

CEMETERY CONVERSATIONS



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This signal - 'England expects every man will do his duty' was hoisted under the direction of Lt. John Pasco (later Rear Admiral). His son, Captain Crawford Pasco, is buried in St Kilda Cemetery.

Top naval man buried in St. Kilda Cemetery

CRAWFORD PASCO, naval officer and police magistrate, was born in Plymouth on 17 January, 1818, the youngest son of Rear Admiral John Pasco.

John Pasco was flag lieutenant on Nelson's 'Victory' at Trafalgar and signalled the famous message as seen above - 'England expects every man will do his duty'.

Crawford Atchison Denman Pasco, Commander RN FRGS died in Australia on 18 February, 1898 and is buried at St Kilda Cemetery. Crawford was only 12 years old when he entered the British Navy. He served as a midshipman in Portugal, Peru and Chile and was aboard the Beagle when it surveyed the North and Western coastlines of Australia, filling in the gaps on Flinders' charts. Later he continued his survey work on board the 'Vansittart' in Bass Strait.

Crawford Pasco was on sick leave from the Navy when he came to Victoria on the inaugural voyage of the steamship Chusan. Such were his navigational skills that he was roused from his sick bed to help take the ship through the treacherous Port Phillip heads - even though he hadn't been through them before.

Pasco retired from the Navy and settled in Victoria. He was appointed Police Magistrate and helped to organise a greatly expanded water police force at Williamstown.

He was a foundation member of the Victorian Branch of the Geographical Society, and chairman of the Antarctic Exploration Committee. It is said he 'feared God and the Melbourne Club'. Pasco Street, Williamstown, is named after Admiral John Pasco.

Research: Pearl Donald

■ Crawford Pasco will feature in the Military Tour of the Cemetery on April 23 at 2pm conducted by the Secretary of the 'Friends of St Kilda Cemetery', Geoff Austin.

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Tour Program

■ **Sunday 23 April at 2pm**
Military tour of the Cemetery

As ANZAC Day approaches this tour will discuss military people buried within the Cemetery. St.Kilda Cemetery has associations with the Napoleonic Wars, the Eureka Stockade, the New Zealand Maori Wars, the Crimean War, the Boer War and the First World War. Come and learn more about the Cemetery's rich military associations. Tour begins from the main gates.

■ **Sunday 4 June at 2pm**
General tour of the Cemetery

Our ever popular general tour of the St. Kilda Cemetery looks at the graves of famous and not so famous people including the 'Glen Huntly Pioneers' who had associations with Australia's first quarantine post. Conducted by Geoff Austin and Pearl Donald, the tour leaves from the main gates in Dandenong Road.

■ **Sunday 17 September at 6pm**
Death in Early Melbourne

This tour, conducted by renowned Melbourne walks officianado Meyer Eidelson, will explore Melbourne's first burial grounds. \$15 per head (includes supper). Numbers limited, bookings essential through: (03) 9531 6832.

■ **Sunday 1 October at 2pm**
Artists and Photographers

This tour will focus on the creative people buried at St Kilda. Melissa Hayes, Heritage Development Officer from the City of Port Phillip will lead this tour. Meet at main gates, Dandenong Road.

■ **Sunday 5 November at 2pm**
Prahran Personalities

This tour will focus on the notable and interesting people who lived in Prahran and are buried at St Kilda. Begins from the main gates at 2pm.

A 'Friendly' Web Site



by John Hulskamp

'ASTHE Manager of Community Liaison at Information Victoria stated when the Friends applied for the Victoria Community History Award: "Well done - its great that new technology is helping us to preserve our history".

He was referring to the 'Friends' web site at www.vicnet.net.au/~foskc. No we didn't win the Award, but we will definitely apply again next year.

One way in which we can reach an audience far away is the use of the Internet, and one of the tasks has been to develop a web site where we can tell the stories of the Cemetery, promote our activities, and develop links with other, similar groups.

The site is hosted at Vicnet, set up through the State Library. Vicnet supports lots of community groups in this way. The web site is seen as providing a dynamic place to publish our stories. We have already covered Alfred Deakin and the Glen Huntly graves, as well as outlining the development of the modern cemetery.

Our next phase is to develop a "virtual walking tour" of the Cemetery, so that people all over the world can whet their appetite and be drawn to the real thing.'

Best wishes to all.

