

The Netherby Ship's Bell

Article submitted by Sue Fisher.

In May 2009 the King Island Historical Society research officer started looking into the whereabouts of the 'Netherby' ship's bell. Sue Fisher wondered how many bells there were and who owned it or them.

The 'Netherby' bell was located in January 2010. It was registered with Heritage Victoria and had been restored and 'retired' to the custody of the Swan Reach State School.

The King Island Historical Society made contact with the school head master Andrew Kenyon. The Society had the full support of both Victorian and Tasmanian Heritage departments. They made a request to the School for the loan of the bell for a period of 6 years.

Sue writes: "We were very pleased to be granted our request. This loan would end after the reunion of the 'Netherby' descendants on King Island".

The bell was collected by Victorian Heritage and transported to Melbourne where it was checked. This was all paid for by Tasmanian Heritage. The bell was then transported to King Island by the transport company 'Tas Fast'.

King Island Historical Society also see the bell as being a significant part of the upcoming celebrations of the Cape Wickham lighthouse. The Island is getting ready to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the inauguration of the light.

This will take place on the 4th, 5th, 6th, November 2011. They hope to take visitors back to an isolated island where the lighthouse was their only hope as it was with the Netherby!

The original lenses of the Cape Wickham lighthouse were found by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in storage in Western Australia. They have entrusted the lenses to the care of the King Island Historical Society and they will be on display for the November celebrations.

The Society is also looking for descendants of families of the keepers who worked at the lighthouse. They ask that if in our travels anyone knows of or is one of these descendants to please make contact via phone 0364621241, or email suemelva@bigpond.com

Well I am pleased to say that we do have a descendant of the Hickmott family on our list and I will endeavour to put them in touch. Thank you Sue for submitting the article but most of all for securing the Netherby bell for all visitors to King Island to sight over the next 6 years.



Photo courtesy of Will Johnston, descendant of the Hogan family. The Netherby Bell was in the process of being packed and made ready for its transport to King Island. Will had the pleasure of sighting and even holding the bell in August 2010.

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

Descendant Listing Contacts

We are in contact with descendants of the following Netherby passengers.

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

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Netherby Meeting Dates

• **Sunday, July 10.**
11am—2pm

**Australian Education
Union building.
112 Trenerry Crescent, Ab-
bottsford. 3067**

Melway Reference: Map 15 F 11

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 is required please.

Tea/Coffee, sandwiches and biscuits will be provided. If you have any dietary requirements—please byo. No smoking or alcohol. We will be bound by the terms and conditions as set by the AEU or J. Cassidy

In short...

Welcome

to descendants of the Bartling, Newbrook, Nally and Groom families. All have been in touch and have an interest in the Netherby 2016 Celebration as well as general Netherby information.

Congratulations

to Christine and Paul who recently became engaged. Christine is a direct descendant of Marshall Webster, the Netherby ship's surgeon.

Big Thank You

to Sue Fisher for her article on locating the ship's bell. Also for supporting Netherby 2016. It is greatly appreciated.

Big Thank You

To my sister Shirley who is becoming my admin asst. Thanks sis!!

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

Our July meeting looks as though we may have a burst in numbers. My dad always told me not to wish my life away, but roll on July!!!

Take care everyone.
Ann and Ernst



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(Please mark enquiry - King Island Holiday)

Please contact Sharon and Jim directly via email. jimbenn53@hotmail.com

Great news—I now have Karina regularly checking in on my 2 ?? (soon to be one) facebook page. Some others have found Netherby2016 on facebook as well and I just know we are going to share some great ideas. Come visit us there if you wish.

If you have not visited Karina's web pages, it is well worth a look. Membership is free. www.netherby.homestead.com It is a wonderful, informative site.

My husband Ernst is working away at building a website for Netherby 2016. It is a work in progress and is not intended to run in competition with Karina's site. All publicity is welcome. I will be more than happy to advertise your links as well when we are operational.