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STARTING POINT

The recent untimely deaths of two Australian legends has demonstrated the temporality of this existence and borne out the legacy/ies that individuals are capable of leaving to those around them, society in general and the next generation. Whilst some of us might not generally consider ourselves in the same light or companionship of “The Crocodile Hunter”, Steve Irwin, or “The King of the Mountain”, Peter Brock, each of us touch the lives of others and leave a legacy of some sort – adding dimension/s to the life and times of our generation.

Whilst reading some of the innumerable tributes to these two gentlemen I came across a tenuous N/N connection with Steve Irwin. This connection is elaborated in somewhat more detail later in this newsletter.

Our homepage continues to supply a steady stream of “hits”, with quite a number originating from New Zealand, resulting in a lesser but also steady stream of applications to join the Society which are diligently responded to by Ian M. Nisbet; some resulting in new memberships. The committee also undertook a mail out throughout regional New South Wales which has also resulted in a number of new memberships. It is a great pleasure to welcome what is probably the largest listing of new members in the 80 editions of The N/News. This listing can be found on page 2.

With the new memberships we have also expanded to a number of new emigrant lineages all of which will find their way into the Biographical Dictionary Update. For members who have not yet returned biographical update sheets that accompanied N/News 79, please do so and ensure that changes that have occurred since the original Biographical Dictionary are recorded. Replacement or extra copies can be downloaded from the members section of the homepage.

The 2006/07 subscription renewal notices have recently been issued to members. Your prompt payment is appreciated and voluntary donations are gratefully received. Again we have kept the annual subscription to a very modest \$15 per individual/family membership. It would be good if the Treasurer was able to report not only clean set of books and reasonable financial result for 2005/06 but also a strong response to the 2006/07 year and save having to follow up and/or revoke memberships. Our 20th Annual General Meeting is to be held at the end of October, so please assist the treasurer and respond promptly.

Our national football codes are somewhat in turmoil – the world gone mad – no NSW teams in the NFL Rugby League Grand Final and no Victorian teams in the AFL Grand Final. But in this the N/N’s have at least one winner – Trevor Nisbett, Chief Executive of the West Coast Eagles, the AFL premiers for 2006 – who won by a single point. Congratulations to Trevor and his dedicated staff & players on their success in 2006. It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed Trevor (and the West Coast Eagles) wishing them “success in their bid for a flag, not too much and not too soon” but on reviewing past editions I note that Bruce Nesbit in fact penned those words in N/News 18 of January 1991 & re-iterated them in N/News 20 of July 1991. Perhaps it is timely to now add “and not next year!” - purely as a nominal Carlton supporter and Victorian. Needless to say a quote from Trevor can be found later in this newsletter.

As I sit back this weekend (between bursts of editing this newsletter) and catch some snippets of Mt Panorama & the Bathurst 1000, complete with tributes to Peter Brock, I’ll bid you clan greetings and trust that you enjoy this edition of The N/News.

Chairman & Editor



NOTICE BOAR-D

(Upcoming events in the Local and Overseas Calendar)

Nov 12	20 th Annual General Meeting, venue TBA, <i>please note change of date</i>
Dec 9	N/N Christmas Gathering, 8:00pm, St Abbs, 26 Walnut Road, Balwyn North
Jan	N/NEWS # 82
April	N/NEWS # 83

Note: the social calendar can be viewed on the homepage.



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MEM-BOAR-SHIP

We are happy to welcome the following new members to the Society:

- Stella Hull of Caloundra, Qld
- Janine Rossely of Box Hill, Vic
- Pamela Smith of Mornington, Vic
- Lynette Howick of Baulkham Hills, NSW
- Duncan & Ellen Nisbet of Kurri Kurri, NSW
- Robert Nisbet of Bathurst, NSW
- James & Jennifer Nesbit of Broken Hill, NSW
- Robert & Judith Nisbet of Merimbula, NSW
- Melissa & Gavin Langborne of Craigieburn, Vic

We also note a change of e-mail address for:

- Pippa & Tony Letch
- Lewis Nisbet Johnson



(NES)-BITS & PIECES

Whilst undertaking a google search for "Nesbit Zoo Australia" the following items were returned.

J W Nesbit

Bastianello SS and **Nesbit JW** (1994) Haemorrhagic septicaemia. In: Coetzer JAW, Thomson GR, Tustin RC, editors. *Infectious Diseases of Livestock with special reference to Southern Africa* Oxford University Press 2:1180-1183

from www.daff.gov.au/corporate_docs/publications/word/market_access/biosecurity/animal/1999/99-049a.doc

Nesbit House – Lismore, NSW

One of the Fujiplaza outlets listed at <http://www.fujiimageplaza.com/frontierphotolab/list.asp> is:

Eastmon Digital Photo Store, Shop 5 Nesbit House, Magellan Street, Lismore, NSW 2480

Are any further details regarding Nesbit House known to N/N members? Perhaps a picture?

