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- Bring People together
- Greater understanding of cultures
- Engage the community
- Provide a connection
- Sense of community
- Develop confidence in technology

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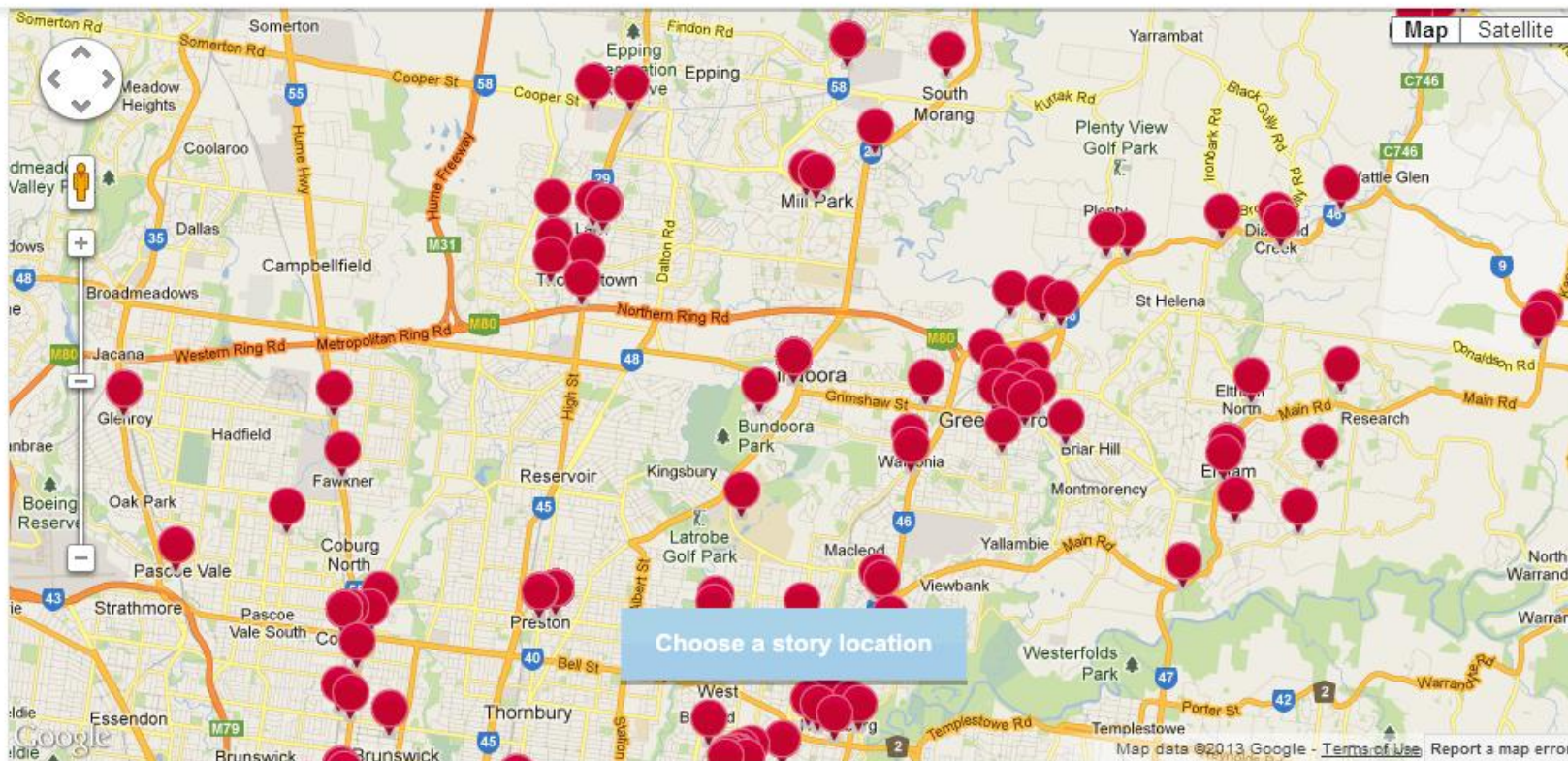
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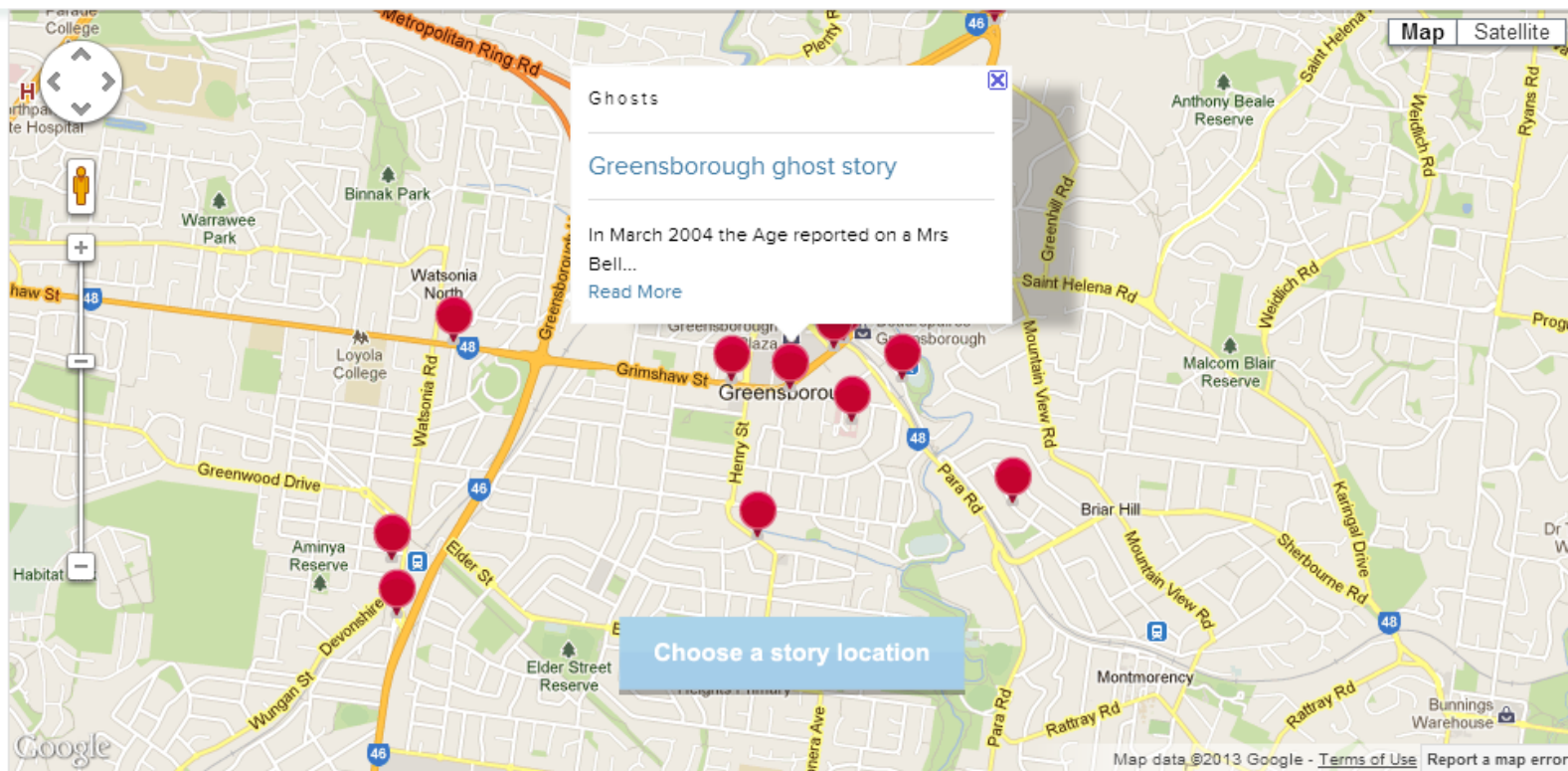
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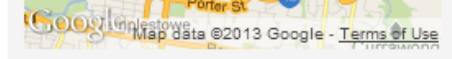
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Flood waters severely impacted some residents late in the afternoon in Nillumbik and Banyule particularly with severe hail stones also being reported in the area. Roads, drains, cars, homes and fences were in some cases destroyed by the torrent of water caused by the storm, with many long term residents claiming they had never seen anything like it.

