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## Congratulations!

## 2011 Member of the Year

Jenny Hayes is a very deserving recipient of the 2011 Member of the Year Award. Jenny is a long time member of the Group and has been active for the entire time. In fact it is difficult to keep up with her at times! In recent years Jenny has been our Treasurer, one of the driving forces behind the very successful expo, she organised our great polo shirts and lots more. Jenny is an invaluable volunteer at our sausage sizzles where she not only sizzles sausages but her spruiking is the stuff of legend!



Above: Wendy Goodwin presents the Member of the Year trophy and perpetual plaque to Jenny Hayes. Right: A very excited Jenny Hayes shows off her Member of the Year trophy and the perpetual plaque.



### General Meetings

Saturday 10 September at 2 pm

- **Members Talk About and Demonstrate Their Family History Programs**

*In house*



Saturday 8 October at 2 pm

- **Family Reunion**

*Jenny Hayes*



Wednesday 9 November at 8 pm

- **Members discuss Military Ancestors**

*In house*

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**Family History Research Room**

**Location:** Casey Cardinia Library Corporation, Narre Warren Branch; Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.  
**Research Room:** Within the Narre Warren Library. **Meetings:** Narre Warren Library Meeting Room.

**Opening Hours:**

***Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm***

***Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm***

*(From November to May)*

***Saturday 11 am to 3 pm***

***Sunday 2 pm to 4 pm***

*(From June to October)*

**Membership**

Single \$30 + \$5 joining fee

Joint \$45 + \$5 joining fee

Payable 1st July each year.

Casual Visitors \$5 per day

*We have a large collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members. Visitors are also welcome.*

**Meetings**

***November - May: 8 pm***

*2nd Wednesday of the month (except January)*

***June - October: 2 pm***

*2nd Saturday of the month*

*Entry Cost: \$3*

**Research Queries**

We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Family History Room personally but please note that we can only research our own holdings and those of the local municipal libraries.

The cost for this service is \$15 per hour plus photocopying expenses. All research queries can be sent to the Research Officer at the above address or Email:

[research.officer@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:research.officer@nwfhg.org.au)

**Publications for Sale**

**Microfiche:**

Berwick Cemetery - Register & Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00

Harkaway Cemetery - Register & Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00

Pakenham Cemetery - Register & Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00

**Postage & Packing**

***+ \$2.50 for up to 3 sets of fiche***

**Books:**

Kindred Spirits  
*20 Years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989-2009*  
***\$25 (+ \$6.00 postage & packing)***

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District  
***\$30 (+ \$11.50 postage & packing)***

***Book order forms available from our Treasurer or from the website.***

***The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Casey Cardinia Library Corporation and City of Casey in allowing us the use of facilities at the Narre Warren Library.***

# President's Report

We have arrived once again at that time of year when the Committee has the opportunity to look back on the last twelve months and to write about the work that they have all put into the running of the Group. Of course without the members and volunteers all their planning would come to nothing. So I would like to take this chance to thank every one of the volunteers who have worked hard and willingly over the past twelve months for all you have done for the Group.

On Sat the 28th August 2010 our Group held our first ever Family and Local History Expo and it was a great success. All exhibitors attended on the day and 36 of our own volunteers were there to help visitors to enjoy a wonderful day.

Jenny Hayes invited all the day's volunteers to a special thank you luncheon at her home on the 2nd September and a fine meal was enjoyed by all.

Jenny Hayes also organised and ordered our new polo shirts and aprons for our volunteers to buy. These shirts and aprons can now be worn by the volunteers whenever they are attending a function as representatives of our Group or simply on Research Room duty.

Eleven members of our Group travelled to Ballarat to attend the Central Highlands Historical Association Family and Local History Expo. Jenny Hayes very generously offered to drive the bus to this event.

Wendy Brock and I attended a Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group meeting on the 11th of November at the Cranbourne Library.

At a Committee meeting it was decided to increase the membership fees to help cover the day to day costs of the Group. The single membership increased to \$30, joint \$45 and research fees to \$15 an hour but the joining fee and visitor's fee will stay at five dollars. Fay McCoubrie and Lynne Bradley did a great job at our Christmas break up entertaining us all with a number of fun trivia activities.

At the February meeting Val Bennett, Paul and Claire Stevenson and Jane Rivett-Carnac were all thanked for their collective efforts and hard work in organising and setting up all our resources for

the new computers and the micro fiche drawers.

Our Group was scheduled to host the South Eastern Historical Association meeting on the 6th of February but unfortunately due to severe storms in the south east area that caused flooding in the Narre Warren Library this meeting had to be cancelled.

The Group now has an organisational membership with the Prahran Mechanics Institute this will allow members to borrow books from their extensive collection. Wendy Eldridge is in charge of organising this.

