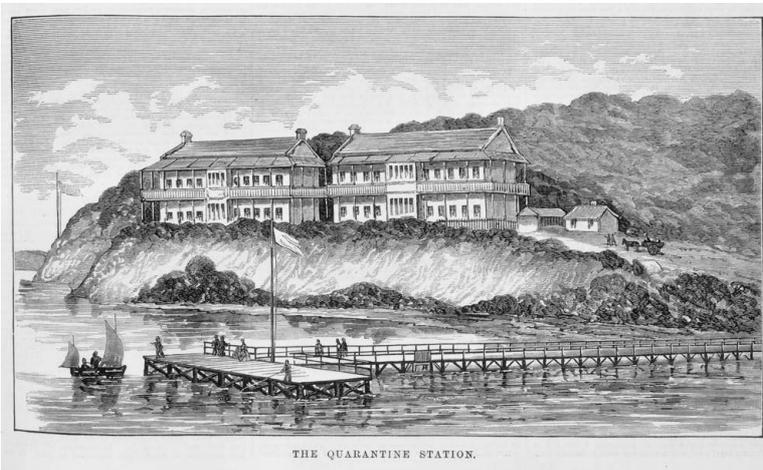
A passenger list can be found at <http://www.mylore.net/list.html> and can be searched alphabetically. Details include Surname/Christian name/age/where from/occupation/religion/R & W. The passenger list has been painstakingly transcribed from the original manifest.

Passengers who died during the voyage or in quarantine are only listed by name and age. Their names can now be found on a memorial stone in the cemetery of the Portsea Quarantine Station.

Above - A screenshot sample of the detailed information contained in the passenger list for the vessel.

The Portsea Quarantine Station was established in 1852 as a response to the arrival of the plague ship. In 2002, the Quarantine Station celebrated 150 years, with a bronze plaque commemorating the occasion.

Right - Proclamation published in the Victorian Government Gazette 24 November 1852.



THE QUARANTINE STATION.

Above - The Quarantine Station c 1879. Courtesy State Library of Victoria.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency CHARLES JOSEPH LA TROBE, Esq., Lieutenant Governor of the Colony of Victoria, and its Dependencies.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Acts of the Governor and Council of New South Wales, 3rd William 4th., No. 1, and 5th Victoria, No. 12, I, by this Proclamation, declare and order that the Quarantine Station, at Point Nepean, shall be that portion of the County of Mornington, in the said Colony of Victoria, commencing at the Flagstaff, on Observatory Point, about one and a half miles east of Point Nepean, which Flagstaff bears from the Lighthouse at Shortland's Bluff, south thirty-four degrees east; and bounded on the north by the shores of Port Phillip Bay, eastward, to a Flagstaff, bearing from the Lighthouse, south forty-eight degrees east, Flat Island being south forty degrees west; on the east by a line south to the Sea Coast; on the south by Bass' Straits westerly; and on the west by a line bearing north to the commencing point: And I do hereby strictly prohibit all persons not being themselves under Quarantine, or duly authorized for the purpose of necessary communication with persons under Quarantine, or the Quarantine Station, from going, under any pretence whatever, within the limits hereinbefore described, when any persons, goods, wares, or merchandize, are undergoing Quarantine within the said limits, under the pains and penalties prescribed by Law.

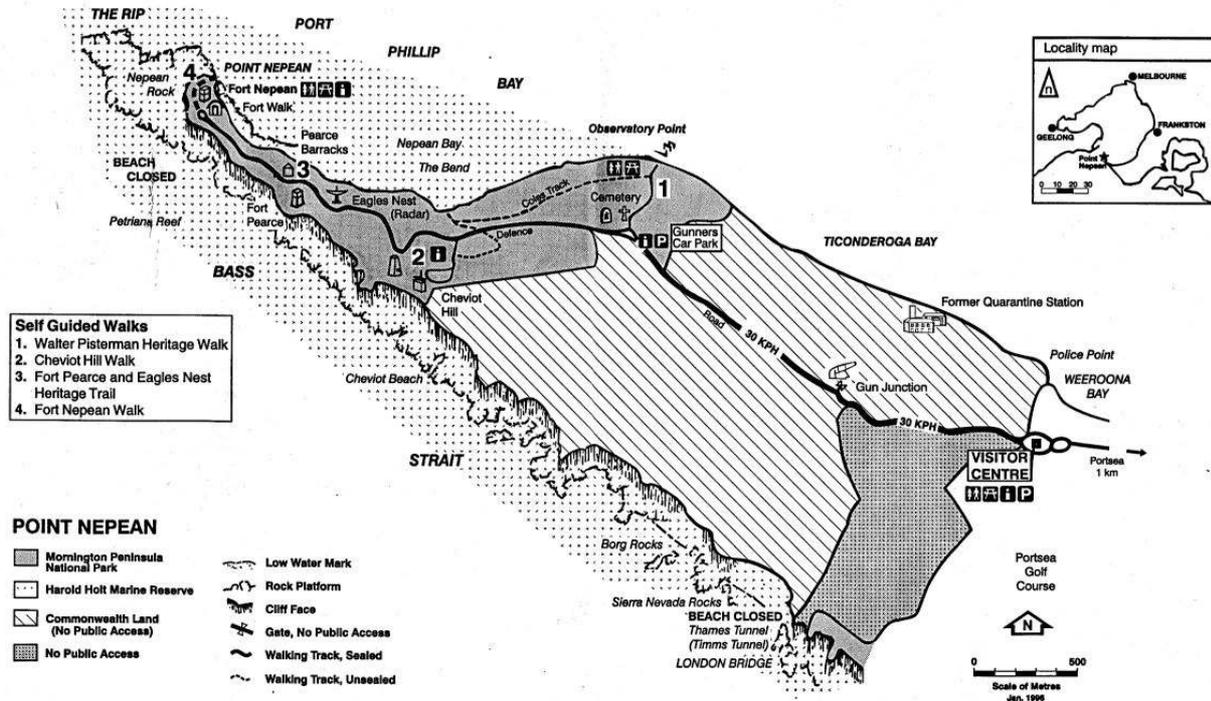
Given under my Hand and Seal, at the Government Office, Melbourne, this twenty-third day of November, One thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

