



**Lt-Commander Cecil C. Shinkfield M.A. (RAN Ret'd.)**

**Maths Teacher Extraordinaire  
With a Passion for 'Degaussing'**

**Norwood High School 1957 – c.1962**

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13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

*To the memory of a very talented and influential  
Maths teacher with a passion for Degaussing,  
the man we knew at Norwood High School,  
Kensington Park, South Australia, as  
Mr. Shinkfield,  
who we now discover in his earlier life was  
Lt-Comdr Cecil Charles Shinkfield M.A. (RAN Ret'd.)  
1891 – 1973*

*Thank you, Sir, for having such a profound effect on my life!*

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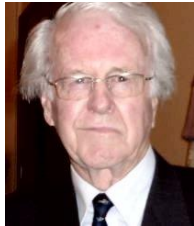
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# Acknowledgement

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*Thank you to Roger Both for the inspiration to create this document, for providing the NHS Magazine photographs and for help in solving some of the many issues.*



*A special thank you goes to Dr John Langrehr for putting us in touch with his long-time friend, Tony Shinkfield.*



*Dr Tony Shinkfield AO was himself a student at Norwood High School, from 1947 – 1951, exactly ten years before the Class of 1957 – 1961 Reunion Group, and who thankfully produced the key to solving who “our” Mr. Shinkfield was.*

*Without the reference that Mr. Shinkfield, was a Commander in the Navy, we would still be searching and wandering whether the Lt-Commander C. C. Shinkfield, who appears so prolifically in the Trove Digital Newspaper Collections, was indeed our much-admired Maths teacher in 1959.*



*I also thank Mr. Alan Noble, my Class teacher and PE teacher in 1A and 2A, for his comments and information about Mr. Shinkfield. Mr. Noble is now aged 87 years and regularly joins “his boys” at the Reunion Group lunches.*



*Brian W. Rice Convenor NHS Class of 1957 – 1961 Reunion Group*

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# Introduction

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By Roger Both

**DUNKIRK!** We all know that that name will glow forever in the history of Britain.



In 1940 more than 300,000 British troops, and many French and Belgian, were evacuated from the beach at Dunkirk. There was huge loss of life, but the successful evacuation gave Britain hope that the war could still be won. We all know too that many small boats contributed to the success of the evacuation, and lifted the spirits of the British people at a dark time.

I recently read a book about the making of the film Dunkirk. When I read the mention of the importance of reducing the magnetism of the larger evacuation ships, a process of degaussing, I recalled that our Intermediate Mathematics teacher, Mr. Shinkfield, had talked about this degaussing process in 1959.



Steel ships create an invisible magnetic signature and this effect was utilised during WWII to trigger magnetic sea mines, with the aim being to sink the ship. The high risk to shipping that this caused created a huge psychological threat, consequently severely disrupting shipping traffic. Sea mines were a particular concern to shipping in the English Channel during the early months of WWII.



Degaussing was a technique invented to reduce a ship's magnetic signature, thus providing some degree of protection from the magnetically activated sea mines. Degaussing was achieved by installing electrical cables around the circumference of a ship's hull, running from bow to stern on both sides. Then an electrical current was passed through the cables to cancel out the ship's magnetic field.

I remember little of the lessons on Euclidean Geometry, Trigonometry and Algebra but I do recall Mr Shinkfield talking about degaussing. I can remember being confused too! Did we really need to know this?

The author of this document, Brian W. Rice, also a NHS student from 1957 to 1961, remembers Mr Shinkfield's use of Maths lessons to talk about degaussing, and thinks these special lectures had a huge influence on his future career as a scientist/engineer.

During the Corona Virus COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, we both had a lot of spare time due to the mandated requirement to physically isolate from almost everyone else, and were able to research Mr. Shinkfield using the Internet, Family Search, Ancestry and the Australian National Library Digital Newspaper Collection. It is surprising how much we didn't know about a very interesting and talented man. We both think it is a pity that Mr. Shinkfield is no longer with us as we would like to hear more stories about his life.

Brian has compiled this collection of information on our Maths teacher, mainly for the benefit of the NHS Class of 1957 to 1961 Reunion Lunch Group which he convenes once every nine weeks, except when banned by the Government due to COVID-19. At this unprecedented time, we can only hope that our lunch reunions will start again.

That man we knew only as a Maths teacher had led an amazing life before he taught us in 1959. We were constantly amazed as his illustrious career emerged for us.

I hope you will enjoy reading this compilation as much as I have.



Roger J. Both NHS student 1957 to 1961

April 2020

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# *The Search Starts*

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Dr. Anthony (Tony) James Shinkfield AO, who is currently aged 86 years and is living in Adelaide, South Australia, was a student at NHS from 1947 to 1951, and later became the Principal of St. Peter's Boys College for about 10 years. He is a good friend of Dr. John Langrehr, who is a good friend of Brian W. Rice.

Tony Shinkfield is one of the few Australians to be awarded the AM (Member of the Order), and then, a few years later, an AO (Officer of the Order), in the Queen's Birthday Honours (Australia), "For service to educational administration, particularly through the Anglican Schools Commission, to education evaluation, primarily at an international level, and to the community through the Veterans' Children Education Board and St Mark's College."

Tony had met "our" Mr. Shinkfield on several occasions, and gave me the clue that his name was Cecil Shinkfield, that he was a Commander in the Navy during WWII and that he was a head master at King's College, before joining the staff at Norwood High School in the mid 1950's, all of which I didn't know.

Tony is not certain of his relationship with Cecil, but he recalls that his Uncle Bill Shinkfield told him that when he was in a hospital in the UK during WWI after he had been wounded, he had a visit from a Royal Navy Officer Cecil Shinkfield, and that they thought they were second cousins. I attempt to establish the relationship later in this document.

Having discovered Mr. Shinkfield's name and position before NHS, a search of the Australian National Library Digital Newspaper Collection revealed multiple articles about Engineer Lt-Comdr. C. C. Shinkfield, M.A. (Cantab.), who was the new Headmaster of King's College, Kensington Park, South Australia in 1945, and so the research began.

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# The Key Article

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1945 February

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/43479747?searchTerm=shinkfield+king%27s+college>

The Advertiser Adelaide SA Thursday 8 February 1945 page 5;

**New Headmaster For  
King's College**

Engineer Lt-Comdr. C. C. Shinkfield, M.A. (Cantab.), has been appointed headmaster of King's College from the beginning of the second term in May.

He has been on service with the Royal Australian Navy for nearly five years in the present war, and served in the Great War in the Royal Navy as a member of destroyer flotillas under Admiral of the Fleet Lord Keyes. Lt-Comdr. Shinkfield has four sons, two of whom are commissioned officers on HMAS Australia, and took part in the recent action in the Philippines. Two sons are in the RAAF.

Lt-Comdr. Shinkfield has had 21 years of teaching experience in England and Victoria, and is a strong supporter of the New Education Fellowship.



Engineer Lt-Comdr. C. C. Shinkfield



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Having found this key newspaper article, it was then relatively easy to follow up the leads that it produced using the power of the Internet, and the on-line resources of Google, the National Library of Australia's Trove Digital Newspaper Collection, Family Search, Ancestry and the RSL Virtual War Memorial. The remainder of this document describes the results in chronological order, with a Cecil C. Shinkfield at the end.

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## Birth and Parents

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The Ancestry Website has the 'Australia, World War II Military Service Records' which revealed that RAN Navy Officer Cecil Charles Shinkfield was born in Southampton, Hampshire, England on 14 December 1891, Ref<sup>1</sup>.

Cecil Charles Shinkfield	
in the Australia, World War II Military Service Records, 1939-1945	
Name:	Cecil Charles Shinkfield
Birth Date:	14 Dec 1891
Birth Place:	Southampton
Year Range:	1911 - 1970
Enlistment Place:	Port Melbourne
Spouse:	Mercy
Series Description:	A6769: RAN, Navy Officers



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This reference gave me the clue to his wife's name, Mercy, and the next clues, Father's name, Mother's name, date of death and place of death, and then using the Family Search Website, the information rapidly grew from there.

Cecil Charles Shinkfield	
in the Australia, Death Index, 1787-1985	
Name:	Cecil Charles Shinkfield
Birth Year:	abt 1892
Age:	81
Death Place:	Heidelberg, Victoria
Father's name:	Will Charles
Mother's name:	Kate Redstone
Registration Year:	1973
Registration Place:	Victoria
Registration Number:	20076

In summary;

Cecil Charles Shinkfield was born in Southampton, Hampshire, England on 14 December 1891 to Charles William Shinkfield (1866-1954) and Kate Shinkfield nee Redstone (1869-1952).

Cecil had a brother William Harold Shinkfield (1890 - 1964) and a sister, Dorothy Kate Shinkfield (1894 - 1973).

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<sup>1</sup> Australia, World War II Military Service Records, 1939 - 1945, Cecil Charles Shinkfield

Family Search records show that Cecil Charles Shinkfield was recorded in the UK Census 1901, aged 9, and living with his parents in Portsmouth, Hampshire, England.

In the UK Census 1911, aged 19 years, his occupation is listed as a Coppersmith's apprentice at H.M. Dockyard, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England.

Cecil's father, Charles William Shinkfield, had a career in the Royal Navy referenced by his location in the UK Census of 1911 as, "Royal Navy at Sea and in Ports Abroad".

# Royal Navy

On the 28th August 1912, at the age of twenty, and following in his father's nautical footsteps, Cecil Charles Shinkfield, (his name is recorded as Charles Cecil Shinkfield), started shore based training at HMS Victory II, which was the Royal Navy Barracks at Portsmouth. His occupation was coppersmith and his RN rating was acting engine room artificer (ERA) 4<sup>th</sup> Class and later ERA 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.

UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848-1939 for Charles Cecil Shinkfield  
ADM 188: Registers of Services 1853-1924 > Miscellaneous (Pieces 1018-1093) > Piece 1027: 1912 (4501-5000)

M. 4999 PORTSMOUTH M. 4999 P

Name in full } Charles Cecil Shinkfield  
Date of Birth 1st May 1891  
Place of Birth Southampton, Hants  
Occupation Coppersmith.

Date and Period of Engagements.	Age.	Height. Ft. in.	Chest In.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.
28 August 1912 - 12 yrs	18	5' 6"	35	Brown	Blue	Fresh	






Ships, &c., served in.	List and No.	Rating.	Sub-ratings.			Badges.	Period of Service.		Character & Ability.		If Discharged, Whither and for what cause.	Remarks.
			Rating.	From	To		From	To	C.	Date.		
Victory	1501	Act. ERA 4th Class		1.5.12		9.2.12	3.8.12	16 Dec 12	109	31.12.12		H.R. changed 27/5/19 Tr. A. B.P. 31/5/19
Albemarle	6	30				17 Dec 12	14 May 13	109	31.12.13	Sup.		
Agard	15	15				15 May 13	20 June 13	109	31.12.14	Sub.		
Avonmouth	301	9				30 June 13	27 Aug 15	109	31.12.15	Sub.		
Victory II	1501	ERA 3rd				28 Aug 15	5 Dec 15	109	31.12.17	Sub.		Invalidated Hypertension (Allegation)
Portsmouth	591	11				6 Dec 15	9 June 16	109	31.12.18	Sub.		
Victory II	1501	2288				9 June 16	5 June 19	109	31.12.19	Sub.		

It is interesting to note that his appearance was described as, height 5' 6" (1.68m), eyes blue, hair brown, and complexion fresh, which, except for the last two attributes, is exactly how Roger and I remember Mr. Shinkfield.



Admiral Nelson's flagship at Trafalgar, HMS Victory, was still afloat in Portsmouth harbour at this time, so the young Cecil would no doubt have enjoyed many hours exploring this great ship.

The RN Register of Seamen's Services shows the names and dates of the ships that Charles Cecil Shinkfield served on. They are quite difficult to decipher, so I may have made some mistakes.

Ship, &c., served in.		Rating <sup>2</sup>	From	To	Ability
Victory II (RN Dockyard Portsmouth)		ERA 4 cl	28 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1912	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1912	
Albermarle		ERA 4 cl	4 <sup>th</sup> May 1913	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1913	Sup
Fisgard		ERA 4 cl	29 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1914	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1914	Sup
Attantive		ERA 4 cl	29 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1915	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1915	Sup
Attantive		ERA 4 cl	27 <sup>th</sup> Aug 1915	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1916	Exc
Attantive		ERA 3 cl	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 1915	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1917	Exc
Victory II		ERA 3 cl	9 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1916	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1918	Exc
Greenwich <sup>3</sup>		ERA 3 cl			
Victory II		ERA 3 cl		31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	

On 31<sup>st</sup> May 1919 Cecil was invalided out of the RN due to hypermetropic and astigmatic eyesight. In the 2004 on-line interview with Cecil's son, Desmond Shinkfield, see at the end of this document, Des explains how his father suffered an eye injury in the Navy. Apparently, Cecil's ship was destroying mines in the North Sea, and another sailor played a practical joke on Cecil by

<sup>2</sup> An engine room artificer (**ERA**) was a fitter, turner, boilermaker, coppersmith or enginesmith in the early days of steam-powered warships

<sup>3</sup> This reference to what I think says Greenwich, could possibly refer to the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, instead of a ship.

shining the search light right on his face, causing a serious eye problem, which basically ended his RN career.

