

Official opening of Shute Drive, Frankston, 1st March 2016

The official opening of “Shute Drive” was held this morning, guests included members from St Thomas Church, Frankston Historical Society, Nevil’s Godchild – Margaret Folds (Greenwood) and Local Langwarrin Sporting and Community representatives.

I felt very humbled and delighted to meet up face to face with some of the lovely local Langwarrin community who provided information and supported me through the naming process.

Nancy provided us with a heartfelt and informative speech which was captured by our media when she accepted the “sign-blade” from the Mayor on your behalf.

I have attached a few photo-highlights from today’s event.

Thank you once again for all your assistance, I will think of you, your father and what a pleasure this was to do for our community every time I pass the street.

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Photos from the official opening



Nancy Anderson with Mayor James Dooley



David Dawson, Deputy Mayor Colin Hampton, Mayor James Dooley, Nancy Anderson & Margaret Folds (Greenwood) Nevil's goddaughter



Margaret Folds, Mayor Dooley and Nancy Anderson





Nancy Anderson reading the following:-

To Mr. Mayor,

On behalf of the Nevil Shute Foundation I thank you and Council for honouring the name of Nevil Shute Norway in this manner.

After a very full life as an aeronautical engineer, years of work with wartime Naval Research and at the same time writing many well-researched novels, Nevil Norway chose to leave England in 1950 to spend the rest of his life in Australia. He built his home in Robinson Road, on a farming property with its wide open aspect and uninterrupted view of Westernport. An active engineer, he also continued his writings, flying often around Australia to gather background information for his novels, visiting Central Australia, northern Queensland, Tasmania and country Victoria, enjoying driving his Jaguar in meets at Phillip Island and sailing in Davey's Bay. He was designing and building a boat engine at the time of his death.

His interest in Langwarrin is remembered in his financial support towards the building of St Thomas' Church, a building which houses a font dedicated to his memory, which now will also be immortalised in the naming of this street, Shute Drive