Wendy Brock has volunteered to organise an event for Seniors Week in October. She plans to have a free research day for seniors on Wednesday the 5th and hold beginners sessions on Monday the 3rd and Thursday the 6th for seniors only.

The trip to Geelong on April 17th was a fun and interesting day for everyone who went and once again Jenny Hayes volunteered to drive the bus and Wendy Brock took some members in her car. Four members attended a History Victoria Support Group Seminar the theme was, "Who Owns History?" this was held in the Narre Warren Library meeting room.

On the 22nd of March Lynne Bradley and I attended a Seminar at Traralgon organized by VCOSS and conducted by lawyers from Pilch, who provide free or low cost legal service information for not-for-profit community organisations. The theme for this was "Committee of Management Members and Board Members Legal Roles and Responsibilities.

An acquisitions meeting was held at Fay McCoubrie's home and a decision was made to purchase several new resources for the research room.

In April Wendy Brock and I attended the Heritage Week meeting at the National Trust Heritage Centre Pioneer Park Berwick. The theme for this was, "Water". I gave a talk about Bills Horse Troughs within the Casey Cardinia area.

On the 1st of May Lynne Bradley and I travelled to Mornington to attend a South Eastern Historical Association meeting at the Royal Hotel and afterwards the group had a tour of the Mornington Historical Society's rooms.

On the 5th of May Wendy Brock and I attended the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group meeting at the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society rooms in the Old Shire Offices Pakenham.

On Thursday the 4th of August will be our Open Day for National Family *continued on page 4*



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On Wednesday the 11th of May sixteen very brave volunteers ventured out into the cold wet weather to enjoy our annual Volunteers Week Morning Tea at the Pelican Café at Tooradin then a tour of the Fisherman's Cottage Museum on the foreshore at Tooradin. At the meeting on Wednesday night Paul and Claire Stevenson were presented with the "Shirley Award" for the work they have done with the computers.

Heather Arnold the Local History Officer with the Narre Warren Library and a member of our Group is organising a Local History Expo for Saturday the 22nd of October in the Meeting Room of the Narre Warren Library, this will begin at 10.30 am and finish at 3.30 pm, Heather is setting up a committee to help with running this Expo.

On the 24th of September our Group will be holding an Antiques Appraisal Event as a fundraiser. Vanessa Crew and Adam Truscott from The Collector at Murumbeena will attend and do the appraisals.

A very successful Sausage Sizzle was held on the 29th May with a very healthy \$1671.25 profit being made. Thank you to Shirley Peterson and your wonderful band of volunteers. We have had a very busy and exciting twelve months and I wish to thank the Committee for all their support over this past year and I wish the incoming Committee all the best for the next twelve months.

*Wendy Goodwin*

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Inquest (fire) Adam Ritchie  
Mr Candler held an inquest yesterday at Berwick, into the cause of a fire by which the house and store of Adam Ritchie, storekeeper, were destroyed on the morning of the 13th inst. While in bed at the time, Ritchie was awoken by his wife, and found that the place was on fire. The building was destroyed within an hour. The premises were his own, and together with the stock were valued

## Farewell

This will be the last edition of Spreading Branches put together by me. I have immensely enjoyed being the Group's Newsletter Editor for the past four and a half years. I had planned to do one more year but obviously that isn't to be.

I hope that I have brought things to Spreading Branches that have raised the bar, making use of interactive links, buttons and integrating Acrobat bookmarks to navigate the document. Of course the benefit for me in all of this has been using my four favourite software titles, Adobe's InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator and Acrobat Pro.

I am going to miss sitting on the committee. I have put a great deal of time into each of the committee jobs and also the honorary positions I have held over the years. At times I have done three jobs at once because there was nobody to take them on.

I would like to thank everyone who has ever submitted an article, website or anything at all, this job would be much more difficult without you. It is diversity that makes this a great newsletter. I would like to thank my proofreaders Lynne Bradley and Jenny Hayes who have done a magnificent job.

And last but by no means least I would like to thank Lynne Bradley who has not only proofread for me for the past four and a half years but has also submitted articles, websites, obits and various other bits and pieces. Lynne is also a wonderful sounding board.

I now have some time to get back to a bit of sewing and knitting. I have already dragged my spinning wheel out and I am planning on spinning a fleece that has been waiting for me to spin and knit it into a nice warm jumper!

Farewell.

*Pam Lowther*

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at £1000. The amount for which they were insured was £500. The owner said that he had no reason to suspect that the fire was other than accidental. The jury found that there was no evidence to show how the fire originated.

*The Argus, 21 February 1866*

# 2 x LIFE ~~SENTENCES~~ MEMBERS!

We can now add two very deserving individuals to the ranks of our Life Members. Lynne Bradley and Di Christensen have both worked tirelessly for the Group for over ten years and are very worthy recipients of this honour. Well done!

