

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

Hello everyone,

Guess what today is?? Yes—the 149th anniversary of the Netherby shipwreck!!

I am excited and a bit scared about the next 12 months!! Excited because I want to be there on King Island with my family and yours!! Scared because there is so much to do and the list grows bigger!

There are some things that I need from you!!

1. In my last newsletter I requested a show of hands as to who was/was not going to King Island for Netherby2016. I had an OK response but I think I heard back from less than 50%. In terms of planning and organising events we need to know our approx. audience numbers. Please send me a quick email to say **YES** I am **going** and approx. how many people, or I **might** be going and there are "x" amount of us or **NO** I am definitely **not going**. For those who have previously replied—thank you—no need to send a follow-up.
2. King Island Historical Society have asked for your contact details! I am more than happy to share the information but only with your consent. So please respond ASAP. I do not wish to breach any privacy rules so if you want information about what is/maybe happening on King Island for the 2016 event—you will need to provide me with permission to share your email address and name.
3. I am open to assistance!! We need people to project manage a few items. This would mean communicating by phone, email to various business/groups on King Island (and some off island places as well). None of it should be overly taxing or expensive.
4. We need your stories!! What do you know about your family and their journey on the Netherby or what happened afterwards? There is considerable interest in publishing these stories. No promises but please send this information to us—it could be one of the projects mentioned above that we need to get off the ground and you might want to do the project management of it!!!
5. We need you to register or go to [www.netherby.homestead.com](http://www.netherby.homestead.com) and get used to checking there for information. Although I will attempt to keep putting out a newsletter—Karina's website is going to become the one-stop site for 2016 information.
6. Do we have people who are attending Netherby2016 on King Island who would wish to take an official part in the speeches? Particularly if you are a descendant and hold/have held a role as a minister. Who else is out there?? I am sure we have some very talented people within our midst but you will need to step forward and let me know soon!!

So there you have it! Your list is relatively small. I do expect my inbox to be full of emails over the next week or so.

Last week on Sunday, I was interviewed on ABC Radio Tasmania. It was a little nerve wracking but some members of my fan club said favourable things about the interview. It was free publicity for Netherby 2016 and great for our cause. There maybe interest in your area or state and for you to get involved in radio, newspaper, magazine or television with your story. The more we publicise Netherby2016 the more people we will reach and there are 1,000's of descendants who are not even aware that anything is happening!!!

On the following pages you will find information about King Island and accommodation. I would suggest you book your accommodation NOW!!

I did commence collecting this information in February/March—there is every possibility that it is already out of date. For that I apologise. However, it does give you a starting point.

Please remember there are a number of web sites for King Island and they can help you with information as well.

Until next time—stay warm!! Regards. Ann Rutte.

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

**In short...**

*Welcome*

To Steve and Paula, Steve is a descendant of the Yorston-family.

Welcome to Greg who is a descendant of our largest family. The Skermans!

A big welcome to Patricia and son, Rick who are descendant of the Lingard family.

Hello and welcome to Erica, another member of the Skerman family.

Also another Yorston descendant, Rae in Canada!!

We have a number of people who live abroad and it is so exciting to have you on our contacts list. The thought that you may be coming to King Island makes all our efforts doubly worth while!!! Thank you.

Welcome to Andrew, who is very excited to recently be informed that he is descendant from the Pinnuck family who were aboard the Netherby.

Hello to Sandra, a member of the Townsend family.

Welcome to Rod Lingard of the Lingard family.



# King Island Information and Accommodation.

There is limited accommodation on the Island and the main means of access is via air so it is becoming important to the Island to know that they can cater for us!!!

Hence my previous request for numbers attending or potentially attending.

Of those who did respond to that previous request —many asked questions about accommodation and access to the Island. I did some research and emailed the publicised accommodation places and attached is a list of those who responded and who still have vacancies.

Two locations are now fully booked. **Netherby Downs** and **AC Cottages** are both booked. **Gull Haven Holiday Home** has also said that they are fully booked.

I will leave it up to you to contact the accommodation places and make your bookings.



## Parers—King Island Hotel

7 Main Street, Currie, 7256.

Telephone: 03 6462 1633

Email: [kingislandhotel@hotmail.com](mailto:kingislandhotel@hotmail.com)

Parers have been in touch to say they have vacancies and their rooms are \$125 per night and includes continental style breakfast and WIFI.

See the following page for another listing of accommodation options on King Island. This list was compiled in Feb/March—so please ensure you make enquiries soon.