Cecil Shinkfield was with the RN at the start of the First World War in 1914, and after his early training at HMS Victory II, he served on destroyer flotillas under Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Keys. Commodore Sir Roger Keyes was asked to form a discrete unit of the RN based at Dover and Dunkirk for the duration of the War, with the primary task being to prevent enemy German shipping, chiefly submarines, from entering the English Channel. This became known as the Dover Patrol, and is notably remembered for its involvement in the disastrous Zeebrugge Raid on 22 April 1918. Admiral Keyes devised a bold plan to block the Bruges Canal in occupied Belgium, which linked German submarine pens to the open sea. Although resolutely carried out, the raid was an almost complete failure. Yet the boldness of the operation, contrasting with the caution of most naval activity in World War I, was greeted with fervour by the British authorities and public. Admiral Keyes received a knighthood, and the heroism of the participants was rewarded with eleven Victoria Crosses.

The Dover Patrol is commemorated by a monument near Dover.



Dover Patrol Monument near Dover

Cecil Shinkfield served for twelve years in the RN, being invalided out in June 1919 due to myopic and astigmatic vision.

# Charles Cecil Shinkfield

in the UK, Royal Navy Registers of Seamen's Services, 1848-1939

Name:	Charles Cecil Shinkfield
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	14 May 1891
Birth Place:	Southampton, Hants
First Service Date:	28 Aug 1912
First Ship Served On:	Victory II
Last Service Date:	5 Jun 1919
Last Ship Served On:	Victory II
Service Number:	M4999

## Suggested Records

- [1911 England Census, Cecil Charles Shinkfield](#)
- [Australia, Death Records, 1939-1950, Cecil Charles Shinkfield](#)
- [Australia, World War I Records, 1939-1950, Cecil Charles Shinkfield](#)
- [Australia, World War II Records, 1939-1950, Cecil Charles Shinkfield](#)

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## *Marriage and Children*

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Just after the start of the First World War, Cecil, at the age of 24 years, married Mercy Maude Maria Beaby (1893-1960) daughter of Frederick George Beabey (1866-1926) and Alice Maude M Beabey nee Warburton (1866 - 1938). They were married in 1915, in Dover, Kent, England.

This photograph, taken thirty years later, shows Mrs. Shinkfield and appeared in The Advertiser Adelaide SA Wednesday 18 April 1945 page 5; See [1945 April](#) Section below.



Cecil and Mercy had four sons who survived, and two babies who did not. Their names are;

- Cecil Frederick Charles Shinkfield born in 1916 in Chesterton, Cambridgeshire, England and died in 1995 in Victoria Australia. He married Ruth Mavis Rankin in 1940 in Victoria, Australia
- Maurice Gordon Shinkfield born in 1920 in Chesterton, Cambridgeshire, England
- Desmond Elton Shinkfield (twin) born in 1925 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England
- Harold Ralph Shinkfield (twin) born in 1925 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England who married Elizabeth Jean Westerman in Victoria in 1948.

In the 2004 on-line interview with Cecil's son, Desmond Shinkfield, see at the end of this document, Des explains how his "mother give birth to a little baby girl years later but she died, and also a little boy", who also died, and that she never quite got over the infant deaths and that she had to be content with four boys.



In 1940, Desmond and Ralph Shinkfield were Naval Cadet Sergeants and appeared in the Carey Grammar School Cadets Magazine of November 1940. The article also mentions that the other two sons were in the RAAF. See [1940 November](#) Section below.

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# Cambridge

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Soon after marrying in 1915, Cecil and Mercy moved to Cambridge where four sons were born and where Cecil gained his M.A. (Cantab.) in Science. The "Cantab" or Cantabrigiensis, the post nominal suffix, indicates a degree from the University of Cambridge.



In 1919, Engineer Lt-Comdr. Cecil C. Shinkfield, M.A. (Cantab.), was still in the RN, and expecting to continue his Naval career until he was invalided out due to his poor eyesight. His wife suggested he change his career path to teaching and he became a Master at Cambridge University for a few years before migrating to Australia. See [\*King's College\*](#) Section below.

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# Migration

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On 18th December 1926, Cecil (aged 35), Mercy and their four sons, embarked for Melbourne, Victoria, Australia on the White Star Line 'Runic', with Master J. B. Bulman, departing from Liverpool, England. Reference: UK and Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960.

**Mr C C Shinkfield**  
in the UK and Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960

Name:	Mr C C Shinkfield
Gender:	Male
Age:	35
Birth Date:	abt 1891
Departure Date:	18 Dec 1926
Port of Departure:	Liverpool, England
Destination Port:	Melbourne, Australia
Ship Name:	Runic
Search Ship Database:	<a href="#">Search for the Runic in the 'Passenger Ships and Images' database</a>
Shipping Line:	White Star Line
Official Number:	11341
Master:	J B Bulman

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Shinkfield in

This is a copy of the actual ship's manifest which shows the Shinkfield family were living at 37 Marlowe Road, Newnham, Cambridge. It also gave me the clue to the boys' names.

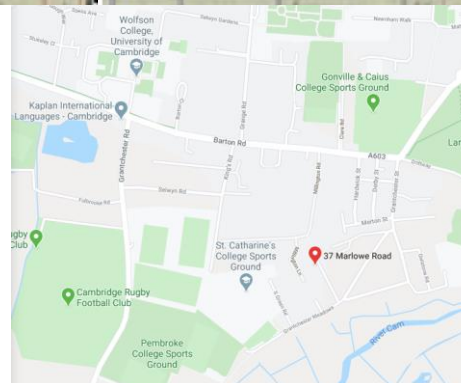
UK and Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960 for C C Shinkfield  
Liverpool + 1926 + December

Name of Ship *Runic* Date of Departure *19/12/26* 1926 Where bound *Yokohama*

Port of Departure *Liverpool* Steamship Line *White Star*

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF **BRITISH** PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF *Liverpool*

(1) Contract Ticket Number	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS	(3) Last Address in the United Kingdom	(4) CLASS	(5) Port at which Passengers have contracted to Land	(6) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers	(7) AGE OF PASSENGERS				(8) Country of last Permanent Residence						(9) Country of Intended Future Residence				
						Adults of 12 years and upwards		Children between 1 and 12		Infants										
						Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Irish Free State	Other Parts of the British Empire	Foreign Countries		
AP 5132	✓ Shinkfield, Mrs C	37 Marlowe Road, Newnham, Cambridge			Teacher	35														
	✓ Shinkfield, Mrs				Wife															
	✓ Shinkfield, Mr				Child			10												
	✓ Shinkfield, Mr							6												
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The family arrived in Australia at Albany, Western Australia, bound for Melbourne, on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1927, after a journey of five weeks. Reference: Fremantle, Western Australia, Passenger Lists, 1897-1963.

It would have been an interesting time aboard with two young boys to watch over and twin baby boys less than one year old.

## Cecil C Shinkfield

### in the Fremantle, Western Australia, Passenger Lists, 1897-1963

Name:	Cecil C Shinkfield
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	abt 1892
Departure Place:	Liverpool, New South Wales, Australia
Arrival Date:	25 Jan 1927
Arrival Place:	Albany, Western Australia, Australia
Age on Arrival:	35
Vessel:	Runic



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**Suggested Records**

Fremantle, Western Australia, Passenger Lists, 1897-1963 for Cecil C Shinkfield									
Reel 056: Dec 1926 - Feb 1927									
SCOTT	Margt. D.				23	S			
	Jane				22	S			
SETHOR	Stanley A.				21	S			
SHINKFIELD	Cecil C.				35	M			
	Mary Jane	Homemaker			34	M			
	Cecil J.	Student			10	S			
	Maurice				6	S			
	Deborah	Chie			1	S			
	Harold				1	S			
TIMPE	Ronald	School teacher			21	S			



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# Sunshine Technical School

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A newspaper article in the Sunshine Advocate (Victoria) Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1927 page 1 reveals that Cecil Shinkfield was “brought out” by the Education Department and was appointed to the teaching staff of the Sunshine Technical School.

Two of the recent arrivals from England, Messrs Tom Hudson and Cecil Shinkfield, who have been brought out by the Education Department, have been appointed to the teaching staff of the Sunshine Technical School.

The Sunshine Technical School was established in Derby Road, Sunshine, Victoria, in 1913, by H.V McKay, to train apprentices for his factory, Sunshine Harvester Works. Apprentices undertook part of their training at the school in the trade section. The school was one of the first technical schools built in Melbourne's western suburbs and Cecil Shinkfield, with his science background and experience with RN apprentices at HM Victory II, was the ideal teacher for this technical school.

<https://collections.museumvictoria.com.au/items/776645>



In the 2004 on-line interview with Cecil's son, Desmond Shinkfield, see at the end of this document, Des explains how his father wasn't happy in the technical school in Sunshine, "just

wasn't his cup of tea" and a how Professor Brown at Melbourne Teachers' College invited him to join his staff.

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## *Tasmania*

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During the Depression in the early 1930's, and although not being an ordained minister, Cecil Shinkfield was invited to go to Tasmania to be the rector in a little church in Sheffield, not far from Devonport. He was there for a year and the family only visited during the school holidays. When he moved back to the Mainland, the Shinkfield family relocated from Geelong to Melbourne when Cecil obtained a teaching position in the Cary Baptist Grammar School.

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# *Cary Baptist Grammar School*

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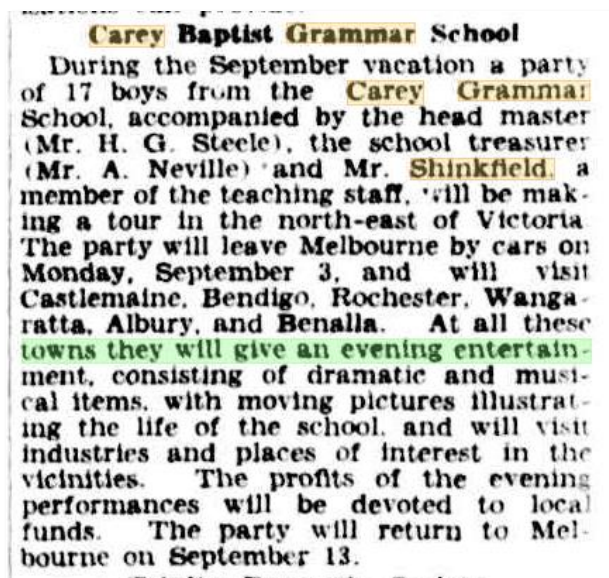
Sometime between being a teacher at the Sunshine Technical School in 1927 and this newspaper article dated 1934, Cecil Shinkfield became a teacher at the newly founded (1923) Carey Baptist Grammar School which is located in the leafy eastern suburbs of Kew, Victoria, and is an independent, co-educational, Christian day school. Photo from the Cary Archives.



**1934 February**

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/70693579?searchTerm=grammar%20cecil%20shinkfield&searchLimits=sortby=dateDesc>

The Argus (Melbourne, Vic. : 1848 - 1957) Thursday 30 August 1934 Page 5;





## 1936 November

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/75195537?searchTerm=carey%20grammar%20shinkfield&searchLimits=l-state=Victoria|||sortby=dateAsc>

Sunshine Advocate (Vic. : 1924 - 1954) Friday 6 November 1936 Page 1;



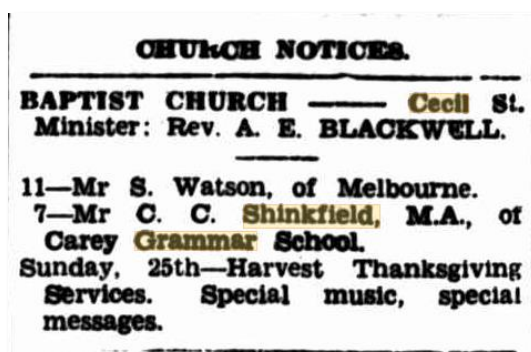
In 1936 Cecil Charles Shinkfield was registered in the Australian Electoral Roll in Auburn, Kooyong, Victoria.

Cecil Charles Shinkfield	
in the Australia, Electoral Rolls, 1903-1980	
Name:	Cecil Charles Shinkfield
Gender:	Male
Electoral Date:	1936
Electoral Place:	Auburn, Kooyong, Victoria, Australia

## 1940 February

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/70693579?searchTerm=grammar%20cecil%20shinkfield&searchLimits=sortby=dateDesc>

Williamstown Chronicle (Vic. : 1856 - 1954) Saturday 17 February 1940 Page 4;



## 1940 November

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/142143835?searchTerm=carey%20grammar%20shinkfield&searchLimits=l-state=Victoria|||sortby=dateAsc>

The Australasian (Melbourne, Vic. : 1864 - 1946) Saturday 23 November 1940 Page 31;



In the Carey Grammar School Cadets Magazine of November 1940, the sons of Teacher Cecil C. Shinkfield M.A., "Sergeant-Major R. Shinkfield, ... and Sergeant D. Shinkfield" are mentioned.