(L. s.) C J LA TROBE,
 By His Excellency's Command,
 W. LONSDALE.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Further information on the Quarantine Station can be found on The Nepean Historical Society web page at <https://nepeanhistoricalsociety.asn.au>.

Today, the former Quarantine Station is part of the Point Nepean National Park. Ticonderoga Bay, between Observatory Point and Police Point is named after the ill fated ship and can be visited as part of the National Park.



Not able to get to Point Nepean for a visit? No problem - I'll see you at the show!

Christine Heard
WFHS

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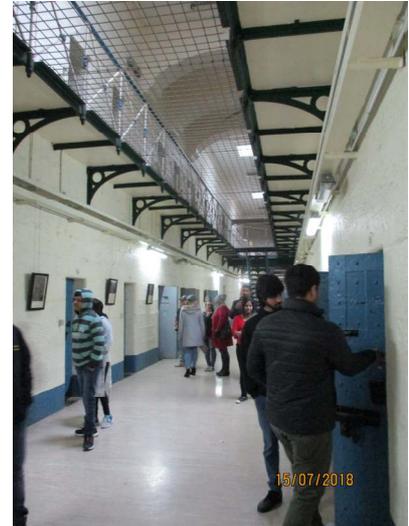
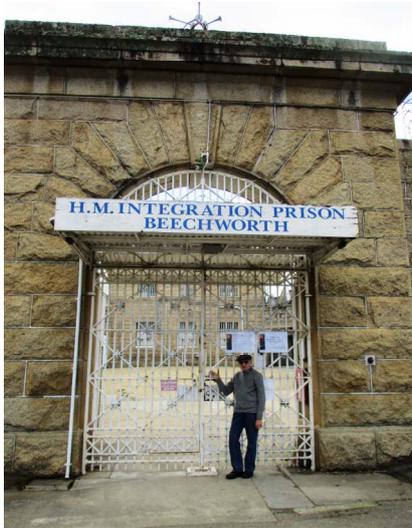
Old Beechworth Gaol

Built between 1859 and 1864, at a cost of £47,000, HM Prison Beechworth was a medium security prison.

It was built on the site of the first stockade, using granite quarried on site. It is one of nine Victorian prisons designed on the radiating "panopticon" principle, and styled on

the Pentonville style of prison. It allowed for easy surveillance of prisoners from a central observation point by a minimal number of staff.

Originally, there were single cells for 36 prisoners, but by 1864 accommodation had doubled, and housed both male and female prisoners. Some of its more notable clients include Ned Kelly, his mother Ellen Kelly, bushranger Harry Power, Gary Ablett senior and the late Carl Williams.



Above left - At the front gate. Above Centre - Gallows trap door. Above Right - Cell block.

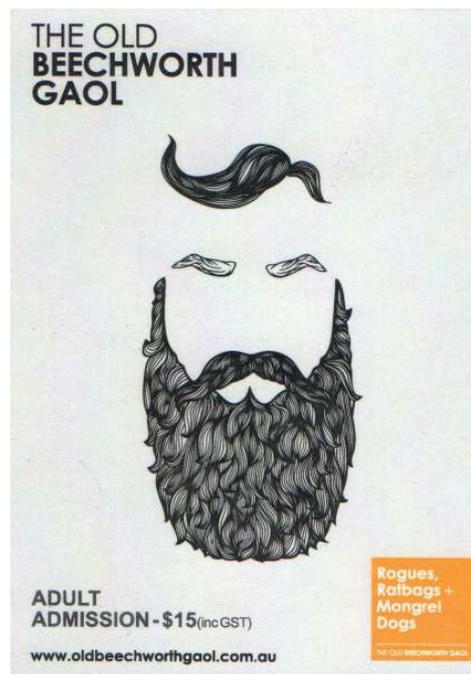
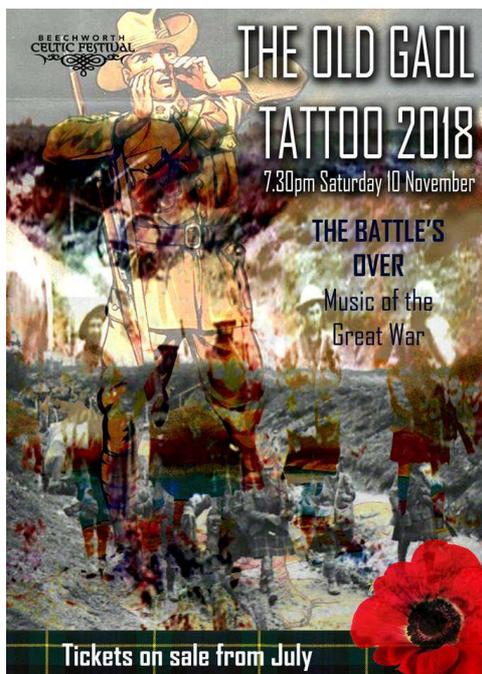
There was a working gallows at the prison, with 8 executions taking place between 1865 and 1881.