*Pam Louther*

It's the afternoon of the 2011 AGM and all seems to be going well until the speaker finishes her talk and instead of asking for questions from the floor, Fay McCoubrie jumps up to the lectern aided and abetted by Jenny Hayes and Wendy Goodwin and announces a small departure from normal proceedings. "We have some special guests" she announces and in the split second that I turn to see who's coming through the door, my brain turns to jelly 'cause the three men who live at my house, otherwise known as David, Brad and Danny are coming through the door, closely followed by Di's husband Robert and their daughter. At that moment I heard a voice in my head saying "this can't be good" and then Di and I were asked to sit ourselves down at the front of the meeting and I still didn't understand what was going on until I heard the words 'Honorary Life Membership' and I really don't remember much at all after that!

While I know I was warmly congratulated by many on the day I have to congratulate the committee on such a well-kept secret so thoughtfully executed. Having my family there on the day was a special touch, so too was being 'pinned' by Lorraine. The certificate, citation and flowers that came with the badge were the little extras that turn something good into something extraordinary and because it was all such a big secret I don't really know who to personally thank but I think Jenny Hayes and Fay McCoubrie had a big hand in the day's proceedings.

I am excited, honoured, humbled and grateful for this kind of recognition from the Narre Warren & District Family History Group. It is a group that I have always felt proud and privileged to be a part of and I sincerely thank everyone involved for their efforts and such a great afternoon.

*Lynne Bradley*



*Above: Fay McCoubrie and Jenny Hayes read out the crimes of the accused and then Wendy handed out the sentence!  
Left to Right: Lynne Bradley, Di Christensen, Wendy Goodwin and Fay McCoubrie*

*Right: Lynne Bradley and Di Christensen with flowers and their Life Member Certificates*



*Left: Lynne Bradley being pinned with her Life Member badge by Founding & Life Member Lorraine Taylor*



*Left: Lynne sharing this momentous occasion with her family  
Left to Right: Brad Allen, Danny Allen, Lynne Bradley and David Allen*

*Photos courtesy of Jane Christensen*

# Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

Since the last newsletter the Group had an Away Day bus trip to Geelong, a part of the Geelong Heritage festival was an Open Day and guest speaker at the Geelong Heritage Centre and a mini expo of local history groups. I found a lot to interest me at the Torquay exhibit and in the course of chatting with the very helpful Spencer I promised to send him a couple of photographs of our family holiday house and write a few words on my memories of trips to Torquay.

I had a quick week in Fremantle and Perth and found I could have spent two weeks there, beautiful preserved streets, lots of coffee spots and lots of book shops. For a relatively small town they must all be readers because there are many new and second-hand bookstores, I went to them all. The library has the family history group and local history group in a very large room with helpful staff, lots of maritime history with a couple of excellent museums, an immigration wall, a wall commemorating the fishermen and sailors lost off the West Australian coast and fascinating tours at the old gaol, bonus for me as they had a travelling exhibition of the Parramatta Female Factory and convict women of New South Wales and bingo - found a relative. Had to carefully distribute the books so bags wouldn't be over weight for the flight home, Fremantle is well worth a visit.

In June I had the very tough task of writing my mothers eulogy, how to encapsulate 94 years without leaving out all the many things that needed to be said made my head ache. In hindsight I'm glad I did it and can recommend writing a eulogy as it's an exercise that is both very personal and relevant to a family tree. I have copies of the tributes three of the grand children gave and they have been put into my mother's family file and into a scrap album of her life.


Last week I was cleaning up emails and found I had not sent the promised photographs to Torquay so I sat down scanned photographs and wrote notes and it made me realise that as I'm now the senior member in my branch of the family I had better get to and start writing my memories. We all spend so much time hunting in the past for that elusive ancestor or connection we tend to forget that in the future someone will be looking


for us. With all the modern technology available today, what will be there in the future? How will someone find my emails and text messages or photographs on facebook, I haven't left a trail of letters, cards, journals etc. as my mum and her mother have done. Cleaning my house will find heaps on the previous generations but not much of me so as I believe it's never too late to start something. I'm going to start writing on topics and keep them in a file to be found later, holidays my childhood, school, work, relationships etc., there are many topics I just need to start. If you think you should also start and write memories for those who follow and need a hand we have a number of excellent books in our Research Room that can guide you or you could make a list of all the things that frustrate you in searching for an elusive ancestor and apply it to yourself and answer your own questions.


