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Phillip Island to party through 2018

PHILLIP Island is set for a year-long party, with planning underway to celebrate our 150th birthday through 2018.

The celebration will culminate on the official 150th birthday, Friday November 2, but events throughout 2018 will include a Wooden Boat Festival in Rhyll in March, a possible community ball in late November and events held by many of the island's groups and associations in between.

The 150th marks the first sale of land on Phillip Island on November 2 1868, in a ballot held at Schnapper Point (now Mornington).

According to the Phillip Island and District Historical Society's John Jansson, while the McHaffie brothers were the first settlers in 1842, and sealers were known to inhabit the

island in the early 1800s, the 1868 date is being celebrated because it is the year of the first island-wide European settlement.

"The historical society had big celebrations in 1942 to celebrate the McHaffie's," John said.

"In the early 1800s the sealers came, stayed for a few months and then left, the British also had a fort at Rhyll for a short time to frighten off a French scientific expedition. There were concerns they'd take possession.

"But this is about celebrating the sub-division, European settlement across the whole island."

Celebrations

The 2018 celebration will culminate on the official 150th birthday, on Friday November 2, 2018, with a re-enactment of the original land ballot.

So far, other events currently being planned will include:

- The first weekend in March Rhyll will be holding a Wooden Boat Festival, including a dinner, coast boat and yacht racing, displays of knot tying, children's pirate treasure hunts, model boat competition, and sea shanty bands playing at several locations along the foreshore throughout the weekend. Streets will be nautically decorated and there will also be food stalls along Beach Road, and ferry rides around Rhyll channel, according to organiser Judy Lawrence. "This certainly seems appropriate as Rhyll is known as the site of the earliest boat building industry in Victoria," Judy said.

- The Phillip Island Cemetery Trust will launch a new book on November 5, alongside an open day. The book will cover the first 50 years of the cemetery, which totals about 150 burials, from 1870 until 1920, with a story on each burial. The Trust's Pam Rothfield said in the first five years there were 11 burials, eight of which were infants or children. "The book will be an illustration as to the difficult times our pioneers faced," Pam said.

- The Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society hopes to produce a book and hold an event with the descendants of the original settlers;

- Friends of Churchill Island will hold an old-fashioned picnic at Churchill Island in February;

- The Artists Society of Phillip Island will hold exhibitions at Easter and Melbourne Cup weekends.

History

The sub-division of the island started in 1868 with a ballot for the sale of the eastern half, with the western half sold through ballot

the following year.

According to a report in The Australasian newspaper, on November 7 1868, up to that time - with the exception of the McHaffie's "pre-emptive right" - the Government had

refused to sell the land.

"...and it is to be regretted that they have departed from that determination," the article states.

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Sharing a story with Maggie the pup is part of the fun of reading for Prep grader, Kyra Carton.

Maggie is the latest addition to Cowes Primary School and has already stolen the hearts of everyone she meets. As well as being a class favourite, Maggie is also having lessons of her own in being a therapeutic dog for the school's Welfare Program.

It's a busy day at school for this little pup as she listens to children read, comforts children in need, or brightens the day for those who have been in the sick bay.

"Maggie's a real hit with everyone," said school principal, Sue Becker.

"It's wonderful to see the smiles on their faces when they are not feeling well or happy."

Maggie also lends a friendly ear to anyone who wants a quiet word with a trusted friend or who can keep a four-footed secret. Whatever she does and wherever she goes, Maggie is never alone, and as you can imagine, is in great demand with everyone.

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