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# Royal Australian Navy

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At the start of the Second World War in 1940, Cecil C. Shinkfield aged about 50 years, volunteered with the Royal Australian Navy, and served with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

Little can be found about this time, but he obviously developed or increased his passion for degaussing, as the next newspaper article mentions that he *“had a staff job in Melbourne in the degaussing section, for which his scientific knowledge fitted him”*.

This reference is for the Royal Navy and cannot be explained.

Cecil Charles Shinkfield in the UK, Navy Lists, 1888-1970	
Name:	Cecil Charles Shinkfield
Year:	1942
Book Title:	Navy List: October, 1942
Archive Name:	Peter Singlehurst

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# King's College

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The first mention of Mr. C. C. Shinkfield as the new head of King's College, Kensington Park, South Australia appears in a newspaper article in 1945.

**1945 April**

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/127039328?searchTerm=shinkfield%20king%27s%20college&searchLimits=l-state=South+Australia>

The Advertiser Adelaide SA Thursday 19 April 1945 page 2;



## Headmaster

*Mr. C. C. Shinkfield, the new head of King's College, has had a varied career, having been master, soldier, and sailor, too.*

*In World War I, he served in destroyers, including two years in the famed Dover Patrol under Sir Roger Keyes.*

*A period as master at a Cambridge school followed when peace came, for he is a Master of Arts, specialising in science.*

*In 1927 he came to Australia and joined the Victorian Training College staff.*

*When at sea with the Navy, marine engineering was his branch, but in Victoria he became an infantry captain in the military forces, seconded to the cadets, for 12 years.*

*In 1940 he was in the uniform of the R.A.N., with the rank of lieutenant-commander, and has since had a staff job in Melbourne in the degaussing section, for which his scientific knowledge fitted him.*

*He has four sons, two in the Navy and two in the Air Force, so has an understanding of boys and their ways, in addition to that gathered from teaching.*

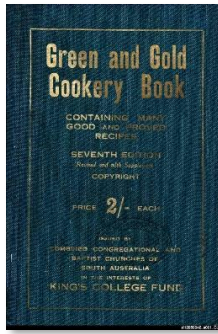
King's College was an independent school for boys, founded in 1923, as a joint venture between the Congregational Church and the Baptist Union in South Australia. In 1974, the current co-educational Pembroke School was founded as an amalgamation of King's College, and the Girton Girls' School.

State Library of SA King's College, Kensington [B 18164]



An interesting side note was discovered in the State Library SA Memory website.

<https://www.samemory.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=248>



“The Green and Gold Cookery Book was first compiled in 1923 as a fundraiser for King's College (now Pembroke School). The school community contributed recipes and advertising space within the book was sold to offset the cost of publishing the original edition. More than 400,000 copies have now been sold in Australia, Canada, the United States of America and the United Kingdom. The Green and Gold Cookery Book is regarded as a classic Australian recipe book.”



1945 April

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Wednesday 18 April 1945 page 5;



*THE NEW HEADMASTER of King's College, Mr. C. C. Shinkfield, and Mrs. Shinkfield, on their arrival in the express from Melbourne today. Mr. Shinkfield served five years in this war as an engineer lieutenant-commander in the Navy. He was also in the Navy in World War I.*

1945 May

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Army News (Darwin NT) Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1945 page 2;

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAD AN EDUCATION SET-UP** superior to that of anywhere else in the Commonwealth at present, said the superintendent of high schools, Mr Allen. He was commenting on the statement of the new headmaster of King's College, Mr C. C. Shinkfield, that it was not right that the University should set the pace for the intermediate and leaving examinations.

## 1945 October

<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/96865839?searchTerm=carey%20grammar%20shinkfield&searchLimits=sortby=dateAsc|||-state=South+Australia>

Bunyip (Gawler, SA : 1863 - 1954) Friday 26 October 1945 page 2;

At the Gawler Baptist Church on Sunday evening Mr. Shinkfield, M.A., of King's College, will be the preacher. Mr. Shinkfield served in World War I as an officer in the Royal Navy. In 1920 he was selected and appointed Head Master of Carey Grammar School. On outbreak of the 2nd. World War he again volunteered for service, and for five years was Lieut. Com. R.A.N. He has four sons serving with the forces. Mr. Shinkfield was recently appointed Head Master of King's College.

On Sunday afternoon and evening

## 1945 December

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Saturday 15 December 1945 page 7;



## KING'S COLLEGE REPORT

### New Headmaster's Aims

At the annual speech night of King's College in the Norwood Town Hall on Thursday night, the headmaster (Mr. C. C. Shinkfield) said that one of his aims was that every boy who passed through the school should have that perfect poise which marked him indelibly as a gentleman, with all that was implied in the truest sense of the word. Lieut-Col. T. R. Mellor occupied the chair, and the prizes were distributed by the District Naval Officer (Commander S. R. Symonds).

Delivering his address, Mr. Shinkfield said:—

"Before proceeding with the more formal part of this report, I must express my appreciation of the work of the staff. This expression would not be complete

1946 July

The Advertiser Adelaide SA Tuesday 23 July 1946 page 8;

## H.M.S. Pinafore

PROPOS our talk on Gilbert and Sullivan operas, you will be interested to know that last week Girton School for girls and King's College boys presented HMS Pinafore at Burnside Town Hall. The Mayor of Burnside (Mr. T. R. Mellor) told me yesterday that he was so impressed with the students' performance that he invited them to supper in his parlor.

Mr. Stanley Gare was the producer. Performers: Sir Joseph Porter, Robert Thomas, Capt. Corcoran, Cmdr. C. C. Shinkfield, Tom Tucker, Erland Brock, Ralph Rackstraw, Keri Williams, Dick Bradeye, Paul Trudinger, Boat-swain, Richard Willing, Bill Bobstay, Stirling Chapman, Josephine, Pamela Peters, Hebe, Patricia Moloney, Mrs. Cripps, Beverley Maiden.

Chorus: First Lord's sisters, cousins and aunts—M. Auld, E. Best, A. Castle, J. Crossing, C. Edwardes, B. Farrow, J. Gunning, C. Hagley, L. Hone, B. Jones, J. McKenzie, P. Mann, J. Martin, J. Mayson, V. Mutton, J. Neighbour, G. Park, H. Pearce, J. Bowman.

Sailors: K. Adam, P. Jacobs, H. King, G. Linn, B. Lippett, C. Maitland, R. Miles, B. Morrison, J. Mullett, S. McDonald, G. Roberts, P. Rounsevell, P. Scrymgeour, G. Smith, D. Stacy, R. Stolz, E. Watson.

1946 December

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Friday 13 December 1946 page 10;

## Break-Up At King's College

At the King's College prize-giving ceremony yesterday, the chairman (Mr. T. R. Mellor) introduced the Premier (Mr. Playford), who later presented awards and trophies.

Musical items were rendered by prep. and senior schools, and the whole of the proceedings were more or less in the nature of a carol service.

Delivering his report, the Headmaster (Mr. C. C. Shinkfield) said:—

"During the past year there has been a gradual change of aspect from war to cessation of hostilities—one could hardly say peace—and that has meant less unrest amongst the senior boys, but, at the same time, there have been readjustments amongst parents and changes of homes. So that we have had a few departures and many arrivals—an average of 180 in King's proper through the year, of whom 50 were boarders.

"Now, at the end of my first full

due to their efforts that material for the lining of the hut was provided at a cost of £30, and oil stoves installed for use on cold winter days.

The interest which the Old Collegians' Association takes in school affairs is an inspiration in itself. Their scheme for a War Memorial is a building which will be of use to past and present scholars for years to come.

"Several ladies from the Norwood Baptist Church have shown a very practical interest in King's during our awkward times with lack of domestic help. They have sewed vigorously, but apparently have enjoyed their work, judging by the sounds issuing from the

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# Sabbatical

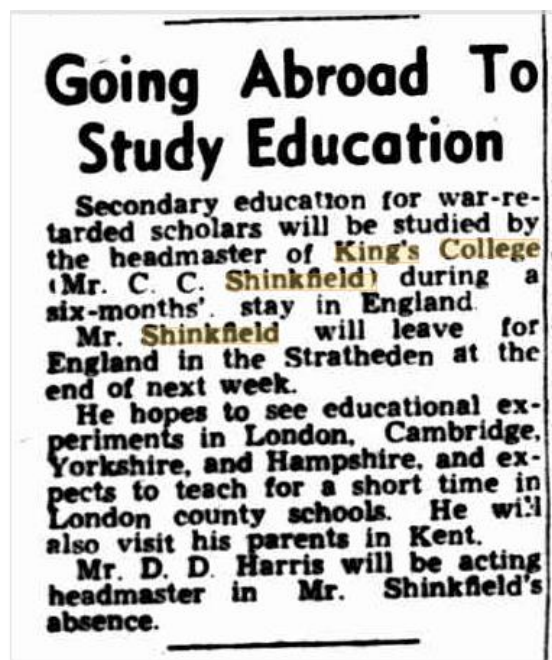
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In 1947 as Headmaster of King's College, Mr. Shinkfield undertook a six months study tour of war-retarded students in England and the next newspaper article mentions that he also visited his parents in Kent, England. His Father was aged 81 years and Mother 78 years at this time.

## 1947 August

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Saturday 9 August 1947 page 3;



They travelled on the P&O Steamship 'SS Stratheden' arriving in London on 12th September 1947.

**Cecil Shinkfield**  
in the UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960





Name:	Cecil Shinkfield
Arrival Age:	55
Birth Date:	abt 1892
Port of Departure:	Sydney, Australia
Arrival Date:	12 Sep 1947
Port of Arrival:	London, England
Ports of Voyage:	Sydney; Melbourne; Adelaide and Fremantle
Ship Name:	Stratheden
Shipping Line:	Peninsula and Orient Steam Navigation Company Ltd
Official Number:	165614
Search Ship Database:	Search for the Stratheden in the 'Passenger Ships and Images' database



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After a stay in England of five and half months they embarked on the P&O 'RMS Strathaird' on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1948, bound for Adelaide.

**Cecil Charles Shinkfield**  
in the UK and Ireland, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960

Name:	Cecil Charles Shinkfield
Gender:	Male
Age:	56
Birth Date:	abt 1892
Departure Date:	22 Jan 1948
Port of Departure:	London, England
Destination Port:	Adelaide, Australia
Ship Name:	Strathaird
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## 1948 January

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Tuesday 20 January 1948 page 3;

**I**N an air mail letter to me from London, Lt-Comdr. C. C. Shinkfield, RN (headmaster of King's College, Kensington Park, SA) says that food parcels as received from Australia bring an almost child-like joy into countless homes. They are like a "gift from the gods," as they come at a time when even if there were a plentiful market, the limit of purchase is so narrowed by the rationing system that the housewife's problem of variation of menu is hard even when there is a number in family.

Few can imagine, however, the lot of the person who is living alone! Some such are unable to stand for any time in the ubiquitous queue, and their lot is exceedingly hard. Even those whose health and class of work will permit them to stand, have to think and try in terms of fractions of an ounce. To all of these the word "joint" is a forgotten word.



1948 February

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Friday 27 February 1948 page 5;

**EDUCATION TRENDS  
INVESTIGATED**

**King's College Head  
Returns From U.K.**

British educational authorities had found that the wider experience of the large numbers of "dilutee" teachers now being employed was of inestimable value to them in their new profession, said the headmaster of **King's College** (Mr. C. C. Shinkfield), who returned from a four-month tour of Britain in the Strathaird yesterday.

Mr **Shinkfield** visited all types of schools during his tour. Except at one infant school in Doncaster, where the principle of self-expression was extended beyond the average age, he found no new developments.

Educational standards in Australian schools were equal to those in the majority of British schools, he said.

1948 March

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Saturday 6 March 1948 page 7;

# SURPRISED HE SPOKE GOOD ENGLISH

Some children in British schools were surprised to find that **King's College** headmaster (Mr. C. C. **Shinkfield**) could speak good English. To them Australia is still a remote and mysterious continent, in spite of the greater attention being paid to Australia in lessons there.

**D**URING a four-month tour of English schools, Mr. **Shinkfield** acted as relieving teacher in several schools, and gave talks about Australia.

He said this week:—"First thing most children asked was about our aborigines, their habits and customs. Then I was asked about our fruit. Children were amazed that oranges, for instance, could be picked from trees."

Britain, he said, was determined to educate her children at all costs. He saw town halls and public buildings of all descriptions being used to relieve the shortage of schools caused by war-time bombing.

But, in his own words, "English children are looking fine. Britain is taking good care of them."

"At school they can have a wholesome midday meal for 6d. each day. They get a third of a pint of milk free daily."

"English standards of education are very similar to our own. Perhaps they are slightly ahead in science subjects. But the accent is on education. The whole country is education conscious."

"Adults realise so much of Britain's hopes of winning the peace rests with the education of her youth."

Mr. **Shinkfield** saw some interesting experiments in education.