Happy reading,

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*

## New in the Research Room

	Narbethong Post Office Centenary 1883-1983
	Quorn
	A Brief History of the Barossa Valley
	Nullarbor Crossing
	Silverton
	It Seemed Good: A history St Paul's Anglican church Boronia
	Memories of the geological survey of Victoria No's 12 & 13
<i>Donated Greta Bain</i>	

	The history and family tree of James Hassed and Mary Mullampy
	<i>Donated Gordon Lindner</i>

	An Anthology of Aunts
	<i>Donated R Smith</i>



# e-Record6 Summary of Income and Expenses for 2010 - 2011

Summaries updated:  
1 Jul 2011 at 2:22 PM

Narre Warren & District Family History Group

A1 A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7 A8 A9 A10 A11	Receipts Category Name	Total Receipt Amount	GST Amount	GST-exclusive Amount	Omit from Total*
	Interest Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Refunds from suppliers (GST-free)	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Refunds from suppliers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ATO/BAS Refunds Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Loans Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sale of Assets	50.00	0.00	50.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other Capital Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other Non-Capital Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bankings				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Membership Fees	2,602.00	0.00	2,602.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Research Room Sales	3,613.25	0.00	3,613.25	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Print-Outs	165.40	0.00	165.40	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Visitors' Fees	284.90	0.00	284.90	<input type="checkbox"/>
	General Meeting - Door	948.50	0.00	948.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fundraising	5,889.05	0.00	5,889.05	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sundries	6,178.90	0.00	6,178.90	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Donations	323.16	0.00	323.16	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Research Fees	293.10	0.00	293.10	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,348.26</b>		<b>20,348.26</b>	

NAB Account	Amount
Balance brought forward July 1, 2010	\$ 8,332.34
Receipts July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011	\$ 20,348.26
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,680.60</b>
Expenditure July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011	\$ 19,807.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,872.90</b>
Less ING transactions July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011	\$ 7,300.00
Balance at NAB June 30, 2011	\$ 1,572.90

A1 PLUS A2 A3 A4 A5 A6 A7 A8 A9 A10 A11 A12 A13 A14 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B7 B8 B9 B10 B11 B12 B13 B14 B15 B16 B17 B18 B19 B20 B21 B22 B23 B24 B25	Payments Category Name	Total Payment Amount	GST Amount	Private Use GST-exclusive Amount	Amount Claimable	Omit from Total*
	Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (Deductions from wages/salaries) **	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gross Wages (Total of A1 and Other)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Private Drawings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Superannuation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ATO/BAS Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Refunds to Customers (GST-free)	40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Refunds to Customers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bank Charges	29.55	0.00	0.00	29.55	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Interest Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchase of Assets	1,957.00	0.00	0.00	1,957.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Asset Improvements	394.96	0.00	0.00	394.96	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other Capital Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Petty Cash Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Credit Card Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Purchases - Research Room	2,013.84	0.00	0.00	2,013.84	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Subscriptions - Groups	176.00	0.00	0.00	176.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Subscriptions - Magazines	356.97	0.00	0.00	356.97	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rent - Meeting Room	495.00	0.00	0.00	495.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Postage	921.90	0.00	0.00	921.90	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Stationery	247.66	0.00	0.00	247.66	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Insurance	743.00	0.00	0.00	743.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Sundries	4,235.08	0.00	0.00	4,235.08	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Newsletter - Printing	488.70	0.00	0.00	488.70	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Newsletter - Postage	317.85	0.00	0.00	317.85	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expenses - Research	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expenses - Early Settlers	3,202.25	0.00	0.00	3,202.25	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expenses - Fundraising	2,167.50	0.00	0.00	2,167.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Equipment Repairs - Research Room	56.50	0.00	0.00	56.50	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Guest Speakers	113.00	0.00	0.00	113.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Gifts/Presentations	101.00	0.00	0.00	101.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expenses - Publishing	320.45	0.00	0.00	320.45	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expenses - Monument & Memorials Project	364.14	0.00	0.00	364.14	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expenses - Fundraising - Sweets	572.25	0.00	0.00	572.25	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expenses - Fundraising - Sausage Sizzle	355.70	0.00	0.00	355.70	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Transfer to ING Account	137.40	0.00	0.00	137.40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Volunteers Morning Tea					<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,807.70</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,807.70</b>	

Note: For ING account balance refer to Appendix 1

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Appendix 1

July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

<b>Summary of Sundries - Receipts (B7)</b>	
South East Victoria Family & History Expo	\$ 5,183.15
Group Polo Shirts/Aprons	\$ 505.50
Various	\$ 490.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,178.90</b>

<b>Summary of Sundries - Expenses (B8)</b>	
South East Victoria Family & History Expo	\$ 2,207.23
Group Polo Shirts/Aprons	\$ 863.45
Various	\$ 1,164.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,235.08</b>

<b>Summary of Fundraising - Receipts (B6)</b>	
Supa Slice Drive x 2	\$ 2,578.85
Sausage Sizzle x 1 (includes lost & found \$60)	\$ 2,086.95
Sweets, General Meeting - Raffle/Sales, Pens	\$ 1,223.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,889.05</b>

