

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

Hello everyone,

Another month has passed and we are now in April. We have said farewell to summer and daylight saving. I have been umbilically connected to my laptop during March, writing articles for various print media, including Sharp Airlines Flight magazine and King Island Courier. I will not know if anything is printed or used until it is published I suppose?

To a degree, when I write, I have to put a different slant on the known facts, so that it is interesting to read and not a copy of anything else which has been published. It is not that easy! However, I persevere and welcome the publicity.

In the last issue I highlighted John Parry, the Second Officer on board the Netherby. I mentioned that he and his whale boat party came ashore on the mainland at Point Roadknight. Since, my last newsletter, something coincidental occurred. Karina Taylor, who is a descendant of George Massingham, found a copy of a photo taken by George, as a mature man. George was only 16 and travelling alone on-board the Netherby. Later on in his life, George became a photographer and the photo Karina found was of Thomas Roadknight, taken when Thomas was about 60 years of age.

It is possible that they spoke of the shipwreck, the rescue and the part that the Roadknights played in all of this. However, it is also likely, they did not even realise the connection. How many times have we ever wished to be a fly on the wall?

Another snippet of information I followed up was a curious thing! I have read many times that the passengers arrived into Melbourne with only the clothes on their backs. But I had also read that William Hickmott from the Cape Wickham lighthouse had taken advantage of the clothing strewn along the coast when he first went to the shipwreck site to advise the passengers and crew of Parry's voyage across the strait to the mainland. Hickmott layered so much clothing, underwear, coats, jackets and hats that he could barely walk the distance back to the lighthouse!

Then I read about George Wiggley, passenger on-board the Netherby, who after the rescue, saw his waistcoat for sale in a used clothing store in Melbourne! It made me think about this and so I undertook some research into what was actually on-board the ship and some interesting things came up.

- A lattice girder bridge in two spans of 100ft.
- A plate girder bridge of 50ft span. 4 miles of flanged rails. 88 sets of switches, crossing and chains to suit the rails.
- 1 large hydraulic cotton or wool press. 1 portable steam-engine, for working the press. 1 turning lathe.

A separate auction occurred in Melbourne of Holloways ointment

I also found several auctions of items that may either have been an order for a shop in Brisbane or perhaps someone on board was planning a drapery store. 1079 pairs men's moleskin, tweed, and duck trousers. 108 men's coats. 108 do vests. 421 do Crimean shirts, 220 felt hats, 52 pieces silk alpaca, 77 do prints. 13 do damask, 13 do Orleans, 498 rolls ribbons, 63 quilts and counterpanes, 118 dozen men's, women's and children's stockings, 28 pieces of flannels, 45 hearth rugs and door mats, 7 trunks boots and shoes, 2 boxes gloves, 29 ladies skirts, 16 bolts canvas, 2 cases white cotton gloves, 697 pieces men's, women's and children's linen underclothing, 9 do cloth, 14 boxes cocoa, Taylor Brothers, 5 do candles, 2 ? Pale ale, 1 quarter cask Duff Gordon's sherry, 5 tins varnish and a quantity of other goods too numerous to particularise.

Another auction was for: saddlery, sad irons, bass breems, carriage lamps, kerosene oil—all salvage from the wreck of the Netherby. Trove is an interesting and wonderful website.

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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.

Adams family x 3
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 8
Lingard family x 9
Martin family x 3
Massingham family x 3
Morris family x 4
Newbrook family x 2
Parry family x 2
Pinnuck family x 18
Seymour family x 3
Skerman family x 30
Townsend family x 4
Yorston family x 7

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

I am impressed with the Pinnuck family totalling 18! 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.





**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 two 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 6).

Evening option

Evening tour via bus to Grassy for penguin viewing and dinner at Kings Cuisine.

Netherby readings/stories shared.

\$60 per person (refer p6)



**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.

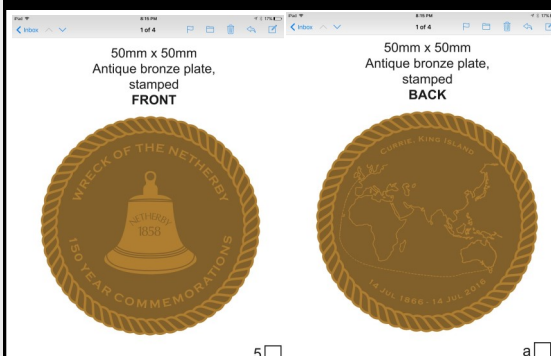
Early Lunch -

Details to be advised.

End of event.

Netherby 150th Commemorative Coin

Pre Orders available now.



150 commemorative coins are in the making for this very special event.

Please register your interest as soon as possible.

Email: Ann
admin@netherby
2016.com

\$10 each

Netherby Classifieds

SPONSORS:

I am pleased to make mention of a number of businesses who directly support our event and welcome our visit to King Island.

FOODWORKS will be offering a discount on their picnic hampers. More later on this.

KING ISLAND DAIRY—are offering additional tours and there will be a Netherby only special made available. More in the next newsletter.

SHARP AIRLINES have made an offer to promote our event and King Island in their Flight magazine.

SEASOL—did you know that King Island kelp is the main source of seaweed used in the marvellous Seasol for your garden range?
A sample pack will be available for our descendants.