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The 'Glen Huntly' descendents mark 160 years

ON APRIL 16 this year, descendents of the 'Glen Huntly' pioneers met at Point Ormond, Elwood to remember their forebears who suffered and died there 160 years ago. They watched a re-enactment of the quarantine camp and shared a meal before visiting the memorial and grave at St Kilda Cemetery.

In 1840 the barque, the 'Glen Huntly' glided into Port Phillip Bay. She was on her maiden voyage from Greenock in Scotland, carrying immigrants who would provide much needed labour for the new colony. Carpenters, housemaids, shoemakers, labourers and tailors were among the people with highly sought after skills.

But by the time the ship moored off Elwood's shore, only 52 of the original 190 passengers had survived the journey. The others had died en route. Instead of being welcomed and cheered, the ship's appearance was regarded by the fledgling colony with fear, for it was flying a yellow flag - a sign that there was 'fever' on board, very probably typhoid. Port Phillip's

superintendent, Charles La Trobe, ordered that a quarantine camp be set up on Little Red Bluff, as Point Ormond was then known. Soldiers were appointed to ensure there was no escape. So these poor souls, through no fault of their own, became the inhabitants of Victoria's first quarantine station. Many were desperately ill and weak and in May three more died there - George Armstrong, James Mathers and John Craig. They were buried on the cliff top overlooking the sea.

The camp was divided into two parts and strictly policed, one group of tents allocated for the sick or infectious, and the others for the healthy. As the sick recovered they were transferred to the 'healthy' section. Provisions were trundled down the rough track (that would become Glenhuntly Road) to cater for the needs of the internees. And the last emigrant wouldn't leave quarantine until June 13, 1840.

So chilling was the story of the 'Glen Huntly' that Olive Moore, [a descendent by marriage of Alexander McKenzie (Red Sandy)], published a book about the horrific journey in 1990. 'Flying the Yellow Flag' provides accurate historical detail of the events that led to an overcrowded barque, smaller than the Polly Woodside, setting out without a clean bill of health for the long voyage to Australia. The story is integral to the history and development of Elwood and Victoria.

A cairn set in the lee at Point Ormond gives an account of the historical events and lists the names of the immigrants who landed there. The bodies of the three men who died after landing are now contained in an elaborate grave in the St Kilda Cemetery (South West corner). Another testament to the pioneers, in the form of a ceramic tile designed by artist Hedley Potts, lies set in the recently restored Elwood Pier.

■ The Book 'Flying the Yellow Flag' can be obtained from author Olive Moore for \$12 (includes P&H), PO Box 6006, RINGWOOD EAST 3135.



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'The Long Farewell' by Don Charlwood (1981)

Who are the Friends?

The 'Friends of St Kilda Cemetery' is an organisation that seeks to promote the conservation and appreciation of the St Kilda Cemetery as a place of remembrance, of historic importance and of natural beauty. For details of tours, membership and other activities please contact: Pearl Donald, 66 Southey Street, Elwood 3184. Phone (03) 9531 6832.

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The Brighton connection

"Did you know that many St Kilda identities, like Charles Catani and Albert Tucker lie interred at Brighton Cemetery?"

Following on from the success of the Friends of St Kilda Cemetery Inc. group, interest is sought from persons willing to be involved in the formation of a similar group at Brighton. With more than 370 historic interments recorded and most of the Cemetery's history researched, what's now required is a group of dedicated and passionate individuals committed to enhancing the social and historical significance of the Cemetery."

- Travis M. Sellers

■ Interested in forming a "Friends of Brighton Cemetery"?

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Odd Spot

Grave yards often bear sad testimony to the early deaths of children. Listed here is evidence of one sad passing seen on the Hawkesworth headstone at St. Kilda Cemetery. Newspaper extracts give more information.

Alfred Edwin

Deeply Loved Son of A. and H. Hawkesworth whom God took after a few hours pain on September 17th, 1880. Aged 5 years and 7½ months.

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The Melbourne Argus of September 18, 1880 reads:
HAWKESWORTH.- On the 17 inst, at his parents residence, Jackson St., St Kilda, of congestion of brain, Alfred Edwin (Freddy), the dearly beloved son of A. and H. Hawkesworth, aged 5 years and 7 months.

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But strangely, another entry in the Argus as late as October 10th reads:

HAWKESWORTH.- on the 17th ult, at his parents residence, Jackson-street, St Kilda, of congestion of the brain through blood-poisoning (caused by eating mussels), not suppressed scarlet fever as reported, Alfred Edwin (Freddy), the dearly beloved son of A. and H. Hawkesworth, aged five years and seven months.



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