

# Netherby 2016

## countdown to 150 year celebration

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

Hello everyone,  
The days, weeks and months are disappearing on me and potentially this is the second last newsletter before Netherby 2016 on King Island commences.

I am now starting to work on the finer details and sewing all those loose threads together!! It is exciting and it is a little bit scary as well.

At the time of writing, the Friday night at Kings Cuisine is building to be a big event. There will be at least 3 bus loads of people doing the Penguin and Dinner tour. There is also a large number of Skerman descendants attending with the view of using the venue and evening as their chance to meet and greet members of the extended family.

The tour coordinator for the Penguin Viewing has sent me an email to remind people that you will need coats, scarves and beanies as you will be exposed to the elements whilst waiting and watching our feathered delights!

If you are going on the Friday evening, would anyone be willing to talk about their connection to the Netherby? It need not be long or complicated—perhaps just a couple of minutes to 5 minutes max. You may not think you have much to tell—but even your journey to being there for the Netherby 150th is a story.

One thing I have had to face constantly throughout this research, planning and writing and talking is that we cannot agree on the number of passengers and crew. There are records stating, 413, 452, 502 and most numbers in-between. There are a number of records pointing to 38 crew but again, I don't have the names for 38 crew!

My own records have 441 passengers and 38? crew. Total of 479. My total is not recorded anywhere but 452 (passengers and crew) is often a figure used. Thus I have adopted it as well.

I also know that the passenger list for the City of Melbourne steamer which transferred the Netherby passengers from Melbourne to Brisbane is not accurate either. I know this because the Cubbin family are listed as passengers but they did not go! They stayed in Melbourne.

A number of people have been asking about my connection to the Netherby. My great, great grandparents, William and Ellen Cubbin were on board with their children William Jrn, Alfred and Elizabeth Ann. Ellen Cubbin gave birth to a baby girl on the King Island shore after being removed from the wrecked ship. That baby was subsequently named Netherby Victoria Louisa Cubbin! We shall celebrate her birthday on Saturday, July 16th at the Bush Dance with cake and the launch of a book about her connections through the Cubbin family and that of her husband James Cannell to the Isle of Mann. Elizabeth Ann was my great grandmother.

#### OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH

I am trying to organise a photographer on King Island and a date and time that we can all be gathered together at the one time for 2 very special photographs. One photograph will be of descendants only and the second photograph will be of all the Netherby visitors and locals.

This will not be the easiest task! However, it is a very important one!

The descendant photograph will form evidence for a possible Guinness Record of the most number of shipwreck descendants in the one place at the one time. Forgetting that, the photograph commemorates our participation and will be a wonderful talking point. A copy will go into the Sea Chest as well.

More on this later!

**Do we have any professional/amateur photographers attending?  
Please email me!**

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

## WANTED

Your family history with or without a photo or picture. Please email your story and details to:

[admin@netherby2016.com](mailto: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 the Netherby 2016 Commemoration.



## MOBILE

phone contact on King Island only.

Ann **0487 55 33 10**

Ernst **0487 55 33 20**

*If you need to contact me whilst on King Island please use the numbers above.*

*Ernst is my husband.*

*Probably best to sms us.*

*These numbers will **not** work once we are off King Island.*





**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.  
10.45am—11.30am  
(weather permitting)

*If the weather prevents us being at Netherby Cove, the event will be held at the Council Hall commencing 10.45am.*

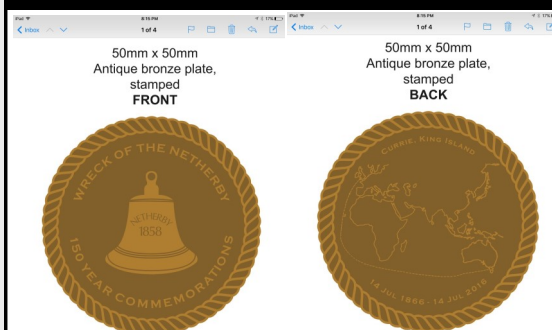
Lunch— 12noon to 2pm  
\$15 per head.

During lunch we will have the Sea Chest (time capsule) open so that you can deposit your small items/historic information, letters etc.

2.30pm Handover to the King Island Historical Museum of the Sea Chest. The chest will be locked/sealed and that will mark the end of the Netherby 2016 Commemorations.

## Netherby 150th Commemorative Coin

**Pre Orders available now.**



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

*Orders taken up to June 10!*

*Email: Ann  
admin@netherby  
2016.com*

**\$10 each**



## 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.

**KING ISLAND DAIRY**—are offering additional tours and there will be a Netherby only special made available.

**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.

**KING ISLAND CULTURAL CENTRE**—will also be open and I believe they will have a display of shipwreck pictures, photos and artist's impressions for a gold coin donation

**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

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.



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!

## Netherby Heritage Tour

**Friday, July 15, 2016**

**Departs 9am Return 4.30pm Currie Post Of-**

**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](mailto:admin@netherby2016.com)

Payment required on King Island. Cash only.

## 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.

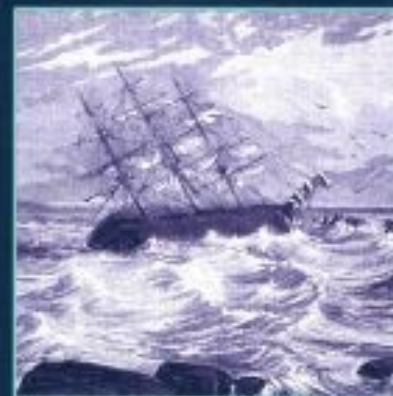
**Bookings** via:  
[admin@netherby2016.com](mailto:admin@netherby2016.com)  
Payment required prior.

**\$60 per person.**



## THE WRECK OF THE SAILING SHIP Netherby

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[www.burgewoodbooks.com.au](http://www.burgewoodbooks.com.au)  
Copies will be available for  
purchase during our event  
on King Island from King  
Island Historical Museum.

## King Island

### Bound

The following passengers and crew, or rather their descendants are confirmed as 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  
Peters family x 2  
Pinnuck family x 18  
Seymour family x 3  
Skerman family x 37  
Townsend family x 3  
Yorston family x 7

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](http://www.jennifercover.com)

### Cradled by Man

A Family History by  
Joyce Hammond (née Cannell)

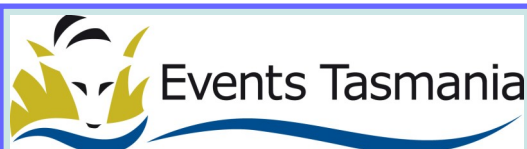


Jennifer Cover (née Hammond)

## P & A Car Rental

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Telephone: 03 6462 1603 Email: [pacars@live.com.au](mailto:pacars@live.com.au) Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 8am – 5pm



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