The following two items regarding Edward Planta Nesbit and then his son Paris Nesbit are from results of an index search of the State Library of South Australia at: www.slsa.sa.gov.au

E P Nesbit

An advertisement for Mr E.P. Nesbit's Educational Institution is in the *Chronicle*, 6 July 1872 (supp.)

A prize giving is reported in the *Farmers Weekly Messenger*, 25 December 1874, page 11.

It would also seem that photographs of Edward Planta Nesbit's educational institution/s may be available.

Information from www.slsa.sa.gov.au/manning/pn/n/northad2.

Paris Nesbit, QC

We have over the years included articles from a variety of sources on Mr Paris Nesbit, QC. The following listing is in itself a "potted history" of this enigmatic man. A much more definitive article authored by N/N member, Graham Loughlin can be found in our homepage members section.

- "A QC Fined for Assault" is in the *Register*, 4 March 1896, pages 3d-4g-5a,
Observer, 7 March 1896, page 16c.
- Information on Paris Nesbit, QC, is in the *Register*, 11 June 1885, page 4h,
3 August 1885, page 5b,
7 September 1893, page 5b,
Register, 25 February 1898, pages 4h-5b-5h,
11 March 1898, page 4h,
10 May 1898, pages 4h-7d,
22 and 28 June 1898, pages 3g and 7d,
6 August 1902, page 8f,
27 August 1902, page 3f,
26 November 1904, page 7c,
17 May 1905, page 4e,
5 April 1909, page 4f,
Observer, 5 March 1898, page 28c,
3 August 1907, page 41a,
10 April 1909, page 45d.
- "The Labour Party and Mr Nesbit" is in the *Register*, 30 July 1907, page 5e.
- "Why Mr Nesbit Left the Labour Party" is in the *Register*, 20 April 1911, page 6h,
Observer, 22 April 1911, page 40e.
- "Sir John Downer and Mr Paris Nesbit" is in the *Register*, 16 October 1907, page 7e.
- "Mr Nesbit and the SPCA" is in the *Register*, 8 June 1914, page 17c,
"Mr Nesbit v Treasurer" on 5 July 1922, page 7d;
also see *The Critic*, 7 December 1921, page 5.
- Mr Nesbit's reminiscences, are in *The News*, 1 January 1924, page 10a,
Register, 17 and 24 May 1926, page 9a,
28 February 1927, page 9f;
his obituary appears on 1 and 2 April 1927, pages 9d and 15f;
also see *Advertiser*, 1 April 1927, page 14f.
- "Memories of Paris Nesbit", by N.A. Webb, is in *The News*, 8 April 1927, page 8e.

from <http://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/manning/sa/crime/lawyers.htm#lawyers>

Sharna Nesbit

From Information for Women at www.community.wa.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres - Our belated congratulations to Sharna Nesbit.

Positive Image Promoted as Young People Shine

High school students from across WA were recognised recently for their efforts in promoting a positive image of young people within their schools and the wider community. The 28 District Ambassadors of the 2004/05 Positive Image Award were congratulated at a recent breakfast function at Parliament House. The District Ambassadors were nominated for their contributions to their school or wider community, and for helping to inspire a better image of young people throughout WA. Many of the District Ambassadors have volunteered for charity, worked after-hours on school projects, or have overcome adversity to shine in the community.

Amongst the 28 young women who were awarded the 2004/05 Positive Image Award District Ambassadors was:

Fremantle-Peel Educational District – Chenelle Audsley, Hamilton Senior High School; Natasha Dawson, Coodanup Community College; Emily Gilbert, Warnbro Community High School; **Sharna Nesbit**, Warnbro Community High School; Jessica Reynolds, Methodist Ladies College.

Mr John Nesbit

*From **Illustrated London News 1862** at www.iln.org.uk/iln_years/year/1862.htm Does anyone have any more detail about Mr John Nesbit?*

April 19th

- Easter Monday, the excursion van.
- The International Exhibition, The Easter Annexe, containing agricultural implements.
- The International Exhibition, arrival of goods in Cromwell Road.
- "The Land of Egypt" by Frank Dillon.
- "The Return of the Lost Sailor" by T Roberts.
- Portrait: The Late **Mr John Nesbit**, Professor of Chemistry.
- Salmon Fishing on the River Tay
- Burning the Waters.
- Going Out
- Watching
- Drawing In
- The Stake net.
- Portrait: Captain Cowper Phipps Coles RN
- Section of a 3 decker, showing Captain Coles's mode of altering the same into a Shield Ship
- "HMS DEFENCE", the new Ironclad frigate 18 guns.
- The Civil War in America - General Stonemans, with the Compté de Paris and the Duc de Chartres, near Cedar Run.
- Soiree at Aleppo.

