



The Faraday Farrago

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The Major Mitchell Memorial

Peter McCarthy

The Major Mitchell monument is an obelisk made of Harcourt granite six feet square and 11 feet high, with a polished red granite tablet which reads;

“On the 29th September 1836 Major Mitchell, after passing through this ravine, named it Expedition Pass. Erected by public subscription, 22nd April 1914.”

In 1913 Charles Richard Long was a well-known as the editor of the Victorian school newspapers and many textbooks. Both Charles Long and Mr Davey, the District Inspector of schools, approached the Faraday school community with the idea of a memorial. The school committee decided to call a conference in Castlemaine and Mr G. Ellery was appointed Secretary of the committee. Three sites were suggested; near an old boat shed inside the reserve, beside the road, or on the hill near the falls.

The Mayor of Castlemaine commented that not many people would see the memorial, so not a lot of money should be spent. A sub-committee

including the Mayor and Mr C. Burleigh, the head teacher at Faraday, was asked to look into details including a suitable inscription. The National Parks Association was approached for a donation and a letter was sent to the Water Supply Department for permission to

as a fund raiser. The concert turned out to be “probably the most successful entertainment ever held at Faraday”. Mr D.L. Jones, chairman of the school committee, presided over the evening’s events. The evening started with an address on Major Mitchell’s discoveries

by Inspector Davey. Then an overture to the concert was played by Miss Stella Salathiel and a song of welcome was sung by all the children, who had been coached by Mr and Mrs Burleigh. Miss A. Moon sang Little Shamrock, Mrs Burleigh sang A May Morning, and

Celebrate the Centenary of the Major Mitchell Monument

12 Noon on Sunday 27th April

Are-enactment of the unveiling of the monument will be followed by a picnic luncheon at Dunstans Flat organised by The Faraday Association and the Harcourt Historical Society.

Participants will gather at the Monument beside the Expedition Pass Reservoir. After a short ceremony we will all proceed by car to Dunstans Flat, which is just past the northern (Faraday) end of the reservoir.

There will be a marquee and a display of art works by Eliza Tree, who has completed a series on Major Mitchell. The Major will be present in a horse and cart for the occasion.

Portable toilet facilities will be provided and an alternative luncheon venue will be available in case of rain.

put the memorial on the chosen site. The Metcalfe Shire Council gave permission to use waste stone from a quarry at McMahon’s for the cairn.

The Faraday school committee arranged a coffee supper and concert for February 11th



other songs were presented by Rev Rowlands, Mr L Jones, Miss Stella Salathiel, Mr W Symes, Miss O Marshall, Mr W Marshall and Miss O. White. Recitations were given by Miss D. Salathiel, Mr W. Moon and Miss Bessie McLean. The senior boys and girls then sang eight songs in parts.

The concert raised #8/10/- (after expenses of #1/1/0), which meant that half the amount had already been raised. The committee decided to send a subscription list to the school committees at Sutton Grange, Elphinstone, Chewton, Metcalf, Faraday and Castlemaine, to be returned by the end of March.

The cairn was built "at the first turn of the reservoir" and arrangements were made for an unveiling at 3pm on April 22nd. On the day, showery weather in the morning had not really cleared but a considerable crowd had assembled including children from Sutton Grange, Elphinstone, Chewton and Faraday. Cr Cornish, Mayor of Castlemaine and Chairman of the Memorial committee, presided over events. The dignitaries present included Mr F Tate, Director of Education; Inspectors Long, Gates and Davey; Mr Donald McDonald and a representative from the Melbourne Argus. The locals included H. Moon, G. Field, D. Jones, G. Ellery, Mr Musselwhite, Reverend Menzies, and Mr Burleigh, the head teacher.

Inspector Long had just begun to make a speech about Major Mitchell when a delivery cart passed by with the name Mitchell painted on it prominently. "Old on Major"

called a young fellow from the back of the crowd, you're in this!" This caused "laughter and comment" though whether from the dignitaries or the schoolchildren alone is not recorded. After Long's speech Inspector Gates, who had once been head teacher at Faraday, said he was "glad once more to see the hills of Faraday and the pretty circular road". Other speeches were given.

