



# Spreading Branches

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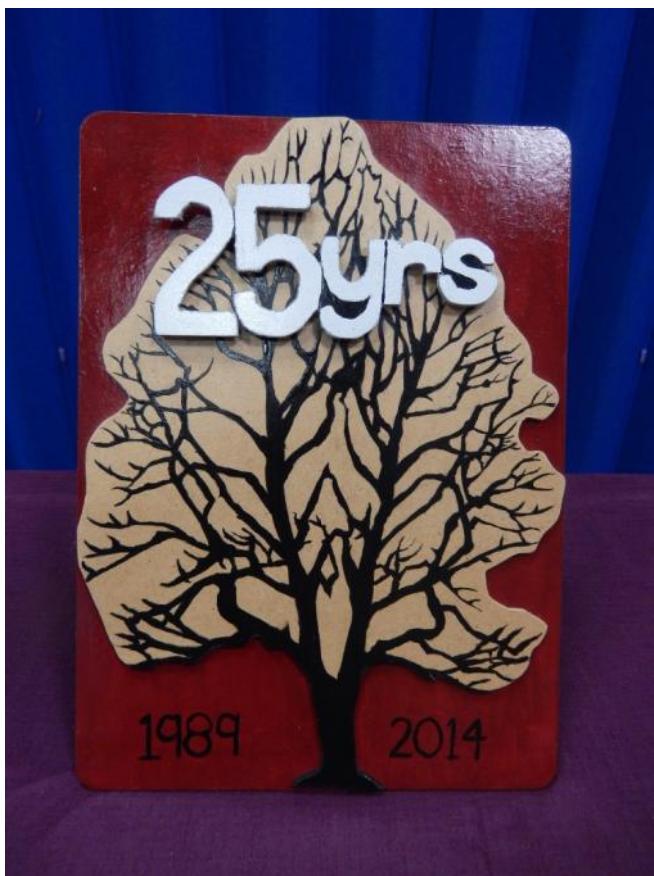
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## 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

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Since the commencement of the group twenty five years ago there have been many changes. Our holdings at the beginning were on loan from our members. At first there was one microfiche reader, one set of the Victorian Index of Births Deaths & Marriages on microfiche and various books.

When the number of members grew too big for meetings in the homes of members we met at the Berwick Presbyterian Church on the corner of Prospect Hill and Narre Warren North roads. We transported our reader, microfiche and books to each meeting then back home to be stored at members' homes.

Our major success was getting a permanent home for our holdings in the then newly built Narre Warren Library in 1992. With much fundraising which has included street stalls, seminars and raffles, our holdings are now extensive with microfiche readers, computers, books, CD recordings of guest speakers, audio tapes, magazines and newsletters from other groups in Australia.

Major projects have included transcribing the headstones and indexing the registers of the Berwick, Harkaway and Pakenham Cemeteries, transcribing the early days of the Berwick Shire Rate Books onto a card index (1875-1895), Casey Cardinia Remembers and of course our Pioneer Profile book.

We are an inaugural member society of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, a member of the South Eastern Historical Association, Royal Historical Society, VAFHO and the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group.

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### **General Meetings:**

Sat July 12th 2014  
@ 2.00 pm - Brenda Wheeler - Trip of a lifetime

Sat August 9th 2014  
@ 2.00 pm - AGM & Guest Speaker -

Ian Thomas

Sat September 13th 2014  
@ 2.00 pm TBA

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## Family History Research Room

### Location:

Narre Warren Branch Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate Vic 3805.

### Meetings:

Narre Warren Library Meeting Room. Entry Cost \$3

October - April: 7.30 pm 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January).

May - September: 2.00 pm 2nd Saturday of the month.

### Membership:

Single \$30 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$45 + \$5 joining fee. Payable 1st July each year. Casual visitors \$5 per day.