NSW Police Gazette Index - 1897

Found in the NSW Police Gazette Index – 1897 are the following N/N entries.

Horses and cattle stolen from:	p 13	
Nisbet Thomas B., 24		Moorhead, Nesbitt , & McMaster, 248 p 19
Nisbet Thomas Butler, 316	p 21	



N/N's IN THE NEWS

Trevor Nisbett

*The following excerpt is from a report after the AFL Grand Final win by the West Coast Eagles over the Sydney Swans by one point reviewing the 2006 season, and was spotted in **The Age**, Monday October 2, 2006 page 4 of SPORT.*

... according to West Coast chief executive Trevor Nisbett, "I think we're proud of our resilience," Nisbett said. "We're enormously proud of our club and we certainly overcame a pretty bad start to the year. People were throwing brickbats at our culture, which was wrong."
"There was nothing wrong with our culture. We had some player misdemeanours, which other clubs have had also. But our culture is sound. It's been that way for years. Our attitude is sound. We are hard and we are tough and that is our football club."

Nesbit

*This is literally 'a load of old croc'. Spotted in the **HERALD SUN**, Friday September 8, 2006, page 9 in a tribute to Steve Irwin – "the crocodile hunter" mention of an N/N (of types) as in the following excerpt from the article **DEATH OF AN AUSSIE LEGEND** "The showbiz must go on":*

And there at the Crocoseum, up on screen, was the showman himself. Images of Steve wrestling crocodiles, then relocating them in the wild... "time to go big fella!"
Steve with Nesbit, the croc who broke his finger, and Steve with Big Bad Bob "named after his dad". And Super Croc who cracked his ribs.

Logging onto the Australia Zoo, University of Queensland and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services websites, amongst others, some background information and photos of Nesbit the crocodile were gleaned. The relevant sites are:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/research/index.html> University of Queensland
http://www.internationalcrocodilerescue.com.au/nesbit_river/main.html Zoo
Australia/Crocodile Rescue site
www.epa.qld.gov.au tracking of the crocodiles

In essence, the three organisations mentioned partnered in a project to use satellite tracking to study a number of estuarine crocodiles from the Endeavour and Nesbit Rivers in far north Queensland. In September/October 2003, during a two week period twelve captures involving ten crocodiles were made, resulting in six crocodiles being fitted with satellite tracking devices.

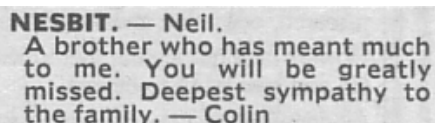
Nesbit was named after the river in which he was captured, apparently quite large (15' – 4.5m), extremely battle worn (a substantial part of his tail missing – bitten off) and encrusted in barnacles, indicating that he spends a deal of time in the open sea. Tracking indicates that he swims the Coral Sea within the Great Barrier Reef in the Pacific Ocean.

Nesbit did not directly break Steve Irwin's finger – this injury was caused by getting tangled in ropes when Steve swung into the trees fleeing Nesbit on release.

By all accounts Nesbit would have inflicted much worse than a broken finger!

Neil Nesbit

The obituary (to right) was spotted in the **Herald Sun** of Tuesday, 29th August, 2006.



NESBIT. — Neil.
A brother who has meant much to me. You will be greatly missed. Deepest sympathy to the family. — Colin

Nessie

This item was spotted in the *Herald Sun* of Friday, 28th July, 2006, page 12.

Nessie's Down Under cousins

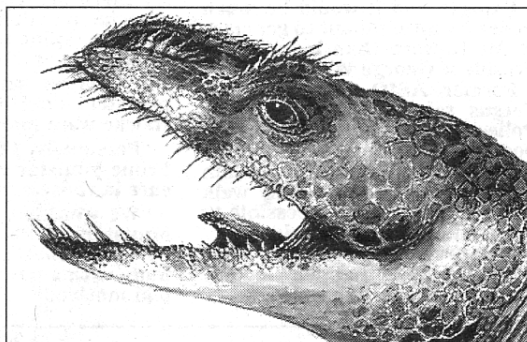
SCOTLAND'S Loch Ness monster might be little more than a myth, but Nessie may well have had some real-life cousins Down Under.

Australian scientists have identified two new species of marine reptiles that swam the waters of an ancient outback sea when the Australian continent sat on the southern polar circle.