KING ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM—will be open during the Netherby weekend and are currently in the completion stage of the Netherby room. It should be very interesting to have a look.

NETHERBY HERITAGE TOUR—a special bus tour specifically covering the footsteps of our ancestors and most of King Islands highlights!

PENGUIN & DINNER event at **KINGS CUISINE**, Grassy. This has been put together as a means of keeping the Netherby descendants linked together for the weekend.

NETHERBY BUSH DANCE.

This is the celebration of Nettie's 150th birthday, the joy of our ancestors surviving their wreck, and celebration of our relationship with King Island. This event is as much for locals as it is for the Netherby folk.

Pre-order your
PICNIC HAMPER



KING ISLAND FOODWORKS
(03) 6462 1144
kingisland@stores.foodworks.com.au

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.



A Skerman challenge?

Suzanne Skerman thought in 1956 that perhaps only her family had the surname of Skerman until she spent a week at the National Fitness Camp at Tallebudgera.

Suzanne says " We had little "huts" for accommodation and there were two girls (twins) who appear in a photo (front 2 girls) and their names were J and J Skerman! "

Suzanne would love to know who they are and if they are going to King Island for the commemoration?

Suzanne thinks the event was organised via Dalby Primary School. Can you help? Email Ann: admin@netherby2016.com



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).



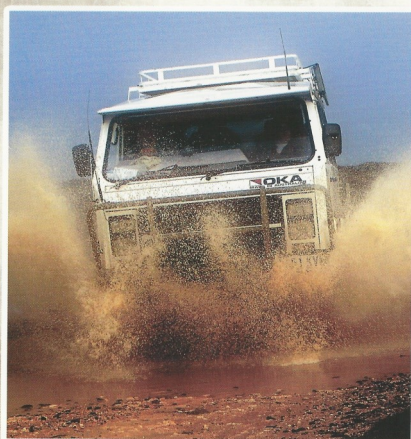
Bookings will start from earliest to latest time-slots as tours become full.

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.



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WE SHOW YOU THE HIDDEN SIDE OF KING ISLAND.

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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.

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

A message from Karina Taylor:

Many people have, over the years, contributed to my website www.netherby.homestead.com However, over time, the links to their personal web pages and email addresses have changed or been cancelled/ replaced.

It would be great if those links could be updated, replaced or removed.

Please contact me via

www.netherby.homestead.com and we can make these changes.

I also like to use PDF's where possible and am happy to include these where relevant.

Thank you. Karina Taylor

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- Surfing
- Diving
- Fishing
- Farm Visits
- Shell Collecting
- Horse Riding



Transfers Flights Accommodation Meals
All subject to numbers, availability and alterations.

CONTACT

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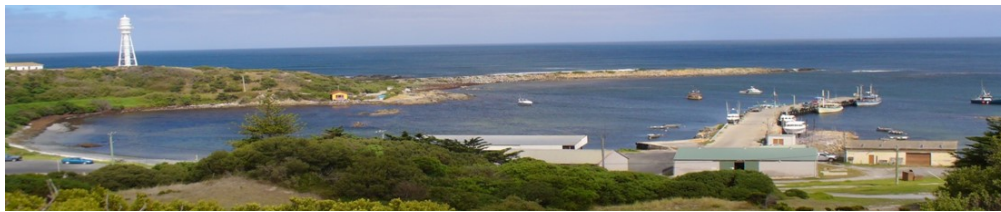
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King Island Dairy will kindly arrange additional tours during the weekend of the Netherby 2016 Commemoration.

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!

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SAILING SHIP

Netherby
A MIRACLE OF SURVIVAL



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Orders via

www.burgewoodbooks.com.au
Copies will be available for
purchase during our event on
King Island.

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Thank you to the number of
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newsletter.

I am more than happy to pro-
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Please ensure you send artwork
with your request and to the
best of my ability I will include
your ad in the next newsletter.
In return for this it would be ex-
cellent if you could provide a
discount or special deal for the
Netherby descendants visiting
King Island. Thank you. Ann.

Joyce Hammond (nee Cannell), Nettie's granddaughter and my mother, accepted life as it presented. Her story about her Manx heritage is full of wonderful snippets of intriguing information, not only about Nettie, her family, the Netherby shipwreck and her husband's family, but also about the Isle of Man.

Cradled by Man: A family history
by Joyce Hammond, a book edited and published in 2016 by her daughter Jennifer Cover. Available for purchase during the Netherby celebrations on King Island & via
www.jennifercover.com

Cradled by Man

A Family History by
Joyce Hammond (née Cannell)



Jennifer Cover (née Hammond)

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.

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

Friday evening July 15

Penguins and Dinner Tour

Come on board the Benn's bus for
a nocturnal tour across the island
to Grassy.

Observe the fairy penguins after
they have come ashore.

Then settle for the evening at
King's Cuisine for a 3 course
meal show-casing some of King
Island's produce. (example)

King Island Tasting Plate,
Choice of Tuna, Lamb, Steak or
Octopus
Choice of 2 delicious desserts

Bookings essential.

Bus leaves Currie Post Office at
5.30pm and returns 10pm.

Bookings via:

admin@netherby2016.com
Payment required prior.

\$60 per person.



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.