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Dr Francis Langley



Above Dr Langley Headstone at Berwick Cemetery

Francis Ernest Langley was born in Prahran in 1882, the tenth of 12 children of Henry Archdale Langley and Elizabeth Mary Strachan. Henry, the son of an Irish priest, had in 1878 come to Prahran to be the incumbent at St Matthew's church, later becoming Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne and later still becoming Archdeacon of Gippsland. Finally in 1892 Henry became the Bishop of Bendigo, a role he held until his death in 1906.

Francis was a keen student, but instead of following his family in to the church, in 1901 he began study of Medicine at Trinity College, Melbourne University. Francis

also played VFL football for Melbourne Football Club and topped the 1901 goal kicking for the club. Francis played 89 games through 1900-1906. By 1909, the new Dr Langley was practicing at Yarram Yarram. He had the previous year married Lillie Kate Mills, the daughter of George P Mills and Mary Kyte. Francis and Lillie had a daughter named Dorothy in 1909 at Armadale.

In 1910, Dr Langley began his practice in Dandenong. He quickly established himself in the area, playing cricket for Dandenong Cricket Club, and extending his family with the birth of Eric Francis, and later another son, Roy Douglas.

By 1916 after World War 1 had started, Dr Langley had remained in Dandenong and was involved in an unfortunate incident, although not of his doing. On March 23, 1916, Edward Simpson Hill, the Postmaster at Dalmore, had employed William James, a 50 year old, to operate a threshing-machine. Unfortunately William suffered a horrible injury when he fell into the threshing machine. His leg was mangled to the knee and was bleeding heavily. He was in a very bad way. Hill applied a tourniquet and dressed the wounds the best he could, he then rang for Dr Langley.

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General Meetings:

Wednesday April 8th 2015
@ 7.30 pm In - House -
Connecting your history

Saturday May 9th 2015
@ 2.00 pm - Susan McLean
- The Body Snatchers

Saturday June 10th 2015
@ 2.00 pm - Robin
Droogleever - Regimental
history of the Boer War

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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. **Please email a copy** of your renewal form to the Membership Officer. 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 postal address or email: 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.

Disclaimer: Contributions made to this newsletter are accepted in good faith and the Committee does not accept responsibility for accuracy of information of submitted articles nor opinions expressed.

Presidents Report

Welcome to 2015, I hope you have all enjoyed the festive season and are looking forward to what 2015 may bring to your family history journey.

As I look at my calendar for 2015, I can see that we have an exciting number of events and activities proposed for the year. The first being our educational program beginning on the 16th February, this year we have opened it up to both members and the public. Full information on the program can be found further on in the newsletter, on the web and Facebook.

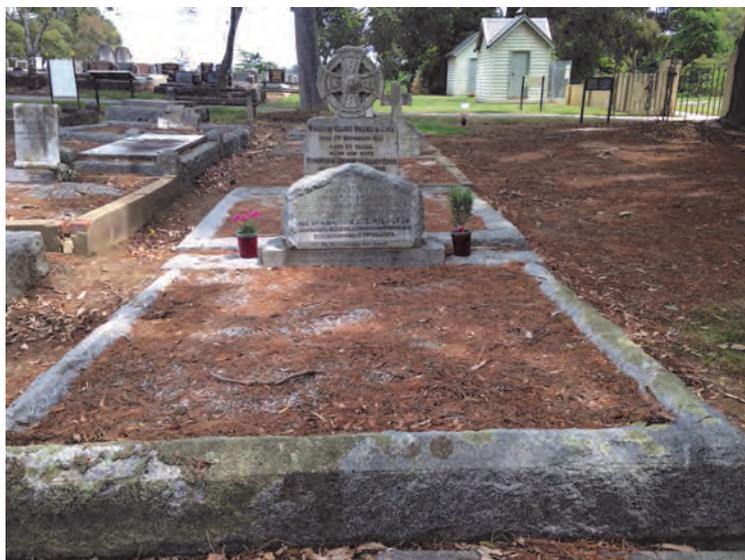
We have two exciting away days; Springvale cemetery tour and a day in Williamstown (further information is listed on our away day page) and we are hoping to organise further trips as the year goes on.

We would like to make 2015 the year of connecting members. So many of us are either researching the same regions or the same families and we would like to see you connect with members, so that you can share information that will assist you in your family history search. You may be surprised by how close a relative may be hiding within our membership.