Contributions welcome

" We were lucky to be home or else we would have been flooded as three of us were madly sweeping the water away from the backdoor and down the drive where it probably went down the neighbours drive opposite and under their front door but at the time I was too busy to think of that, a good way of celebrating ones 70th Birthday." – Noel Greensborough

"Talking to witnesses when taking a walk on the morning of the next day, one described seeing a council wheelie bin floating down Valonia Drive, Eltham. The street was like a fast flowing creek moving anything in its way. Interestingly, Valonia Drive is located near low landing land where there was once a creek which flowed opposite Grove Street and Eltham East Primary School" – Liz

In January 2013 there were unconfirmed reports that some people had not yet returned to flood damaged homes.

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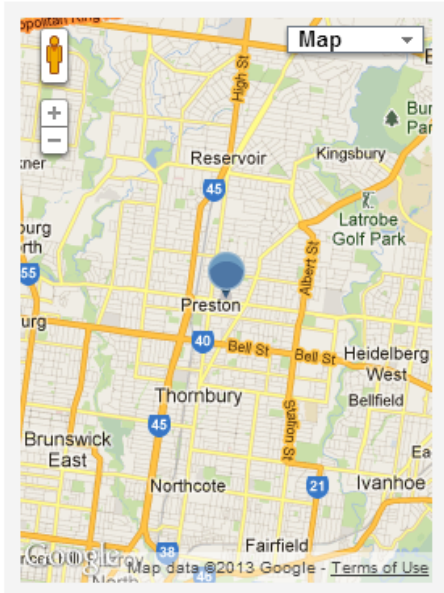
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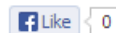
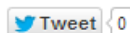
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1950's Eltham snapshot

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What makes your Nillumbik home town/area unique? Who are the characters who have made it so? What sites have significance and why? During 2005 Nillumbik Shire Council and the Literary Reference Group invited members of the community to respond to these questions, to show us the history and flavour of your place – then and now – in a 500 word anecdote. This story by Elaine Rank (nee Barnett) was originally titled : “A snap-shot of how I remember Eltham in the 1950's.”

While I can't lay claim to knowing a lot about Eltham back in the 1950's, what I do recall holds many pleasant memories. In 1950, just before I turned ten years old, my family made the move from Thornbury to Briar Hill. What a contrast, from busy St. Georges Rd. with trams that rumbled back and forth all day as well as other traffic, to a quiet little town with dusty unmade roads and a loo out back with a smelly pan that was collected and replaced each week. There were pretty laneways that allowed a short cut from one road to another. Some of these still remain but have lost that country appearance.

Although Briar Hill was only a few kilometers from Eltham, Greensborough was closer so we went there to the pictures on a Saturday afternoon or for any other activities we were involved in. It wasn't long though before Eltham did become a part of our lives.

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Challenges

- Lack of confidence in using technology
- IT support
- Staff resources
- Identifying content
- Obtaining permissions to republish
- Online “Competition”



Outcomes

- Preserve and tell local stories
- Resource sits with our physical collections
- Curate Content
- Capturing the here and now
- Strengthen community connections



Outcomes

- Partner with Programs
- Reaching a new audience
- Host for digital collections
- Fills a gap in our physical collections
- Tool for people using new technologies
- Promoting services and collections