### Membership Renewal

You are welcome to renew your Membership by Direct Deposit into our bank account. Details are - **Bank:** National Australia Bank **BSB:** 083 802 **Branch:** Fountain Gate **Account No:** 539450013, but **please** don't forget to use your name as a reference. We have a large collection of books, maps, microfiche, CDs and journals from all over the world available to our members and visitors.

### Opening Hours for Research:

Tuesday 11am to 3pm, Saturday 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, (Room closes at 1.45pm on Saturdays of our General Meeting)

Thursday 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm (From October to April), Sunday 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm (From May to September).

### Research Queries:

We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Research 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)

**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**

Our 25th Anniversary is rapidly approaching as I write this report and by the time you read it, the day will have passed. So too, will our Volunteers' Morning Tea at Cannons Creek. Both days will be a time for looking back and recognising our achievements and milestones and the people that were the driving forces behind them. And rightly so. As a group, we have filled the past 25 years with much to be proud of. We've refined our research skills, learned new skills, stretched ourselves to do things we'd never thought we could and made many friends as we've worked to build the absolutely wonderful collection of equipment and resources the Group now owns.

But, (and you knew it was coming) we must now look to the next 25 years. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in August this year. And already, we know we are looking for new people to join the committee. Anne and Kerryn will not be standing for nomination in 2014-15 so we're looking for a Publicity Officer and a Membership Officer. And the time has come for Fay McCoubrie to pass the baton on. Fay has been a fabulous Correspondence Secretary for the past 9 years and won't be nominating for re-election this year. Nor will I. I have served in one position or another on the committee for the past 15 years continuously and it would be fair to say during most of them I have served as the Group's president. As much as I have enjoyed being a committee member and a president I feel that it's time to take a break. I will of course, continue to hold on to the Research Officer and Casey Cardinia Remembers Coordinator positions as well as helping the Group as much as possible. I just won't be on the committee.

So, what does that mean to you? I suggest that if you haven't had a turn yet, it might be your turn now! Make no mistake, the retiring members are going, and those positions need to be filled if we're going to be around for our 26th Birthday. The current committee have given you a new constitution to follow and are currently reviewing everyone's job descriptions. They're doing the hard work now so the new 2014-15 committee can ease into the job. Please approach any committee member you're most comfortable with for further information as soon as possible. Don't wait, don't hesitate, don't leave it too late and please don't leave it for someone else because you don't think you can do it. YOU CAN and we need you to give it a go!

*Lynne Bradley*

President

## **Research Room News**

Hello fellow Genies,

Thank you to Rex and the girls who spent two days in January doing the annual stock-take. After my mini melt down because an important book was missing.....I found it at home on my desk, guess who didn't follow her own direction of please have everything back in the room, but it was being repaired and I will plead "seniors moment, forgot I had it". Over the last few weeks I have found nearly all the 'missing' books on wrong shelves or hiding inside other books.

A big thank you to Eileen Durdin, Lyne McGregor and her daughter Jamie - they have digitally enhanced the recordings of 26 of our guest speakers, Paul our IT guru has made back up copies, so the talks are now available to borrow along with the older audio cassette recordings. The CDs of guest speakers cover many topics and they are on the shelf with Victorian books. There is a list of the CDs with speaker and topic in the Yellow Folder, ask a volunteer for help. Topics include "Founders and Survivors" Prof. J. McCalman, "Cemeteries" Celestina Sagazio, "Australia Military" Bev Spinks, "International Settlers" Yvonne Izaat, and "Netting Irish Ancestors" Beryl O'Gorman.

If you search InMagic under newspapers you will find I have added 17 new titles, the Age supplement Gallipoli 75<sup>th</sup> has a listing of all who died, Newspapers live in top drawer microfiche cabinet they are not to be taken from the room and please be careful when handling them as they are becoming fragile.

Thank you to the members who came to the March workshop "Where is it?" and April workshop "Using TROVE". Don't forget to send me, the President or our Research Room Manager an email if you would like a class on a specific topic, space is limited and I will try and do a few more evening classes for those who work. These classes are 90 minutes and held in the last week of each month on different days. We hope that this way all members will have a chance to participate. You can of course book a one on one class with me on a number of topics email [librarian@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:librarian@nwfhg.org.au) to make a time. I won't be available in August this year.