Welcome to all our new members who have joined us since our last newsletter and to all our members happy treasure hunting for the gems in your family history journey.

Wendy Eldridge
President

A big hello and welcome to our new member Lorraine Church.



100 Years On: Berwick Cemetery and the men who served in the Great War 1914-1918

The Cemetery Group is planning two walks for 2015; the first is in April when we will be talking about some of the men who fought in the Great War who have connections to Berwick Cemetery. We have identified men who were the original ANZACs, families who farewelled 3 and 4 sons, a father and son, men who served for almost the total duration of the war, those that returned and some that didn't but are remembered on family headstones.

The information on these men is coming from many excellent free internet archives and also from the many resources we have in our research room. We have more than 400 items on our shelves that can help with your military research. We have many books and digital data for cemetery research and our extensive local Casey Cardinia collection. This could be the year that gets us all inspired to write about our military ancestors.

We hope you will join us on **Sunday 19th April at Berwick Cemetery at 10am** as we commemorate the lives of these heroic men.

Cemetery Group

New to the Research Room

Books

Thank you to new member Jill Genoe for donating the following books to our Victorian collection:-

A Homestead History

Captive white women of Gippsland

Historical records of Port Phillip

Gold of Ballarat

By these we flourish

Angus McMillan pathfinder

Ten Victorian Women 1854-1895

Georgiana's Journal

Solid Bluestone Foundations

The Golden Age

Ballarat a brief history

Kilmore 1837-1937

Western Victoria

Port Fairy

Port Phillip Diary

Melbourne Long Ago

Shepherds Gold Stawell

Monumental Inscriptions ACT & Jervis Bay

Donated Di Christensen

Discovery of Norfolk Island

Caulfield Building Heritage Vol 1

Caulfield's Recent Municipal Heritage Vol 4

Casey Cardinia Books

75 Years Nar Nar Goon Netball 1939-2014

Donated Debbie Cribbes

Berwick Cemetery Tour 2014

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

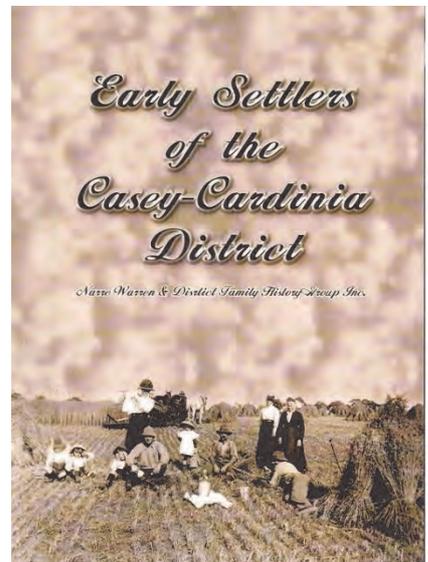
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Postage + Packaging add \$2.50 for up to 3 sets of fiche.

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.

Casey Cardinia Combined Index

Would you like to volunteer to be an indexer and assist others doing their research in the Casey Cardinia area?

In our Casey Cardinia collection of resources we have over 300 items with 103 books, newsletters, brochures, newspaper clippings being indexed and placed on the Casey Cardinia Combined Index (CCCI). The CCCI is an easy to use tool for researchers of the Casey Cardinia area. The researcher types in a name and the CCCI produces a report that will advise the researcher in what resource they can find that name and on what page.

Lynne Bradley, our Research Officer uses the CCCI to assist her when answering research queries on the Casey Cardinia area. The CCCI is used extensively when members are doing research for our cemetery tours. The CCCI is on all the computers in the Research Room so any volunteer can assist visitors/members who have queries on Casey Cardinia by easily finding names in those resources that have already been indexed.

As we have only 1/3 of our Casey Cardinia resources indexed we are looking for volunteers who are willing to index a resource so that it can be added to the CCCI. You do need to have knowledge of either Microsoft Word or Microsoft Excel and then make a list of personal names, street names, companies, etc. and what pages they are on. There are a few guidelines you need to follow and we will let you know what they are. You can index resources at home or by using the committee computer in the Research Room.

