

Newsletter for the descendants of the passengers & crew of the 1866 Netherby

Hello everyone,

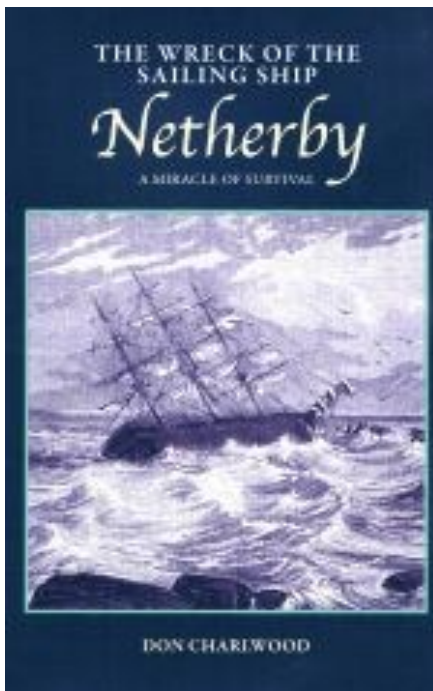
This is just a reminder of 3 things:

1. Netherby Meeting on Sunday, June 24 (see below for details). I do hope we have good attendances and have already received apologies from 3 or 4 groups who will not be available to attend. Please drop me an email if you are coming. Thank you.
2. The Netherby Bell Launch, King Island on July 14, 2012. We are fortunate to have offers of accommodation deals from Sharon & Jim Benn on King Island (see details below). Also King Island Air will negotiate a package for anyone who contacts Jo Brown (details below).
3. 2nd Edition of The Wreck of the Sailing Ship Netherby by Don Charlwood is now available. Details on this page.

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Not the Netherby but very similar. No known photos of the Netherby exist!



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- **November**
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Netherby Meeting Dates

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There is an informal agenda to assist with the planning for Netherby 2016.

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The Netherby Bell Launch **Saturday, July 14th, 2012. King Island.**

Sharon & Jim Benn have been in touch to say that they have accommodation available for any one planning to attend the Netherby Bell Launch (or any other time). Please email jimbenn53@hotmail.com and mark your enquiry Netherby Bell. A discounted rate will be negotiated for our descendants.

KING ISLAND AIR have also been in touch and they will coordinate a package for the launch (perhaps at other times as well!) The contact is: Jo Brown, Travel Consultant, King Island Airlines (03) 9580 3777.

Should anyone want details of the actual launch I advise contacting Sue Melva Fisher at the KI Historical Society & Museum on 0427 621 240 or email: suemelva@bigpond.com

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(Please mark enquiry - King Island Holiday)

I published a short agenda for the Netherby Bell launch in my previous issue. Please enquire of me if you wish to have it resent.



Previously, via a separate email, I sent a list of agenda items as ideas for our Netherby 2016 event. Now that I have expressed those ideas in person to a few people on King Island and here in Melbourne, at our last meeting, I am a bit more relaxed in thinking we are on the right track for a manageable and interesting/exciting event.

There is no change as yet, to the below list.

Your feedback and support is paramount to the success of Netherby 2016.

Initial thoughts are that Netherby 2016 will be a **4–5 day celebration**.

The 150th anniversary will occur just after 7pm on a **Thursday evening** beachside with a light supper afterwards.

Friday would be a free day to explore and hopefully for KI to show off some of its produces/wares and features.

Friday night—potentially the Netherby 2016 Ball which is Item 4.3 of our agenda.

Saturday—a big day, with much happening (something for everyone?).

A football game (item 4.1), golf competition or social game, potentially lawn balls if enough interest? An Orienteering race/challenge (item 4.11)

Saturday evening—free

Sunday morning—speeches/service again beachside followed by a presentation by the descendants of the Netherby passengers/crew to King Island of trees/plants which will revegetate an area near the Netherby shipwreck site (to be confirmed).

Guinness Book of Records attempt (largest number of descendants gathered for a shipwreck celebration) Item 4.13.

Luncheon (similar to the Long Table) (item 4.12).

End of event.

Running in the background throughout the event:

4.2 **Market stalls**—seasonal produce, art, craft, static displays showcasing KI.