This is a milestone edition of Spreading Branches being No 100 and looking back I find this is my 29<sup>th</sup> report as Librarian and all I can say is the past 7 years have gone in a blink, I feel lucky that I can do this role for the Group and enjoy my passion for books at the same time.

*Happy Reading*

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*

*A big hello and welcome to our new members: Jim Coward, Sharon Foxley, Jill Glenoe, Susanne and Stanley Ashley.*

## Sausage Sizzle Report

Hi everyone, just a reminder that our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is on Sunday the 17th August this year from 8.00 am till about 4.00 pm.

We will be bagging our snags and chopping the onions on Saturday the 16th at Lynne's home starting at 10.30am.

This preparation only takes about an hour & half to 2 hours depending on how many helpers we have.

So, I'm hoping some of you can find some time to help sizzle with me on either of these dates and it would be great if you could pop the dates on your calendar. I will put a notice on the notice board for you to put the time that would suit you. (At a later date)

Don't forget how much the \$'s raised help us to buy the new resources you might be looking for.

Unfortunately I am resigning as Sausage Sizzle Co-coordinator this year. It has been very rewarding and a fun time, a great way for me to help the Group. So maybe you could think about taking on this position.

I will be there to help you at all times.

*Shirley Peterson*

Sausage Sizzle Co-coordinator

## Australia Post increases

Recently those of you who receive a hard copy of Spreading Branches would know we print only a black and white version. Those of you who receive the email version see a coloured version.

We are appealing to members still receiving a hard copy version to change to the email version of Spreading Branches. We appreciate there are a few members who are not online and for those of you we will continue to provide a hard copy. For those of you who can change over to an emailed version could you please advise me or the membership officer of this change so we can keep our funds for other purposes.

We have also been advised of a price increase by Australia Post. Unfortunately this and printing costs have an impact on our bank balance.

*Lyne McGregor*

## Publications for Sale

### Microfiche

Berwick Cemetery Register and Headstones 1867-1999.

\$22 + Postage & Packaging

Harkaway Cemetery Register and Headstones 1863-1999.

\$6 + Postage & Packaging

Pakenham Cemetery Register and Headstones 1850-1999

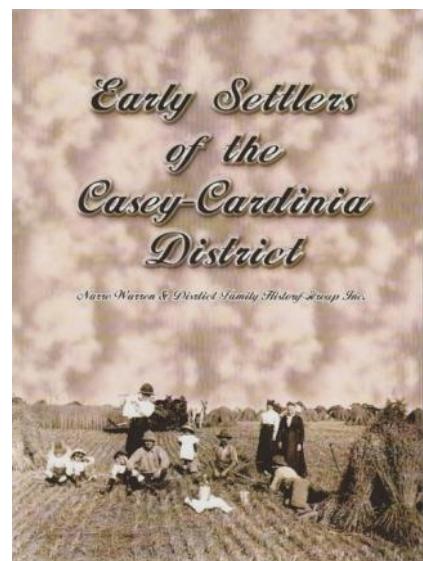
\$22 + Postage & Packaging

Postage + Packaging add \$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 + \$8.25 (Postage + Packaging)

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District \$30 + \$13.40 (Postage + Packaging) -Order forms available from the Research room or download from our web site.



The **Early Settlers of the Casey Cardinia District** (published 2010 by the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.) is a 274 page book complete with index to people, properties and ships; plus a bibliography. There are over 300 entries containing birth, death and marriage information for individuals and families, many of which were submitted by descendants of those people and include photographs not published elsewhere. In many cases detailed biographies have been written by descendants or compiled by the family history group, giving an insight into the early days of many Casey Cardinia families and individuals.

