Eightieth Birthday

The officers and boys of the Boys' Naval Brigade Movement 1903-1908 will hold a smoke social at Griffiths Bros.' cafe this evening to celebrate the 80th birthday of ex-Chief Gunner Kearns, formerly of the Victorian and Commonwealth Naval Forces. Mr. Kearns, assisted by the late Mr. J. Cameron, was one of the founders of the movement, which spread throughout the metropolitan area and then as far at Kyneton. The movement was highly commended by Ministers for Defence and others. Among those associated with the work were Mr. Le Plastrier, Councillors Kane and Neilsen, who are now members of the City Council; the present mayor of Williamstown (Councillor J. Gray), and leading members of the present Air and Military Forces. All former members of the movement are invited to attend the gathering this evening.