

# Netherby 2016

## post 150 year commemoration

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

Hello everyone,  
I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the end of winter/spring. Which can only mean one thing and that is summer and Christmas, not necessarily in that order!

To fill the Netherby gap I have taken on the challenge of increasing my hours to full time at Relationships Australia Victoria. Things have steam rolled there with major recruitment and there is never a dull day in Human Resources! But, life does seem a little bit empty without Netherby2016 to look forward to!

Much of this newsletter will be dedicated to a letter from Karina Taylor. So, over to you Karina.

Dear all,

Firstly, my apologies for taking a while to get this message out. Since returning from King Island life got in the way.

Secondly, from the bottom of my heart thank you to everyone who came to King Island for the 150<sup>th</sup> event (and to those who contributed from afar watching and commenting on Ernst's live streaming on Ann's Facebook page). I know Ann said in one of her speeches that at some point over the past few years we envisaged it ending up being just the two of us standing at the Cove going "woo woo".

So, on the first night on the 14<sup>th</sup> as I watched you all pour in through the Town Hall doors, the hairs on my arms stood up and tear came to my eyes. I was so very thrilled that you all turned up. It was like a real life Kevin Costner Field of Dreams "if you build it they will come" moment.

For me there were so many "hairs on arms" and teary moments over those 4 days on King Island. I think I was finding it somewhat surreal to suddenly be talking to people whose surnames I have seen in documents and on my website for so many decades. My great great grand uncle George Massingham had always been a real person to me - but suddenly I was meeting all the other real people who had real ancestors on the Netherby. I wish I had more time to sit and chat with every single person. I truly loved hearing everyone's stories.

#### PHOTOBOOK and WEBSITE UPDATES

A big thank you to everyone who signed the guestbook pages of my photobook which I then donated to the time capsule Sea Chest. I look forward to being on King Island (hopefully) in 25 years time to re read all out thoughts and messages.

Meanwhile, as promised I am updating the saved online version of the photobook to include as much information about the 150<sup>th</sup> commemorations as I can fit and this will then be available for people to order (approx. \$75 + \$25 postage).

As part of the same project I am also updating the website to include the story of the 150<sup>th</sup> and also to link from passengers names to the wonderful history boards that Ann used to decorate the Town Hall. So fa I have created a new page and displayed the newspaper articles about the even here: [http://netherby.homestead.com/2016\\_150th\\_Commemorations.html](http://netherby.homestead.com/2016_150th_Commemorations.html)

Thank you to the folks who have already sent me some wonderful photos from the 4 days.

I am seeking photos from people and their family groups at significant times during the events - i.e. at the lighthouse, the cove, in Town Hall etc. Please email me any photos you wish to share and include the names (and positions in the photo) of everyone in the photo and who they are descended from.

I am also seeking copies of people's speeches. Either the text itself or a photo of the pages you read from.

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Model of the Netherby created by Christian Robertson, King Island.



Karina with her photobook just before being deposited into the sea chest. King Island July 2016.



I thought I would share a lopsided photo of my framed print. I would be happy to share an image of your framed print if you email it to me.

## 150<sup>th</sup> ATTENDANCE REGISTER

In both the photobook and the website I would dearly like to include for historical posterity, the full attendance list for the entire 4 days of events.

I understand if, for privacy reasons, you would prefer your surname to not appear in the book or the website so please use a table in your email to me to indicate yes or no to your full name being used. I have included an example table below.

Representing the Netherby passenger named:	Attendee	Relationship to the Netherby passenger OR Relationship to another attendee	Travelled from..... to King Island for 150 <sup>th</sup>	Full name on website Yes / No	Full name in photo book Yes/No	Any comments or thoughts you would like added in the attendance register about your time at the 150 <sup>th</sup> .
George Leake Massingham	Suzanne Barton	Great grand daughter	Sydney	Y	Y	
	Lance Barton	Husband to Suzanne	Sydney	Y	Y	
Mr Passenger Smith	John Smith	Great great grandson	Adelaide	N	Y	
	Mary Smith	Wife of John	Adelaide	N	Y	
	Anne Smith	Great great grand daughter. Daughter of John and Mary	Adelaide	Y	Y	

## DEADLINES

My goal is to be working on the photobook and having it completed by December. So I would like to put a deadline on all information being sent to me by 19 November 2016.

Once the photobook version 2 is completed I will send around another email to collect order details. Meanwhile, at all times, please feel free to send me anything you would like to add to the website as it is an ongoing growing resource about the ship, the wreck and our fabulous ancestors. I have recently redeveloped the navigation index so that every hidden page is now visible. I hope that helps people find their way around the site.