Some of the books that are on the list to be indexed are:

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| Berwick War Memorial - Local History - Berwick RSL Sub-Branch - 2011 | 23 Pages |
| A Clyde History: Public Hall and Mechanics Institute Jubilee | 42 Pages |
| A History of the Toomuc Valley Orchards | 97 Pages |
| Officer Primary School No 2742, 1886 - 1986 Centenary | 116 Pages |
| Our First Decade - City of Casey 1994-2004 | 32 Pages |
| Our Living Memorials - Avenues of Honour in the City of Casey | 32 Pages |

By indexing any Casey Cardinia resources you will not only be learning more about the Casey Cardinia area, you will be helping the Group to assist those researching people or places within the Casey Cardinia area.

If you are interested in volunteering to become an indexer or you have any questions on the CCCI please contact Eileen Durdin by emailing minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au or call 9705 0599.

Spreading Branches Deadline:

The deadline for the May 2015 edition of Spreading Branches is 15th April 2015. Please submit your articles in word format or as a hard copy.



Have you shopped at Ritchies lately?

You can also sign up at any Ritchies store. Every little bit counts!

What's on the internet?

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| <p>Explore stories, films and historical material about the First World War and contribute your own family history. Europeana 1914-1918 mixes resources from libraries and archives across the globe with memories and memorabilia from families throughout Europe.</p> | <p>http://www.europeana1914-1918.eu/en</p> |
| <p>WW1 Centenary. A collection of material about the First World War from the Aust Broadcast Corp</p> | <p>http://www.abc.net.au/news/first-world-war-centenary/</p> |
| <p>Find a will or 'grant of representation' for people who died in or after 1858. A 'grant of representation' gives someone the legal right to deal with a deceased person's estate. This right is called 'probate'.</p> <p>You can order copies of documents online. They cost £10 each - you can pay by debit or credit card.</p> | <p>https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate</p> |

Robyn Jones

Williamstown; A day exploring

Come and explore the history of Williamstown, including the Williamstown cemetery.

On the 15th March 2014 the NWFHG and West Gippsland History Group have combined to create an away day to Williamstown. The morning program will allow you to explore the various historical places around this heritage area. We will be meeting back at the foreshore area for lunch which can be purchased from the many cafes or bring your own. The day will be topped off with a visit to Williamstown cemetery, where you can wander at your leisure for a few hours, looking for relatives.

The cost of the day is \$20 for your bus fare to and from Williamstown. Visits to museums etc will be your choice so therefore the price of these are not included, nor is the cost of lunch. The bus will leave from Narre Warren Library car park at 9.15 and will be returning to Narre Warren Library around 5pm.

This great trip is available to both members and non members. For further information you can contact Wendy Eldridge on 0411539182 or president@nwfhg.org.au

Casey Cardinia Remembers and the centenary of World War 1

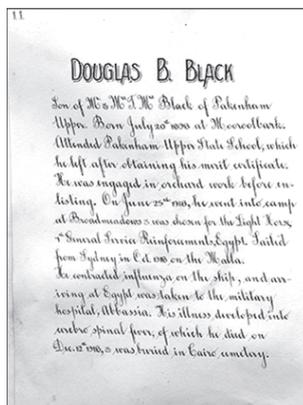
www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au

Our Casey Cardinia Remembers (CCR) project has a number of war memorials and honour rolls listing hundreds of local servicemen and women commemorated in many ways throughout the district. We are continually adding information as we complete surveys at additional sites. The website is searchable by surname allowing researchers to build a comprehensive picture of community participation and service for those who returned to civilian life after the war.

The Pakenham Upper School Roll of Honor is exceptionally interesting. It is in fact a book commemorating local men who served in World War 1. Our volunteers remarked on how privileged they felt to be given access to such a wonderful book. Biographical details accompany each name, most have photographs.

The men featured in the Pakenham Upper School Roll of Honour are:

- ◆ Robert James Warren
- ◆ Gerald Culcutt
- ◆ David Orchard
- ◆ William Robert Comb
- ◆ Francis Bertram Doyle
- ◆ Douglas B Black
- ◆ Wallace M Black
- ◆ Povl Jergen Holdenson
- ◆ Charles H Warner
- ◆ Charles Calcutt
- ◆ Alexander Priest
- ◆ Robert Ramage



Intangible memorials are also listed.

The La Trobe Tetley Anzac Student

Prize commemorates Arthur Norman Tetley from Berwick who was wounded at Lone Pine and buried at sea somewhere between Anzac Cove and Mudros, Lemnos.