One kindergarten he visited in Yorkshire had 400 small pupils ranging from three to seven years.



Mr. C. C. **Shinkfield**

This kindergarten emphasised the self-expression of its children. Every morning the children were given a free hour to do what they liked in the classroom, providing they did not interfere with anyone else.

At the end of the period they gathered together as a class, brought their work to the teacher. Then they were encouraged to tell what they were doing, why, and what it finally would be.

In the same school, music was played at different volumes. The children moved where they liked and stamped according to volume. This gave them rhythm and expression and tested their response to musical stimulus.

Mr. **Shinkfield** found many problem children in English schools. Children of 13 and 14 showed marked irresponsibility, probably the result of the unsettled life of the war years when children were evacuated from area to area.

He said the old iron discipline in English schools had gone. Children were seldom punished. They were encouraged to discipline themselves.

Most interesting schools Mr. **Shinkfield** visited were polytechnic schools, where students from 17 upwards were taught engineering and other trades.

These schools were similar to Adelaide's School of Mines, but were developed on a far larger scale, with heavy Government backing.

Equipment in them was an eyeopener. There were linotype machines for those who wanted to learn the printing trade, a complete television set-up for the training of television engineers. There were about 200 classes in these schools.

After seeing English schools, Mr. **Shinkfield** is convinced educationists in Australia are getting the best out of children here. "Our educational methods are keeping pace, as in Britain, with the ability of children to absorb knowledge and reproduce it," he said.

1950 July

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Saturday 29 July 1950 page 5;

## Ship's Bell Presented To College



At King's College yesterday, Sir James Goose presented the college with the bell of the SS Quorna. Photo shows (from left)—Students Max Ross, Grantley Redden, James Stock and the headmaster of the college (Mr. C. C. Shinkfield) inspecting the bell.



## **Ship's Bell For King's College**

Sir James Gosse, chairman of directors of the Adelaide Steamship Company, yesterday presented the ship's bell of the veteran coastal steamer Quorna to King's College at the annual old scholars' assembly at the school.

The bell will later be incorporated in the new memorial building in the process of construction.

At night the Old Scholars' Association annual meeting was held at the school.

Other old scholars' week functions are:—Today, 8 p.m., dance at the school; tomorrow, 7 p.m., annual service at Rose Park Congregational Church, conducted by Rev. S. Munn; August 8, at the school at 8 p.m., a debate against the school team.



1951 September

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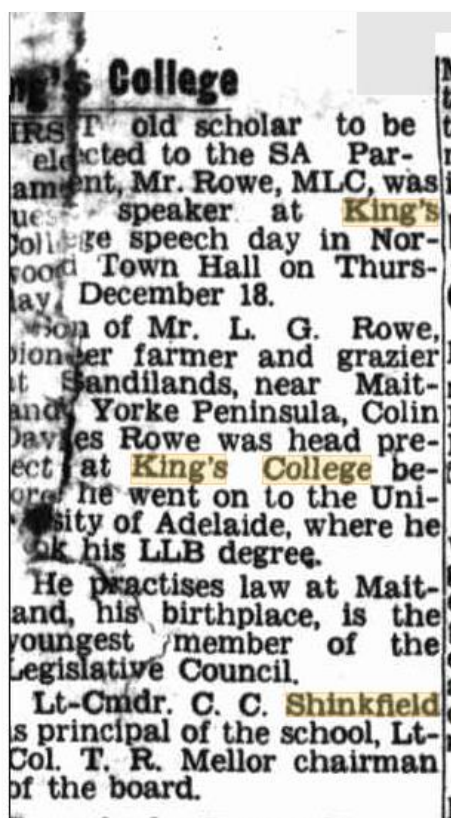
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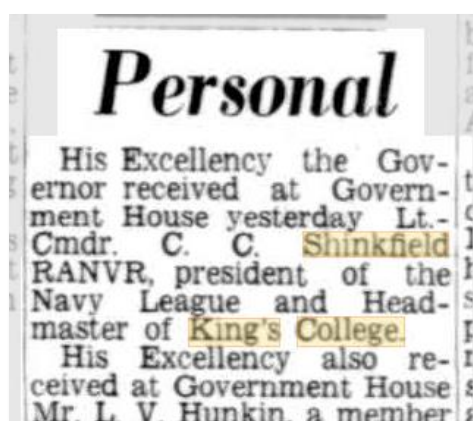
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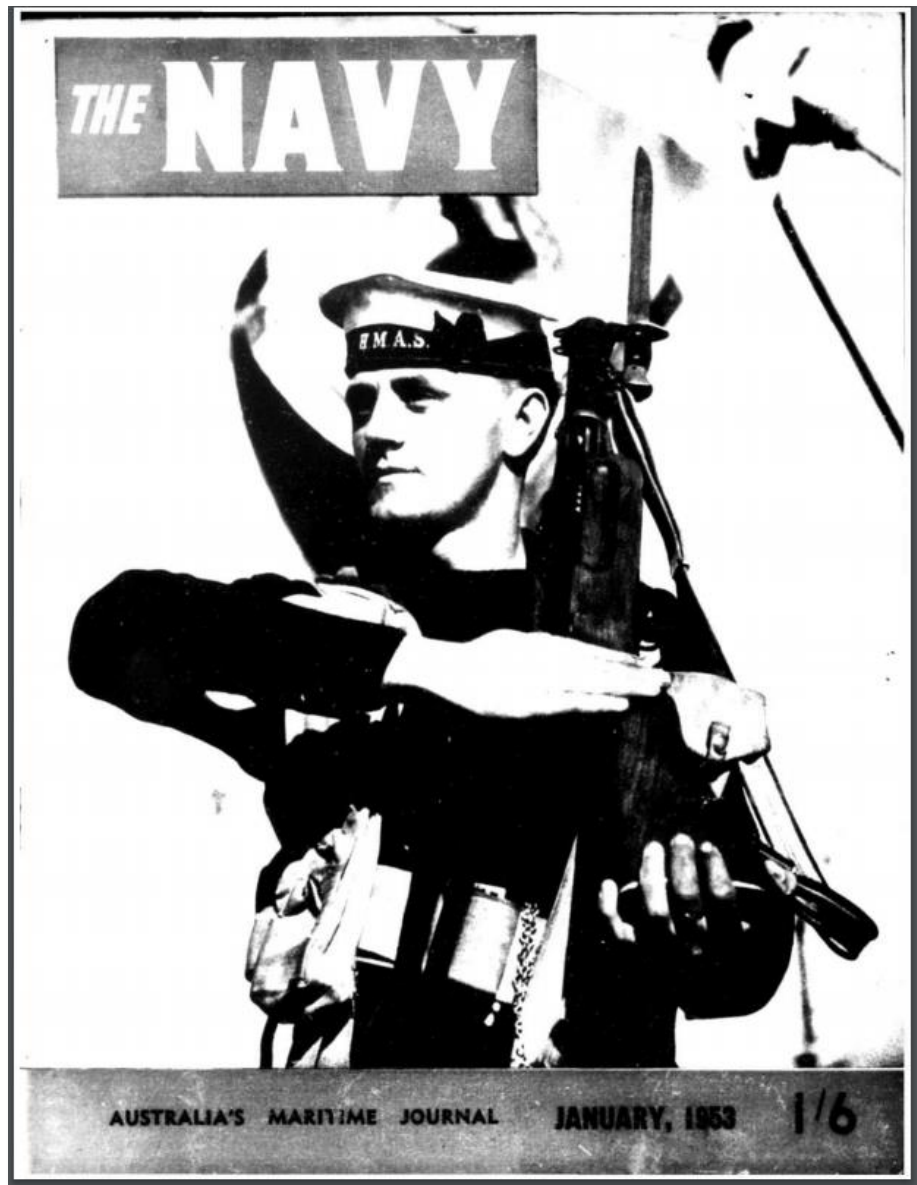
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# *Navy League of Australia*

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The-Navy Vol. 15 January 1953 lists the members of the Federal council of The Navy League of Australia with President, Lieutenant Cdr. C. C. Shinkfield, RA.N.R. (retd.).

[http://navyleague.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/The-Navy-Vol\\_15\\_Part1-1953-Jan-Feb-Mar-1953.pdf](http://navyleague.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/The-Navy-Vol_15_Part1-1953-Jan-Feb-Mar-1953.pdf)



The Navy League of Australia is an Australian organisation and advocacy group dedicated to creating interest in maritime and naval matters, particularly those relating to the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the Australian Merchant Navy.

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# *Coronation Medal*

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SHINKFIELD, Lieut.-Commander Cecil Charles. Kings College, Halton Terrace, Kensington. President, Navy League (S.A.), Headmaster Kings College was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal in 1953.



This medal was awarded as a personal souvenir from the Queen to members of the Royal Family and selected officers of state, members of the Royal Household, government officials, mayors, public servants, local government officials, members of the navy, army, air force and police in Britain, her colonies and Dominions.

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# King's Coronation Ball

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Saturday 6 June 1953 page 17;

## 1,000 At King's Ball: Coronation Motif

In'erstate and country visitors, pre-dance parties, 1,000 dancers, and striking Coronation decor helped the success of King's old collegians' Green and Gold ball at the Palais last night.

The huge crown in the middle of the dance floor was completed at 4:30 a.m. yesterday.

The Principal of King's College (Mr. C. C. Shinkfield) made British Empire crests pinned to a Union Jack guarded by two impressive figures of Grenadier Guards.

Other novel ideas were a verse from "Merric England" inscribed on parchment and framed in gold behind the official box; a deep velvet cushion, braided in gold on the official table; flags of the British Commonwealth hung round the Palais walls.

### Gold Coach Scene

Mrs. G. B. Follott who devised the decorations wore antique gold jewellery with her pale pink self-embossed jersey frock.

Two young people from the country were Miss Diane Stock (she wore pink broderie anglaise with a matching jacket) and her sister Laurette, wore strapless lavender organdie cuffed in deep wine velvet.

## Mayoral Ball Plans Tonight

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rymill)





1954 June

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Saturday 5 June 1954 page 10;

Page 10 —The Advertiser, Saturday, June 5, 1954.

## Vice-Regal Party At King's Ball

The Governor (Sir Robert George) and Lady George went to **King's** old collegians' Green and Gold Ball in the Palais last night.

Lady George's frock of fine lace over stiffened petticoats was as light and white as a snowflake. Her full-length coat was white ermine, and she wore a double strand of large pearls. Capt. Peter Samuel, ADC, was in attendance.

The old scholars' president (Mr. J. C. Mellor) and Mrs. Mellor met the vice-regal party. Mrs. Mellor wore a slim-skirted strapless frock of muted gold and grey striped eyelash brocade.

Black lace was the choice of Mrs. C. C. **Shinkfield**, wife of the **King's College** headmaster. With it she wore a pearl tiara.

### Faille, Satin

Other wives in the official reserve included Mrs. T. R. Mellor in gunmetal faille, Mrs. J. A. Campbell in aqua slipper satin, Mrs. D. M. Standen in green and grey shot brocaded shantung, and Mrs. Challen Kerr in marine blue heavy satin.

A gold-sprayed flower basket filled with cream gladioli and green hydrangeas was an eye-catching decoration in the official re-

serve. Posy baskets decorated the tables.

On the stage, palm trees were strung with fairy lights, and the school colors were picked out in green and gold bulrushes.

### Cheapjack Stall

On the walls, gold-sprayed pampas grass formed fleur-de-lys. Almost a decoration in itself was the cheapjack stall, where the vivid contents included painted cordial bottles and bright barbecue napkins, along with gifts of permanent waves, shirts, and ties.

Hosts and hostesses who took friends to the Palais from pre-dance parties included Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Max Boyce, and Mr. and Mrs. John Evans.

Money causes more trouble in the home than any other one subject. Barbara Cartland tells married couples how to smooth the troubled waters in "The Sunday Advertiser" tonight.

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# King's College Pavilion

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Monday 22 November 1954 page 17;



**1954 November**

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Saturday 20 November 1954 page 4;



# Hall opened by Governor

About 700 parents, old and present scholars, and friends of **King's College** watched the Governor, Sir Robert George, open the school's £11,000 war memorial hall and pavilion at the **college** oval today.

They crowded into the new hall to see him unveil a roll of honor presented by Mr. and the late Mrs. W. J. H. Smith.

Two of three sons were killed in World War II.

Sir Robert said of a pre-war membership of 330 members of the **College** Old Scholars' Association, 230 had served in World War II.

Of these 230, 16 gave their lives, Sir Robert said. He understood this was a record for any school in Australia.

The memorial includes a

gymnasium, a pavilion, a kitchen, a roll of honor, and a drinking fountain.

The Governor said old scholars had raised £8,000 towards the cost of the memorial, but £3,000 was still required.

He added: "I would like to stress how practical this memorial is in providing not only a memory, but also something of real use."

Sir Robert was introduced by the chairman of the **college** directors, Mr. K. H. Milne. Items by the school orchestra and choir, Scouts, and gymnasts followed.