I have sent this newsletter to Ann Rutte to forward to her full Netherby mailing list and I have blind cc'd the people who have already been contacting me. Please forward it around if you are aware of people who attended who are not on her mailing list (and do please let her know of any people that need to be added). Sending out my sincere regards to everyone

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## NETHERBY 2016

### PHOTOGRAPHS

I still have a small number of USB sticks with the Netherby2016 photos.

\$20 includes USB, photos and postage. If you prefer to send your own USB and pay postage that is ok too. Let me know—I will provide bank details via email.

A couple of people indicated that they were interested but did not follow through with a bank deposit or confirmation email. If you are waiting or wish to order please send me another email and I will follow up.



For those who are wondering about Helen Vivian's Netherby book. I received an email from Helen today advising progress and that she hopes for a Christmas release!

I sense a Netherby Christmas wish list with Karina and Helen both having something for the Christmas stocking!!

Glenn Pinnuck recently posted on the Netherby2016 facebook page that he has some ideas if anyone is interested in a Parry plaque or memorial at Point Roadknight, Victoria.

If you attended Netherby2016 on King Island or purchased a commemorative coin—then you know that Glenn does excellent work and is very creative and ingenious.

I would urge anyone to contact Glenn or myself. Finalising a commemorative plaque to honour John Parry would be also fulfilling Don Charlwood's request that something along these lines be investigated and put into place. I fully support Glenn and hope we can get some others on board as well.

I am going to end this very short newsletter as I do not have much more to add and am already a month overdue in posting Karina's letter to everyone.

Take care and I will be in touch. Send me an email and let me know how you are doing? I met the most amazing people on King Island—please stay in touch. There is always Netherby 2017.

I had a request from a Netherby descendant who was unable to attend King Island and who had been told of my speech in which I mentioned their family member. They asked if I could reproduce it and so I have.

This was originally written as part of the Thursday evening commemorations which were held inside the Town Hall due to inclement weather. At the end we had a minute's silence to remember our loved ones, friends and acquaintances. Although it was not quite silent as we played some pre-recorded waves crashing and the sounds of the sea.

It was quite moving and I repeated this at Netherby Cove on the Sunday morning with just a few minor changes.

Remembering

Tonight, I want to remember those who have passed in the 8 years that I have been searching for descendants and other Netherby information. They are people who inspired or touched me and how sad I am that they are not here to see this result.

This is in no particular order – Don Charlwood – author of many books but his book “The Wreck of the Sailing Ship Netherby” told our story. I had the pleasure of meeting Don a couple of years ago at one of our little Netherby meetings in Melbourne. Don’s daughter Doreen attended and is here tonight with her family. The Netherby story meant a lot to Don and his work continues today through Doreen and Burgewood books.

During this time – we also lost Barry Challenger. Again I had the pleasure of meeting Barry and Judy (nee Skerman) a number of times. Barry was inspiration plus! I know he has visited this spot on prior occasions and am sure he is with us again tonight.

Clarrie Grimes. I had some lengthy phone calls with Clarrie and he always made me laugh. Clarrie had his own connection to the Netherby and he OWNED it with a passion. Clarrie told me he had published a family history, a book of sorts, and he sent me a copy with a note to tell me that he planned a reviewed and renewed family history for 2016. We have relatives here tonight of Clarrie who have travelled a long distance to be here. Lynelle who still occupies the original Grimes land ..... and Winston (Mike) Grimes.

Christine Webster is descendant of Marshall Hall Webster – the surgeon superintendent on board the Netherby, who indeed assisted with the delivery of baby Nettie on these shores and of course, he would have provided medical aid and assistance to all of the Netherby passengers and crew throughout the voyage and again here on the island. Christine’s father, Brandon Hall Webster, was the grandson of the Marshall Webster, sadly Don (as he was known) passed away in April of this year. Christine would love to have been here for the commemoration and sends her best wishes to us all.

I also noticed when I was typing up the items for our history board that another descendant passed recently, Dorothy nee Evans. She was 94 and her funeral was held today.

There are a number of others: Keith Ward a descendant of the McFarlane family. Ken Bartling who wanted very much to be here, sadly he passed away most recently and relatives Annette and Stuart Law are here tonight.

Dorothy Morris, I had the pleasure to meet several years ago, and I am saddened to know of her passing but she is remembered here tonight by her husband Ern and family members

I would also like to make a special mention to a descendant of the Turner family who is battling breast cancer and would have been here if not for poor health.

All of these people had an influence on me and tonight I thank them and remember them.

# Netherby 2016 Behind the scenes.



Karina almost blown off her feet at Grassy.



The Pinnucks helping to raise the banner.



Yet another cheese tasting!



Driving east to west across the island only to discover the road was closed when we got to the end!



Night time photos through the car sun roof!



Best cow photo competition! There was also one for roadkill! Lucky I am out of space!!



Recording the thank you message to King Island.