<b>Summary of Fundraising - Expenses (B13)</b>	
Supa Slice Drive	\$ 2,137.50
General Meeting - Raffle	\$ 30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,167.50</b>

<b>Summary of Donations (B8)</b>	
Ask Granny	\$ 200.00
Research Room	\$ 112.70
Ritchies Community Benefits	\$ 10.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 323.16</b>

<b>Summary of Publishing (B17)</b>	
Kindred Spirits	\$ 20.45
Cemetery Microfiche	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 320.45</b>

<b>ING Account</b>	
Balance at July 1, 2010	\$ 7,922.59
Transfers from NAB Account	\$ 13,500.00
	Sub Total \$ 21,422.59
Transfers to NAB Account	\$ 6,200.00
	Sub Total \$ 15,222.59
Interest Received July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011	\$ 731.12
<b>Balance at June 30, 2011</b>	<b>\$ 15,953.71</b>


<b>Summary of Fundraising Profits</b>	
Sausage Sizzle x 1	\$ 1,671.25
Super Slice Drive x 2	\$ 441.35
Sweets	\$ 117.50
Learning Family History Classes	\$ 160.00
General Meeting Raffle	\$ 358.30
General Meeting Sales	\$ 132.70
Pens	\$ 12.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,893.60</b>

Note: Included in the ING balance is \$2723, the remainder of the Monuments & Memorials grant




	The Golden Chain
	Addington State School No 126 150th Anniversary
	History of Beechworth
	Comeback to Scarsdale
	Bacchus Marsh Heritage Guide
	Newstead Mechanics Institute
	Glimpses of a past era Shire of Ballarat
	Central Highlands Historical Journals 1-5
	Southern Invasion Northern Conquest
	Recollections of Ballarat No2
<i>Donated Cheyenne Stevenson</i>	

	Stawell Gift Almanac: A history of the Stawell Gift
	<i>Donated Claire Stevenson</i>

	Banking on the Bendigo
	Against Time and Place
	<i>Donated Anonymously</i>

	Red Cliffs Pioneer & Lawn Cemeteries register and inscriptions 1930-2003
	Merbein Monumental & Lawn Cemetery register and inscriptions 1914-2005
	Dictionary of Western Australians 1829-1914 vol 1 Early Settler 1829-1850
	Mickle memories of Koo-Wee-Rup
	The Dash transcripts from Pyramid Hill, Durham Ox & Mitiamo cemetery
	Australian Migrant Ships 1946-1977

	Hobart and Northern suburbs cemeteries No 6
	Kingston Lawn Cemetery parts 1 & 2 No 14
	Cemeteries of South West Victoria
	Discharged in New Zealand
	Passenger lists Victoria Australia outwards to New Zealand 1852-1923
	Australia's Army War Dead 1885-1972
	Cemeteries of the Surf Coast Victoria

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## Tribute to Don Grant



In late June, 2011 the Victorian, and indeed Australian, genealogy communities were saddened to hear of the death of Don Grant, elder statesman of family history and genealogy. Don had spoken to members of the NWDFHG several times,

and we all gained from his knowledge. He was passionate about our 'hobby'.

He was a member of the GSV until 1971. He then formed the AIGS in conjunction with several other interested people.

Don initiated the first Australasian Family History Congress in Melbourne in 1977, which led to the formation of AFFHO.

Don worked for many years at the Public Record Office, and was later a volunteer there. In this position he gave freely of his time and expertise.

In 1997 the inaugural Don Grant Family History Lecture was named in his honour.

For the past years it has been held during Family History Feast at the State Library of Victoria

This year it will be delivered by Dr Andrew Lemon, President of RHSV-Storming the Barricades-the family history revolution. This year the lecture will be preceded by a Tribute to Don Grant.

Many of us are proud to call the humble and wise man Don Grant, a friend, who we will not forget.

*Di Christensen*

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### WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH.

While shopping in Flinders Street yesterday afternoon Miss Grace Paterson, aged 71 years, of Harkaway, near Berwick, collapsed. A doctor was called, but found that Miss Paterson was dead. Death was due to natural causes.

*The Argus, 9 July 1925*

# Sausage Sizzle Report

Wow, what a amazing Sizzle we had this year on 29 May! Not only did we have a great bunch of sizzlers and great weather (for a change) we made a great bunch of money \$1, 671.25.

## *All profit !!*

This is the biggest profit we have ever made, so for all who participated give yourself a well deserved pat on the back. Thanks go to you all from the Group.

I would also personally like to thank all of my helpers I do hope I don't forget any one as in the past I have !!

On the Saturday a little group met at Anne Blair's home to do our "bagging", that is sausages and onions. It was a very sociable morning and I thought a fun time.

