

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

Hello everyone,

Welcome to the first of the 2013 editions of the Netherby2016 newsletter. I am hoping for a bumper year of shared information, some formalising of the 2016 celebrations and a large increase on our descendant database.

However, I cannot do it alone and ask for your help, thoughts, ideas and input—no matter how big or small.

This year we will link to Karina's website at [www.netherby.homestead.com](http://www.netherby.homestead.com) and use these pages and menus to record, publish and coordinate all of our information and activities. If you have not already been to the website—then you owe it to yourself to check it out and be enthralled at the information and links.

On a sadder note, towards the end of 2012, Clarrie Grimes passed away. Clarrie was one of my first correspondents. He shared a lot of information with me and I only wish we had the opportunity to meet. We spoke on the odd occasion and it was evident Clarrie was a well versed historian for his family. Our condolences to his family and friends.

The Melbourne based Netherby2016 group met last November. We were a small group but we had new members attend and it was a long but excellent meeting. We started an hour earlier than normal due to it being Remembrance Day. We were so engrossed in conversation that we very nearly missed 11 o'clock. Thank you John for bringing in the radio and reminding us of the time.



I do apologise because I forgot to organise a photo. I do tend to wait until the last minute to do this and often miss out on the people who were unable to stay—so I must start with a photo midway in these meetings to avoid this situation!

Another first for us, was the very welcome attendance by Karina Taylor. You have no idea how lifted my spirits felt having you come along to our meeting. You definitely bring some ideas and scope to the table. We shall catch up again soon at our next meeting which is only a couple of weeks away. I do hope you are free, as with everyone else.

One day whilst trolling through the internet and chasing Netherby links I came across a book on the township of Netherby, Victoria. This was on ebay!! It cost me the grand sum of \$2.99. I was hoping the book would clarify where the name Netherby originated. The book explains the name change from Warraquil to Netherby but not the "why Netherby?". I will probably pass this book onto someone from a genealogy society. The owners name is in the book as well as a letter. It would be wonderful if we could return this book to the family of the owner. Let me know if anyone has an interest in taking this off my hands.

Have a great Australia Day celebration and stay safe. The next meeting is Sunday, February 10. I do hope we can see you there.

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

**In short...**

*Welcome*

Not many this time but I hope this will improve. I have subscribed to the Australian Family Tree Connections magazine and a classified will appear hopefully in future editions for Netherby descendants.

To Suzanne, a descendant of the Austin family.

To Julia & Michael, also Austin family descendants.

To Ben, another welcome Skerman descendant.

Welcome to Robert Johnston, Qld, a descendant of the Williams family and researching his family history. Any other descendants/relatives who would like to contact Robert can do so via myself.

Welcome to Ron, a descendant of the Groom family.

If you are new to my newsletters please do not hesitate to contribute ideas, suggestions or interesting tidbits which could be included in the publication.

If you have ideas/thoughts for Netherby 2016 please share.





***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 **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 it's produces/wares and features.

**Friday night**—potentially the Netherby 2016 Ball

**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 (suspect there may be a big gathering of Skerman families)

**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?

King Island Historical Society has indicated that they are following up the idea of a model replica of the Netherby.

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.

4.11 An **orienteering race** that tracks close to the path our people would have taken from Netherby cove to the Cape Wickham lighthouse.

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. T

Tours of **Cape Wickham Lighthouse?**

4.15 **Genealogy/Ancstral 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.

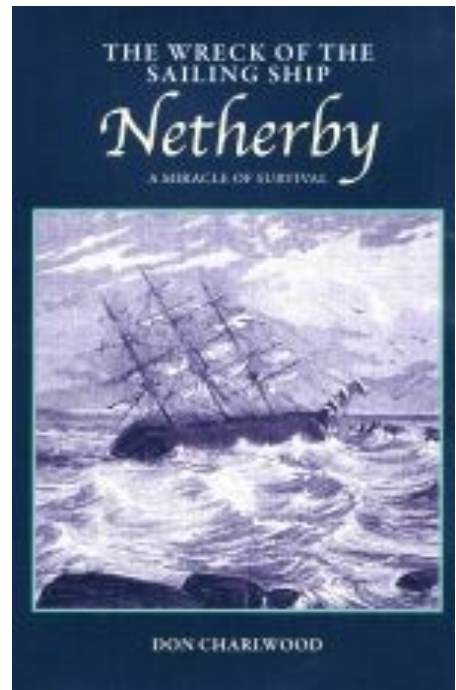
4.21 4.22 Two new items will be tabled. Neither is confirmed as yet. I shall hold you in suspense until I have permission to announce.

Please note: the information on this page has not been updated. I will do this in our next newsletter.

There is information to add and edit. My apologies for not having it up to date.

There are still new ideas coming through but don't stop now! This is your celebration too.

Let's have no regrets after 2016.



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Netherby Cove, King Island.



# 2013

## Netherby Meeting Dates

- ◆ Sunday, February 10
- ◆ Sunday, June 16
- ◆ Sunday, August 18
- ◆ Sunday in November
- ◆ 11am to 2pm

**Australian Education  
Union building.  
112 Trenerry Crescent,  
Abbottsford. 3067**

**Melway Reference: Map 15 F 11 double check for accuracy please.**

All descendants/interested persons are welcome to attend.

This is a social occasion with a view to sharing and generating ideas for Netherby 2016 and all things Netherby.

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

**Confirmation of attendance is required please.**

Tea/Coffee, sandwiches and biscuits will be provided. If you have any dietary requirements—please byo. No smoking or alcohol. We will be bound by the terms and conditions as set by the AEU or J. Cassidy



## 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**  
Yorston

## AC View Cottage & Netherby Downs

Hosts - Jim and Sharon Benn



### The Ettrick - King Island

1 & 2 bedroom self contained cottages  
03 -64621938 (Mob) 0429709864  
P O Box 265 Currie King Island. 7256  
jimbenn53@hotmail.com

**Please contact Sharon and Jim directly via email. jimbenn53@hotmail.com**

I have heard from Sharon re. AC View Cottage & Netherby Downs. They are already booked for the weekend of Netherby2016.

I have mentioned it before, but I do suggest you make early enquiries re. accommodation and car hire. I have already begun making enquiries for our own family and although it was a positive response, the booking manager did say he had never heard of a booking enquiry 4 years in advance!!! Well now it is only 3 years away and certainly not too early to make tentative or firm plans!

I am happy to advertise accommodation, car hire or holiday arrangements on these pages which would benefit our descendants or Netherby2016. So please do not hesitate to contact me if you want some free publicity.

I shall be in touch again after our February meeting with another newsletter. By all means send your questions, ideas and any input asap.

We will also need to get serious about who thinks they will be attending. I know it is 3 years away but there will be those who know they cannot attend, those who plan to attend and those who are undecided/hopeful to attend. Please email your thoughts or go to [www.netherby.homestead.com](http://www.netherby.homestead.com)

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?