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## LOCAL HISTORY



OUR planned introduction of a History page each month has been put back until we move to 20 pages in January.

Following on from last month we have had several enquiries regarding our mention of the racecourse at Queensferry.

My information is that around 1888 a local resident determined to revive the interest after local sports which had been held at Corinella since 1980 and included a few pony races, were abandoned.

A site was chosen for the racecourse at what was known as the Queensferry Reserve, between the Bass Highway and Queensferry.

Later information puts the site situated on the heath near the Artesian well.

The Committee of the Western Port Racing Club with a Mr. H. Misson as secretary, cleared a track fit for racing, erected a judge's box and other necessary buildings and advertised a program for a race meeting on what was believed to be St. Patricks Day in 1889.

At the first meeting a seven race program was conducted with prize money amounting to 50 pounds being distributed.

We would like to get more information on the racetrack at Queensferry to include in forthcoming issues and will be taking a look at what we know about the

Grantville racetrack as well.

## HISTORY MYSTERY



NEXT month as part of our new History page we have a mystery for you to solve.

Pictured here we have a Next of Kin Memorial Plaque, sometimes referred to as a Dead Man's Penny.

The plaque is 12cm in diameter, aproximatly 7.5mm thick and weighs 400 grams.

Presentation of the medal dates back to the early 1920's and medals were presented to the next of kin of all Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the first world war.

The medal we have turned up in a box in an old farm shed in Grantville some years ago and we are anxious to try and track down a living relative of the dead soldier.

Having been found in a shed here the medal could have some connection with a relative who lived in the area at some stage.

We have a little more research to do on the story to have it ready for our January issue then you can all go to work and help us solve the mystery.

Don't forget, if you are interested in taking part in the formation of the proposed Grantville & District Historical Society register your interest now by emailing [waterlinenews@gmail.com](mailto:waterlinenews@gmail.com)

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