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**King Island Air** have indicated that they are offering flights, accommodation and car hire packages and taking **BOOKINGS NOW** based on a \$100 deposit per person. Contact Jo Brown directly —her email is [info@kingislandair.com.au](mailto:info@kingislandair.com.au) or telephone 03 9580 3777

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I have attached as a separate PDF (document) a list of all things King Island. This is available from the [www.kingisland.org.au](http://www.kingisland.org.au) website and I did seek permission to publish this with my newsletter. Keep in mind, it is updated on a needs basis.

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The Netherby struck rocks and became stuck around 7.15pm, July 14th, 1866. It is anticipated that we will hold the Commemoration on Thursday, July 14th, 2016 around the same time.

We also anticipate that we will repeat this service possibly on the Sunday morning for those who could not attend on the Thursday evening.

A number of other events, tours, celebrations and opportunities to showcase King Island are in the making and now that we are 12 months out—we should be able to confirm arrangements.

The initial plan is to celebrate the 150th year of the Netherby shipwreck from Thursday, July 14th to Sunday, July 17th, 2016.

As soon as I know of anything locked in—we will post it on Karina's website and in any future newsletters published.

Thank you.

## In short... Cont.

*Welcome*

I am excited to welcome Joanne Lumb who is a descendant of the ship's 2nd in-charge, Officer Parry.

Hello and welcome to Roslyn and Ken, members of the Denning family.

Also, a welcome to Heather and Noel of the Denning family.

Hello Tim, Keith of the very large Skerman family.

And another hearty welcome to Debra—another member of the Skerman family.

Welcome to Margaret who is descended from the Bartling family.

Welcome to Kate of the Austin family.

Hello Tim, a member of the Groom family.

A big welcome to Brett of the Wigley family.

Welcome to Mal from the Rerden family.

Special mention to Richard who is our first Pulpit descendant. I am always excited to make contact with a new family name from the Passenger and Crew listing.

And a hearty welcome to Chester who is descendant of, yes you guessed it—the Skerman family!!!

We welcome everyone! Keep passing the newsletter around and as previously mentioned go to [www.netherby.homestead.com](http://www.netherby.homestead.com) Karina has a chat line set up—let's use it and have some discussion.

Thank you everyone. I am exhausted typing the list!!

Ann



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**Web:** [www.bronzewingcottages.com](http://www.bronzewingcottages.com)



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**Web:** [www.kingislandscenicretreat.com.au](http://www.kingislandscenicretreat.com.au)



**Bass Cabins**  
**Address:** 5 Fraser Road, Currie  
**Telephone:** 03 6462 1168  
**Email:** [d.stansfield@bigpond.com.au](mailto:d.stansfield@bigpond.com.au)  
**Mobile:** 0429 621 474



**Guest House Booked.**  
**2 bedroom cottage available**  
**Address:** 38 Edward St, Currie  
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**Email:** [kigreenponds@bigpond.com](mailto:kigreenponds@bigpond.com)  
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**Rocky Glen Retreat**  
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**Mobile:** 0416 061 357  
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**NOT TAKING ANY BOOKINGS UNTIL LATE 2015**

**Address:** PO Box 33, Currie  
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Please note this is not a comprehensive list of ALL accommodation on King Island. It is a list of those who have been in touch to say they still have a vacancy!! This information was collated in March 2015.



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SAILING SHIP  
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**THE NETHERBY.**

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ARGUS.

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If it could be arranged, they might have a share of the numerous good things that have fallen to the passengers through the liberality of the citizens of Melbourne. We think it would give general satisfaction to all classes of passengers.

We beg to remain, Sir, yours, &c..

H. D. VINCENT.

H. A. WEBSTER.

— CRAWFORD.

Tankard's Temperance Hotel,  
Melbourne, July 31.

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**Found via Trove. There are many items to be found re. the *Netherby*. As there is space here— I will share a short letter to the editor of The Argus.**

The Argus Wednesday 1 August 1866  
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H.A. Webster

- Crawford

Tankard's Temperance Hotel  
Melbourne July 31

## 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  
**Parry (Officer 2-I-C)**  
Parsons  
Pinnuck (Pinnick)  
Pope  
**Pulpit**  
Rerden (Reiden Renden)  
Sanger  
Schrader  
Seymour  
Shelford  
Skerman  
Townsend  
Turner  
Watkins  
Webster (Ship's Surgeon)  
Wigley (Wiggley Whigley)  
Williams  
Yorston

*There were approx. 210 different families onboard the *Netherby* and as you can see, we are in contact with 46 families.*

*With only 1.5 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?*