

Things Past

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Dates for your diary

'Some Notable Artists & Writers in the mid-Yarra Valley, 1840-1965' talk by Barry Watts, Saturday 15 March, 1.30pm at Hardy House, 49 Birmingham Road Mt Evelyn.

Coranderrk Festival 15 March, see: www.coranderrk.com

History Group meeting Monday 21 April (Easter Monday), 7.30pm Hardy House.

Mick Woiwod will speak on his book *Paradise Lost, on and around the great Moorool* Saturday 17 May, 1.30pm Hardy House.

The Queen passes by – March 1954

The Queen's 1954 tour was the first visit to Australia by a reigning British sovereign and it generated huge enthusiasm.

As part of their three-month tour, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh travelled by train from Melbourne to Warburton on 6 March 1954. The royal couple spent a night at the O'Shannassy Lodge, returning to the city the following day.

The visit, 60 years ago this month, was a huge occasion for the district. People lined up at stations along the route to cheer and wave. Many of them dressed up in their 'good' clothes, hats and gloves in honour of the Queen, even though they would only 'see her passing by' (as Sir Robert Menzies put it years later, in his famous cringe-worthy quote).

A full account of the royal tour through Lilydale and district can be found in Anthony McAleer's book *We Did But See Her Passing By*. See also *Things Past* 17.



Above, a magnificent shot of the royal train passing over the York Road crossing, 6 March 1954. Left, family members waiting to welcome the Queen: Mrs Harrison from Silvan; Mrs Heather Dickinson née McCarthy from Monbulk; Mrs Betty Chapman née McCarthy from Silvan; Mrs Joan Chapman with her daughter Jenny; Gary, son of Betty Chapman. Photos courtesy Maria McCarthy.

Mt Evelyn fires

1914, bush fire

EVELYN BUSH FIRES. For a fortnight past, a bush fire has been raging in the vicinity of the Stringy Bark Creek, but, on the 24th January, aided by a brisk wind and the excessive heat, it made a sweep in the direction of our settlement, skimming the properties of Messrs Haynes, Evans, Doyle, Carey, and Jaughin, clearing out the scrub, but not affecting the homesteads. Mr. Clegg's house on the Clegg road and the Board of Works' cottage near by had a narrow escape, but the flames were beaten back.

The fire also took a run to the lines of Mr. S. Dunstan's cultivation block, but finding no feeding-ground, rushed forward to Mr. Clancy's area, running down Brushy Creek, taking the back bush of Billygoat Hill, with a heavy wind behind. Messrs G. B. Morgan and H. Scott made for the hill, but the slab fences and grass had taken fire. But they beat down the grass fire and pulled away the fence leading to the house, the roof of a portion of which was of bark. But as egress from the hill was becoming cut off by the intruding flames, they had to clear out in rapid time. As viewed since, sparks from falling trees must have caught the bark roof, for the place has been burnt to the ground.

The flames from Billygoat Hill spread to Ager's hill, burnt up Stringer's Creek, and made towards the Evelyn Park zone, taking apparently a few seconds to cover a mile. Then the work of the volunteer fire-fighters commenced. The flames came as an overwhelming wall on to Mr. Clancy's cultivation paddocks, where they were met by Messrs. J. Clancy, A. Kiernan, S. Clifford, Chas. and H. Baker, who very soon got the danger under. Then a call from the workers over the road, where Messrs. C. and J. Thomson, G. B. Morgan, and F. Scott had great difficulty in saving the new Ager cottage and the Thomson homestead. Another call for spare hands took all but one from each danger spot to Mr. Adams' home. The owner was absent in Lilydale, meeting his relatives. This position was the most arduous struggle of the lot. The party were joined by Messrs. J. Cody, H. White, Phillips, visitors at "Mont-velin," [sic] and L. Hewish, and all worked with desperation. The slab fences, however, caught, and as they were

like tinder, soon went under, except where someone had the forethought to make a breakaway. The boughs were at work in willing hands and the fire extinguished to a safe range.

In mentioning the names of the fire-fighters who did such splendid work on Saturday, I must not omit to mention that two little chaps, Bob de Little and Georgie Bell, worked with a will and were very useful. The bush fire that attacked Evelyn Park also swept the bush paddocks of Mr D. Morrison and his neighbours, destroying 150 tons of firewood. Mr Adams also lost a quantity of firewood and Mr Scott a lot of freshly split posts.