THE GOVERNOR, Sir Robert George, inspects a guard of honor of the **King's College** Sea Scout troop before officially opening the Old Collegians' War Memorial grandstand and hall today. Behind is the headmaster, Mr. C. C. **Shinkfield**.

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# *Last Newspaper Article*

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The Advertiser Adelaide SA Friday 17 December 1954 page 10;

## King's College Head's Advice On Age To Leave School

The headmaster of King's College (Mr. C. C. Shinkfield) urged parents not to take their boys away from school too soon, when he made his annual report last night.

"Even though a boy may reach the Leaving form," he said, "he

particularly grateful for the valuable assistance of his sister Mrs. K. Kirke. For one of Mr. Harris's active disposition, such inactivity

"We did well to come fifth in the Combined Athletic Sports against schools three or even four times the size of King's.

other for advanced training in teamwork and leadership. The training and testing carried out in these two organisations brings out much of the otherwise latent ability of boys whose opportunities elsewhere may be considerably less. I repeat that every opportunity for development should be seized while it exists.

"Another matter I would like parents to consider is this:—

"To engender confidence and to fit a boy to take his place in society, clubs have been established in debating, music, drama, interna-

newed, but 'au-revoir' implies that you must come again, and not lose touch with the school to which, as the years roll over your head, you will realise you owe much. We are glad to have had you with us and now we wish you health, strength and happiness, and such prosperity that will enable you to pass along the good that has been done to you. You will thus prove your stewardship

### Scholarships

"Of the 23 competitors for the open scholarships which exempt tuition fees for three years, the follow-

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# Norwood High School

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We learnt from Dr Tony Shinkfield AO, that Mr. Cecil Shinkfield joined the staff at Norwood High School in Lossie Street, Kensington Park, South Australia in 1957.

He was aged 66 years, and would have retired as Headmaster at King's College, in about 1955.

There are no more newspaper articles mentioning his name after that date. Surprisingly, given the high press coverage that he received in the papers whilst Headmaster at King's College, entertaining the Governor of South Australia etc., there is no mention of his retirement or a new Headmaster joining the College.

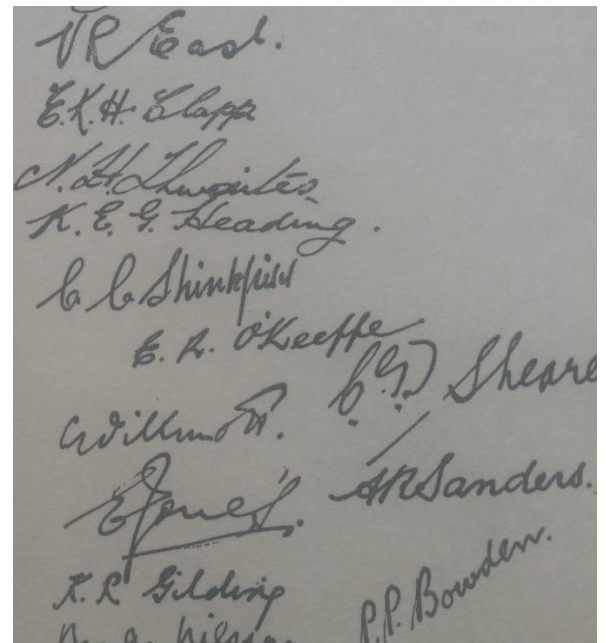
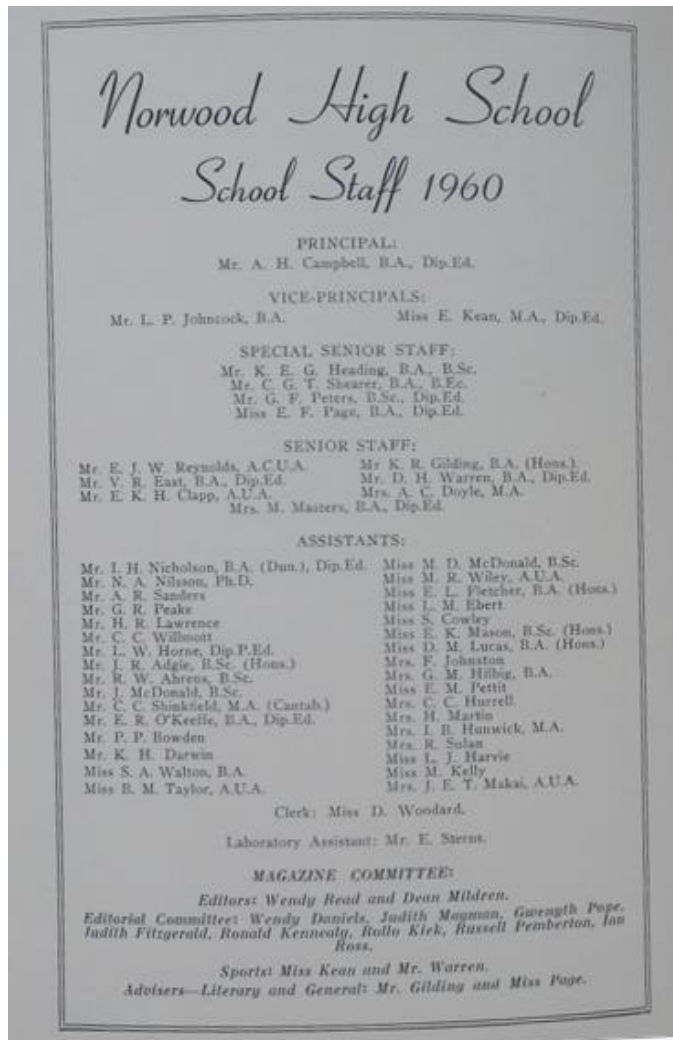
We can only assume that because of the shortage of good teachers after the Second World War, the Education Department advertised the position or offered him the job as Maths teacher.

According to Tony, the salary of teachers was not all that high and he suspects Cecil Shinkfield would have appreciated the extra income in his retirement.

We think he left NHS in about 1962, so the students who were at the School from 1957 to 1961 were lucky to have such a talented person as their teacher.

# NHS Magazine

The NHS magazine of 1960 shows Assistants: Mr. C. C. Shinkfield, M.A. (Cantab.), and his signature.



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# *NHS Workshop Group*

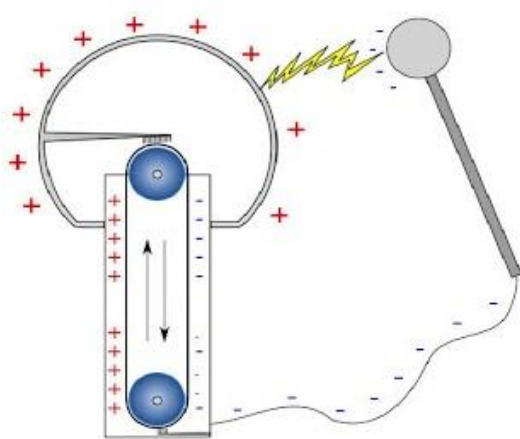
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Both Mr. Shinkfield and Mr. Clapp ran the NHS Workshop Group, which was popular with those boys with a science and technology interest.

In 1961 the author was a member of this Workshop Group, and enjoyed meeting, once a week after school, in the old building which served as a workshop. During the year we constructed a Van de Graaff generator.

A Van de Graaff generator is an electrostatic generator which uses a moving belt to accumulate electric charge on a hollow metal sphere on the top of an insulated column.

To our amazement it actually worked, and we were able to produce some very high voltage static electricity. Fortunately, it could only produce a weak electric current, which was not enough to cause any irreversible harm, apart from making you jump with the electric shock if you created a spark. It looked very impressive when it made your hair stand on end, as once charged up to the same polarity, the individual strands of hair would repel each other.



We took particular delight in demonstrating the sparks that we could produce to other students. If a person held their hand on the sphere and then started the machine running, they also became charged to a very high voltage, as long as they were standing on an insulating mat. Then if another student got too close, they could be “zapped” by touching them. We soon learnt that this wasn’t a wise move, as both students felt the effect and jumped like crazy.



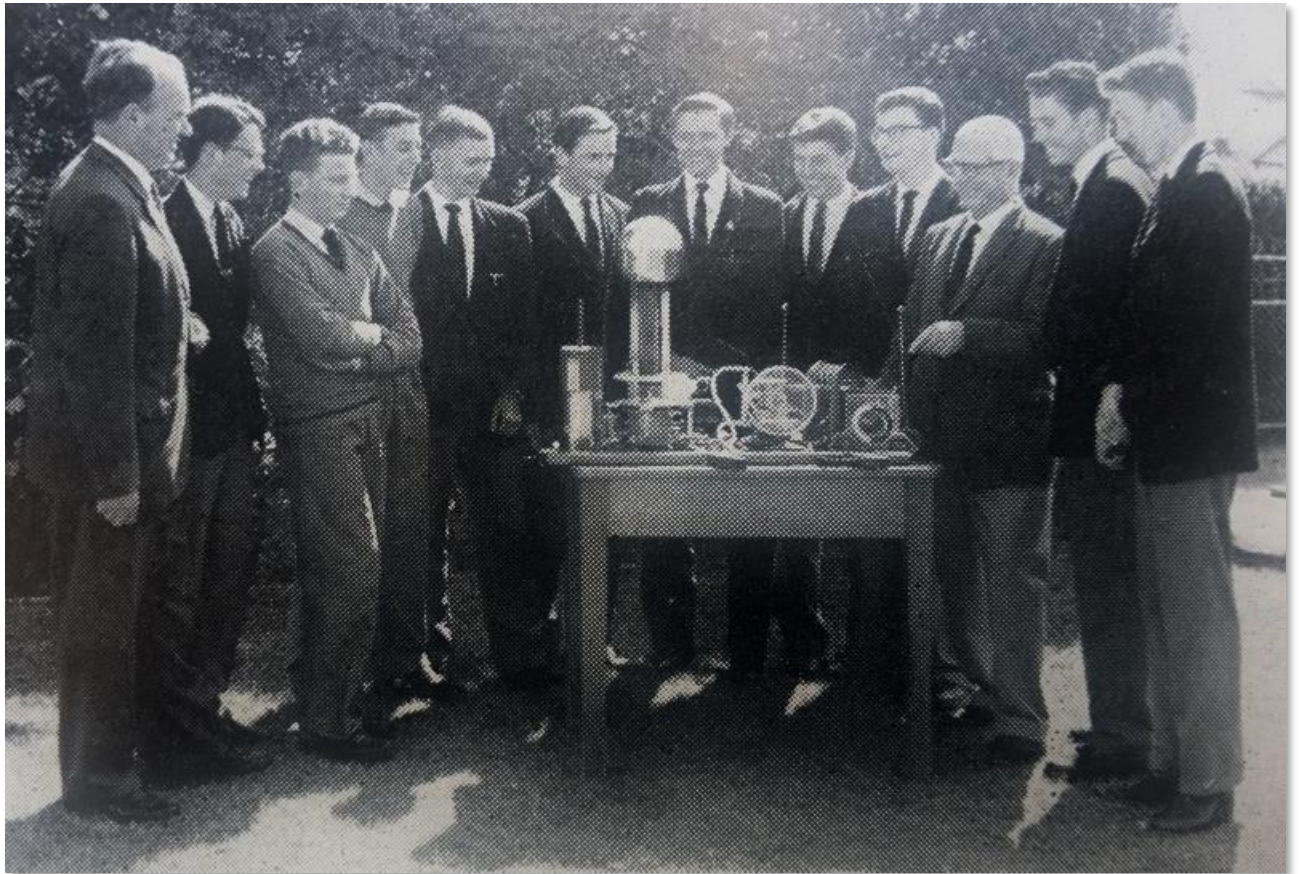
One day we decided to see if we could light a Bunsen burner with the spark that was created. The gas was turned on and a metal rod, held by a charged-up student, was brought up close to the end of the burner. The flame lit perfectly.

Being very experimentally minded, we decided to test how many students could hold hands and form a chain and still light the Bunsen burner. Each boy, of course, standing on something to insulate them from the ground, and being very careful not to touch anything or anyone else. It



worked a treat, but only up to thirteen students. The electrostatic leakage was too great with fourteen students and it wouldn't generate a spark. In hindsight, perhaps we should have built a bigger sphere to collect more electric charge!

Page 20 of the 1961 NHS Magazine shows students of the Workshop Group proudly showing off their achievements for the year, with Mr. Clapp and Mr. Shinkfield looking on. The Van de Graaff generator can be seen on the table with the other projects.



Left to right: Mr. Clapp, Peter Dawson, Hartley Hyde, P Wilkie, R Smith, Richard Brooks, Ian Wall, Andrew Bruce, Graeme (?) Austin, Mr. Shinkfield, Brian Rice, and Kevin D Heinemann.

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# Death

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Sadly Mr. Shinkfield passed away in 1973 at the age of 82 years, and as the record shows, had obviously returned to his original Australian hometown of Victoria.

