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UPCOMING EVENTS

NORTH FITZROY WALK. Sunday, 10 March 2019

Meet at 11 am opposite the Aberdeen Hotel at the corner of St Georges Rd & Holden St.

The walk will follow Pilkington St, Barkly St, Rae St, White St, Glenlyon Rd, King St, and Miller St.

Along the way, we can see, hear and share some history of :

the Aberdeen Hotel from 1889;

Pilkington Street, the shortest and oldest street in North Fitzroy;

St Joe's school, now the Deutsche Schule;

Barrett Bros cordial factory (1908-56);

Clausen St and the site of Volksrust (1909-15);

Chicken Smallhorn's boyhood home, and the nearby Beitzel family;

the northern municipal boundary, between City of Moreland and City of Yarra;

the North Fitzroy suburban boundary, now beyond Glenlyon Road;

the Moonee Valley cordial factory with its own bottle factory (1890-1910);

the Fitzroy garbage destructor site.

The walk is about 3 km, with an optional 1 km extra along the Merri Creek.



Aberdeen Hotel, c.1905. Image held by Fitzroy Library. Taken from the Collingwood and Fitzroy illustrated Directory and Handbook, 1905. The Image is on the Trove website at: https://coyl.swft.ent.sirsidynix.net.au/client/en_AU/search/asset/233404/0

James Dunne, whose name appears on the building in the photo was licensee from 1896 until 1906, when Miss Ellen Dunne became licensee.

NATIONALTRUST HERITAGE FESTIVAL EVENT

On Sunday 5 May, as the FHS contribution to this year's National Trust Heritage Festival, there will be a guided walk done in conjunction with Michael Shelford of Melbourne Historical Crime Tours. The walk will commence at 10.00 am on the northern corner of Gertrude and Nicholson Street (outside Royal Terrace) and finish about 11.00 am. at the corner of Napier and Little Victoria Streets. It will look at criminal activities in the area from the 1880s to the 1920s. The walk is limited to adults 18 years of age or older. Children 15-17 can attend with a parent or guardian. The cost will be \$10.

NEWS BITE

FHS member Rose Chong and her costume store had a large write-up and photo in The Age on Monday 18 February. If you missed the article it may be still be viewed at:

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/i-m-not-an-out-there-sort-of-person-legendary-costumier-celebrates-a-milestone-20190218-p50ylb.html>

GARRYOWEN REMEMBERED



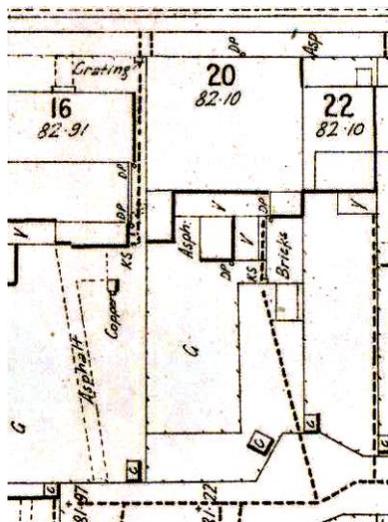
Edmund 'Garryowen' Finn (1819-98) was a journalist and author who wrote many colourful descriptions of the life and people in early Melbourne. Born in Ireland, he arrived in Melbourne in 1841. He was on the staff of the Port Phillip Herald from 1845 until 1858 when he was appointed clerk of the papers of the Legislative Council. He retired from this position in 1888.

Under the pseudonym 'Garryowen' in 1888 he published the two volumes of *The Chronicles of Early Melbourne, 1835 to 1852*, which contain valuable information about early Melbourne.

From 1860 he lived in a bluestone cottage at 20 Leicester Street, Fitzroy which was demolished in the early 1970s. His house, and four adjacent houses, have been replaced by Garryowen Park.

On 20 Jan 2019, the 200th anniversary of his birth was commemorated at a gathering of neighbours, FHS members and other interested historians. The convenor of the event was Liz Rushen who has received a Creative Fellowship at the State Library of Victoria to research the life and times of Edmund Finn.

Edmund Finn. Photograph by J. W. Lindt ca. 1880.
[http://
handle.slv.vic.gov.au/10381/290970](http://handle.slv.vic.gov.au/10381/290970)



20 Leicester St. Photograph taken about 1878.
<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/pictorial/gid/slv-pic-aab66499>

Part of MMBW plan no. 1242, dated 1900. showing 20 Leicester St.



Photo:
M. Moore

"GHOST" SIGN

With the demolition of the adjacent building the wall of 63 Johnson Street is exposed. The "ghost" signs on this wall would have been visible for a decade from before 1920 to the late 1920s when the Masonic Hall was built. The sign of particular relevance to Fitzroy is the fainter sign, at the top of the wall, enhanced below.

