

The Save Fletcher Jones campaign

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[/dropcap]luestone Magazine is part of a [growing grassroots campaign](#) to save the best of the iconic Fletcher Jones site in Warrnambool from being lost through neglect.

The site is rapidly deteriorating and yet there is still no firm plan in place to preserve what has been deemed a place of state significance. It is also an important part of Warrnambool's social history and holds a special place in our hearts.

Shortly after we wrote two opinion pieces on this issue, two people – **Julie Eagles** and **Tonia Wilcox** – started a Facebook page for those who wish to see the gardens, the silver ball and other important parts of the site saved. An enormous number of people are sharing their memories and images on this page, some of which we have collated for our youtube clip.

[box] **You can join the Save the Silver Ball and Fletcher Jones Gardens group by [clicking here](#).**[/box]

You can also read our latest opinion pieces about the Fletcher Jones site below:

[Close Flagstaff Hill; save Fletcher Jones](#)

[Who will step up for Fletcher Jones?](#)



The Warrnambool Planning and Heritage Group [wrote a report 18 months ago](#) that warned Fletcher Jones faced the same fate as the demolished 94 Merri St, which dated back to the earliest days of Warrnambool in the mid 1800s, unless action was taken now. The Warrnambool City Council's response to the group's 15 recommendations was tabled at its 9 December 2013 meeting (see [a summary here](#)).

For more information you can also read the [Heritage Victoria statement of significance](#) on why the site is important and which parts have been listed for protection.

[box] If you are passionate about the future of the Fletcher Jones site, as we are, please take a moment to read the latest and to get involved. Bluestone Magazine will have regular updates as the campaign unfolds.[/box]

Buy a book for a child this Christmas



[dropcap style="font-size: 60px; color: #8F9F59;"] W [/dropcap]e have something a bit different for our Bookmarks this week that we hope will resonate with our readers who, like us, love words.

Instead of profiling one book, Bluestone Magazine is supporting a campaign by Warrnambool Books to encourage people to buy a book that they think a child might enjoy for Christmas and then donate that book to a very good cause: [Bethany](#).

Michaelie Clark, from **Warrnambool Books**, explains how it will work:

“At Warrnambool Books we really love two things: Warrnambool, and books. We believe in contributing to our local community and we believe in the power of literature. That’s why we’re holding a book pledge this Christmas to benefit disadvantaged children in the Barwon South West region.

Our **Book Angels** campaign will run from **Monday, 18 November** until **Monday, 16 December**. During this time, customers can buy any children’s book from the store at a discount of 25% to donate to our collection, which will be presented to Bethany in the week before Christmas.

Bethany is a long-standing organisation with a base in Warrnambool, which will arrange distribution of the books to

children in need.

There's no better gift to give a child than a book. Opening books can open minds and doors in the future, so we hope lots of Book Angels will open their hearts to a worthy cause this Christmas."



[box] Find inspiration for book donations from Warrnambool Books on their [Facebook](#) page.[/box]



Catch up on our other Bookmarks ...

[A long way from suet pudding](#)

[The Dressmaker still winning fans](#)

[Preserving Indigenous stories: Fiona Clarke](#)

[James Laidler's star-studded novel](#)

[Matt Porter: the lighter side of teaching](#)

At last, a cookbook you can use!