4.7 **Crayfish** (will they be in season?) Tours of harbour area, crayboats, tastings, sales etc

4.8 **Shop window dressings**. Period costumes. Street flags/colour. Something at the airport to welcome our Netherby descendants and something on the round about in Currie central

4.4 **Model boats**. A single effort was made by myself a long time ago to get some boat modelling clubs on-board to set up displays. There was no enthusiasm from the Vic group. A couple of people (in our Netherby group) are interested in building a model of the Netherby. This too is proving a difficult task as there are no known pictures of her. I also thought about bigger boats such as the wooden ship festival?? Maybe we could tie in there somehow?

4.6 **Naval involvement** such as a sail past or rescue demonstrations. Perhaps some sort of tie in with Williamstown? A static display at the least.

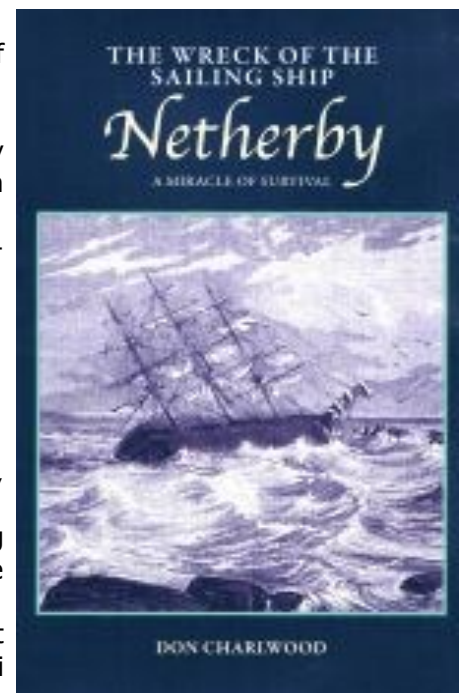
4.14 **Museum Display**. All things Netherby. Maybe artist's collections related to shipwrecks in general in a different part of the museum or elsewhere on the island. Tours of **Cape Wickham Lighthouse?**

4.15 **Genealogy/Ancestral display**. There are a number of annual events world wide. Maybe we could coordinate a display at the market day or at the museum/gallery.

4.19 **Dairy**—as per 4.7 & 4.12—it would be great for the Dairy to be involved in our celebration and an opportunity to show off their produce. Perhaps there are other businesses who need to be included/approached.

Netherby Bell Launch

Sue Fisher, King Island Historical Society/Museum has advised that the Netherby bell in it's new housing will be open to the public on July 14, 2012. The launch is a Saturday and on this date it will be the 146th anniversary of the Netherby Shipwreck. Interested attendees should make plans soon.



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Netherby Cove, King Island.

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Descendant Listing Contacts

We are in contact with descendants of the following Netherby passengers/crew.

Adams
Aldis
Aplin
Austin
Bartling
Berry
Bulpit
Cox
Cubbin (my family)
Darlington
Denning
Evans
Gill
Goldsworthy
Grimes
Groom
Hanna
Hickmott (L/house Keeper)
Hogan
Lingard
MacFarlane
Martin
Massingham
Moffatt (Moffutt)
Morris
Murphy
Nally
Newbrook
Parsons
Pinnuck (Pinnick)
Rerden (Reiden Renden)
Schrader
Seymour
Shelford
Skerman
Townsend
Turner
Watkins
Webster (Ship's Surgeon)
Wigley (Wiggley Whigley)
Williams
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Interesting connection:

It never ceases to amaze me of the number of directions the Netherby research takes me. I was thinking about the Netherby cargo. All I know is that it contained rails, an engine or 2, rolling stock and other railway cargo destined for Queensland.

On a whim I contacted the research department for Qld Railways and was surprised to receive an early response. Whilst some questions may never be answered, I was surprised to learn that there was an iron bridge on the Netherby which was destined for a specific location on the main line!

After the wreck and subsequent salvage and selling of the cargo, the iron bridge had to be replaced with a timber one. This was in the Ipswich area and further investigation could possibly reveal the actual site.

There is no confirmation that the engine ever made it to Queensland so it would be interesting to discover if it was used in Victoria? I am not sure if I will continue my line of investigation but I would be interested to learn more. It is possible the rails may have been used in Victoria!

There were approximately 210 different families onboard the Netherby and as you can see, we are in contact with 42 families. With only 4 years to go, I need your help to advise where we can advertise for descendants of the families who are not on our list. Do you know of any free listings in magazines, newspapers, notice boards etc that would raise attention to our quest?