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and show respect to Elders past and present.*



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"Bunk"

"History is more or less bunk"
HENRY FORD, Chicago Tribune, 1916

Nora Heysen finds a new home

HUNTERS HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 6 October
10.30am
In the museum

Guest Speaker
Carole Clancy-O'Hehl
Early years in India

NOTIFICATION IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS WILL BE HELD IN THE HUNTERS HILL MUSEUM ON THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER AT 10.30AM. BUSINESS: 1. TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022. 2. TO ELECT OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS. 3. TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS. NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE CLOSE 7 DAYS BEFORE THE AGM. TONY SAUNDERS HONORARY SECRETARY

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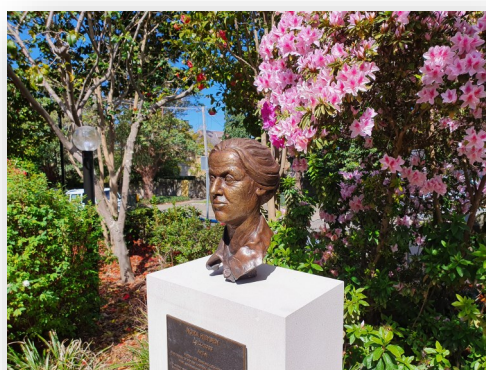
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The bust of Nora Heysen which was formerly in the courtyard of Ottimo's Restaurant has been moved to a more suitable position on the forecourt outside the Hunters Hill museum. The bust was unveiled by Mayor Zac Miles during the Moocoo-boola Festival, which was held in the Town Hall precinct on Saturday 20 August. After Ottimo's closed down,

making her the first woman winner of the Archibald. Then, in October 1943, she

became the first woman to be appointed an Australian war artist, with the rank of captain. Nora lived in The Chalet in Yerton Street, which she bought with her husband, Dr Robert Black. She lived there until her death in 2003.



the owner of the property asked that the bust be removed.; Nora used to go there each morning with her dog to have a coffee and read the paper.

Born in Hahndorf, South Australia in 1911, Nora was a child of Sir Hans Heysen, a noted landscape painter. She studied art for four years at the School of Fine Arts in Adelaide and sold paintings to the Art Galleries of New South Wales and South Australia in 1930.

In 1938, she entered two paintings in the Archibald Prize, one of which won first prize,

In 2011, the centenary of Nora Heysen's birth and also the sesquicentenary of Hunters Hill Municipality, the Hunters Hill Historical



Society commissioned a bronze bust to commemorate her contribution to Hunters Hill. The bust was sponsored by Geoff Swain and

cast by Susan Muranty. **Pictures: The bust in its new position; Historical Society president Chris Schofield and Mayor Zac Miles unveil the bust; Nora Heysen at home.**

Thursday 3 November at the Museum

Associate Professor Karin Speedy

Visiting Research Fellow, School of Humanities, The University of Adelaide

A talk on Public lives, private lives: the Jouberts of Hunters Hill

10am for 10.30. All welcome.

Golf club's attraction was drinks licence

Many years ago Hunters Hill had its own golf club. It was established in 1901 and had a nine-hole course. The course ran from near what is now the top of Crown Street in Henley (close to today's 2RRR radio station) through Gladesville Reserve, across Huntleys Point Road and its trams tracks, through what is now Riverside Girls High School, and then turned back along the land that is now largely the western "expressway" approach to the current Gladesville Bridge, finishing near the clubhouse which was in the Priory.

It was clearly a very short course and many holes were "one shot" holes requiring only irons. Nine holes were played, followed by drinks, then a further nine holes. One of the main attractions of the club was that it possessed a liquor licence.

The land sloped away steeply to the Parramatta River to the south and Tarban Creek to the north – no doubt a hazard that resulted in the loss of balls. The homes of Huntleys Point were to the east of the course and the hospital to the west. Cows from the hospital dairy often grazed on the course and often left "reminders" of their visit as a further hazard. The greens were fenced off to protect them from the cows and the trams coming to and from Gladesville were yet another hazard to consider. Local knowledge was important and the success of the club against visiting teams no doubt had something to do with that as well as the challenges of the course.



THE CHAMPION and the captain, Mr. W. A. Windeyer.

The club was such an attractive feature in the area that it was used in the prospectus to promote the 1912 Huntleys Point subdivision. In keeping with the times, men were full members and women were associate members. Local boys earned some pocket money as caddies and membership was by invitation only.

Over the years, despite having an average membership of only around 30, the club performed extremely well in tournaments. On several occasions they won the Inter Suburban Championship. Newspaper articles of the time refer to the prowess and skill of the

The course was on Gladesville Mental Asylum land and was on lease to the club. It is highly likely that the hospital inmates may have played a role in maintaining the greens, as the Superintendent of the hospital was also the President of the golf club.

The Cumberland and Fruit Growers Advocate reported on 6 April 1901 a caddies' strike at Hunters Hill Golf Club. This was soon after the club opened and the caddies were asking sixpence for each round of nine holes - an increase on the usual sixpence for the first round and threepence for the second round. The caddies (all local youngsters) picketed the gate and refused to leave. They were ordered by the club to leave the grounds. The boys reminded the club members that this was a public reserve and they had every right to be there. Due to the impasse, the paper said that some members started carrying their own clubs and some caddies were "blacklegging". The paper expected "the strike will fizzle out". In the late 1920s, the Golf Club was under pressure to vacate the land. The government wanted the land for a nurses' home for the hospital. Plans were also underway for a new girls' domestic science school on land used by the golf club - this would become Riverside Girls High School. So the club needed to look for a new home. Mergers were discussed with other clubs and the liquor licence that the club possessed was a very attractive feature. Ultimately it was agreed to accept the offer of the Pymble Golf Club to merge with them.

The clubs merged on 28 October 1932 and a farewell dinner for members was held at the Gladesville Hotel on 18 November 1932. *Extract from The Secret Suburb, 175 years of the history of Huntleys Point*, by John Anschau



THE HON. SEC., Mr. A. G. Hancock.

Hunters Hill players.

The day the Queen came to Hunters Hill



This photograph is in the archives of the Hunters Hill Historical Society. It shows the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh being

driven through Hunters Hill on 8 February 1954.

The location is on Ryde Road, going past Boronia Park. More items are on display in the foyer at Hunters Hill Town Hall.

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