

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

Hello everyone,

I guess it is too late in the new year to wish everyone a Happy New Year. In fact I have a question for you? Do you know what happened to January? It was here and then next it was February. At this rate—July is going to be here in the blink of an eye and there is so much to do!!

Before I forget again! There is only Telstra service on King Island! Give that some thought and if you need to buy a Telstra sim card for your mobile phone—do so before arriving at King Island.

There is an Online Access Centre, where you could get online to check emails etc. This is not open 24/7. It is very limited.

In this last month, I have met with Karina, who owns the www.netherby.homestead.com website. Karina is descendant of the Massingham family. George Massingham was only 16, alone and on board the Netherby when it was wrecked. He sent letters home to England and from those letters we get a strong glimpse of what life was like on the Netherby and afterwards.

Karina and I have put our heads together to tie up a lot of loose ends with the Netherby2016 commemoration and some of the things we are going to need to know is - who is going, arrival dates and where you are staying. So, I shall be emailing people in the coming weeks to gather that information. I hope you do not mind the intrusion, but lots of things on the island will only cater for small numbers. Therefore if we want to book a hall or restaurant etc we need to know how many people there are. Plus we are wanting to organise welcome packs, tours, agendas and how to distribute all of this.

I am beginning to hear that seats on air flights are getting tight if not fully booked. I know of some seats on a private charter—you will need to read on to learn about this.

King Island has about 250 beds for tourism, so if you have not booked your accommodation yet, I would seriously consider doing that as soon as possible.

Car hire is your only option for moving around the island. There are two car hire businesses that I know of and I have attached a business directory, as per the previous newsletter.

Now for anyone thinking that it will be quiet on the island at that time of year—apparently we may not be the only tourists there. King Island has a new golf course (or 2) with an international rating (I think!!). There is a lot of promotion for golfing weekends and as we know—golf is good—rain, hail or shine and someone else's shipwreck party will not stand in the way of serious golfers. I have been advised there are golf weekend packages already booked for our weekend. So, please Netherby descendants—book now!!

This is a message to the Skerman families—a relative from the UK is attending Netherby2016 and wants to meet as many Aussie Skermans as possible. I am aware of about 35-40 attending and have hinted previously that perhaps you would like to do something by yourselves on the Friday evening! You could have your own reunion and then tell the tales at another which I believe is being organised in/around Brisbane in October this year! If you wish to do something like this email Jim Benn or myself. We can book a hall or restaurant for you.

I am hoping to put out a monthly newsletter between now and July. It may be repetitive! However, if you have something to add to these pages, please email me.

There is also www.netherby.homestead.com for information as well.

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

In short...

Welcome

To Warwick, descendant of the Exton family and the first Exton's to register their interest. Welcome and thank you!

Another NEW family—welcome to Louise of the Lee family.

Welcome to Barbara and Robert, descendants of the Groom family.

A warm thank you to Lynelle, a Grimes descendant who has joined our group and heading to King Island.

Hello and welcome to Rosemary, a member of the Seymour family.

Welcome to Gayle, a descendant of the Austin family and also connected to the Darlington family.

Hello and welcome to Rick, a descendant of the Lingard family and who is all booked and ready for King Island in July!

And now to the Skermans!

I would like to welcome to these pages:

Bruce and family,
Benjamin and family,
Alex and Margaret,
And Robyn.

Thank you to everyone!





**Thursday,
July 14, 2016**

Commemoration.

4.30pm—5.15pm
Netherby Cove.

The Netherby went aground on rocks about 7.10pm. Weather permitting, the Commemoration will commence during daylight at Netherby Cove. There is no power/lighting/amenities at the cove.

An alternative location will be announced ahead of time in the event we cannot have our service beachside.

The commemoration will involve:

Short opening speech / welcome

a blessing for the site and attendees

Give thanks to a list of people/organisations who assisted in 1866.

Remembrance for those who have passed during the planning of Netherby 2016.

A commemorative speech for the occasion

Finally the ringing of a ship's bell to signify "land ahoy, the successful transfer of people to the beach and communications".

Following the commemoration a light supper will be available in a warm enclosed venue (to be announced).

This particular event is going to shift and change all the way through to the day! Netherby Cove will be dark, uncomfortable, open to the weather elements and without any amenities. Evening darkness will settle around 5pm -5.15pm.

All we can do is keep you updated as things move along.

If bad weather prevents us attending Netherby Cove—then we will resort to Plan B.



**Friday,
July 15, 2016**

Free day for you to explore:

- King Island Historical Museum and the Netherby Room.
- King Island Dairy for tastings

Optional Day Tour around the different wreck sites via bus with lunch included. Visit to Cape Wickham lighthouse and other points of interest.

I will come back to you with a price for this package. (likely to be \$60-\$70 per head).

This is a different bus tour to the Hidden Experience advertised elsewhere in my pages.

Evening option

Evening tour via bus to Grassy for penguin viewing and dinner at a local restaurant.

