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THE EMERALD MUSEUM NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2018



Nobelius Nursery, late 1800s.

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Stuart's Cascades, Clematis.

Winter at the Emerald Museum

Believe it or not, we are already half way through Winter. While we wait for the weather to turn, the Museum is a great place to bunker down for an hour or two and imbibe some historical knowledge. Grab a coffee at one of our great local cafes, and come visit us for a look around. We have colouring-in sheets to keep the kids occupied while you have a wander through the museum.

Please welcome our new volunteer, Lynne. She's just started with us over the last couple of weeks, and is enjo-

ying helping out by researching acquisitions and other everyday museum jobs. She is also related to the Nobelius family, who established the Nobelius Nursery, making the experience particularly close to home for Lynne!



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ROY

When did you first volunteer in the museum?

In the mid 1990s, so for about twenty years.

How long have you been in the district?

Since 1940. My family moved to Macclesfield then, and I lived with my Grandfather.

What's your favourite memory of the district?

Swimming and lifesaving in the 1950s and early 1960s. We used to take 30 children in a bus over to the Monbulk pool.

What is your favourite object in the museum?

The potato digger from 1906, because I like to imagine how the horses pulled it around the hills .



What is the best part of volunteering?

I really enjoy volunteering. I like being able to tell visitors who come to the museum about the history of the area and the changes in the district.

Can you tell us one 'interesting fact' about the Emerald area?

The alleyway between the supermarket and the bakery is called Stapleton Way, named after Charlie Stapleton who was the blacksmith in the early 1900s. He lived in the house at the park near Puffing Billy.

What is one great memory of living in the area?

In the early 1950s we used to catch the train (Puffing Billy) from Cockatoo to Emerald so we could go to the pictures.



BERYL

How long have you been volunteering in the museum?

Since 1993 when my husband and I retired and moved away from Melbourne.

What is your favourite memory of the district?

Yarning with Gus Ryberg, who was one of the founders of the Museum.

What is your favourite object in the museum?

The bullock harness, as everything depended upon it, as there was no other transport in the early years.

Can you tell us the best part of volunteering?

The people, undoubtedly. Not only the other volunteers, but also the tourists. For example, last week we had visitors from Greece, Brazil and China!



MUSEUM NEWS

***We are now open on
Wednesdays, Thursdays
10am - 3pm and Sundays
1:30pm - 4pm.***

The last few months have been busy with visits from all sorts of groups, including senior groups from Manningham Council. Remember that we are happy to accommodate most group visits, just give us a call or send us an email to enquire.

The Museum and the Gardens will be open for the Secret Gardens tour in October - stay tuned for more details!

We are on the lookout for some more volunteers! If you have a couple of hours spare each week, and like the sound of working with historical objects - please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you. You can contribute in many different ways, including in cataloguing material, helping to run our social media or assisting us with IT.

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