## New to the Research Room

### **Books**

River Murray Sketchbook	Donated W Eldridge
Bicentennial Naval Salute	Donated K Schoppe
Trial Bay Gaol	
Fort Scratchly Newcastle	
A Fortunate Locality	Donated S Smith
Cradle of Adversity	
Around the Channon	
Historic Australian Towns	
A Place in History: Stonnington	
Montrose Settlement in the Foothills	
Vine & Branches St Patricks Lilydale	
Wakefield Companion To South Australia	
Tatiara 1845-1985	
Between the Bays Mornington Peninsula	
Victoria Year Book No 77, 1963	Donated M Thomson
Victoria Year Book's: No 80, 1966; 86, 1972 & 87, 1973	
Australia Year Book No 50, 1964	
A Rum Story: The Adventures of Joseph Holt	Donated J Angee
Tracing your Scottish Ancestors	Purchased by the Group
Discover Scottish Land Records, Church Records, Civil Registration Records	
Locating German Ancestors	
Tracing English Ancestors	
Finding the Redcoat British Military Ancestors	
London & Middlesex Family History On-Line	
Finding Florence, Maude, Matilda and Rose	
New Family Search	
Cracking the code of old handwriting	
Citing Historical Sources	
Sewerage Records	
Family History on the cheap	
Insights into NSW BDM Index	
AIF Unit History 1914-1918	

### **Casey Cardinia Books**

Salisbury Guest House: The First 80 Years	Purchased by the Group
Lang Lang & Dist. Calendar	Donated L Bradley
Wrights of Foxton	Donated F McCoubrie
St Margaret's Berwick 1926-1986	Donated S & R Smith
Gippsland People a Place & Their Past	

### **Spreading Branches Deadline**

The deadline for the August 2014  
edition of Spreading Branches is  
July 15th 2014.

## **What's on the internet?**

A new website for claim a convict. <http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/claimaconvict/search.php>

**A new website for British newspapers** <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

New Norfolk Tasmania Cemetery [http://www.interment.net/aus/tas/new\\_norfolk.htm](http://www.interment.net/aus/tas/new_norfolk.htm)

Springvale Cemetery has joined BillionGraves to transcribe and photograph their graves. For more information, email them or go to their page at <http://billiongraves.com/>

*Robyn Jones*

## **The Mystery of Raheen**

When we start searching into the history of our families we find many mysteries along the way, big and small.

I had one such mystery that confronted me and although at the time I thought it was not that important I would try to find out as much as was possible. Little did I know then that it would lead me to finding a large branch of my husband's family.

My late mother-in-law, Eileen Holland nee Desmond was the proud owner of a beautiful brass house plate with the name Raheen embossed into it. Because of my interest in the family history, when the time came I was to have it. She could not tell me the reason for the name, only that it had been given to her father John Desmond by her eldest sister as a present and it was mounted on their family home in Kew. I knew that John was born in County Cork, Ireland and wondered if Raheen was a Gaelic name and if so, what was its meaning.

So my search began.

I had thought that because the Desmonds were a Catholic family, the name may have come from the home of the Catholic Archbishop Dr. Mannix which was also called Raheen and is now occupied by the Pratt family who are very well known in Melbourne. However that turned out to be not the case.

About 1997 I had placed some family names into the G.R.D. (the Genealogical Research Directory) and sometime later I received a letter from a Mr P Shaw from America. He had noticed the surname Cummins which was the married name of John's sister Ellen Desmond. Mr Shaw had a connection to the Cummins family and he had a travel brochure in his possession advertising Farmhouse Bed & Breakfasts. One of these was being run by people named Cummins and he suggested that I write to them. I did so and in due course received a letter back from them saying that although they had no connection to our Desmond/Cummins families they would pass my letter on to another Cummins family who may be able to help.

After quite a few letters to and fro and being passed to one family after another I received a letter saying that there was a family named Desmond living on a farm just out of Braddon, County Cork and they thought this could be the family I was searching for. The address was included in the letter.

Not wasting any time I wrote to this family setting out the family names of the Desmond and Cummins families I was interested in.