Cecil Charles Shinkfield	
in the Victoria, Australia, Death Index, 1836-1988	
Name:	Cecil Charles Shinkfield
Death Registration Year:	1973
Death Registration Place:	Victoria, Australia
Father:	Charles William Shinkfield
Mother Maiden Name:	Redstone
Reference Number:	20076

**BIRTHS DEATHS AND MARRIAGES VICTORIA**

Victoria Registry of Births, Deaths, and Marriages

**Suggested Records**

[1911 England Census](#)



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# *Cecil C. Shinkfield's Life Summary*

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1891: Born in Southampton, Hampshire, England  
1901: UK Census 1901 aged 9 years, Portsmouth, Hampshire, England  
1911: UK Census 1911 aged 19 years, Coppersmith's apprentice. HM Dockyard, Portsmouth  
1912: Aged 20 years, started shore based training at HMS Victory II  
1915: Married Mercy Maude Maria Beaby in Dover, Kent  
1915: Moved to Cambridge University  
1916: Cecil Frederick Charles Shinkfield born in Chesterton, Cambridgeshire  
1918 WW1: Served as an officer in RN on destroyers in the famed Dover Patrol  
1919: Invalided out of Royal Navy  
c.1920: Obtained a Master of Arts from Cambridge University specialising in Science  
c.1920: Master at a Cambridge School  
1920: Maurice Gordon Shinkfield born in Chesterton, Cambridgeshire  
1925: Teaching at Perth Grammar School  
1925: Desmond Elton Shinkfield (twin) born in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire  
1925: Harold Ralph Shinkfield (twin) born in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire  
1926: Emigrated with family to Australia  
1927: Arrived in Australia and joined the staff of the Victorian Sunshine Technical School  
c.1928: Infantry Captain in the military forces, seconded to the cadets for 12 years  
c.1928: Teacher at Geelong School  
c.1933: Baptist Minister, Sheffield, Tasmania  
1934: Member of teaching staff of the Carey Grammar School, Kew, Victoria  
1940: Involved with Baptist Church, Cecil Street, Williamstown Victoria  
1940: At Carey Grammar School, Kew, Victoria  
1940 WW2: Volunteered as Lt-Cmdr in RAN  
1945: Staff position in Melbourne in the degaussing section  
1945: Has four sons serving with the forces. Two as RAN commissioned officers on HMAS Australia seeing service in the Philippines, and two in the RAAF  
1945: Discharged from Royal Australian Navy  
1945: Reported as having 21 years of teaching experience in England and Victoria (ie from 1924 to 1945)  
1945: Appointed Headmaster of King's College, Kensington Park, South Australia  
1945: Preacher at Baptist Church Gawler South Australia  
1946: Performed in joint Girton and King's College performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's H.M.S. Pinafore  
1947: Undertook a six months study tour of war-retarded students in England.  
1947: Visited parents in Kent, England  
1950: Received the SS Quorna ship's bell as Headmaster of King's College  
1953: Principal, King's College  
1953: President of The Navy League of Australia  
1953: Awarded a Coronation Medal  
1953: Received at Government House by His Excellency the Governor, as president of the Navy League  
1954: Hosted His Excellency, the Governor, Sir Robert George, and Lady George at the King's College old collegian's Green and Gold Ball at the Palais.  
1954: Hosted the Governor at the opening of the King's College War Memorial Hall and Pavilion

1954: Last newspaper article found on Trove which mentioned Mr. C. C. Shinkfield  
c.1955: Retired from King's College aged 66 years.  
1957: Took on position as Maths teacher at Norwood High School  
1961: Lead NHS Workshop Group in building a Van de Graaff generator  
c.1962 Retired from teaching at NHS  
1971: Cecil went blind  
1973: Died in Victoria, Australia

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# Appendix A: RSL Virtual War Memorial

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[https://vwma.org.au/explore/people?utf8=%E2%9C%93&surname=shinkfield&given\\_names=&service\\_number=&commit=Search](https://vwma.org.au/explore/people?utf8=%E2%9C%93&surname=shinkfield&given_names=&service_number=&commit=Search)

In 2024, the RSL Virtual War Memorial web site lists eleven Shinkfields in its records.

**SHINKFIELD, Alan Rodgers**  
Service numbers V354837 , Private, Born 28 Feb 1914

**SHINKFIELD, Cecil Charles**  
Lieutenant, Born 14 Dec 1891

**SHINKFIELD, Cecil Frederick Charles**  
Service numbers 3689 , Flying Officer, Born 15 Jul 1916

**SHINKFIELD, Desmond Elton**  
Service numbers PM6052 , Sub Lieutenant, Born 9 May 1925

**SHINKFIELD, Harold Ralph**  
Service numbers 431294 , Warrant Officer, Born 9 May 1925

**SHINKFIELD, Maurice Gordon**  
Lieutenant, HMAS Penguin (IV) 1939-1940/HMAS Brisbane 1940-1942/HMAS Moreton (I) 1942-1994 (Depot), Royal Australian Navy, Born 29 Jun 1920

**SHINKFIELD, Reginald Claxton**  
Service numbers 282511 , Flight Lieutenant, Born 28 Aug 1901

**SHINKFIELD, Stanley Charles**  
Service numbers 54109 , Corporal, Born 8 Apr 1905

**SHINKFIELD, William Hubert**  
Service numbers SX18585 , Private, Born 27 May 1923

**SHINKFIELD, William John**  
Service numbers 142738, V357781 , Leading Aircraftman, Aircraft / Repair / Salvage Depots, Royal Australian Air Force, Born 30 Jan 1899

**SHINKFIELD, William Robert**  
Service numbers 194 , Private, 27th Infantry Battalion, AIF WW1, natural causes

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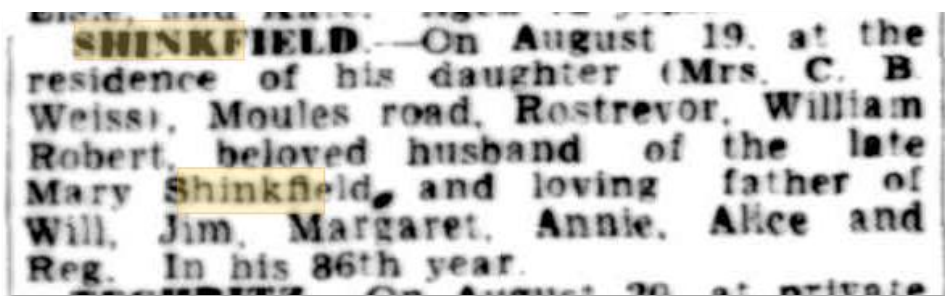
## Appendix B: Family Search

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William Robert Shinkfield 1885 – 1969 is the brother of James Woof Shinkfield (1887 – 1972) who is the father of Dr Anthony James Shinkfield AO and is consequently Tony's Uncle Bill, who met Lt- Cmdr C. C. Shinkfield in the London Hospital during World War 1. See [The Search Starts](#) Section above.

- Tony's grandfather was William Robert Shinkfield (1859 – 1945)
- B. 25 September 1859 King's Lynn, Norfolk, England
- D. 19 August 1945 Adelaide, South Australia

The Advertiser Adelaide SA Wednesday 22 August 1945 page 12;



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## *Appendix C: Paternal Pedigrees*

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I have not been able to establish any relationship between Mr. Cecil C. Shinkfield M.A. and Dr Anthony James Shinkfield AO, even after researching back five and six generations.

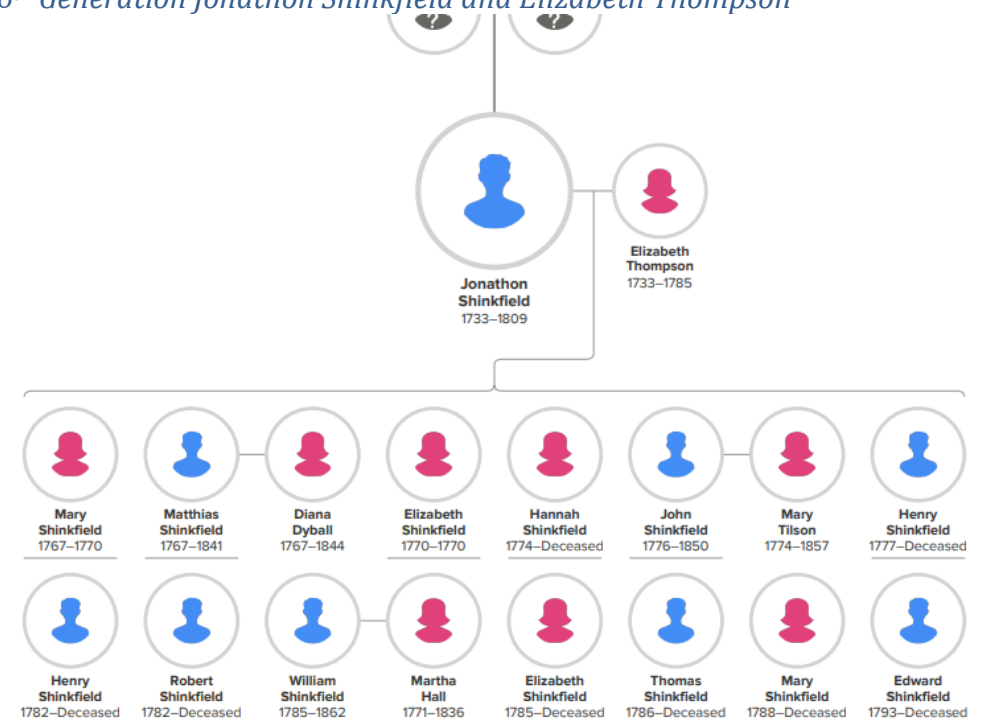
For the record here is the information that I was able to find.

**Tony Shinkfield's (Family Search # [G793-KSV](#))  
Paternal Pedigree**

*6<sup>th</sup> Generation*

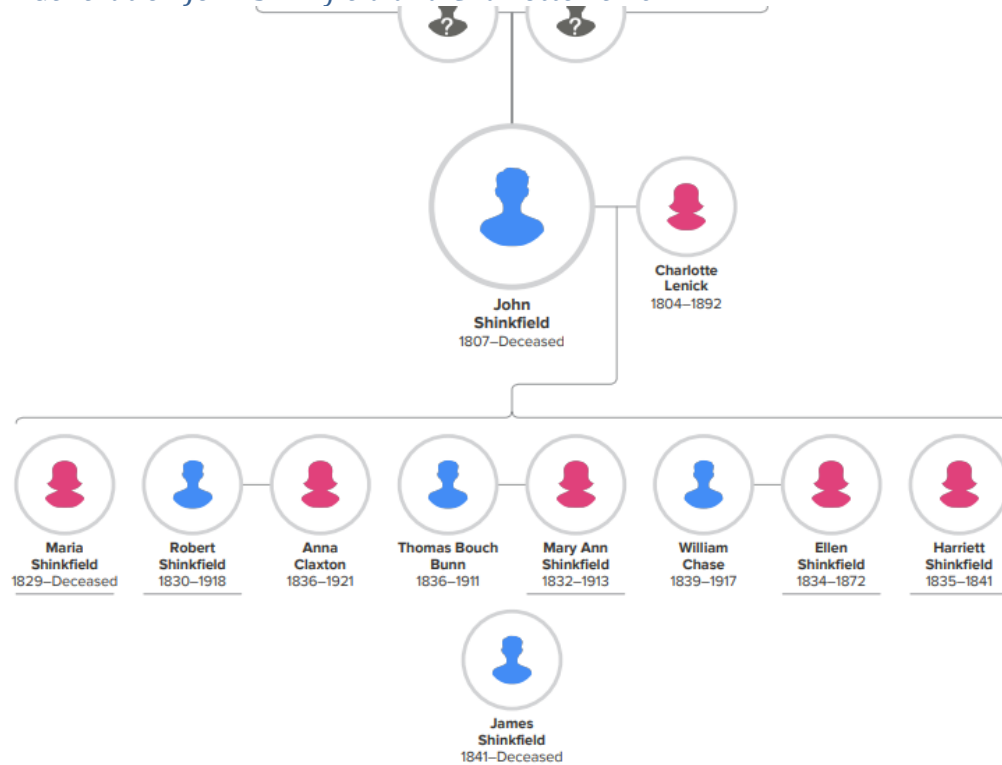
**Lt-Cmdr Cecil C. Shinkfield M.A. (Family Search LRQ1-1JX)  
Paternal Pedigree**