Lilydale Express and Yarra Glen, Wandin Yallock, Upper Yarra, Healesville and Ringwood Chronicle, 6/2/1914.

This fire was raging in the background while preparations were under way for Monash's Militia Camp, which started on 7 February.

Later that year

MOUNT EVELYN. (From Our Own Correspondent.) Homeless by Fire On Monday evening of last week the residence of Mr A. Androlini, Valinda Park, was accidentally destroyed by fire. The flames rapidly obtained a mastery, and nothing was saved. Mr and Mrs Androlini and three children were obliged to camp in the barn. Considerable sympathy is felt for the couple who have lost their all. The owner of the property is Mr Merritt, of Melbourne, and I understand that the house is insured. The property was formerly owned by the late Mr Winter, of the 'Herald,' and he made it one of the brightest beauty spots in the Shire.

Healesville & Yarra Glen Guardian 14/11/1914

1916, house fire

GUEST HOUSE DESTROYED A little more than 20 minutes from the time when the outbreak was first noticed, the well-known guest house, "Evelyn Park," Evelyn, owned by Mr Fergus Scott, was reduced to ruins by fire, which broke out in the building on the evening of February 8. The building was a weather-board one of 13 rooms, and Mr Scott estimates the loss at about £800. The building was insured with the Insurance Company of Australia Ltd. for £350, and the furniture with the same company for £110.

Weekly Times, 12/2/1916. Continued p.3

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Evelyn Park had survived the 1914 bushfire only to burn down two years later. The loss of his house prompted Fergus Scott to acquire the house Grantully from South Yarra.

1932, sparked by locomotive

Bush Fires Cause Havoc AT MT. EVELYN AND WANDIN. Believed to have originated from a spark from a railway engine, on Thursday morning a serious bush fire broke out in the vicinity of the railway line between Mount Evelyn and Wandin. The hot north wind that was blowing soon fanned it into activity, and the fire spread rapidly towards Clegg, Hunter and McKillop roads.

Two week-end homes in the path of the fire fell victims to its ravages. The destroyed homes belonged to Mr. Hicks and Mr. Amores. After a stiff fight other properties were saved, although a number of landholders lost several outbuildings and fencing and grass. Volunteers were called from all the surrounding centres, who fought valiantly to stem the advance of the fire by burning breaks. It was then advancing on Silvan township.

Mr. Pool's "White House" and the "Tower" guest house were saved after much strenuous work, later in the evening. It was reported just before going to press that Messrs. Hawkins' and Smith's houses were destroyed, and Good's place, at the railway crossing, escaped after a great struggle.

Gaining a strong hold around Mt. Evelyn, the fire raged fiercely at the foot of Clancy's Hill. A break was burnt last night along Spring street from Bailey to Clegg road, and this checked its progress. At one time the Evelyn State school was threatened, but the burning of breaks saved this property. A large band of fighters concentrated attention on the Silvan front, and towards evening they gained mastery at Bamfield road.

Towards evening the fire branched off toward York road. Here Treadwell's house was burnt, and extreme difficulty was experienced in saving Collier's home on the next block. His outbuildings were destroyed, nevertheless. Hocking's house, on Silvan road, was seriously threatened, and it was reported that several other dwellings nearby were razed. The Electricity Commission's high tension poles along the Silvan road were burnt so

severely as to be a source of danger to travellers. Many still have to be replaced. As a precaution many householders removed their furniture to the roads. Up till 10 p.m. car loads of fire fighters arrived from Lilydale.

Healesville and Yarra Glen Guardian, 6/2/1932

This fire started in the same area as the 1914 bush fire. It's likely that the earlier blaze was also started by a spark from an engine. Fires must have been common along railway lines in the days of steam.



Above and below, the intense fire that destroyed the Do Drop In, 1980.



1980, blamed on the moon

In May 1973 my husband and I purchased a block of land at 163 Swansea Road Lilydale and accordingly built our first home on it. Across the road was the Heritage Listed 'Do Drop In' and a disused bus depot.