And then BINGO, my long awaited letter arrived and I had found an entire branch of the family and now knew where the name was from.

The letterhead had the full address and the farm name was, you guessed it RAHEEN.

This was the home farm of the Desmond family for over 4 generations and is still being farmed by one of the family. It is where my husband's grandfather John Desmond set out on his journey, along with two of his brothers to make a new life in Australia. The farm is now in the hands of another of John's brother, Denis' grandson. Not only did I find several branches of the Desmond family but also most importantly why the name Raheen had been chosen for the Melbourne Desmond's home and into the bargain what the word Raheen means. It is Gaelic for Little Fort.

Now all these years later I am proud to say that the nameplate is firmly attached to our home and although I may not be of that bloodline it is that of my husband and our children and their children and will eventually be in their keeping. Which one has yet to be decided!

In the year 2000 I was fortunate to be able to visit the Desmond farm and walking around there, although I wasn't a blood relative I still felt it was part of me.

My mother-in-law always kept that brass plate gleaming and now I try to do the same. I feel she's watching over me and I wouldn't like to let her down.

*Valerie Holland*

# Our Newsletter

Did you notice we have reached issue 100 of Spreading Branches?

The early days of our newsletter was a 4 page A5 size booklet. We now boast a 12 page A4 size newsletter today, we must have found a lot more to talk about!

I enjoy looking over the different articles that have been printed and the changes in style from one Newsletter Editor to another.

We have tried to keep you informed of new websites. I hope you have had the opportunity to try some of them.

We have tried to summarise the visits of our guest speakers who have been so informative and entertaining.

We have been able to give you some dates for special events, days away and our AGM.

If you are interested we have copies of all our newsletters on the shelf in the research room. In case you can't make it to the room we also have them available from our website.

So many members have contributed many excellent articles. Have you contributed to the newsletter? Did you feel a buzz seeing your name in print?

You must have a story to tell! I'm always looking for contributions.

Just in case you wondered who our previous newsletter editors were:

July 1989 - July 1992 Carol Llewelyn

July 1992 - July 1993 Heather Lees

July 1993 - July 1998 Peter Lamb

July 1998 - July 2000 Lyne McGregor

July 2000 - July 2003 Lynne Bradley

July 2003 - July 2007 Jenny Coates

July 2006 - Aug 2011 Pam Lowther

Aug 2011 - Aug 2014 Lyne McGregor

*Lyne McGregor*



## **Wendy Regina Brock**

3 February 1942 - 11 May 2014

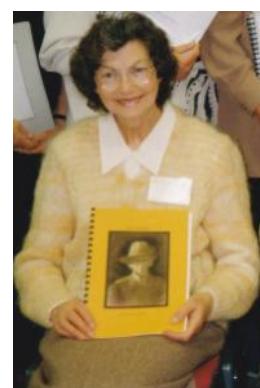
Today we have the sad task of informing members that Wendy's long struggle with cancer ended last night (11th May, 2014).

Wendy Brock joined the Narre Warren & District Family History Group in 2007 and quickly established herself as a valuable and popular member of the Group. Apart from serving as Membership Officer between 2008 to 2012 Wendy also held the positions of Sausage Sizzle Co-Coordinator and Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group delegate. Wendy also volunteered her time doing duty in the Research Room and introduced quite a few new members to us during her successful Seniors Week workshops.

Wendy was a delightful person to work with, she had a cheerfully cheeky smile and a wonderful sense of humour. She was also an extremely talented artist.

We won't finish this tribute with RIP for we can see Wendy running around Heaven with paper and pencil finally finding the answers to all those family history questions as she interviews a long line of ancestors.

We will miss her greatly.

