

## THE DEEP LEAD CEMETERY PROJECT - 2019

The Mornington Peninsula Branch has undertaken a conservation project, not in its own area but relating to a personality who played a large part in the education of the Peninsula's pioneering family - The McCraes.

John McLure was tutor to the four McCrae boys during their childhood commencing in 1842 in Melbourne and spending the duration of the McCrae's occupation at their Peninsula Homestead location as tutor in what he termed 'The University of Arthurs Seat'. When the McCraes moved back to Melbourne McLure went on to a position of Clerk of Courts at Pleasant Creek near Stawell in central Victoria and is buried in the Deep Lead cemetery near there. The Branch committee has travelled to the site, inspecting the deterioration of the gravesite and subsequently engaged a local stonemason to clean accumulated lichen from both the headstone and a marble tribute attached by the four McCrae boys *'in testimony of their affectionate regard and esteem for the tutor and friend of their childhood and riper years'*.

The below images show the committee visiting the grave. The work is being undertaken presently and a small plaque will be located adjacent to the gravesite noting the conservation work by the Branch.





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