It burned down in the middle of the night in 1980. The accompanying photographs depict the firemen attempting to save the important landmark, to no avail. Funny – no electricity. 'Moon reflecting off a piece of glass in the building, thereby setting off the blaze.'

Gayle S. Trapnell

Farewells and changes

Jan Simmons and Jan Deane

Friends and colleagues of Jan Simmons and Jan Deane farewelled the 'two Jans' from their positions at Morrisons/ Morrison House at a function at the Mt Evelyn Station House on Friday 21 February.

Jan Simmons was part of a group of community-minded people who established Morrison House in the 1970s. She progressed from volunteer to CEO of Morrisons.

Except for a few years in Euroa and Greece, she has been involved with Morrisons for over 39 years. We hear that she has accepted a position in Clunes.



Jan Simmons, CEO Report 2005 Morrison House AGM



Jan Deane, 2011

Jans in *Morrison House Changed a Community*, available from Morrisons reception in Old Hereford Road or from the Station House in Wray Crescent (\$25).

Paula Herlihy

Morrison House to close

Following its recent decision to close Morrisons Community Services due to a declining financial situation, the Board of Governance of Morrisons has been in formal talks with representatives of all key funding bodies, Shire of Yarra Ranges and Neighbourhood Houses. Together these bodies are focused on building a plan to enable continuity of services to the community in compliance with regulations and legal requirements.

More specifically, on Friday 7 March a number of high level personnel from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Department of Human Services and Shire of Yarra Ranges met jointly with Board Chair, Mr Joseph D'Souza and Chief Executive Officer of Morrisons, Mr Joe Deragon. The purpose and value of this meeting was to bring together in one place at one time key funding bodies to facilitate a coordinated approach to enable Morrisons to transfer services to other providers in a smooth and effective manner.

At all times the needs of the current clients and staff of Morrisons are paramount and some positive and optimistic outcomes are emerging to minimise disruption to staff, infants, students and their families. Priority is also being given to keeping all Morrisons staff fully informed and supported as they field questions from their teams, students and community families.

In relation to these discussions, Morrisons CEO, Mr Joe Deragon stated that 'We seem to be receiving all the alignment for the support we need from these stakeholder funding bodies and providers.' Importantly the Shire of Yarra Ranges has confirmed that it will continue to support the availability of all its buildings and facilities currently used by Morrisons.

It is the board's intention and wish to keep the community fully informed of developments. On Thursday 6 March, board representatives presented a prepared progress statement to a meeting of the Mt Evelyn Township Improvement Committee (METIC) at the Station House in Mt Evelyn.

The board has deliberated long and hard before arriving at its decision to cease operation of Morrisons in its present form. Driving this decision has been the identification of and need to correct a multitude of significant compliance and risk management issues which were identified in late 2013. These were not new and had existed over a long period of time. However, they became evident to the board only after the appointment of a new Chief Operations Officer in September 2013. Funds for this role were made available by the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

In order to address these long standing critical issues, it has been necessary in 2014 to

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engage additional staff to improve compliance obligations associated with the agreements Morrisons has with its funding providers. This led to an additional financial burden of some \$350,000. Morrisons is facing a \$30,000 fine for non-compliance in its agreements and is currently doing all things to meet its obligations to avoid such a fine.

With the impact of changes in funding arrangements for the provision of some educational services, this situation has resulted in the depletion of cash reserves and concern for the viability of some programs. At the Annual General Meeting in 2013 Morrisons reported a loss of around \$500,000 for 2012. The 2013 results, subject to audit, will also report a small loss for the year.

As a consequence of all these factors the board has been unable to frame an acceptable budget for 2014. Continuation of current operations is predicted in the treasurer's most recent report to result in a further loss of around \$400,000, leaving Morrisons open to the offence of trading whilst insolvent.

Hence, the board was left with no option but to resolve at its meeting on Wednesday 26 February 2014 to close the present Morrisons operations and to fully and transparently communicate these facts to all funding stakeholders and its staff. This course of action was not a choice for the board; rather a legal and technical requirement.

As already indicated it has been an extremely difficult decision for the board to make. All options have been deeply considered over time. It must be again emphasised that all wages, entitlements, superannuation provisions, student fees paid in advance and monies received but not fully acquitted are protected in the financial forecast.