With me was Greta Bain, Wendy Eldridge, Robyn Jones, Clare Vivian (past member), Anne, and handy hubby John. Special thanks to Anne and

*Shirley Peterson*

*Sausage Sizzle Co-ordinator*

John not only did they open their home to us they picked up the sausages for me, refrigerated the snags overnight and delivered them on the Sunday morning and then helped us to set up.

Volunteers for the Sunday sizzle were Judi Harris, Wendy E., Wendy B., Eileen Durdin, Greta Bain, (a friend of Greta's donated \$5) great gesture, Mary McGrath, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Paul, Claire and Cheyenne Stevenson, Jenny Hayes, Fay & Robin McCoubrie, Lynne Bradley, Judy Mehegan and her daughter Dianne Brodbeck (who by the way only became a member the day before). Hows that for getting straight into the thick of things! Also to Val Holland and Judi Harris for pre-sizzle preparations.

Thank-you to Wendy Brock and Jenny Hayes who kindly volunteered to help on future sizzles as Coordinators on the day as its getting a bit much for me to stay all day.

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## Blogginḡ

### *So, what's blogging and what's it got to do with family history anyway?*

Somewhere in between the old fashioned 'Ship's Log' that most family historians are familiar with and Captain James T Kirk's 'Captain's Log' complete with star dates, is the web log or, as most of us know it - the blog. Simply put, a blog is a special type of website with content or posts (entries) arranged in chronological order so that the latest posts are at the top and the older posts are further down the pages.

Blogs also have a few other special features:

- ☛ you don't need to know any coding languages, blogs allow you to simply type content into a text box and publish immediately once set up
- ☛ many blogs allow readers to comment on posts providing instant feedback and communication with readers
- ☛ blogs can be subscribed to by email or



delivered to a feed reader with RSS, so you can get new content delivered to your computer without having to check out the website every now and then (but more on that in the next newsletter.)

There are millions of blogs on the web publishing content on just as many topics. Anyone can start their own blog with an hour to spare using free blogging software like Blogger that allows you to operate a blog on their web space. All you need is a Google account. Or, you can get a domain name, rent some web space and publish on your own site with your own web site name. If you're not following a few good blogs you might be missing out on useful information. At the very least, good blogs make for interesting and informative reading.

We can't list all of them, there's just too many. So, we'll highlight a few that are of particular interest

to family historians and tell you where to find others.

Libraries and archives are using blogs to deliver information about acquisitions, upcoming events or changes to hours, policies or procedures:

- The State Library of Victoria has a blog for family historians, entitled Family Matters at: <http://familymatters.blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/>
- The Public Record Office Victoria also have a blog at: <http://prov.vic.gov.au/publications/blog>

Family history groups and historical societies are using blogs to inform users of upcoming meetings, news and events:

- The Genealogical Society of Victoria's blog is at: <http://genealogyworld.blogspot.com/>
- The Royal Historical Society of Victoria's blog is at: <http://rhsvnews.blogspot.com/>
- The Narre Warren & District Family History Group's blog is at: <http://nwfhg.org.au/blog/>

Family history related businesses are using blogs to highlight products and services and publicise events:

- Unlock the Past has a blog here: <http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/blog>
- Ancestry.com.au has a blog here: <http://blogs.ancestry.com/au/>

Writers and/or speakers about family history are using blogs to highlight their services:

- Shauna Hicks has a blog at: <http://diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com/>
- Barbara Hall and Cassie Mercer's Irish Wattleblog is here: <http://irishwattle.blogspot.com/p/about.html>

And last but not least by any means are the 'ordinary' family historians like you and me who are using blogs to document their research and share their ups and downs with the rest of the world:

- Jennifer Farley manages to combine genealogy and cooking in A Culinary Genealogy at: <http://culinarygenealogy.blogspot.com/>
- Kay Sturgeon's often insightful GolGol Girl blog is at: <http://golgolgirl.blogspot.com/>

So now we've told you what a blog is and shown you some examples, we'll tell you where to go (in

the nicest possible way) to find more blogs than you can possibly read in a lifetime. A few good places to start are:

- Cyndi's List: <http://www.cyndislist.com/blogs/personal/>
- Google Blogs: <http://blogsearch.google.com/>
- Genealogy Blog Finder: <http://blogfinder.genealogue.com/>
- Geneabloggers has over 1,900 genealogy and family history related blogs listed at: <http://www.geneabloggers.com/>

Every blog is different in nature, some are formal while others are more relaxed and intent on being both informative and entertaining. Some blogs are updated with content regularly while others seem to slip into neglect for periods of time. You'll find some bloggers engaging while others will downright annoy you – but you can decide which blogs to follow and which blogs are better left alone. And, one day, we just might see your blog up there with the others. I can almost hear the protests now, but blogging can be free and it's definitely the easiest publishing medium that I know of – so why not?