*6<sup>th</sup> Generation Jonathon Shinkfield and Elizabeth Thompson*



## Tony Shinkfield's (Family Search # [G793-KSV](#)) Paternal Pedigree

*5<sup>th</sup> Generation John Shinkfield and Charlotte Lenick*



## Lt-Comdr Cecil C. Shinkfield M.A. (Family Search LRQ1-1JX) Paternal Pedigree

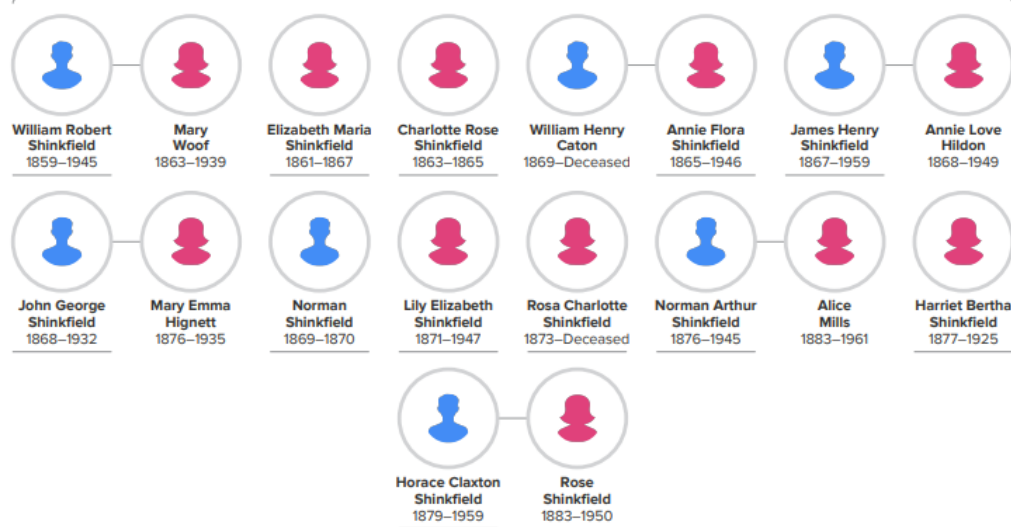
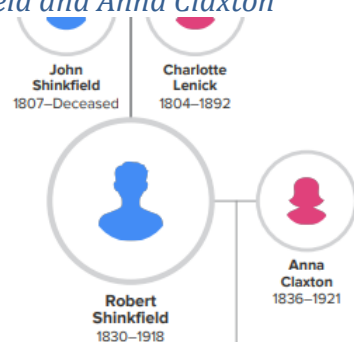
*5<sup>th</sup> Generation Mathias Shinkfield and Diana Dyball*





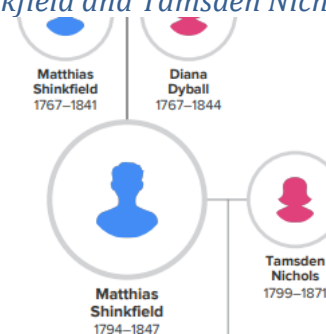
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*4<sup>th</sup> Generation Robert Shinkfield and Anna Claxton*



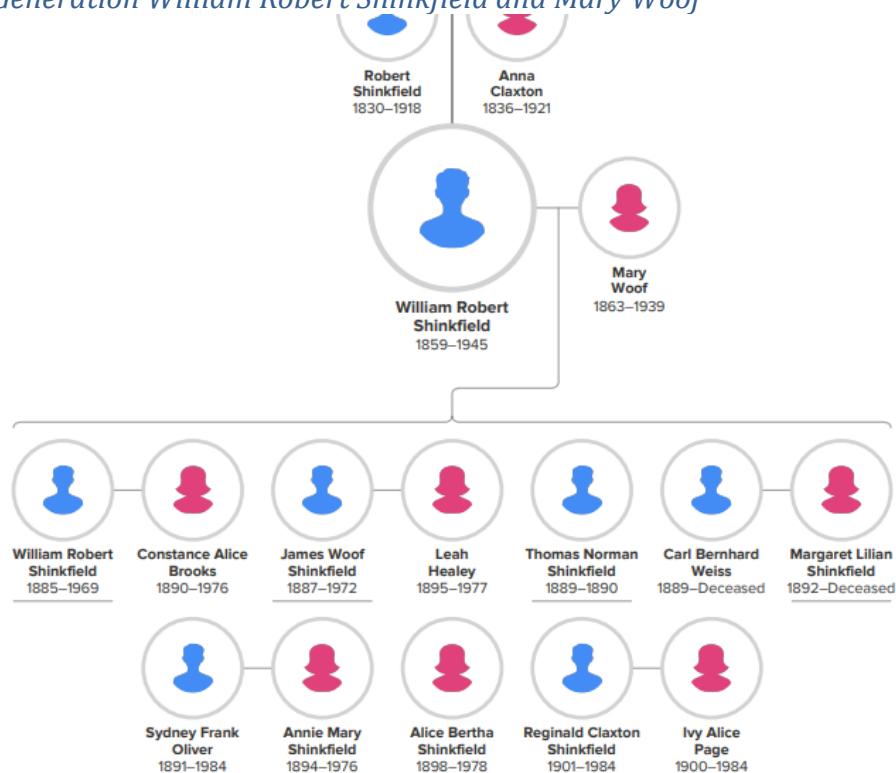
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*4<sup>th</sup> Generation Mathias Shinkfield and Tamsden Nicholls*



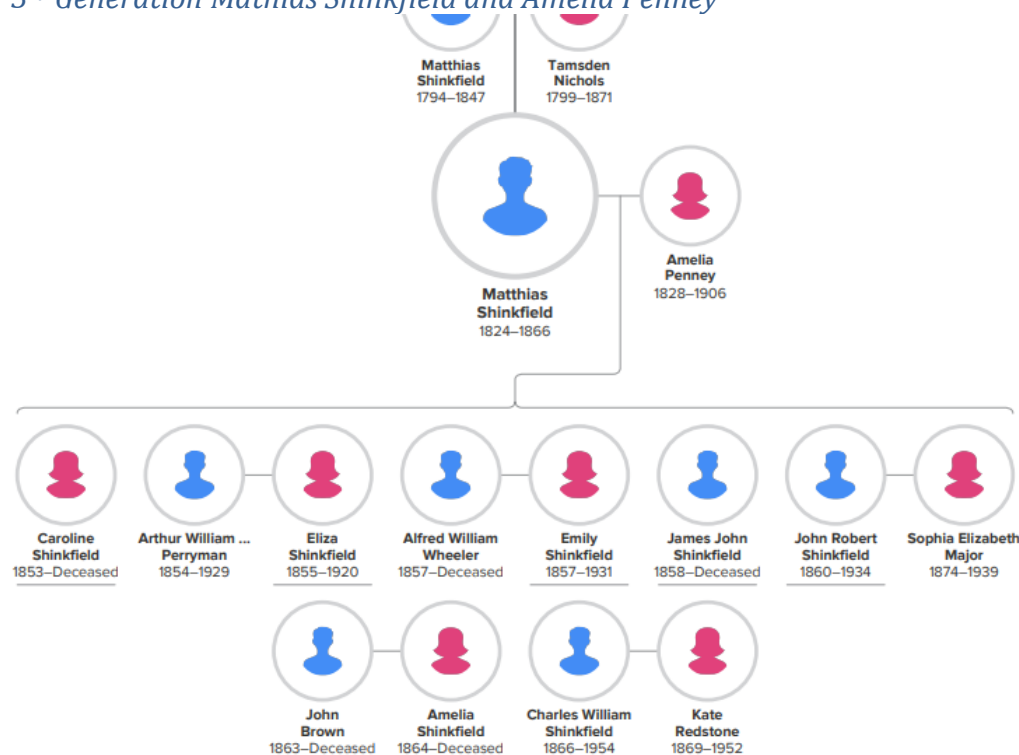
## Tony Shinkfield's (Family Search # G793-KSV) Paternal Pedigree

*3<sup>rd</sup> Generation William Robert Shinkfield and Mary Woof*



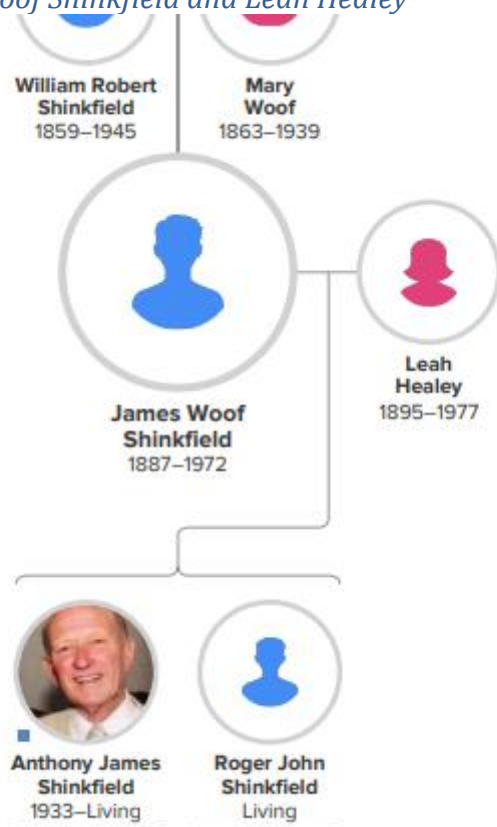
## Lt-Cmdr Cecil C. Shinkfield M.A. (Family Search LRQ1-1JX) Paternal Pedigree

*3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Mathias Shinkfield and Amelia Penney*



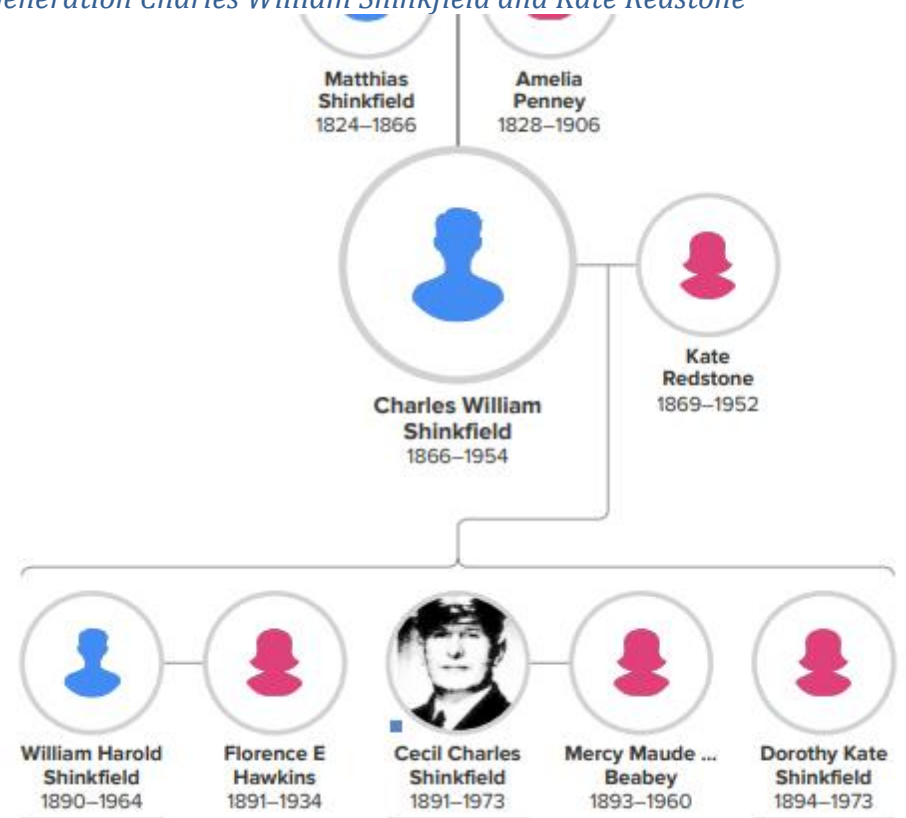
**Tony Shinkfield's (Family Search # [G793-KSV](#))  
Paternal Pedigree**

*2nd Generation James Woof Shinkfield and Leah Healey*



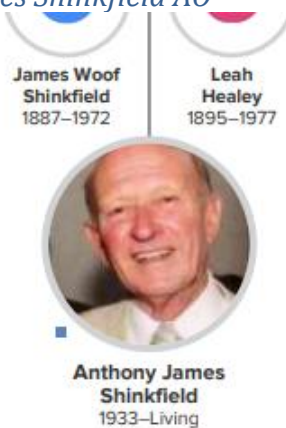
**Lt-Cmdr Cecil C. Shinkfield M.A. (Family Search LRQ1-1JX)  
Paternal Pedigree**

