

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

Hello everyone,

This is not your next full newsletter (due mid-May) — this is a special request. Yes another request! I know!

It had always been on the agenda to consider a time-capsule for the Netherby 150th. However, it fell into the too hard basket and was filed into the "futures" folder.

The discussion somehow arose and one of our descendants, Mr Glenn Pinnuck, came up with the suggestion of a Sea Chest (similar to the below image).

At the moment we do not know the exact dimensions. However, this chest pictured is 26" x 15" x 16" (w x h x d).

We would be basing the Netherby Sea Chest on similar dimensions.

The resting place for the Sea Chest will be the King Island Historical Museum. We have their permission for the Sea Chest to be on display and the handover of the Sea Chest will form part of the closing of Netherby2016 on King Island on the Sunday, July 17th.

The initial intention is for the chest to be opened 10 years later for the 160th anniversary of the Netherby shipwreck.

Who ever that might be, will check the contents have survived well, may decide to add more to the chest and potentially it will be resealed for opening on the 175th anniversary. That decision can only be made when it is confirmed that the chest has done an excellent job of storing our history.

The big question is what to include in the chest?

I was thinking a copy of the book by Don Charlwood—The Wreck of the Sailing Ship Netherby and a copy of the book by Joyce Hammond/Jennifer Cover "Cradled by Man". Karina is going to create a table book of her website "netherby.homestead.com".

I am creating a history board for the 150th which is the articles sent by you to me. These will be printed and laminated for display in the Council Hall where the majority of our functions will be held.

After this, I am happy to add these to the Sea Chest. I will be printing them on A3 and if this is too big I could run a 2nd copy at A4 size.

This Sea Chest is for everyone—so please give some consideration to what you would like in the chest?

If you are attending Netherby2016 you might like to bring something with you to personally deposit in the chest. At this stage we are anticipating this will occur at the lunch after the service at Netherby Cove, Sunday, July 17.

For descendants who are unable to attend, we would anticipate that you would need to mail your item/s to King Island direct. (more on this later).

If you are struggling for ideas—you could simply include a letter to grandchildren that tells them of your ancestor/s and a lot about you and other family members. Imagine their surprise to receive the letter!

Anyway—the choice is yours and you have a couple of months only to give this due consideration. Do your own research. I think stay away from technology that might well be obsolete in 2026—things like CD's, DVD's, perhaps even USB sticks! Printed photographs will survive longer if black and white but as we are storing for 10-25 years, high quality photos on archival type paper (if available) should last the distance.

I think this is a hugely exciting addition to our Netherby 2016 agenda and I would like to personally thank Glenn for the suggestion and the work he has been doing on the coins.

I would also like to thank the King Island Historical Society for accepting our Sea Chest and as always, Jim and Sharon Benn.

Heartfelt thanks.

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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
Aldis 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 10
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 35
Townsend family x 2
Yorston family x 7

Thank you everyone.

Ann



A Skerman challenge?

In the last edition, I published a photo from Suzanne Skerman, taken at a school camp in 1956 at Tallebudgera. Suzanne was wanting to identify the two Skerman sisters in the photo.

After publishing the newsletter, the solution arrived via email about 4 hours later. The young Skerman girls were Judy and Jan. Mystery solved!



**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 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—11am
(to be confirmed).

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

Lunch—potentially the Council Hall again. I am awaiting numbers before determining the location.

Also the costing will be as low as possible. Potentially around \$25 per head or less (to be confirmed).

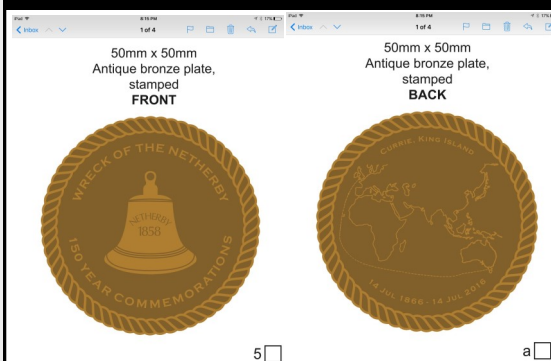
During lunch, the Sea Chest will be open to receive donations of items to be "sealed in" later in the day.

2.30pm Handover of Sea Chest to King Island Historical Museum (to be confirmed).

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
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\$10 each