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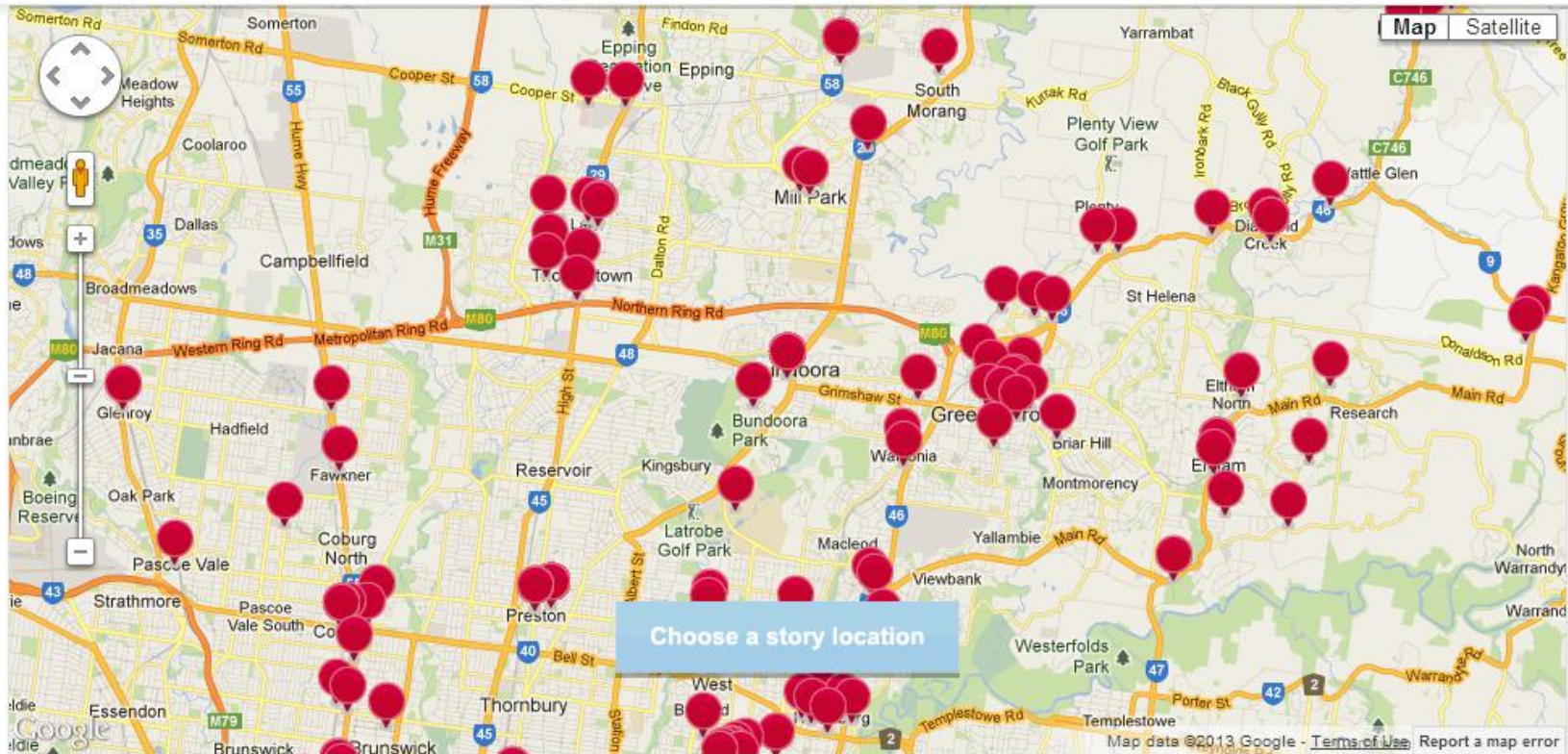
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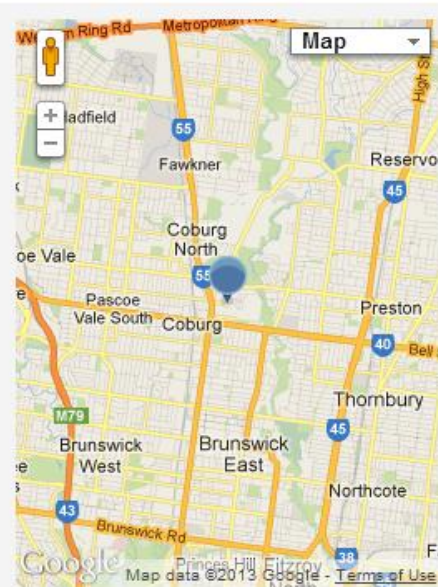


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As a result of a greatly increased crime rate in Victoria due to the gold rush, the government decided to establish a number of penal stockades and also make use of abandoned ships.

One of these stockades was set up at Pentridge (the old name for Coburg) to receive, in December 1850, sixteen prisoners from the overcrowded Melbourne Gaol. Pentridge was thought to be a good place for a prison, being near Melbourne, yet isolated from it. Moreover the village reserve was the only Crown Land left unsold. The purpose of the stockade was to provide labour for the construction of the newly proclaimed Sydney Road. There was a lot of bluestone in the area so the prisoners could do 'hard labour'

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