

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

Thank you everyone,
I bombarded my data base with emails to get a better understanding of how many people would be going to King Island. We have confirmation of at least 100 people flying in and out of King Island for this event. This is an amazing number of descendants and I cannot wait to meet every one of you!

For the people who are unable to attend, your well wishes have been energising me and I may somehow put these together to take to King Island.

If you have not let me know of your plans, particularly if you are going to King Island, please drop me an email or go to Karina's web site netherby.homestead.com and register your plans.

It is very important that we know numbers so that we can book halls/restaurants and arrange catering etc.

For the last couple of weeks I have been communicating with the Roadknight people. Second Officer, John Parry, was only 23 when he walked from the shipwreck to the Cape Wickham lighthouse, with a walking party of men from the Netherby. It took them 4 days and on arrival they must have been gutted to hear that the undersea cable that had previously allowed Cape Wickham and Cape Otway lighthouses to communicate, had broken down a couple of years prior.

The lighthouse operator had no way of contacting the mainland and no known ships were scheduled to arrive. John Parry knew hundreds of people could die if contact with the mainland did not occur. He borrowed a whale boat, some food and water, and with three other men (non-sailors) they journeyed across Bass Strait landing somewhere around Cape Roadknight, near Angelsea.

The next part of the story is a little grey even to the Roadknight family. Parry and his men may have met some squatters on land, who fearing the landing party were bushrangers, ran off into the scrub. I believe it was 7pm at night and so the party camped for the night relying on the food/water brought over from the lighthouse.

The next morning, a Sunday morning, Parry came across a surveyors camp where he was loaned a horse and some money. The rest of the party may have been taken to the Roadknight Homestead. Parry road to Queenscliffe to alert the authorities. He then continued his ride on to Geelong where he caught a train to Williamstown.

From Williamstown he boarded one of the two rescue ships and returned to King Island. Even after everyone was safely removed from the island, Parry stayed on to provide some protection to the wreck and what contents remained.

The Roadknight family, somehow, came into possession of the Netherby bell, which was later found at the Swan Reach School in Gippsland. The Roadknights did own and lease a lot of grazing land across southern Victoria, so perhaps it went with them from Cape Roadknight to Swan Reach.

The Roadknight's have their own historian and a number of publications have been produced but very little is known of the connection to the Netherby. You would have thought this was exciting news 150 years ago but somewhere it is lost and we can only go by lots of other people's accounts of what they think might have happened.

No matter though, we owe our lives to Parry and everyone who assisted him along this most arduous journey. Thank you!

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

King Island

Bound

At this early stage we have the following passengers and crew, or rather their descendants attending King Island. These are the fly in/fly out people and does not include those living on King Island.

Alldis family x 6
Austin family x 2
Cubbin family x 9
Denning family x 4
Evans family x 2
Grimes family x 3
Groom family x 6
Lingard family x 9
Martin family x 3
Massingham family x 3
Newbrook family x 2
Pinnuck family x 16
Seymour family x 3
Skerman family x 20
Townsend family x 2
Yorston family x 6

We think there are more Skermans but am yet to have that confirmed.

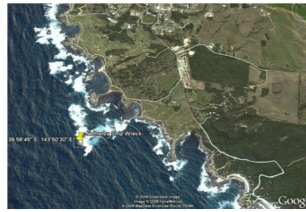
I am impressed with the Pinnuck family totalling 16! What a fantastic effort. You are going to have the time of your lives!!

If the numbers above are wrong—let me know. We need to have a good knowledge of how many people are attending.

Thank you everyone.

Ann





**Thursday,
July 14, 2016**

Commemoration.

6.30pm—7.15pm
Netherby Cove.

The Netherby went aground on rocks about 7.10pm. Weather permitting, the Commemoration will be held at Netherby Cove.

There is no power/lighting/amenities at the cove.

If the weather prevents us being at Netherby Cove, the event will be held at the Council Hall commencing 6.30pm.

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 "hard up", the successful transfer of people to the beach and communications".

Following the commemoration a light supper will be available at the Council Hall. \$15 per head for light finger food, tea/coffee. There will be further announcements as well as a display of Netherby passenger history as supplied by you!!

Chances are we will not know until the day before or on the day if the event will be at Netherby Cove or the Council Hall. We will arrange one or 2 central locations where you will find this information or advise your lodgings. More on this later.

**Friday,
July 15, 2016**

Free day for you to explore:

- King Island Historical Museum and the Netherby Room.
- King Island Dairy for tastings
- Netherby Heritage Tour—full day bus tour (refer p 4).

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.

**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/

Evening:

Netherby Bush Dance and Dinner,

Celebration of Netherby Cubbin's 150th birthday.

Location: Council Hall
Time: to be advised
Dinner: 3 course meal with choice of 2 main meal options.

Launch of a book about the life and background of Netherby Cannell (Cubbin).

Bush Dance.

\$65 per head.

**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.

Netherby Cove



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Netherby Classifieds

ACCOMMODATION Available
Please note this is by no means the only accommodation available.