The **Fitzroy Art Metal Co** was in Johnston St from 1913 to at least 1965. The business was initially further east nearer Fitzroy St at No 75, but by November 1916 it had moved to Nos 61-63. This can be traced through entries in Sands and McDougall directories and in newspaper advertisements

Boy, Fitzroy Art Metal Manufacturing Co., 75 Johnston-st., Fitzroy.

The Age, Mon. 15 Dec. 1913, p. 5.

63 Langford, G. T., mantelpiece mnfrs

65 Jones, L. C., mus tch

67 Jones, E., scalemkr

71 Vines, Mrs Florence, dressmaker

78 Rowling, R., grocer

75-77 Fitzroy Art Metal Manfrng Co

From Sands & McDougall directory of Victoria, 1915.

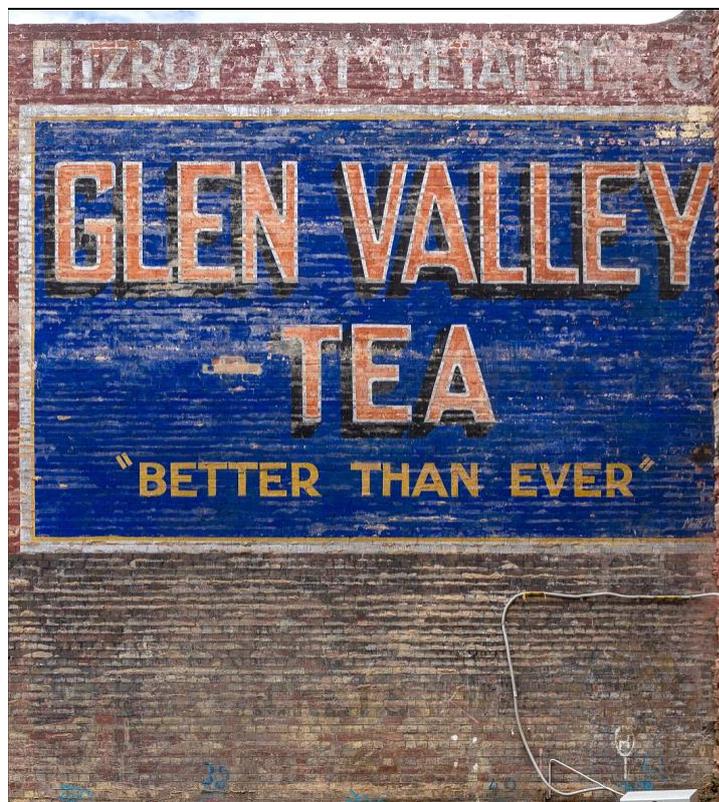
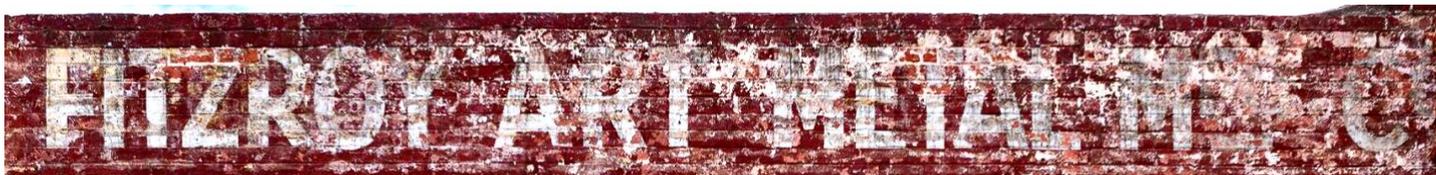


Photo: M. Moore

Boy, smart, learn trade. Fitzroy Art Metal Co., 61-63 Johnston-st., Fitzroy.

The Age Thurs. 23 Nov. 1916, p.4.



Alfred Hartley, the owner of the business, died in March 1920, as evidenced in the published Law Notice, below. The company continued, and is listed in the Sands & McDougall directories at the same address from 1920 to 1965. It was not listed in the 1970 Directory.

LAW NOTICES.

ALFRED HARTLEY, late of Loyola-avenue, Brunswick East, trading as Fitzroy Art Metal Company, Johnston-street, Fitzroy. Brass Finisher and Manufacturer, died 15th March, 1920, intestate.

The Age Mon. 5 Apr. 1920, p.8.

In 1930 there was a change in company structure, as shown in the notice below.

NEW COMPANIES

Fitzroy Art Metal Pty. Ltd, manufacturers ironfounders, etc., 61-63 Johnston Street, Fitzroy. Formed to acquire certain assets and liabilities from the Fitzroy Art Metal Manufacturing Co. Capital: £2000 in £1 shares. Names subscribed to memorandum Arthur Llewellyn Newbold and Olive Louisa Newbold.

