

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

Hello everyone,

It has been quiet on the Netherby news front but I did think we were overdue for a newsletter. At the moment Ernst and I are in the Netherlands visiting his mum and extended family. The weather is perfect!!

Our February meeting (I remembered to take a photo this time!) was a small group with some new faces. We had a good time discussing all things Netherby and sharing information. We also went over the agenda for Netherby 2016 and everyone agreed we are on the right track and have a balanced approach.



We still have not made the decision about whether to Incorporate or unincorporate one or two groups on the mainland of Australia. However, we are in full agreement that the majority of our plans will be in the hands of the wonderful folk of King Island. So, with that in mind, we

need to ensure the support of Netherby 2016 and I will submit our plans to a number of people/organisations on the island who may be able to assist us. Already I receive advice and assistance from some wonderful KI people. However, I think it is time to formalise the relationship.

At our last meeting we heard of the sad passing of Dorothy Morris. Both Dorothy and Ern have been regular attendees at our meetings. Our condolences to Ern and the Morris family.

In what might become a new segment at the Netherby meetings, "show and tell", we had the extraordinary opportunity to see and hear about a violin made around the 1750's and how Gayle's grandfather (descendant from the Lingard family) would play the violin on the streets of Melbourne. According to Gayle the violin can still be played and has a most wonderful tone. Thank you very much Gayle. Not only was this a wonderful introduction to yourself but you also volunteered to investigate a project or two. Many thanks.



Karina has sent out an email re. her website www.netherby.homestead.com and some changes that her web site provider has made available. Karina and I are yet to catch up but I hope that we can do this in the coming weeks. Our plan is to use her pages and menus to record, publish and coordinate all of our information and activities. This is in relation to the 2016 commemoration and also ALL things Netherby. 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.

My subscription to Australian Family Tree Connections has expired and still no classifieds have been run in their columns. I will renew my subscription and hope for a better outcome in the coming months.

Don't be afraid to spread the word that we are seeking the descendants of the Netherby passengers and crew. If you know of any free classifieds or bulletins—please go ahead and submit something. Thank you & take care!

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

In short...

Welcome

To Andrew, a descendant of the Skerman family.

Also to Don, a descendant of the Skerman family.

To David, a descendant from the Schrader family. (I will be in touch soon re. your other request).

To Helen and David, more Skerman descendants!!

Welcome to Shirley, a descendant of the Denning family.

Lastly a big welcome to Sharyn, a descendant of the Austin family.

I love how the Skermans refer to themselves as the Skerman clan! I think it is wonderful and am very impressed with the number of interested people signing up.

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.





Netherby Cove

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. **This is now a Bush Dance.**

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. **This may be come a walk! We have a coordinator on King Island who has made the suggestion.**

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?**

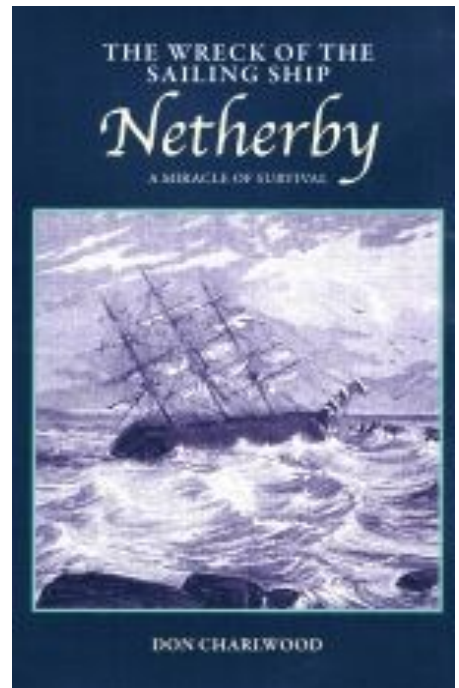
4.15 **Genealogy/Ancstral display.** There are a number of annual events world wide. Maybe we could coordinate a display at the market day or at the museum/gallery.

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.

Please note: the information on this page has not been hugely updated as I am away from Australia and did not bring everything with me. I have highlighted in blue any changes.

There are still new ideas coming through but lets not stop now!

This is your celebration too. Let's have no regrets after 2016.



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Netherby Meeting Dates

- ◆ Sunday, August 18
- ◆ Sunday, November 10
- ◆ 11am to 2pm both dates

**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

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?

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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 There is a lot more information there.