The board of Morrisons, with the CEO, has assessed the viability of nearly all of the programs delivered by Morrisons. It is stressed that whilst Morrison House Incorporated (Morrisons), the legal entity, will cease, plans are now underway to transfer all programs to other providers. There is reason for optimism for continuity of employment of all program delivery staff and therefore for children's and students' services. Additional services such as Men's Shed, Library, Café etc are also being considered as vital to the community and options are being discussed.

Morrison House Board of Governance

Vale Graeme Watkins

Mt Evelyn History Group members were saddened to hear that Graeme Watkins passed away on 12 February 2014. Graeme, who was 79, was the eldest of the three Watkins children. All have died within 18 months of each other.

Graeme had been in poor health for some time but came over from his home in Tasmania to assist his sister in law Bev, first on Gwen's death and then Allan's. He provided us with information about his sister and brother, and about his family, for whom Watkins Crescent was named.

In her Christmas card from her new home in Maryborough, Bev had explained that Graeme was very unwell, and that she would send on the latest issue of *Things Past* to him in Tasmania, as they all enjoyed the articles on the Watkins family. Bev sent her 'very good wishes for the History Group'. **Paula Herlihy**

Donation

The Hardy family has generously donated items of historical interest from Bill and Gwen's home. The painting of the former St Mark's Church of England, Mt Evelyn (below), was the work of local artist Marjorie Hardingham, who gave it to the Hardys.



Family history resource

R.S. Reid is selling the fifth and last version he plans to produce of his 'Australian Family Histories: a bibliography and index'. This 16,678 page, 368,738 surname/ title index has been derived from 9,309 family histories published in, and relevant to, Australia. The index is arranged as a .pdf file on a single CD. The price is \$30, postage free in Australia, from: R.S Reid, PO Box 69, Coolamon, NSW 2701; email: intohistory@optusnet.com.au phone: 0412 071 086

Mt Evelyn in the ADB

Did you know that the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* <http://adb.anu.edu.au> does not mention Mt Evelyn? Not even once!

In at least one case (Ernest Buckmaster), the omission is an error. More often the person's connection happened before Mt Evelyn existed as a town, or else was too slight to mention.

The following people with ADB entries had links to Mt Evelyn (very tenuous links, in some cases).

Bale, Alice Marian Ellen 1875-1955. Artist. Brought Grantully to Ernest Buckmaster's attention. Two of her paintings were included in an exhibition at Grantully, 1948. Buckmaster painted several portraits of Bale.

Barrett, Charles Leslie 1879-1959. Journalist & nature writer. 'Woodlander' of Walden Hut. Described the Olinda Vale environment in his articles.

Birtles, Francis Edwin 1881-1941, cyclist, pioneering motorist, outback adventurer, writer & film maker. Grew up in South Wandin, now Mt Evelyn.

Blyth, John 1825-1908. Merchant & importer. Owner of Blythswood.

Buckmaster, Ernest 1897-1986. Artist. Owner of Grantully. Painted Mt Evelyn scenes and identities including Gwen Hardy, Dot Millard and Edward Wymer.

Campbell, Archibald James 1853-1929. Ornithologist. In *Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds* he described finding of the Helmeted Honeyeater's nest beside Olinda Creek, 1884.

Casey, Baron Richard Gavin Gardiner 1890-1976. Governor General. Federal Parliamentary seat of Casey named after him.

Chandler, Alfred Elliott 1873-1935. Horticulturist, parliamentarian, Fern Tree Gully Shire Councillor. Yarra Ranges Chandler ward named after Chandler family.

Chandler, Sir Gilbert Lawrence 1903-1979. Horticulturist, parliamentarian, Fern Tree Gully Shire Councillor. Yarra Ranges Chandler ward named after Chandler family.

Croll, Robert Henderson 1869-1947. Writer & public servant. *The Open Road in Victoria* includes a walk from Mt Evelyn station to Belgrave. Buckmaster painted his portrait.

Guilfoyle, William 1840-1912. Landscape gardener. Said to have planted the oaks at Akarana.

Hodgkinson, Clement 1818-1893. Public servant, surveyor. Surveyed part of Olinda Creek in 1855. Father of Alice Olinda Hodgkinson, after whom the creek was named.

