



# Spreading Branches

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## 2014-2015 AGM held August 8th 2015



L-R Jane with Heather Arnold, Robin & Fay McCoubrie with Wendy Eldridge, Lynne Bradley Member of the year.

For those of you who weren't able to attend the AGM, you missed out on hearing Heather Arnold speak about looking after your records and keeping them safe. Heather has just recently been trained in making the most of Digital Preservation. I'm sure we have all experienced a moment of dread when looking at some of our photos or documents saved on our computers and thought "there's so many I need to be careful so I don't lose them." Heather identified criteria we can use to help us on the way to organising our digital records, photos, scanned documents etc. **Identify** the items for digitising; photos, audio files and certificates. **Select** or review what you are making a digital copy of. **Store** the files with logical names to help organise and reference. **Protect** the files from obsolescence and virus. This can be made easy with regular backups so the version of the program or media used to store is current. **Manage** where the backup and a second copy are kept. USB sticks or external hard drives can **Provide** a store of information. If possible have your second copy kept with someone else or somewhere else to minimise damage and loss. Remember; More than one copy and More than one location.

One of the last tasks for our out-going President Wendy Eldridge, was presenting Fay McCoubrie with an Honorary Life Membership and Lynne Bradley with the Member of the Year award. Fay was quite surprised to see her husband Robin in the audience as she was given her citation.

A quick break for refreshment and the AGM continued with the 2015-2016 Committee announced. Rex McFarlane took the chair and announced Lynne Bradley as President, Fay McCoubrie as Vice President, Eileen Durdin as Secretary and Jenny Hayes as Treasurer. Paul Stevenson returned as IT officer and Brenda Wheeler as Correspondence Secretary. Marianne Rocke will be the Newsletter Editor and Shirley Peterson will be the Publicity Officer but there remain 3 positions vacant which will affect the workings of the Group. A Membership Officer, Research Room Manager and Librarian are needed. Please speak with a committee member for an outline of the position you might be interested in.

Lynne McGregor

## Issue 105 August 2015

### General Meetings:

Wednesday 14th October 2015 @ 7.30 pm TBA

Wednesday 11th November 2015 @ 7.30 pm TBA

Wednesday December 9th 2015 @ 7.30 pm

Year end meeting

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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 \$35 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$50 + \$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.

### **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).

We have a large collection of books, maps, microfiche, CDs and journals from all over the world available to our members and visitors.

### **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](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.

**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.

## President's Report

This year has been so busy and passed so quickly. We have packed many activities into the year to further the purpose of the Group; researching family and local history.

Participation by so many members to do their bit for the Group has seen the community become more aware of us. We have been actively sought to participate and assist with so many other sections of the community. The networking that has built a relationship with City of Casey Council, local history groups, fellow family history groups, local community clubs, organisations such as the Berwick & Harkaway Cemeteries Trust, the Berwick RSL and more, is so inspiring and gained the Group extraordinary publicity enhancing our reputation as an active community minded organisation.

In August Family History Month saw many members contribute towards a wonderful display of 40's/50's memorabilia, impressing Cr Louise Berkelmans, who invited the Group to do a presentation before a large number of councillors. From the meeting we were granted access to some council property so we can add to our Casey Cardinia collection.

September and April saw us outside Bunnings Narre Warren for our major fundraising event, "Sausage Sizzle". Both days were very successful raising a record amount of money in April. Our other fundraiser was a Garage Sale bringing in further appreciated funds.

In October we combined with City of Casey Ageing Positively committee to provide a very informative workshop.

