

# DONALD & CHRISTINA McLEAN

FAMILY REUNION 18-20th March 1988

Laurence McLean, PRESIDENT, Ph 087-389301

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18th January, 1988.

The Town Clerk,  
City of West Torrens,  
165 Burbridge Road,  
HILTON, S.A. 5033.

Dear Sir,

Application to erect small obelisk to commemorate growing of first crop of wheat in South Australia by Donald McLean.

A McLean Family Reunion is to be held in Adelaide from 18th-20th March, 1988, to commemorate the arrival of Donald & Christina McLean at Holdfast Bay on 6th December, 1837.

Donald McLean was the first person to grow a crop of wheat in South Australia. This was carried out on Section 50, Marleston, near the intersection of South and Richmond Roads, in 1838.

The details of this are contained in the accompanying notes on Donald McLean and the growing of first wheat crop in South Australia, as recorded in South Australian Archives, and copy of Land Grant for Section 50, in Land Titles Office, Registrar-General of Deeds.

It is desired to erect a small ~~obelisk~~ obelisk in Richmond Road, in vicinity of Electricity Trust of South Australia sub-station to commemorate this aspect of South Australian history. It would be approximately one metre high, and twenty centimetres square, situated on the kerbing verge about fifty centimetres from the kerb. The top of the obelisk would be slightly sloping to allow moisture to drain away, and to deter persons from attempting to sit on it.

On top of the sloping surface it is proposed that a cast bronze inscription be attached by irreversible loxon bolts bearing the following:-

## CITY OF WEST TORRENS

DONALD McLEAN GREW FIRST  
CROP OF WHEAT IN S.A.  
NEAR THIS SPOT, IN 1838.

A sketch diagram is enclosed.

Approval is sought to erect this memorial as described and to carry out a brief dedication ceremony on Sunday 20th March, 1988, at 10.30 a.m.

Yours Sincerely,

HONORARY SECRETARY/TREASURER.

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*All correspondence to;*

13 NIMBOYA ROAD, MARINO, S.A., 5049

27/1/88

The Town Clerk,  
City of West Torrens,  
165 Burbridge Road,  
HILTON, S.A. 5033.

Dear Sir,

re application to erect small obelisk to  
commemorate Donald McLean, rearing first  
crop of wheat in South Australia.

I refer to my letter dated 18th inst AND enclosures, being application in connection with the above.

The Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. Trevor Tucker, suggested that the exact site desired be indicated to the Council.

It is suggested that this point be 30 metres west of the western kerb of South Road, at intersection with Richmond Road, Marleston.

Yours sincerely,

SONORARY SECRETARY/TREASURER.





# CITY OF WEST TORRENS

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be addressed to the  
Town Clerk

4th February, 1988

Mr. A. McLean,  
Honorary Secretary/Treasurer,  
13 Nimboyd Road,  
MARINO, S.A. 5049

Dear Sir,

Re: Application to erect small obelisk to commemorate growing  
of first crop of wheat in South Australia by Donald McLean.

I have been directed to advise you that at a meeting of the Council held 2nd February, 1988 approval was granted for the erection of a memorial dedicated to the first crop of wheat grown in South Australia to be erected in Richmond Road near the southwest intersection of South Road near Marleston and that this memorial be constructed along the lines set out in your letter dated 27th January, 1988.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

T.W. TUCKER,  
ACTING TOWN CLERK