

GIPPSLAND'S HERITAGE IS SHOWCASED IN MUSEUMS, COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES ACROSS THE WELLINGTON SHIRE, FROM THE MARITIME TREASURES AT PORT ALBERT TO THE HIGH COUNTRY GOLD TALES AT DARGO.

Our military, motoring, agricultural, social and domestic heritage is collected, interpreted and exhibited by the many groups who are custodians of these important collections.

Wellington Shire Heritage Network provides a forum for these groups to share information, discuss issues and co-ordinate training and development programs.

The groups work together to enrich and enhance the Gippsland resources available to researchers, family historians and the general public to help them explore and understand more about Gippsland's rich history.

The Wellington Shire Heritage Network was established in 2009 to represent the interests of Heritage Groups within Wellington Shire.

Vision Statement

To strengthen and promote Heritage organisations within Wellington Shire through co-operation, information sharing and advocacy.

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WELLINGTON SHIRE HERITAGE NETWORK

1. ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND AND GIPPSLAND GRAMMAR ARCHIVES.

Contact: Tim Gibson Email: tgibson7@bigpond.com

2. BALOOK AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

Incorporating the history of Balook and District through local publications and memorabilia.

Contact: Pam Pattison (03) 5196 6140,
Email: balook1@skymesh.com.au

3. BOISDALE & DISTRICT HISTORY GROUP AND BOISDALE STABLES COMMITTEE

Auspiced through the Boisdale & District Progress Association Inc., the Group aims to preserve and promote the history of Boisdale, Bushy Park and Valencia Creek.

Bronze plaques throughout Boisdale provide an overview of the township's history and early Boisdale and district research is housed at Boisdale Public Hall.

The century-old stables building originally housed horses for the town's Cheese and Butter Factory and the Stables Committee is overseeing restoration to establish a museum on early horse-drawn agriculture and a community workshop.

Contact: Helen Montague (03) 5145 4207,
Email: dhmontague@bigpond.com

Valencia Soldier's Memorial Hall Inc.

The Valencia Creek Soldiers Memorial Hall, circa 1926, displays framed photographs of the original early settlers to the area.

Contact Garry Rose (03) 5145 4428, Email: gmgrose@gmail.com

4. BRIAGOLONG MECHANICS' INSTITUTE INC.

9 – 11 Avon Street, Briagolong

The first 40 ft x 18 ft weatherboard and shingle roof section of Briagolong Mechanics' Institute was built in 1874 with additions over the years right up to the 1999 Briagolong Community House addition. The building, the collection of photographs and other memorabilia and contents of the historic library, were placed on the Victorian Heritage Register in 2008. Visitors are welcome.

Contact: Margaret Anderson (03) 5145 5383.

5. BRIAGOLONG RSL AND LOG CABIN

Avon Street, Briagolong

Contact: Mark Wagstaff (President) 0404 027 605

6. CALLIGNEE SOUTH HISTORY COLLECTION

Contact Dallas Bye (03) 5196 6196, Email: dals@wideband.net.au

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The Network meets three monthly in February, May, August and November at alternating Historical Society locations.
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Secretary, Wellington Shire Heritage Network
50 Mather's Lane
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WELLINGTON SHIRE LIBRARY
Branches in Heyfield, Maffra, Rosedale, Sale, Stratford and Yarram have collections of local and cultural history materials. Online resources can be accessed via the Wellington Shire Library Website
Contact: Jeanette Moore (03) 5142 3634,
Email: jeanette.moore@wellington.vic.gov.au
Web: www.wellington.vic.gov.au/library

Murray Goulburn Complex, 40 Commercial Road, Yarram (enter from Carpenter Street carpark).
Museum with changing exhibitions open every Wednesday 11am – 3pm, other times by appointment. Information available on local history and people on request. Research: \$15 an hour. Group tours of the Museum and historical locations by appointment. Local history books for sale at Museum and Court House Information Centre.
Meetings held 1st Monday of the month (except January)
Contacts: President/Researcher Meva James (03) 5182 5806,
Email: mf.james@dcs.net.au, Secretary Barb Knibbs (03) 5183 2309,
Email: barb476@bigpond.com, mail PO Box 213, Yarram 3971,
Web: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~ydh/s/>

25. YARRAM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

24. FRIENDS OF TARAVILLE
Contact: Cherry Laker, Email: mandn@ncable.net.au

7. CENTRAL GIPPSLAND HEALTH SERVICES LIBRARY

Contact: Librarian (03) 5143 8535

8. DARGO HERITAGE MUSEUM

Dalmore Road, (past the historic Dargo Hotel) Dargo

Established in 2001 through funding from the 'Gold 150' Celebrations, the Museum offers a comprehensive pictorial history with more than 300 photographs depicting all facets of life in the Dargo area, as well as a large range of machinery and memorabilia.