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

Bass Cabins have a 2 bedroom cabin available— 1 bedroom with a double bed and 2 bunks in a separate room.
Email your enquiry to d.stansfield@bigpond.com or phone 03 6462 1168

Boomerang By The Sea has vacancies on King Island. Plenty of motel rooms available from \$170 per night. Wave Watcher s/c unit from \$180 per night. Blencathra 1 bedroom cottage from \$180 per night. Airport transfers \$10 per person.
Email sales@boomerangbythesea.com.au or phone 03 6462 1288

Possible vacancies at Grassy. Email: kiholiday@kingisland.net.au or visit their website www.kingislandholidayvillage.com.au

Phone enquiries to Lucinda 03 6461 1177 or 0408 546 469

Island Breeze Motel has motel rooms available from July 15th. \$160 per night starting point.
Enquiries to: Anna ph 03 6462 1260 or email: island-breezemotel@gmail.com

SHARP AIRLINES: will increase the number of flights if warranted. Please contact them direct for enquiries or bookings. 1300 55 66 94
reservations@sharpairlines.com.au

King Island Air they too will add additional flights if bookings are made. Contact Jo Brown directly —her email is info@kingislandair.com.au or telephone 03 9580 3777

For the next issue (mid April) Email admin@netherby2016.com if you have anything to add to this classified section. Eg. Car pooling



POKI MARKET DAY

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



KING ISLAND TOURS - The Hidden Experience - South Tour
1 Day, 4WD Tour - Departs at 9am



WE SHOW YOU THE HIDDEN SIDE OF KING ISLAND.

Join us at the King Island Motel, Grassy for our 9am departure in one of our purpose built 4WD all terrain vehicles. This tour is guided by locals that will share their abundant knowledge of King Island's Fauna, Flora & History.

Price includes:

- Full Day Touring (9am - 3.30/4pm)
- Morning Tea
- Lunch-White Tablecloth
- 'Paddock to Plate Experience'

\$195 per person

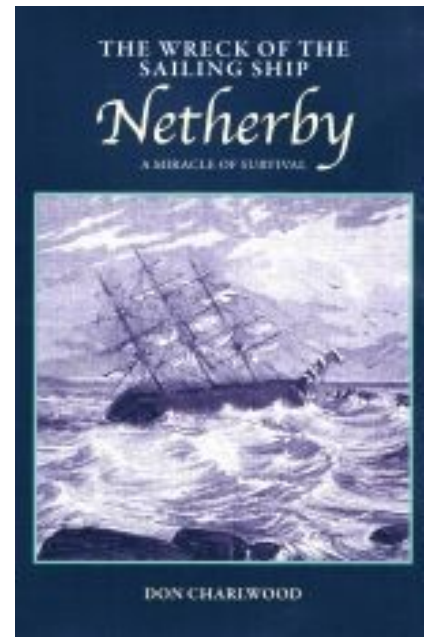
*Subject to availability and conditions apply.

Book Now 0408 546 469

King Island
HOLIDAY VILLAGE & TOURS
www.kingislandholidayvillage.com.au



King Island Dairy will kindly arrange additional tours during the long weekend of the Netherby 2016 Commemoration. Tours of the cheese room, with tastings and hopefully a cheese crafter to explain the process and the excellent results. Each tour will be limited to 25 people. More on this later as details come to hand. There will also be a special offer on cheese for our group. Yum!



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

King Island Historical Museum



Opening times

Netherby 2016 event only.

Friday, July 15, Saturday, July 16
and Sunday July 17

10am—4pm daily.

Admission	\$7 adult
	\$2 child
Annual membership	\$10 unlimited admission

36 Lighthouse Street, Currie.

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

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8.00am - 5.00pm



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Our people make the difference



Currie Lighthouse Tours

With Ondrea Richards. Bookings Ph 0439 705 610 or email kingislandrambles@gmail.com

Tour times for bookings. 10-12 people per tour.
Friday July 15—2.15pm, 3pm & 3.34pm
Saturday, July 16—2.45pm, 3.30pm, 4.15pm
\$15 per adult \$7.50 per child \$40 family rate (2ad 2 ch).



Bookings will start from earliest to latest time-slots as tours become full.

PLATYPUS TOUR—www.kingislandrambles.wordpress.com
Starts in Grassy at 8am—Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday.
\$40adult \$10 child \$90 family rate. 10-12 people maximum.

Please refer to the website. May not be suitable for everyone.

Netherby Heritage Tour

Friday, July 15, 2016

Departs 9am Return 4.30pm Currie Post Office.

From Netherby Cove to Cape Wickham.

Trace the steps our ancestors took
for their survival.

**Full day coach tour
includes:**

- King Island Cheese Factory,
- Porkies Beach, Phoque's Bay,
- Whistler Point, Yellow Rock Beach,
- the Springs and
- the Lighthouse precinct including a walk around the Lighthouse.
- Lunch and drinks included.

**\$65 per
person**



If the weather suits, there maybe an option for the keen to walk a stretch of beach / beaches to pickup points 5kms apart (with an experienced guide).

Bookings for the Netherby Heritage Tour can be made via email: admin@netherby2016.com

Payment required on King Island. Cash only.

Fully Licensed, A La Carte Restaurant

WILD HARVEST

KING ISLAND

King Island's Premier Dining Experience



Ocean to Table, Paddock to Plate

RESERVATIONS

(03) 6461 1176 or 0455 111 657

- WESTPAC is the only bank on King Island
- Telstra is the only mobile phone service available.
- There is an Australia Post. Mon- Fri only.
- Some businesses will only accept cash.
- There is no taxi service available.

WANTED

Your family history with or without a photo or picture.

Please email your story and details to:
admin@netherby2016.com

This is for a static display that we, Karina and I, are creating. Even if you are not attending we would love to have your history, your ancestors remembered and on display with a view to creating a table or display book at the end of Netherby 2016 Commemoration.