The long-necked dinosaurs called *umoonasaurus* and *opallionectes*, which were similar to the popular image of the Loch Ness monster, belonged to a group of plesiosaurs that lived 115 million years ago, paleontologist Benjamin Kear said.

The team, led by Dr Kear, from the University of Adelaide, studied 30 opalised fossils from the Coober Pedy region of South Australia, where the most complete skeletons were found.

"Both these plesiosaurs are new to science," Dr Kear said.



Fossil find: artist's *umoonasaurus* impression.



THE WANTED LIST

On Friday, 08-Sep-2006

Melissa Langborne - from **Melbourne, Victoria** wrote:

My family history is as follows: My G Grandfather James Nisbet and his wife Annie both lived and died in Bendigo in 1946. Their son John James A Nisbet (my grandfather) died May 1974. They are all buried next to each other with my Mum (Colleen). I know my Grandfather was born in Boort, not sure where his parents were from though?

Ian M has corresponded with Melissa (and myself) and advises that we share a family lineage. Once the newsletter has been mailed out and the AGM reports at least compiled, I promise to contact Melissa and confirm this connection - Ed

On Thursday, 17-Aug-2006

Pamela Smith - from **Victoria, Australia** wrote:

Seeking information about Catherine NESBITT, born abt. 1824, in Picktree, County Durham, England. She married James DAGLISH abt. 1848. James died at Washington Village, County Durham, England.

On Wednesday, 02-Aug-2006

John Nesbit - from **Christchurch NZ.** wrote:

I seek information of Sister Ruth Nesbit. Sister Ruth (born in Tasmania) a Deaconess in the Methodist Church, came to work in the Methodist Mission Dunedin NZ in the 1880s, returning to Australia several years later. It is unlikely that there is any connection between Sister Ruth & myself, but after spending the last 10 years of my working life as a minister in the Methodist Church of NZ I am interested in finding out more?

On Sunday, 30-Jul-2006

Gem Stewart Symon - nee **Nisbet** - from **BUNDABERG QLD** wrote:

One of the descendents of the Mauchline Nisbets, via James Stewart Nisbet 1839-1906. I wondered if any of the relatives of James Stewart's, 1870-1944, (my grandfather) half sisters, Harriet and Mary are checking the GuestBook.

Responses can be submitted through the Guestbook on the homepage or via the secretary.

FOUND

A number of the new members have already known or have been supplied with potential connections to existing members, so just to fill in some gaps, a few points of interest:

- Melissa Langborne appears to share lineage with yours truly (see John Nisbet [8] in the Biographical Dictionary)
- James Nesbit may share lineage with Dallas Smith (nee Nesbit) – *yet to be confirmed*
- Lynnette Howick appears to share lineage with Debbie Humbley – *yet to be confirmed*
- Janine Rossely is a former colleague of Ian G Nisbet (N/N secretary)
- Adrian Nisbet appears to be of the lineage of William David Nisbet [1] in the Biographical Dictionary



FAMILY SNIPPETS

Riley Samuel Nisbet

Dr Ian T & Gwenda Nisbet are grandparents again! Their youngest daughter Kirsty and partner Aaron Robinson are proud parents again. Riley Samuel Nisbet, brother to Joshua. Congratulations to all concerned.

N/N member Tracy Henderson advises that not only does her husband have the good Scots name of Robert James Henderson, but he also has the pleasure of having Munro on his maternal side - his grandfather was Burt Munro of "The Worlds Fastest Indian" fame. So they are keeping the Scots line going.



STOP PRESS

Biographical Dictionary Update

The Nesbitt/Nisbet Society – Australia published “A Biographical Dictionary” in 1994 and it has since proved an invaluable genealogical tool. Since 1994 we have had many new members and expanded the lineages beyond those in the dictionary either by association or by the addition of another generation. Accompanying *THE N/NEWS 79* was a Biographical Information Sheet. The sheet may be copied and provided to non-members (relatives generally). A copy of the sheet is also available from the members’ section of the homepage. So, if you are not in the 1994 edition of the Biographical Dictionary or have additional information to supply then please do so and return the completed sheet to the address shown. Alternatively, any information can be supplied via the homepage (e-mail) presented in a suitable format.

Another application for membership from New Zealand has been received. The prospective member advises that her great grandfather, Robert Nisbet, was involved in the study and capture of the Maori language and then utilised in the *Dictionary of the Maori Language*.

N/News items

Submission of family snippets, articles, Wanted searches, newspaper clippings, etc. are always welcome and add to the value and enjoyment of the N/News. These can be mailed, e-mailed or posted to the homepage – no prescribed format, but please date and annotate source/s, page numbers, etc.



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