Open Saturday and Sunday, midday - 3.00pm and all public holidays.

Contact: Brian Madigan (03) 5140 1352 or Pam Bila (03) 5140 1228

9. GIPPSLAND ARMED FORCES MUSEUM INC.

West Sale Airport

The Gippsland Armed Forces Museum preserves Gippsland's military heritage, to display and highlight the role played by Gippslanders in our Defence Forces. A regional military museum, it researches, educates and exhibits art, film, heraldry, photographs, private records and technology to illustrate the role Gippsland men and women have played in the Defence of our country in times of war and peace since 1885.

Open Sat – Mon 10am till 4pm, other times by appointment, admission \$4 adults, \$1 children

Contact: (03) 5144 5500, mail Gippsland Armed Forces Museum Inc, PO Box 9177, Sale Vic 3850

10. GIPPSLAND VEHICLE COLLECTION – MAFFRA

1a Maffra – Sale Rd, Maffra.

The Gippsland Vehicle Collection – Maffra Motor Museum features quarterly rotating displays of interesting vehicles: cars, motorbikes, machinery, historic vehicles, carriages, trucks and auto memorabilia. The exhibitions reflect on our motoring and transport history, from horse drawn carriages to modern racers.

The massive 2200 square metre shed – a vegetable de-hydrating factory built during WW2 – is an open-trussed building refurbished to cater for all visitors. There are audio-visual and photographic displays, complimentary tea and coffee with entry and BBQs.

Open 10am – 4pm, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday each week, Public Holidays, School Holidays or anytime by appointment for groups of 10 or more.

Contacts (03) 5147 3223 Mob: 0412 387 102,
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Web: www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au





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11. GLENMAGGIE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

The most significant historic building in Glenmaggie Township, the Mechanics Institute, an excellent example of Federation architecture, was built in 1891, primarily as a venue for dances. Due to the construction of the Glenmaggie Weir in 1919, it was moved 45 metres using jacks and draught horses to its present location.

Contact: Noreen Holmes (03) 5148 2007

12. HEYFIELD AND DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2 Harbeck Street, Heyfield.

Open on Heyfield Market Day, the 1st Saturday of each month, 10am – 2pm and by appointment.

Contact Secretary, Phyl Gray on (03) 5148 2511

13. HEYFIELD FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Based at the Heyfield Resource Centre, George Street Heyfield.

The Group meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9.30am-10.30am and conducts regular displays.

Contact: (03) 5148 0358 for enquiries.

14. HEYFIELD & DISTRICT VINTAGE MACHINERY GROUP INC.

Gordon Street Reserve, Fawaz St, Heyfield

The Machinery Group collection includes stationary engines, cars, trucks, motorcycles, steam engines, tractors, machinery and memorabilia.

Contacts: Barb Cook (03) 51480531, Mick Coleman (03) 5148 2989, Club Email: hdmvg@bigpond.com

15. KILMANY

Celebrating its centenary in 2011, the farming district of Kilmany erected an information wall at the Kilmany Public Hall featuring a detailed listing of the landowners over 100 years, a map of the district and markers showing where the various points of interest were once located.

Contact Merrylyn Stevenson (03) 5148 0505.

16. MAFFRA AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC. AND SUGAR BEET MUSEUM

McMahon Drive, Maffra Victoria (beside Macalister River Park)

The Museum focuses on the rise, success and eventual demise of the sugar beet industry in Maffra 1896-1948, pre-European occupation of the area, early European exploration, settlement of Central Gippsland and the area covered by the former Maffra Shire.

The Society also hosts a dairy display in the Winnindoo Dairy Interpretive Centre complex in conjunction with the Warren Family and works closely with the Maffra Library.

Museum open on the first Sunday of each month between 10am and 2pm and to groups by prior arrangement.