Netherby readings/stories shared.

Will come back to you with a package price for this.

Netherby Cove



**Saturday,
July 16, 2016**

Free day for you to visit:

- King Island Historical Museum and the Netherby Room.
- King Island Dairy for tastings
- Saturday market day POKI. Produce of King Island. 9am—1pm/

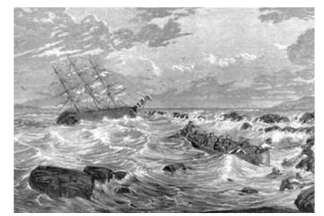
Optional Day Tour around the different wreck sites via bus with lunch included. Visit to Cape Wickham lighthouse and other points of interest. As per Friday.

Evening:

Netherby Bush Dance and Dinner,

Celebration of Netherby Cubbin's 150th birthday.

Will come back to you with a package price for this. (again early indications are \$60 per head more or less).



**Sunday,
July 17, 2016**

Commemoration repeat.

Netherby Cove.
Morning—time to be confirmed.

An alternative location will be announced ahead of time in the event we cannot have our service beachside.

Early Lunch -

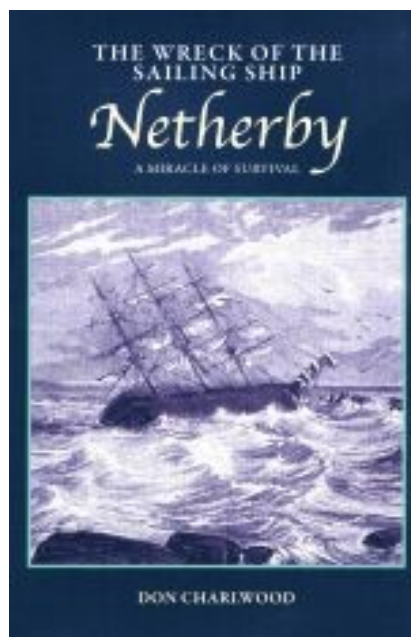
Details to be advised.

End of event.



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Netherby Classifieds



2nd Edition now available.
Orders via
www.burgewoodbooks.com.au
Copies will be available for
purchase during our event
on King Island.

2 Bedroom cottage available to
rent in Currie during the
Netherby2016 Commemoration.
\$200 per night. Email Sonia—
kigreenponds@bigpond.com

King Island Return air travel.
Seven spare seats are available on
somebody else's private charter
flight. \$145 each way. Departs Es-
sendon airport 4.15pm Thursday,
July 14. Arrives King Island 5pm.
Departs King Island Monday, July
18, 8.45am arrives Essendon
9.30am.

Email your enquiry to Ann—I will
forward your details to the other
party. admin@netherby2016.com

Wanted: Photos and stories or
memorabilia of your Netherby an-
cestors that I can copy and print and
use on boards in/around King Is-
land for our event. Email Ann
admin@netherby2016.com

Accommodation vacancies on
King Island.

King Island Holiday Village has 6
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twin share rooms. All of these can
be viewed on their website.

[www.kingislandholidayvillage.co
m.au](http://www.kingislandholidayvillage.co.m.au) Phone enquiries to Lucinda
03 6461 1177 or 0408 546 469



Produce of King Island

Saturday, July 16, 2016

9am - 1pm

- Arts and crafts
- Fresh local produce, general products
- Something for everyone.

KING ISLAND CLUB, CURRIE

Wanted: Speech writers or assistance with devel-
opment of speeches. Email Ann
admin@netherby2016.com

For the next issue (mid March)

Email admin@netherby2016.com if you have any-
thing to add to this classified section. Perhaps you
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would be happy to car pool to share costs. Let me
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Adams
Alldis
Aplin
Austin
Bartling
Berry
Bulpit
Cox
Cubbin (my family)
Darlington
Denning
Evans
Exton
Gill
Goldsworthy
Grimes
Groom
Hanna
Hickmott (L/house Keeper)
Hogan
Lee
Lingard
MacFarlane
Martin
Massingham
Moffatt (Moffutt)
Morris
Murphy
Nally
Nebrook
Parsons
Pinnuck (Pinnick)
Pope
Rerden (Reiden Renden)
Sanger
Schrader
Seymour
Shelford
Skerman
Townsend
Turner
Watkins
Webster (Ship's Surgeon)
Wigley (Wiggley Whigley)
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Yorston