More information on many of the names listed on CCR can be found on -

- Casey-Cardinia: Commemorating the Great War: 1914-1918 at <http://caseycardinia1914-1918.blogspot.com.au/>
- Residents of Upper Beaconsfield at <http://www.upperbeac.rocke.id.au/index.htm>

Lynne Bradley

Some resources for researching The Great War

Books

Ballarat

Dinkum Oil –Letters published in the Ballarat Courier during the Great War

Author and compiler-A.M.Taylor

This book lists many soldiers who enlisted from the Ballarat district-however only those whose letters are mentioned in this book are listed in the index.

I found it very helpful in searching for info on my great Uncle, Rev Frederick Percy Williams, brother of my grandfather.

Rev Fred was an army chaplain in the Western Front with his letters being quoted often, and his words grace the back cover of the book.

From Dinkum Oil (means ‘the true facts’)

‘Personally I am proud to be an Australian and to be associated with men of the stamp we have here. Don’t think for one moment I am elevating our Australians into plaster saints. Nothing of the sort. They are just men of the land, men out of the towns eager to do their bit, and, if called upon to do their work and make the grand sacrifice. They respond bravely and gloriously. They are heroes, all of them’

Chaplain Fred Williams of Ballarat

This book is available on interlibrary loan through Casey Cardinia Library Corporation.

Warrnambool

For King and Country Great War Enlistments from Warrnambool and District

Authors Ron Blair and James Affleck. This book is available from Prahran Mechanics Institute Library.

Father Fred, as he was known, was a curate at the Warrnambool Anglican church when war broke out. He was eventually able to enlist when the previous rector returned from his service overseas. He and many others are listed in this book and also on the wonderful Honour Board in the church.

Another book reflecting on soldiers in this district is Fields of War-Letters Home, compiled by Warrnambool & District Historical Society

Available from Prahran Mechanics Institute Library

Willaura

Willaura’s Finest-Profiles of Men and Women who served from 1914-1918

Authors-Trevor Munro and Graeme Hosken. Some of these soldiers were members of the 39th battalion, which was mainly Ballarat soldiers. I have a copy of this book and I am willing to do look-ups.

PMI-Prahran Mechanics Institute Library specialises in Victorian local history.

There are over one hundred and fifty titles with the GREAT WAR in the title.

The library has not yet reopened at its new address but the catalogue can be searched from home.

39 St Edmonds Rd, Prahran 3181. (03) 9510 3393 www.pmi.net.au

It is likely that the Berwick Mechanics Institute library also holds relevant books.

15 High Street, Berwick 3806 (03) 9707 3519

Some resources for when you are researching The Great War

Newsletters, Journals and Websites

Many of these list soldiers of their local area, Also they may be seeking info on one of your family members. It pays to have a look. We have so many newsletters from other groups; Victorian and interstate, you never know what you will find.

One website very helpful for Gippsland researchers is;

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~surreal/AVG/Resources/Res-ws.html>

This site lists many towns in Gippsland with details of their Memorials and Honour Rolls within the Shire of Wellington and the East Gippsland Shire.

My husband's uncle, Allan Patrick Christensen is listed on two. The first one in Yarram and the second on the Honour Board at the Devon North School. Devon North is just a little way from Yarram.

TROVE

If you search for 'Honour Boards' you may find when they were unveiled and who was listed on them

Di Christensen

Dr Francis Langley cont'd

Unfortunately Dr Langley was involved with another serious case in Dandenong and was unable to attend. Dr Langley didn't think any other doctors were available in Berwick. What Dr Langley did suggest was that Hill carry out an amputation, a drastic measure that may save the man's life. Dr Langley proceeded to instruct Hill on the procedure, directing him to "remove the lower leg, and arrest the bleeding, to administer chlorodyne to relieve the pain, give the patient brandy and copious draughts of water". James was then taken by ambulance to Dalmore station and put on the train where he was met by Dr Langley at Dandenong, and then taken on into Melbourne Hospital. Dr Langley's instructions must have been good, for when he met the train, Hill asked him his opinion of the procedure, to which Langley replied, "You have done splendidly; could not have done more if I had been there". Unfortunately, James died three days later in hospital following another operation to remove more of his leg.

Dr Langley continued to practise in the area, moving into a house "Roseneath", at 83 McCrae Street, which is where he died on March 22, 1946. Upon his death, he left real estate valued at £5822, and personal property valued at £17,160, to his widow, Lillie, who survived her husband to 1967, passing away aged 90 in Dandenong. Dr Langley is buried in Berwick Cemetery.