*Lynne Bradley*

## Antiques Appraisal Day

Saturday September 24, 2011

11.00am—3.00pm

Narre Warren Library Meeting Room  
Overland Drive, Narre Warren

**Vanessa Crew and Adam Truscott**

*from*

**The Collector at Murrumbena**

*will be appraising antiques and collectables*

\$5.00 per item to be appraised

**Light refreshments available for purchase**

(03) 5991 4499

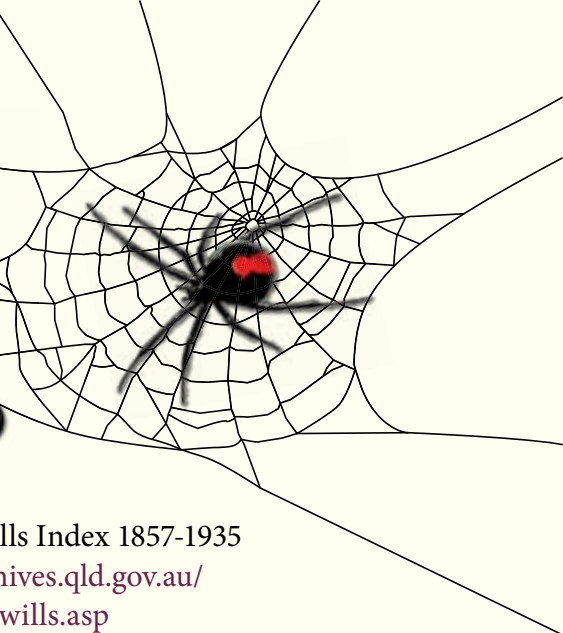
Email: [treasurer@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:treasurer@nwfhg.org.au)



# Welcome New Members

Maureen Abbott	Kerryn Maxwell
Michael Berry	Pamela Priddey
Dianne Brodbeck	Howard Taylor
Greg Collins	Naomer Walters
Shirley Comer	Brenda Wheeler

# On The Web



## Member Profile

Name	Ann Gray (nee Hines) & Richard Gray
Born	England/East Melbourne
Siblings	4 brothers/3 sisters & 1 brother
Education	Year 9/Year 11
Married	22 February 1975
Children	2 daughters
Time in the District	25 years
Hobbies	Crosswords, sewing, knitting, reading/early Australian history, family history, reading & gardening
Researching	Spencer, Peacock/Dwyer, Gray
Time Researching	Just starting/30 + years
Most Interesting Find	Great Great Grandmother's father was named Michael, she married a man named Michael, divorced then her second husband's name was Michael! Great Great Grandfather was not an educated Irish Earl at all, he was an illiterate farm hand!

Queensland Wills Index 1857-1935

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/index/wills.asp>

Hospital Admission Records Indexes

<http://www.judywebster.gil.com.au/hospital.html#Brisbane>

Ancestor Search - Libraries and Archives Canada

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search-recherche/anc.php?Language=eng>

British Columbia Archives - Birth/Baptism, Death and Marriage Search

<http://search.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/sn-4FEAD33/gbsearch/Births,Marriages,Deaths>

Townsville Cemetery - Queensland (headstone and other data)

<http://www.myrasplace.net/hstones/htowns2.htm>

Palmerston North - New Zealand (headstone and other data)

<http://www.myrasplace.net/hstones/hdstns.htm>

National Archives of Norway - Census, Parish, Property Indexes, etc

<http://www.arkivverket.no/eng/Digital-Archives>

Probate & Wills - National Library of Wales

<http://www.llgc.org.uk/index.php?id=searcharchivaldatabases>

Crime and Punishment - Index to Court/Gaol Files in Wales, 1730-1830

[http://www.llgc.org.uk/php\\_ffeiliau/sf\\_s.php](http://www.llgc.org.uk/php_ffeiliau/sf_s.php)

Rockhampton Regional Council Cemeteries Index

[http://www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/Your\\_Community/CemeteriesCrematoriums](http://www.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/Your_Community/CemeteriesCrematoriums)

Australia's official war histories in digital format available for download

<http://www.awm.gov.au/histories/>



## Spreading Branches Deadline

*The Deadline for the November 2011  
edition of Spreading Branches is 15 October 2011*