P & A Car Rental

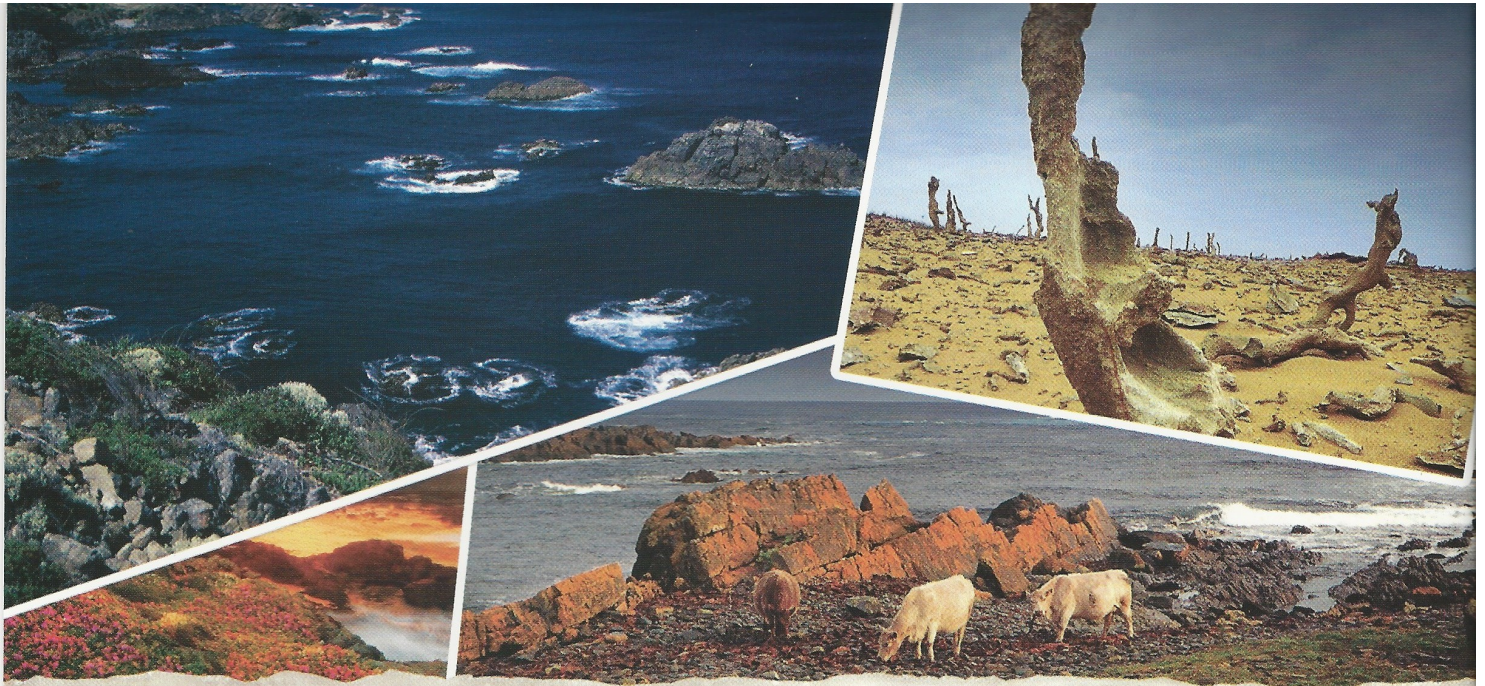
Available for pickup and drop off
at airport.

Address: Meech Street, Currie

Telephone: 03 6462 1603

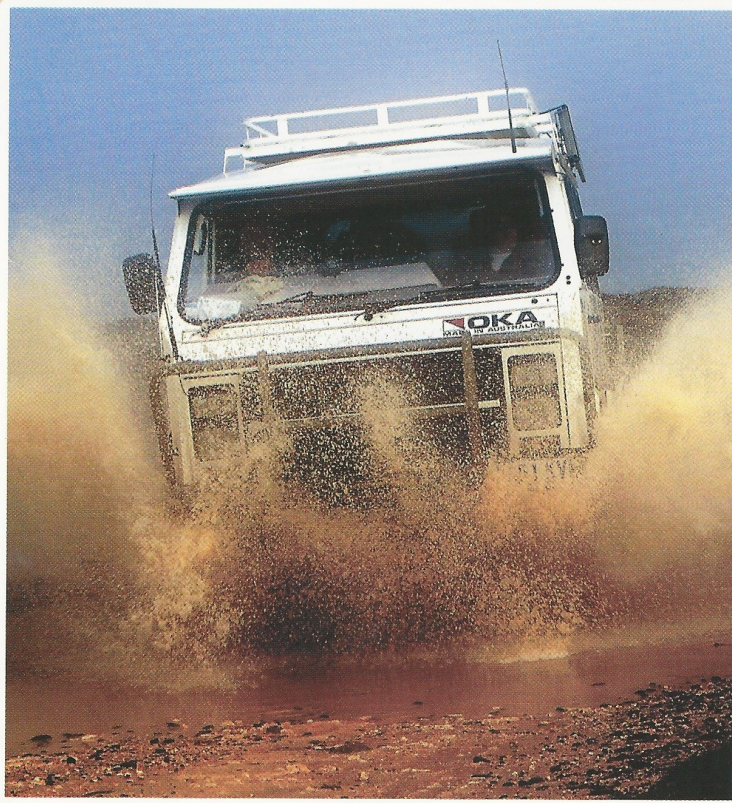
Email: pacars@live.com.au

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5.00pm



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