Castlemaine photographer Verey took several photos of the scene, and then the crowd all moved to the pretty little picnic ground a few hundred yards along the road at Dunstons Flat where the Faraday people still meet. The Faraday ladies had set up tables and seats and provided a first-class afternoon tea. The young folk engaged in games and picnic parties were scattered all about. A collection was made to complete the small amount needed for the fund raising and a few more speeches were made. Mr Ellery was busy but smiling and happy about the outcome of his efforts. At the end, two motor cars carried the residents back to Faraday.

Ten months later the memorial was damaged by vandals and had to be repaired. A year later, almost to the day, the ANZACs landed at Gallipoli and a new chapter in Australian history had begun. Among the soldiers who came home broken three years later was Private W. Marshall, son of the caretaker of the Expedition Pass Reservoir, the boy who had sung a solo at the fund raising concert.

Roos On The Move

Jane Ross and Robert English

After a few quiet months, Golden Point Road has again become a death corridor. In the past 10 days we have had five roos hit on Golden Point Road!

We ask motorists to please slow down, mainly around dusk and early evening. There may have been others injured that have struggled off in pain to hide. We are not aware what is getting them out on to the roadway, but suggest that a combination of the following could be a factor:

- Moving between the Chewton Bushland and Forest Creek.
- Full moons.
- Young males, as they reach maturity, being excluded from the mob by the large Alpha male.
- The drying off of the grass in the paddocks, making green pick coming up from runoff from the road surface very attractive.

They can be found on the full length of Golden Point Road, from Harmony Way to Main Road, Chewton .



A 60/70kmph speed limit (it is up to the residents to determine the ideal speed), the full length of Golden Point Road, could be the only

solution to reduce accidents, damage to vehicles, injury to passengers and the never ending destruction of our wildlife!

The numerous existing speed limit changes currently applying along the Road are confusing and possibly creating accidents. Sun glare is also a contributing factor. The current speed limit ranges between 80kmph to 100kmph. The full length of the road is dangerous because of the numerous homes, intersections, sharp bends and the dangerous situation with parking around the Reservoir.

**AUSTRALIA DAY
DUNSTANS FLAT**

Our community association members gathered at Dunstans Flat on Sunday 26th January for our annual Australia Day picnic. The flag was raised to the sounds of Advance Australia Fair, followed by bush poetry with apologies to Dorothea MacKellar, and a new twist on the true origins of Waltzing Matilda.



In late November 2013, Association member Paul Leishman was awarded the National medal for service to the CFA. Now national medal and bar.

Media Release

**Merging the Beauty of
Garden with the Wonders
Of Art**

The creative works of leading sculptors from the Bendigo, Mount Alexander, Daylesford and Mount Macedon Shires are on display at the picturesque gardens of Mica Grange, 373 Faraday/Sutton Grange Rd, Sutton Grange.

The Sculpture Exhibition brings together the works of a diverse group of artists displaying small and large sculptures in a wide range of art

mediums including stone, steel, copper, rusty wire and old tin. Shown in a natural garden setting the creations provide a wide choice of art to enhance the beauty of your own garden.

Sitting on the foothills of Mount Alexander with stunning views across the Sutton Grange Valley, the gardens provide the ideal location to relax, meander and peruse an eclectic collection of unique sculpture in a natural setting. The Exhibition will be open to the public on weekends from March to 13th April and

during weekdays for group bookings. Entry is \$5 per head. Morning and afternoon tea is available.

Sculptors exhibiting their works are Yvonne George, George Lianos, Lee Adams, Richard Kloester, Issa Ouattara, Peter Laszlo, Neil and Catherine Tait.

For further information contact Bede Gibson of Mica Grange: 5474 8262, 0499 897242. www.micagrangecommunity.com.au

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(Jan 00mm, Feb
41mm)
2014 YTD
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2mm)

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Monument
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