Macdonald, Donald Alaster 1859-1932. Journalist & nature writer. Friend of 'Woodlanders'; visitor to Walden Hut.

Melba, Dame Nellie 1861-1931. Prima donna. Daughter of David Mitchell, sister of Charles Mitchell of Akarana. Connections to Chateau Wyuna. Patron of concert at Mt Evelyn Mechanics Institute. Said to have planted elm at Blythswood.

Menuhin, Hephzibah (Mrs Lindsay Nicholas) 1920-1981. Pianist and social activist. Patroness of The Barn Theatre, Mt Evelyn, 1950s.

Mitchell, David 1829-1916. Builder & entrepreneur. Mt Evelyn landowner. Owned the Cave Hill tramway and employed Mt Evelyn people.

Nichols, The Reverend Reginald Gordon Clement ('Brother Bill') 1888-1960. Anglican clergyman. Established St Mark's Holiday Camp.

Nicholson, William 1816-1865. Premier, 'Father of the ballot'. Mt Evelyn landowner. Father of John Nicholson, who built and owned Temora.

Panton, Joseph Anderson 1831-1913. Public servant. Mapped the Upper Yarra Valley, including the Mt Evelyn area, 1865.

Quinn, James Peter 1869-1951. Artist. Painted portrait of Lord Casey 1930s. Contributed a painting to the Mt Evelyn Red Cross raffle, 1941. Buckmaster painted Quinn's portrait for 1941 Archibald Prize.

Swinburne, George 1861-1928. Politician. Opened the Lilydale Water Supply 1905 (fed by water race through Mt Evelyn).

Winter, Samuel Vincent 1843-1904. Journalist. Owned property Valinda Park beside Olinda Creek.

Young, William Blamire 1862-1935. Montrose artist. Painted Olinda Vale landscape.

And what about Bernard O'Dowd?

O'Dowd, Bernard Patrick, 'Gavah the Blacksmith' 1866-1953. Poet.

He is mentioned in *Tracks to Trails* p.180 but no one seems to remember what connection he had to Mt Evelyn.

Portuguese kangaroo?

A drawing of what appears to be a kangaroo on a 15th century manuscript adds weight to the theory that the Portuguese were the first Europeans to explore parts of the Australian coast: <http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/books/16th-century-manuscript-could-rewrite-australian-history-20140115-30vak.html>

The Portuguese first established a colony on Timor in 1520. The word 'emu', by the way, comes from the Portuguese *ema*, which could also mean an ostrich or a cassowary.

Cooring Yering and Burnham Beeches

A query about the house Cooring Yering had us joining the dots between two famous families and two heritage listed houses.

David Mitchell built Cooring Yering in 1884 for Colonel William Forbes Hutton (1816-1896, founder of Hutton's smallgoods) on land Hutton had bought from Alfred John Hill in 1876. The house takes its name from Samuel de Pury's Cooring Yering vineyard, which Hutton also purchased. Hutton was founding President of the Lilydale and Yarra Glen Hunt Club, which used to meet on the property.

The two storey, 35 room brick mansion is described in the Yarra Ranges Heritage Database: 'The largest homestead ever built in the region. One of the grandiose vineyard homesteads of the 1880s. Very interesting architecturally'. A photo from Hutton's time has the brickwork showing; the present cement render is a modern addition.

Cooring Yering is located in the Gateway Estate north of Nelson Road Lilydale. It has no street frontage and is barely visible from the road but shows up clearly on Google Maps.

Robert Black bought the property from Hutton in the early 1900s and established a Clydesdale stud. A sale pamphlet for the Clydesdale stud, dated 1927, mentioned that Black was extending his quarrying interests. Laurie Dugdale bred prize Shorthorn cattle at Cooring Yering 1952-3. In December 1952, when the property was passed in at auction, it was described as a 'grazing property of 357 acres on the Cave Hill rd., one mile from the township'. Lindsay Nicholas owned Cooring Yering by November 1954, the time of his divorce from Hephzibah Menuhin.



Above, a glimpse of Cooring Yering through its encircling trees, 2014. Photo Kevin Phillips. Top right, Burnham Beeches 1947, photo Victorian Railways, State Library.