Contacts: PO Box 321, Maffra, Vic 3860, Phone Carol 0408 461 740, Web: www.maffra.net.au/heritage, blog site <http://maffrahs.blogspot.com.au> or Email: MDHS321@yahoo.com.au

17. MEERLIEU AND DISTRICT RURAL COMMUNITY GROUP INC.

Contact: (03) 5157 8254

18. MUNRO HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Contact: Fred and Julie Lotton (03) 5145 8241

19. PORT ALBERT - GIPPSLAND REGIONAL MARITIME MUSEUM

Tarraville Road, Port Albert 3973

The historic Port Albert played a vital role in early settlement of the country and the museum is filled with an outstanding collection of original early memorabilia from seashells to cannons. Discover the early fishing apparatus and boat building tools, as well as a wealth of written history of early settlers and pioneers. Interactive displays and research facilities available.

Open daily September to May, 10.30am - 4pm and on weekends and school holidays during June, July and August.

Contact: (03) 5183 2520

20. ROSEDALE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

4/6 Lyons Street, Rosedale.

The Rosedale and District Historical Society was founded in February 1988 and encompasses the surrounding locales of Flynn, Kilmany, Nambrok, and Willung. Housed in the 1913 Old Shire Hall since 2009, has works in hand to properly house, preserve, research, collate and display its collection of local historical artefacts, documents and photographs, as well as establishing a program to promote local and family history and preserve local historic buildings.

Open Mondays 1pm - 3pm (except Public Holidays) or by appointment.

Contact: President Sue Farley (03) 5199 2998, P.O. Box 175 Rosedale 3847, Email: rosedalehs@hotmail.com, Web <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~rdhs/>

21. SALE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Foster Street, Sale

Located in the stylish colonial administrative headquarters of the Borough of Sale, the museum houses a relatively large and diverse collection of 8000 objects plus 2000 photographs, including local government paper-based records and original council furniture. There are portraits of local pioneers by Alfred Bock, photographs of early Sale, military objects, textiles and household devices and a developing collection relating to author Mary Grant Bruce.

Opening Hours 1.30pm to 4.30pm Sundays

Admission: Adults \$2.00, Children \$0.50

Contacts: Telephone (03) 5144 5994, Postal Address PO Box 724, Sale Vic 3850

22. SALE AND DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Temperance Hall, 78 Macalister Street, Sale.

Open 1 pm—4 pm Tuesday, 10 am — 4 pm Friday; other times by appointment.

Meetings 7.30pm, second Monday each month, except January.

Membership Fees \$30 per year, includes unlimited research and monthly newsletters

President: Mrs Glenys Wain, Secretary: Mary O'Brien

Contacts: Phone (03) 5144 1421, Email: dux@hotmail.net.au, mail: PO Box 773, Sale, Vic 3850.

23. STRATFORD AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM INC.

Hobson Street, Stratford.

Housed in the former Methodist Church built in 1873 and our new shed, with focus on local artefacts, photographs, documents and other memorabilia from the former Shire of Avon and its residents. Disabled access, toilets, food shops etc close by.

Open: Tuesdays - 10am to 3pm and 4th Sunday of the month - 2pm- 4pm, except June, July and August. Other times by appointment.

Contacts: Judy (03) 5145 6836, George (03) 5145 6189, updates and news <http://stratfordhs.blogspot.com/>, P.O. Box 145, Stratford Vic 3862

Research enquiries only 0418 573 828 or kapana@netspace.net.au

1. Anglican Diocese of Gippsland and Gippsland Grammar Archives.
2. Balook and District Residents Association Inc.
3. Boisdale and District History Group and Boisdale Stables Committee
4. Briagolong Mechanics' Institute Inc.
5. Briagolong RSL and Log Cabin
6. Callignee South History Collection
7. Central Gippsland Health Services Library
8. Dargo Heritage Museum
9. Gippsland Armed Forces Museum Inc.
10. Gippsland Vehicle Collection – Maffra
11. Glenmaggie Mechanics' Institute
12. Heyfield and Districts Historical Society
13. Heyfield Family History Group
14. Heyfield & District Vintage Machinery Group Inc.
15. Kilmany
16. Maffra and District Historical Society Inc. and Sugar Beet Museum
17. Meerlieu and District Rural Community Group Inc.
18. Munro Historical Collection
19. Port Albert - Gippsland Regional Maritime Museum
20. Rosedale and District Historical Society Inc.
21. Sale Historical Museum
22. Sale and District Family History Group
23. Stratford and District Historical Society Museum Inc.
24. Friends of Tarraville
25. Yarram and District Historical Society Inc.

