



Greetings to everyone. There have been developments! In July I placed a notice calling for Netherby descendants, in the Sunday Herald Sun column called "Desperately Seeking". The notice returned about 20 emails/calls and certainly helped add to our Descendant Listing. The Sunday Herald Sun contacted me and asked if I was interested in a follow-up, suggesting I get together all/some of the respondents.

We did this on Sunday, November 28. It was a very relaxed event without an agenda, excluding the obligatory photo for the Sunday Herald Sun.

I am still waiting on information from the newspaper but I could not be happier with the group of people I met. Our common goal made it easy to enter into discussions and there was a distinct air of enthusiasm for the proposed 2016 Celebration.

As a result, I have been able to secure a meeting room for the future and have already set the dates! I owe a very big thank you to Jennifer Cassidy (descendant of Thomas Turner) and her husband John who has offered us a room in Abbotsford within walking distance from Victoria Park Station.

**THANK YOU** Jennifer & John. Your kindness is a huge weight off my shoulders.



L-R back: Chris Mead, Shirley Bonnici, Ann Rutte, Glenys White, Keith Johnston, Bill Brewer, Jennifer Cassidy  
L-R front: Jenny Martin, Christine Webster, Dale Brewer, Will Johnston.

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Not the Netherby, but similar. No known photographs of the Netherby exist!

Descendant Listing Contacts

Between the Netherby Homestead website and my own collection, we are in contact with descendants of the following Netherby passengers.

- Adams
- Aplin
- Bartling
- Berry
- Bulpit
- Cox
- Cubbin (my family)
- Darlington
- Denning
- Evans
- Grimes
- Groom
- Hanna
- Hickmott (L/house Keeper)
- Hogan
- Lingard
- MacFarlane
- Martin
- Massingham
- Moffatt (Moffutt)
- Morris
- Murphy
- Parsons
- Pinnuck (Pinnick)
- Rerden (Reiden Renden)
- Schrader
- Seymour
- Skerman
- Turner
- Watkins
- Webster (Ship's Surgeon)
- Wigley (Wiggley Whigley)
- Williams

There were approximately 210 families on board the Netherby.

**2011 Netherby Meeting Dates**

All descendants/interested persons are welcome to attend. These meetings are initially without an agenda. This is a social occasion with a view to sharing and generating ideas for Netherby 2016 and all things Netherby! Confirmation of attendance will be required. Tea/Coffee, sandwiches and biscuits will be provided. If you have any dietary requirements—please byo. I am not aware of any kitchen facilities onsite eg ovens or fridge, so it needs to be simple. No Smoking or alcohol. We will be bound by the terms and conditions as set by the AEU or J. Cassidy

- Sunday, February 27. 11am—2pm
- Sunday, July 10. 11am—2pm

Australian Education Union building.  
112 Trenerry Crescent, Abbotsford. 3067.

Melway Reference: Map 15 F 11

**Sharon and Jim's accommodation cottages, King Island.**

For more details please visit [www.kingisland.org.au](http://www.kingisland.org.au) and click on accommodation OR google - A C View Cottage and/or Netherby Downs.

If descendants of the Netherby wish to contact Sharon or Jim they can do so on [jim-benn53@hotmail.com](mailto:jim-benn53@hotmail.com) (Please mark email - "King Island Enquiry"). They do offer a discounted rate to Netherby family members.

Thank you Sharon and Jim — please keep us informed of what is happening and hopefully we will meet in the future.

Karina, owner of netherby.homestead web page has been on the adventure of her life time and has provided some information on her website.

On her return I am sure Karina will be impressed with the advances we have made in expanding our database of descendants.

If you have not visited her web pages, it is well worth a look and the more notes we leave in the guest book—the greater the chance we can encourage others to join the Netherby 2016 celebrations! Membership is free. [www.netherby.homestead.com](http://www.netherby.homestead.com)

**In short...**

Don't forget the Cape Wickham Lighthouse 150th Anniversary. King Island November 4 -6, 2011

I have reasonable confirmation that the Black Ball Line flag/pennant was a black ball on a red background. The pennant had a tapering swallow tail. I hope to draft a 2016 logo incorp. the pennant.

*Big Thank You*

to Will Johnston for taking the time to secure the Ship's Bell for us. It will be there on King Island for 2016!

I brought to our meeting a family history put together by Clarrie Grimes to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the wreck of the Netherby. The Grimes family were on board and a member of the Grimes family has married a Skerman descendant.

I have been in contact with Clarrie and he is happy to share this compilation of history and facts. Clarrie requests a modest \$20 fee to cover his printing costs. You can reach Clarrie via my email address. I will forward any communications to him. This is a family publication and is to be viewed as such!

Take care everyone. Have a safe and happy Festive Season. I will be in touch again!  
Best wishes  
Ann and Ernst