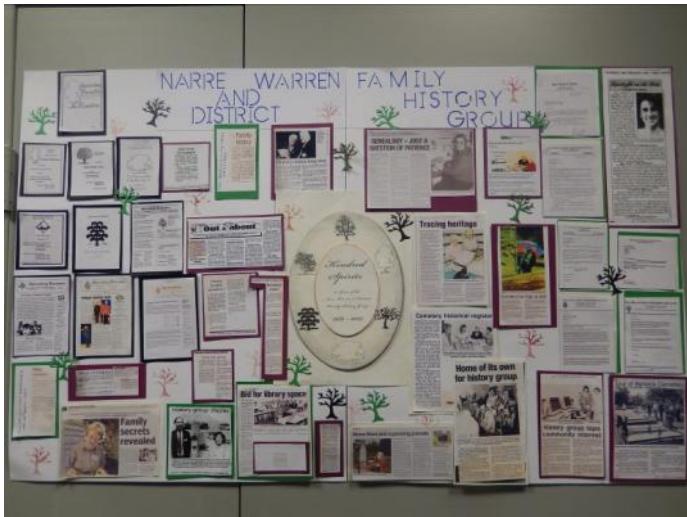


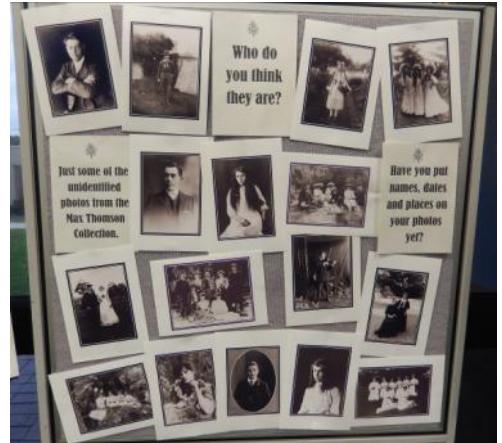
## **Jessie Josephine Etherington**

15 May 2014 aged 84

Jessie Etherington was a pivotal member of the group in our early years. Jessie was a committee member holding the following positions; Publicity Officer, Secretary and Membership Officer. Jessie entered our Family History Writing Competitions, was a prolific seamstress and knitter and made many a craft item for fund raising purposes. Jessie photocopied our stationery and Spreading Branches for many years.

# PHOTOS FROM OUR 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS





# Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Annual General Meeting

2 pm, Saturday 9 August 2013

The Meeting Room, Narre Warren Library Overland Drive, Narre Warren

## Agenda

1. The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2013 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2013-2014.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

4. Election of Committee Members for 2013-2014.

- Correspondence Secretary
- Librarian
- Newsletter Editor
- Publicity Officer
- Research Room Manager
- Membership Officer
- IT Officer

All positions will be declared vacant and a ballot will be held if two or more persons nominate for the same position.

Membership Renewal Forms and Proxy Forms are available in this edition of Spreading Branches. As detailed in Clauses 34.6 and 34.7 of our new Constitution, Proxy Forms sent by mail or email must be received by the President at least 24 hours prior to the AGM and members holding Proxy Forms must lodge them with the President prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Completed nomination forms need to be lodged with the Secretary by 2nd August 2014. Forms may be left in the 'nomination box' in the Research Room or posted to PO Box 149, Narre Warren Vic 3805.

Nomination forms are also available in this edition of Spreading Branches or from the Secretary  
[<minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au>](mailto:<minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au>)

*\*Please note that only financial members may vote at the AGM. Membership fees are due 1st July. Please arrive by 1.30 p.m. if you wish to pay your membership fees on the day.*

## Maureen Fuller, Grand Bard of Cornish Gorsedh

During March this year, the Cornish Association of Victoria hosted the Grand Bard of the Cornish Gorsedh, Maureen Fuller.

Maureen attended the Cornish Festival at Eaglehawk where there was a Bardic Ceremony for all Cornish bards in Australia. Several new bards were inducted, including June Whiffin secretary of the Cornish Association of Victoria. The Grand Bard attended the monthly meeting of the CAV on the last Saturday of March. Maureen gave a stirring talk and mixed with all who attended. Diana Wheeler and I were fortunate to have a photo taken with her, minus her regalia.