*2nd Generation Charles William Shinkfield and Kate Redstone*



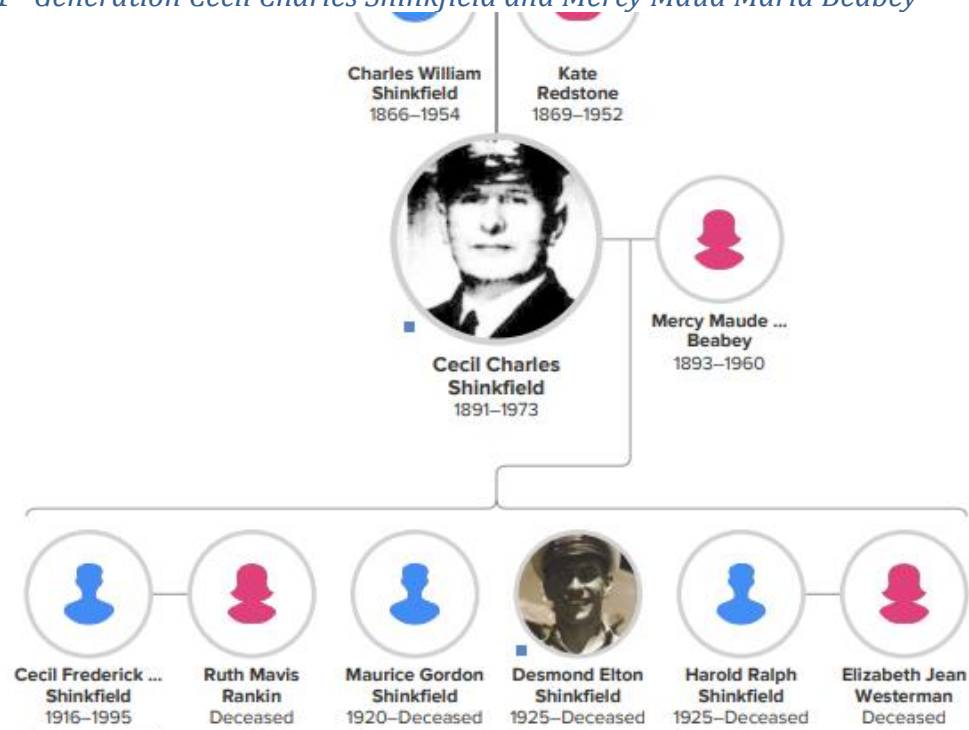
**Tony Shinkfield's (Family Search # G793-KSV)  
Paternal Pedigree**

*2nd Generation Anthony James Shinkfield AO*



**Lt-Cmdr Cecil C. Shinkfield M.A. (Family Search LRQ1-1JX)  
Paternal Pedigree**

*1st Generation Cecil Charles Shinkfield and Mercy Maud Maria Beabey*



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## Appendix D: Family Connections

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### Shinkfield, Cecil Charles 1891 – 1973

1891: Born in Southampton, Hampshire, England, United Kingdom

1973: Died Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

#### SHINKFIELD, Cecil Charles

##### Personal Details

##### Service History

##### Personal Stories

**Enlisted:** 19 November 1940

**Last Rank:** Lieutenant

**Born:** SOUTHAMPTON, 14 December 1891

#### World War 2 Service

19 Nov 1940: **Enlisted** Royal Australian Navy, Lieutenant

16 Apr 1945: **Discharged** Royal Australian Navy, Lieutenant

### Shinkfield, Cecil Frederick Charles 1916 - 1995

Eldest son of Cecil Charles Shinkfield and Mercy Maude Beaby.

1916: Cecil Frederick Charles Shinkfield born in Chesterton, Cambridgeshire, England, United Kingdom

1995: Died reference the Geelong College.

#### SHINKFIELD, Cecil Frederick Charles

##### Personal Details

##### Service History

##### Personal Stories

**Service Number:** 3689

**Enlisted:** 29 August 1938

**Last Rank:** Flying Officer

**Born:** CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, 15 July 1916

#### World War 2 Service

29 Aug 1938: **Enlisted** Royal Australian Air Force, Flying Officer, 3689

12 Dec 1945: **Discharged** Royal Australian Air Force, Flying Officer, 3689

### Shinkfield, Desmond Elton 1925 - 2021

Twin son of Cecil Charles Shinkfield and Mercy Maude Beaby.

1925: Desmond Elton Shinkfield (twin) born in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire

2021: Died 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Mitcham, Victoria

## SHINKFIELD, Desmond Elton

### Personal Details

**Service Number:** PM6052

**Enlisted:** 17 March 1943

**Last Rank:** Sub Lieutenant

**Born:** CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, 9 May 1925

### Service History

### Personal Stories

## World War 2 Service

17 Mar 1943: **Enlisted** Royal Australian Navy, Sub Lieutenant, PM6052

2 Oct 1945: **Discharged** Royal Australian Navy, Sub Lieutenant, PM6052



Cecil and Mercy's son, Desmond Elton Shinkfield, a twin, was born in 1925 in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England, and if he is still alive in 2024 would be 99 years of age.

The UNSW Australians at War Film Archive website has an amazing video of an interview made on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004. The interview may be watched, listened to, read on-line or down loaded as a pdf document.

In the early part of the interview, the interviewer, Catherine, asks him many questions about his father and the influence he had on his upbringing. It is extremely interesting and I encourage readers to check it out.

<http://australiansatwarfilmarchive.unsw.edu.au/archive/1724-desmond-shinkfield>

I have learnt and captured several more details about Cecil Shinkfield's life and incorporated them into earlier sections of this document.



Des Shinkfield was a Midshipman on HMAS Australia in 1944 and spent two years on HMAS Bundaberg as a sub-lieutenant. This ship was assigned to Ardent Division and was based at HMAS Cairns in Cairns, Queensland, where it performed border protection and fisheries protection patrols.


Other material about Desmond follows; Reference to Cecil and Mercy Shinkfield's son, Desmond Elton Shinkfield on the occasion of his engagement to Mary Elizabeth Bennett.



Mrs. FROST, of MURFORDSTOWN.  
**SHINKFIELD—BENNETT.** — The  
 Engagement is announced of Mary  
 Elizabeth, of Comilla, East Pakistan,  
 only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W.  
**Bennett**, of 4 Byer Street, Enfield,  
 N.S.W., and Desmond Elton, of  
 Faridpur, East Bengal, Pakistan,  
 third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C.  
**Shinkfield**, of Adelaide, S.A.  
**WILSON—BARKER.**—The Engage-

## Cecil

in the Australia, World War II Military Service Records, 1939-1945

Name: Cecil	 Your story, our history  Images are courtesy of the Commonwealth of Australia, re by the National Archives of Aus
Year Range: 1911 - 1970	
Child: Desmond Elton Shinkfield	
Series Description: A6769: RAN, Navy Officers	

## Mr C C Shinkfield

in the Australia, Newspaper Vital Notices, 1831-2001

Name: Mr C C Shinkfield	<b>Sugg</b>  <div>191 Cec</div> <div>Aus Cec</div> <div>Aus Rec</div>
Gender: Male	
Spouse: Shinkfield	
Child: Desmond Elton Shinkfield	
Publication Place: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	

### Shinkfield, Harold Ralph 1925 – 2022

Twin son of Cecil Charles Shinkfield and Mercy Maude Beaby.

1925: Harold Ralph Shinkfield (twin) born in Cambridge, Cambridgeshire

2022: Died 18th August, 2022 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

## SHINKFIELD, Harold Ralph

### Personal Details

### Service History

### Personal Stories

**Service Number:** 431294

**Enlisted:** 18 June 1943

**Last Rank:** Warrant Officer

**Born:** CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, 9 May 1925

## World War 2 Service

18 Jun 1943: **Enlisted** Royal Australian Air Force, Warrant Officer, 431294

18 Feb 1946: **Discharged** Royal Australian Air Force, Warrant Officer, 431294

<https://www.mytributes.com.au/notice/death-notices/shinkfield-harold-ralph/5965688/>

Passed away at Morrie Evans Wing, Benalla Health on Thursday  
18th August, 2022

Aged 97 Years.

Loved Husband of (Elizabeth) Jean (dec).

Father and Father-In-law of Murray and Trish, Rowan and Anne,

Rosslyn and Chris (Lourensz), Jonathan and Carolyn.

Loved and adored Grandpa to all his Grandchildren and

“G G Pa” to all his Great Grandchildren.

## Shinkfield, Maurice Gordon 1920 - 2012

Second son of Cecil Charles Shinkfield and Mercy Maude Beaby.

1920: Maurice Gordon Shinkfield born in Chesterton, Cambridgeshire, England, United Kingdom

2012: Died 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012 Royal Perth Hospital Western Australia, Australia

## SHINKFIELD, Maurice Gordon

### Personal Details

### Service History

### Personal Stories

**Enlisted:** 14 April 1938

**Last Rank:** Lieutenant

**Last Unit:** HMAS Penguin (IV) 1939-1940/HMAS Brisbane 1940-1942/HMAS Moreton (I) 1942-1994 (Depot)

**Born:** CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, 29 June 1920

## World War 2 Service

14 Apr 1938: **Enlisted** Royal Australian Navy, Lieutenant, HMAS Penguin (IV) 1939-1940/HMAS Brisbane 1940-1942/HMAS Moreton (I) 1942-1994 (Depot)

13 Jan 1950: **Discharged** Royal Australian Navy, Lieutenant, HMAS Penguin (IV) 1939-1940/HMAS Brisbane 1940-1942/HMAS Moreton (I) 1942-1994 (Depot)

Reference: The Geelong College <https://gnet.tgc.vic.edu.au/wiki/SHINKFIELD-Maurice-Gordon-1920-2012.ashx>

### SHINKFIELD, Maurice Gordon (1920-2012)

Maurice Gordon Shinkfield was born in Cambridge, England and enrolled at the College from March, 1930 to 1932 after attending Newtown State School.

During World War II, he enlisted in the RAN on 14 April, 1938 and, four years later served on HMAS Australia, where he was Mentioned in Despatches '*for gallantry, skill and devotion in assault operations at Lingayen Gulf*', an action in which *HMAS Australia* was hit by a Japanese suicide bomber. When Maurice left the RAN he held the position of Lieutenant Commander.

His brother, Cecil Frederick Charles Shinkfield (1916-1995), also came to College.

He died at the Royal Perth Hospital, WA on 24 October 2012.

Sources: *West Australian (Perth)* 27 Oct 2012. OGC 1934.

### Shinkfield, Reginald Claxton 1901 – 1984

Uncle to (Tony) Anthony James Shinkfield AO.

**Reginald Claxton Shinkfield**  
1901–1984 • L22S-WVV  
Marriage: 18 June 1927  
Norwood, South Australia, Australia

**Ivy Alice Page**  
1900–1984 • L22S-W28

^ Children (1)

**Marian Ruth Shinkfield**  
1928–1982 • G3RW-LDY

#### SHINKFIELD, Reginald Claxton

##### Personal Details

##### Service History

##### Personal Stories

Service Number: 282511

Enlisted: *Not yet discovered*

Last Rank: Flight Lieutenant

Born: 28 August 1901, *place not yet discovered*

#### World War 2 Service

11 Jun 1946: **Discharged** Royal Australian Air Force, Flight Lieutenant, 282511

Date unknown: **Enlisted** Royal Australian Air Force, Flight Lieutenant, 282511

### Shinkfield, William Hubert 1923 – 1999

First cousin to (Tony) Anthony James Shinkfield AO.

B. 1923 Norwood South Australia

D. 1 July 1999 Broadview, South Australia

## SHINKFIELD, William Hubert

Personal Details	Service History	Personal Stories
<b>Service Number:</b> SX18585 <b>Enlisted:</b> 10 June 1942, Wayville, SA <b>Last Rank:</b> Sapper <b>Born:</b> Adelaide, SA, 27 May 1923		

## World War 2 Service

10 Jun 1942: **Involvement** Sapper, SN SX18585  
 10 Jun 1942: **Enlisted** Wayville, SA  
 6 Dec 1946: **Discharged**

### Shinkfield, William Robert 1885 – 1969

Uncle to (Tony) Anthony James Shinkfield AO.

B. 22 April 1885 Toxteth Park, Lancashire, England

D. 10 August 1969 Norwood South Australia

Tony's Uncle Bill or William Robert Shinkfield 1885 – 1969 was the father to Tony's first cousin William Hubert Shinkfield 1923 – 1999 who was also found in the RSL Virtual Memorial Section.



**William Robert Shinkfield**  
 1885–1969 • G31W-M61  
 Marriage: 25 June 1921  
 Magill, South Australia, Australia


**Constance Alice Brooks**  
 1890–1976 • G318-77M

^ Children (1)
 


**William Hubert Shinkfield**  
 1923–1999 • G318-M47

## SHINKFIELD, William Robert

  
 S4193

Personal Details	Service History	Personal Stories
<b>Service Number:</b> 194 <b>Last Rank:</b> Private <b>Last Unit:</b> 27th Infantry Battalion <b>Occupation:</b> Composer <b>Memorials:</b> Payneham Methodist Church Roll of Honour		

## World War 1 Service

31 May 1915: **Involvement** Private, SN 194, 27th Infantry Battalion

31 May 1915: **Embarked** Private, SN 194, 27th Infantry Battalion, HMAT  
Geelong, Adelaide

The Advertiser Adelaide SA Tuesday 10 October 1939 page 8;

**SHINKFIELD.**—THE FRIENDS of Mr. WILLIAM ROBERT SHINKFIELD are respectfully informed that the Funeral of his late beloved wife (Mary) will leave his residence, "Moors," 51 Canterbury avenue, Trinity Gardens, on TUESDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Payneham Cemetery.  
CLAUDE TREVELION, Funeral Director,  
56 Magill road, Norwood. Ph. F4084.

**SHINKFIELD.**—On the 9th of October., at her residence, 51 Canterbury avenue, Trinity Gardens, Mary, beloved wife of William Robert Shinkfield, and loving mother of William (Tranmere Park), James (St. Peters), Reg. (Salisbury), and Mesdames C. B. Weiss (Magill), S. Oliver (Largs), and T. Moore (Lower Mitcham). Aged 76 years. At rest.