The Herald, Thurs. 9 Jan. 1930, p.30

57 Gange, Mrs Ellzbth. livery stables

61-63 Fitzroy Art Metal Mfg Co

65 Denton, Arth., furr

67 Jones, E., scalemkr

From Sands & McDougall Directory 1920

69 Masonic hall

61 Green, W. I., Py Ld, sewing mchne

63 Fitzroy Art Metal Pty Ltd, art rati wkrs

65 Minahan, P. & M., slip fttngs

From Sands & McDougall Directory 1965. Note the Masonic Hall is incorrectly numbered 69 instead of 59. The Hall was listed from 1930, being absent in 1925.

In 1942 Fitzroy Art Metal was listed by the Deputy Director-General of Manpower in Victoria as a "protected undertaking", which meant that no employee may leave or be dismissed without the approval of the National Services officer for the area. (*The Argus*, Thurs. 26 March 1942, p.4).

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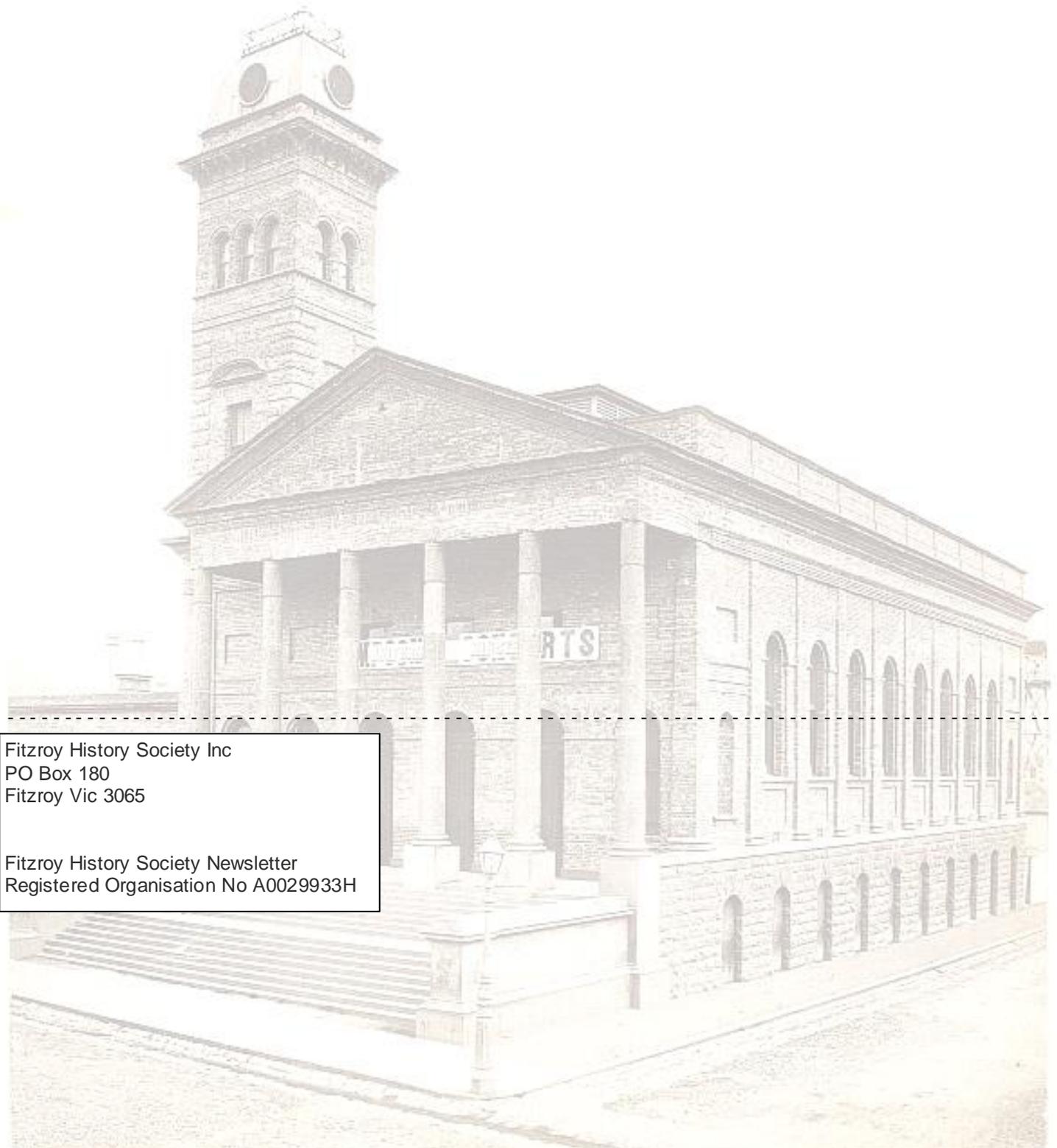
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