The prison closed in 2004, with the site being purchased in 2016 by a consortium of 49 Beechworth locals. Together with philanthropic Trusts and Foundations, they were able to raise the \$2.5 million purchase price.

In 2017, the gaol became the major event site for the Beechworth Celtic Festival, with the inaugural Old Gaol Tattoo held in the exercise yard. With the Centenary of Armistice Day in 2018, the theme for the 2018 Tattoo is "The Battle's Over - Music of the Great War."



Top left and right - Pipe Bands in full swing at the inaugural Old Gaol Tattoo in 2017.



Bottom left - Promotional poster for the 2018 Old Gaol Tattoo.

Bottom right - Admission ticket for the Rogues, Ratbags and Mongrel Dogs Gaol Tour.

Guided tours aptly called The Rogues, Ratbags and Mongrel Dogs tour run at 11am Thursday to Monday, with additional tours on long weekends and school holidays. Having recently been a part of one of these tours, I found it extremely informative and interesting, and being there on a freezing cold day really made me appreciate what it was like for prisoners such as Ellen Kelly, who did 3 years hard labour in the gaol.

HM Gaol Beechworth

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WELCOME TO H.M. GAOL BEECHWORTH

We have put together a searchable database of prisoners who served time in the Beechworth Gaol, from 1860-1940.

Our database has been put together from a variety of available records, primarily sourced from the Public Records Office of Victoria. We have collated this data into this website which shows prisoners who were sentenced in the Beechworth Court House and surrounding courts or transferred from other gaols.

We accept no responsibility or liability for any error in the public record material or in its collation.

We do not warrant that this is a full and complete list, many of the records are extremely damaged or non-existent, we do declare, however, that this is the most comprehensive list ever to be compiled, taking many, many hours of working through a variety of publicly available information sources.

Do you have additional information about or pictures of any of our past detainees? Please contact us and we would gladly add any further verifiable information to the database.

H.M. Gaol Beechworth (Nanette Collins) received a COMMENDATION award at the Victorian Community History Awards 2017, under the Multimedia category.

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Family historians who are keen to track down an ancestor who may have spent time as a prisoner at HM Gaol Beechworth can find a wealth of information available online at the website HM Gaol Beechworth at <https://hmgaolbeechworth.com/>.

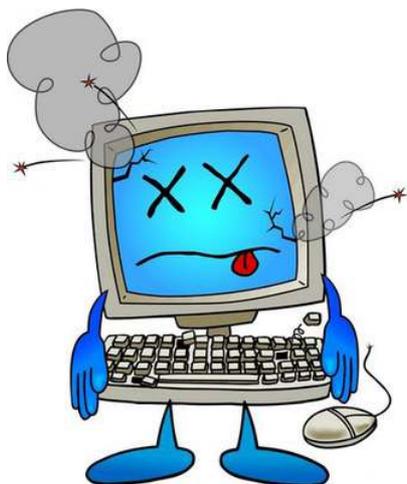
There you will find a searchable database of prisoners who served time in the gaol from 1860-1940, collated from a variety of records, mainly from the Public Records Office.

There is also a YouTube video of available photos of prisoners, complete with name and prisoner number.

The creator and manager of this excellent website, Nanette Collins, received a Commendation at the Victorian Community History Awards 2017 for her effort, which started from the simple idea of finding the less famous prisoners, share their stories and give them an identity.

Thanks to the community of Beechworth, and enthusiasts like Nanette Collins, HM Prison Beechworth or the Old Beechworth Gaol as it is now known has come alive. It is now an integral part of the community, another drawcard for tourists, and really worth a visit.

As Molly Meldrum would say - "Do yourself a favour....."



From the Editor:

Apologies for the lateness of this issue of "Threads". Unfortunately, my computer had a severe case of "viral infection", which meant a week stay in Intensive Care. At one stage, things were looking dire, but thanks to Dr. Tom, it made a miraculous recovery with no loss of data.

Sometimes I think typewriters were so much easier! Thank you for your patience!

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