Going back a generation, brothers Alfred and George Nicholas were the founders of the Aspro empire. During World War I, aspirin was unobtainable and the Australian government refused to honour the Bayer company's German patent on the drug. Alfred (merchant) and George (pharmacist) succeeded in producing aspirin to a high standard of purity and were granted a government licence to manufacture and sell it in Australia.

Both the Nicholas brothers amassed huge fortunes and both were great philanthropists. In the 1930s Alfred built the Art Deco mansion Burnham Beeches in Sherbrooke, also heritage listed. Alfred's children, Lindsay and Nola, were his heirs. Nola married the violinist Yehudi Menuhin and Lindsay married Yehudi's sister Hephzibah.

All three Menuhin children, Yehudi, Hephzibah and Yaltah, were musical prodigies; Yehudi thought Yaltah the most talented. Due to parental discouragement and/or marriage, the sisters did not achieve Yehudi's stellar fame. Hephzibah did however make a career as a pianist and accompanist to her brother, and Yaltah as a pianist, artist and poet. Hephzibah supported many charitable, artistic and progressive causes.

Hephzibah was patroness of Mt Evelyn's Barn Theatre, based at Westhill in the 1950s. An Australian documentary, 'Hephzibah', describes her life and includes clips from the Nicholas' home videos. **Karen Phillips**

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Relics at Silvan Reservoir

Former MECS teacher Ron Suter sent this interesting photo, taken recently at the Silvan Reservoir Park. When his normal walking route was closed due to a bridge being out, Ron went a different way and saw the roller.

Its purpose would have been for compacting the ground. The modern type of sheep's foot roller had not been invented when the dam was under construction.



Above, concrete and steel roller in the bush at Silvan Reservoir Park. Photo Ron Suter.

On a related topic, the Healesville Lions Club is seeking any surviving buckets from the Flying Fox that carried materials from Healesville Station during construction of Maroondah Dam.

After Maroondah Dam was completed in 1927, the Flying Fox was used again (presumably with the same buckets) between Mt Evelyn Station and Silvan Dam. Any of the buckets that still exist would probably be found among the relics in the bush at Silvan Reservoir Park. If you know the whereabouts of the buckets, please contact Paul Walker, President Healesville Lions Club, on 5962 6319.

Duplicate place names

When researching old newspapers on Trove, you've probably found reports of local events in papers from interstate. Articles were often copied from one paper to another. But beware, many place names in Melbourne's outer east have interstate 'doubles'. **NSW:** Evelyn County; Box Hill, Burwood, Croydon, Eltham, Killara, The Basin, Yarra. **Queensland:** Evelyn Central (and formerly an Evelyn Station); Croydon, Emerald, Tarrawarra. **SA:** Croydon, Macclesfield, Mitcham. **Tasmania:** Christmas Hills, Lilydale, Montrose, Sassafras. **WA:** Bayswater.

Carrum to Warburton trail link

Cr McCarthy informs us that further planning has been done on the proposed Carrum to Warburton Trail. The project involves a 7 km link between the Dandenong Creek Trail and the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail. The route originally proposed, via the Aqueduct Trail to Mt Evelyn, has been rejected as too steep (*Things Past* 56). Several possible routes have been suggested. None would link directly to Mt Evelyn but all include the Olinda Creek Trail.

The favoured option is a route from the Dandenong Creek Trail at Bayswater North, via the Tarralla Creek Trail to Croydon, the O'Shannassy pipeline easement to Mooroolbark and the Healesville Freeway reservation as far as Hull Road. It would then follow the existing path beside Hull Road to the Olinda Creek Trail and so to Lilydale Station and the start of the Rail Trail.

All the land is in public ownership. Building the trail link was a pre-election Coalition policy in 2010 but State Government funding has not yet been committed.

From Kev's rain gauge

It never rains but it pours. Mt Evelyn's February rainfall total was 24.2mm. 20mm of that fell on one day, 20 February.

Rainfall for February 2014 for Mt Evelyn, Melbourne and Melbourne average.*

Mt Ev	Melb	Melb Av
24.2mm	23.2mm	48.2mm

* McKillop readings not available this month. Melbourne figures Bureau of Meteorology: <http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/data/>

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