# Research Room Roster

	Tuesday		Saturday		Sunday	
September			3	Shirley Peterson Wendy Goodwin	4	Valma Newson Eileen Durdin
	6	Fay McCoubrie Bev Lambie	10	Wendy Brock Judy Mehegan	11	Claire Stevenson Wendy Eldridge
	13	Val Bennett Greta Bain	17	Steven Smith Jan Reynolds	18	Donald Connop Lyne McGregor
	20	Anne Blair Joyce Masters	24	Robyn Jones Wendy Goodwin	25	Jane Rivett-Carnac Di Christensen
October	27	Lynne Bradley Lina Butler	1	Wendy Brock Judy Mehegan	2	Lyne McGregor Eileen Durdin
	4	Fay McCoubrie Greta Bain	8	Robyn Jones Steven Smith	9	Jane Rivett-Carnac Valma Newson
	11	Lynne Bradley Mary McGrath	15	Shirley Peterson Val Holland	16	Di Christensen Wendy Goodwin
	18	Val Bennett Anne Blair	22	Wendy Brock Jan Reynolds	23	Donald Connop Claire Stevenson
	25	Bev Lambie Rona Gibson	29	Wendy Goodwin Steven Smith	30	Lyne McGregor Wendy Eldridge
November	Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
	1	<b>CLOSED</b> <i>Melbourne Cup Day</i>	3	Valma Newson Claire Stevenson	5	Wendy Brock Judy Mehegan
	8	Mary McGrath Val Bennett	10	Nowella Ahlgren Donald Connop	12	Jan Reynolds Wendy Goodwin
	15	Lynne Bradley Bev Lambie	17	Di Christensen Eileen Durdin	19	Robyn Jones Wendy Goodwin
	22	Lina Butler Val Bennett	24	Lyne McGregor Wendy Eldridge	26	Shirley Peterson Steven Smith
	29	Lynne Bradley Greta Bain	<i>Please exchange days with other volunteers yourself if needed.</i>			

LATE ADVERTISEMENTS.  
 FUNERAL NOTICE.  
 HILLBRICK. - The Friends of  
 the late Mrs. MARY AGUSTA  
 HILLBRICK are respectfully  
 invited to follow her remains  
 to the place of interment,  
 Harkaway Cemetery.

The funeral will leave the  
 residence of Mr. Hillbrick,  
 Narre Warren, THIS DAY  
 (Tuesday, February 1.), at  
 2.30.  
 JOHN GRANT, Undertaker.  
 Berwick. Phone 25.

*The Argus, Tuesday 1 February 1927\_page12*

# Important changes at the Victorian Archives Centre

Over the coming months we're making some changes at the Victorian Archives Centre.

From 1 July all researchers are asked to retrieve their photocopies from the information desk located just inside the Reading Room.

From 1 August the Reading Room will be open from 10am to 4:30pm Monday - Friday and Saturday (when open). This is a small reduction in hours but from the same date your ordered records will now be available for viewing from 10am (previously 10.30am).

There are now 2 digital cameras available to use free of charge to photograph records and we have

a supply of USB sticks to purchase for a small fee if you require one during your visit.

The microform reader printer will be equipped to save to a USB stick free of charge from 1 August 2011.

All PCs are now equipped with USB drives.

From 1 August photocopy requests will take 25 working days to fulfil.

Public Record Office Victoria (PROV)

Victorian Archives Centre 1 99 Shiel St 1 North Melbourne VIC 3051

<http://www.prov.vic.gov.au>

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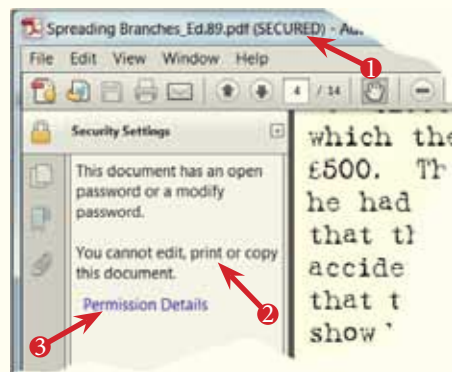
### “Security Settings”

Have you ever come across an Acrobat Reader document that you can not print? Well maybe your printer isn't broken after all. It may be that the document has security settings that do not enable certain features. If you see this “Lock” symbol it means that



this document has some security.

To discover what restrictions the document has you can click on the “Permission Details” link in the Security Settings panel or go to File > Properties and go to the Security panel to see what restrictions the document may have.



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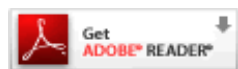
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*Adobe Reader.*

*It's easy just click the button .*



An orange spot on your address label means your membership renewal has not been received and your membership will lapse on 30th September. A renewal form is available in the May edition of Spreading Branches, from the Research Room, download a copy from My Connected Community – in “Shared Files” or contact the Newsletter Editor or Membership Officer and they can email you a copy.

## Have you shopped at Ritchies lately?

When you join Ritchies Community Benefits scheme you will get a keytag or a card that will be swiped as you go through the checkout. Each time you shop the Group benefits. We have received a few Community Benefit cheques. But the more people shopping at Ritchies the bigger our cheque. No we don't want you to change your shopping habits but consider shopping at Ritchies once in a while. You can sign up at any Ritchies store. Every little bit counts!