Researched by Steven Smith

Educational Program

A Program designed to assist the beginner to the well advanced. The classes will be held on a Monday night except for October 17 which is a Saturday.

COST - Members Free, Non Members \$5 - refunded if membership purchased

SPECIAL - Do 10 Classes for \$40

All Classes are held at the Narre Warren Library in the Meeting Room. To make a booking or for further information you can contact Wendy on 0411 539 182, president@nwfhg.org.au, or Jane on 9796 1421

librarian@nwfhg.org.au

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| February 16th | 7pm - 8.30pm | Beginning Family History Start with the basics plus learn hints and tips to begin your Family History Research |
| February 23rd | 7pm - 8.30pm | Refreshing Family History follow up to beginners class and update latest research methods |
| March 23rd | 7pm - 8.30pm | Internet Searching More than Ancestry methods to enhance your web searching |
| April 20th | 7pm - 8.30pm | Trove Finding Military ancestors using Trove and online records from Libraries |
| May 25th | 7pm - 8.30pm | Family History Programs What software program is for you? Demonstration of three programs and what they allow you to store and produce |
| June 22nd | 7pm - 8.30pm | PROV From searching to ordering online, preparing to visit, passenger lists, wills and a whole lot more. |
| July 27th | 7pm - 8.30pm | Cemeteries and finding the dead Online information, preparing to visit, where else to look for the missing, death certificates and more |
| August 24th | **10am - 3pm** | Being Organised Keeping track of where you've been and what you've found saves time and money and helps you stay on your tree. |
| September 21st | 7pm - 8.30pm | Libraries - E-Resources Using online records at national, state and local libraries to spread your research overseas. |
| October 17th | **10am - 3pm** | Writing What are you doing with your research; write a book, create an online Blog, hints for self publishing, where to start, How to display a family tree or tell a story. (Run as 2 x 90 min. Talks - Morning Writing Blogs Afternoons - Writing the story and preparing for publishing) |
| November 23rd | 7pm - 8.30pm | Recapping - Brickwalls & you Take a step back, finding what you missed break down some of those Brickwalls and did you remember to leave your own story for future generations? |

Research Room Roster

| March 2015 | | | | | |
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| Tuesday | | Thursday | | Saturday | |
| 3 | Moreyn Dimsey Val Bennett | 5 | Nowella Ahlgren Jane Rivett-Carnac | 7 | Lorraine Taylor Wendy Goodwin |
| 10 | Joyce Masters Anne Blair | 12 | Eileen Durdin Wendy Eldridge | 14 | Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan |
| 17 | Maureen Abbott Bev Lambie | 19 | Jo Saville Kerryn Maxwell | 21 | Lyne McGregor Robyn Jones |
| 24 | Maureen Stagg Jeanette Angee | 26 | Di Christensen Wendy Goodwin | 28 | Steven Smith Win Preston |
| 31 | Fay McCoubrie Mary McGrath | | | | |
| April 2015 | | | | | |
| Tuesday | | Thursday | | Saturday | |
| | | 2 | Di Christensen Wendy Eldridge | 4 | Easter Saturday Public Holiday |
| 7 | Maureen Abbott Rona Gibson | 9 | Kerryn Maxwell Jane Rivett-Carnac | 11 | Val Holland Shirley Peterson |
| 14 | Moreyn Dimsey Mary McGrath | 16 | Eileen Durdin Nowella Ahlgren | 18 | Wendy Goodwin Lyne McGregor |
| 21 | Val Bennett Anne Blair | 23 | Jo Saville Wendy Goodwin | 25 | ANZAC Day Public Holiday |
| 28 | Jeanette Angee Maureen Stagg | 30 | Jane Rivett-Carnac Eileen Durdin | | |
| May 2015 | | | | | |
| Tuesday | | Saturday | | Sunday | |
| | | 2 | Judy Mehegan Di Brodbeck | 3 | Wendy Eldridge Jo Saville |
| 5 | Rona Gibson Bev Lambie | 9 | Val Holland Lorraine Taylor | 10 | Eileen Durdin Wendy Goodwin |
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| 26 | Maureen Abbott Val Bennett | 30 | Lyne McGregor Win Preston | 31 | Wendy Eldridge Wendy Goodwin |

Volunteers please remember we change to Sunday afternoon openings in May and re-open Thursday nights in October.

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.

Remember

to please join us on Sunday April 19th at 10am at Berwick Cemetery for our walk to honour our WW1 servicemen.

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