For those with Cornish roots, come along to our meetings, do some research and listen to our informative speakers. The CAV has the most comprehensive library of Cornish resources outside of Cornwall. The CAV Website is [www.cornish.vic.org.au](http://www.cornish.vic.org.au)

Many thanks to Robyn and Arthur Coates for taking the photos.



Rev. Richard Sneddon & Grand Bard Maureen Fuller



Diana Wheeler, Di Christensen and Maureen Fuller the Grand Bard

## FAMILY HISTORY FEAST

Monday 25 August at State Library of Victoria, during Family History Month. The theme is "multicultural genealogy".

Speakers from State Library of Victoria, PROV, the National Archives of Australia, Immigration Discovery Centre and VAFHO.

Bookings are essential and open on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014. See the State Library website for details- [slv.vic.gov.au](http://slv.vic.gov.au) This event is free.

## AFFHO CONGRESS-2015

This is to be held in Canberra from 26 March-30 March 2015

Website-[www.congress2015.org.au](http://www.congress2015.org.au)

## Research Room Roster

<b>June 2014</b>					
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>	
				1	Wendy Goodwin Jane Rivett-Carnac
3	Fay McCoubrie Bev Lambie	7	Val Holland Shirley Peterson	8	Eileen Durdin Kerryn Maxwell
10	Lina Butler Joyce Masters	14	Wendy Goodwin Win Preston	15	Lyne McGregor Steven Smith
17	Rona Gibson Brenda Wheeler	21	Judy Mehegan Di Brodbeck	22	Wendy Goodwin Wendy Eldridge
24	Maureen Abbott Maureen Stagg	28	Lorraine Taylor Robyn Jones	29	Eileen Durdin Jane Rivett-Carnac
<b>July 2014</b>					
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>	
1	Fay McCoubrie Jeanette Angee	5	Val Holland Wendy Goodwin	6	Lyne McGregor Wendy Eldridge
8	Brenda Wheeler Maureen Abbott	12	Judy Mehegan Di Brodbeck	13	Eileen Durdin Kerryn Maxwell
15	Mary McGrath Rona Gibson	19	Lorraine Taylor Steven Smith	20	Jane Rivett-Carnac Wendy Goodwin
22	Lina Butler Joyce Masters	26	Wendy Goodwin Win Preston	27	Steven Smith Lyne McGregor
29	Maureen Stagg Bev Lambie				
<b>August 2014</b>					
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>	
		2	Val Holland Shirley Peterson	3	Wendy Goodwin Wendy Eldridge
5	Anne Blair Rona Gibson	9	Lorraine Taylor Win Preston	10	Steven Smith Eileen Durdin
12	Bev Lambie Lina Butler	16	Wendy Goodwin Steven Smith	17	Kerryn Maxwell Lyne McGregor
19	Brenda Wheeler Mary McGrath	23	Robyn Jones Maureen Abbott	24	Wendy Goodwin Lyne McGregor
26	Joyce Masters Jeanette Angee	30	Judy Mehegan Di Brodbeck	31	Eileen Durdin Wendy Eldridge

If for any reason you are unable to do your rostered duty it is your responsibility to make arrangements for a replacement volunteer for your particular day.

## 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We were fortunate to have Lorraine Taylor (our first president), Luke Donnellan MP, Judith Graley MP, Heather Arnold and Peter Carter speak at our celebration. We were given congratulations on achieving the mile stone of 25 years and look to the future to celebrate our 50th. We were visited by some of our past and current members who enjoyed our displays.

Afternoon tea was held at the conclusion of the speeches. And of course no event would be complete without the obligatory cake cutting. Our attending life members; Lorraine Taylor, Lynne Bradley, Val Holland, Eileen Durdin, Carol Llewelyn, Jenny Hayes and Di Christensen cut the cake that was decorated to look like a book. A very enjoyable day for all after a lot of hard work preparing for the celebration.

*Lyne McGregor*

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