Our cemetery tour held at Berwick Cemetery in October continued to highlight the community's interest and both attendance and sales of the Berwick Cemetery Tour book produced for the event were very pleasing. A fitting reward for our hard working cemetery sub-committee and all of you who put your research skills to use. Berwick cemetery again became the focus in April, as the group honoured the 100 year anniversary of the Anzacs. The excellent relationship with Berwick & Harkaway Cemeteries Trust allowed the Group to pursue the Cemetery Sub-committee goal to place a headstone on Brigadier General Cecil Henry Foott's unmarked grave, creating a wonderful connection with Berwick RSL and Cameo Memorials of Dandenong. This event was so significant and the promotion of the Group far reaching. A week later our Berwick Cemetery Military tour was held, with the cemetery sub group producing another excellent publication and a day that all were so proud of.

2015 opened with more activity and before we even opened our doors to the Research Room we found ourselves standing in the City of Casey Council on Australia Day, having been nominated for our contribution to the community for our Berwick Cemetery Tour. Proudly displayed in the Research Room is the certificate we received.

February saw the start of our new format educational program, opening it to visitors. Attendance of sessions from February to June has exceeded over 80 in total, five new members, and 29 individuals registering to participate and we are only half way through this program. Feedback on the program has been very positive. To compliment this program new members have been able to take advantage of the one on one lessons provided, again the feedback has been positive.

March was the month to entertain ourselves with two very successful away days. The first being Springvale Cemetery trip, the feedback for this was very positive, all having enjoyed the day. The second being a trip to Williamstown combined with West Gippsland Genealogical Society, an event that has both groups eager to create more events that enable days like this to happen. Neither Group can achieve such entertaining activities at a reasonable cost or having enough numbers to fill a coach, so combining groups for such events brings many rewards. Interest from other groups to join such events in the future has been expressed.

## President's Report cont'd

The respect for the local history work we do is growing. Our involvement in Heritage Week continued building connections with other local history groups and further promoting all our publications and Max Thomson's Photo Collection. We have also provided guest speakers at a number of local organisations and schools as well as attending a number of invitations to local group activities. This year we became custodians for the photo collection of the Narre Warren Junior Football Club, a wonderful asset to have as we go forward.

Our General Meetings have been well attended. Our guest speakers have provided us with very informative talks and our in-house meetings have been so valuable. It was a great advantage to have general members at the September meeting to give the Committee ideas as to what they would like to have as activities and events. The importance of listening to the membership can never be underestimated. This also showed when we ran the "Connecting Members" meeting, the rewards to this has and will benefit the Group. It is also pleasing to hear how much members are enjoying the socialising.

The Volunteer's Morning Tea at Heritage Hill, Dandenong was a most enjoyable event, with congratulations going to a very deserving Moreyn Dimsey as recipient for the volunteer's award. The choice for the winner was so close with three members all in the running until the final criteria. As a Group I cannot express how valuable volunteering is and as I travel around Victoria with work and I am able to visit other groups it is so obvious that our Group is considered in the genealogical world to be one of the best in Victoria, so thank you to every member that did their little bit or big bit to make us what we are.

Finally I would like to acknowledge the work done by the Committee and VIPs, especially those that wear a number of hats. The time, energy and expense they go to, to achieve wonderful events that continue to support the purpose of the Group is priceless.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members who supported, educated and guided me through this my first time as president, and to all members I hope I have served my role and done justice to the position held.

Wendy Eldridge  
President  
2014-2015



Moreyn Dimsey, Wendy Eldridge and Wendy Goodwin at the Volunteers Morning Tea

### **To the editor;**

I am sure many members of our group will join with me in thanking those members of the past committee who did not stand for election at the AGM.

I sincerely hope that the skills and talents of Wendy E, Stephen, Jane, Lyne, Val, and Wendy G will not be lost to us. Sadly at the AGM we did not properly thank them for their contribution to our Group. Hopefully they will become energised after some recuperation.

*Di Christensen*

**A big hello and welcome to our new members; Jennifer Mountford, Josephine Wilson, Wendy Boon, Barbara & Howard Taylor, John Uren, Roxy Chivers and John Morris.**

### **Spreading Branches Deadline:**

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

## Publications for Sale

### Microfiche

Berwick Cemetery Register & 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.

### Cemetery Tour booklets

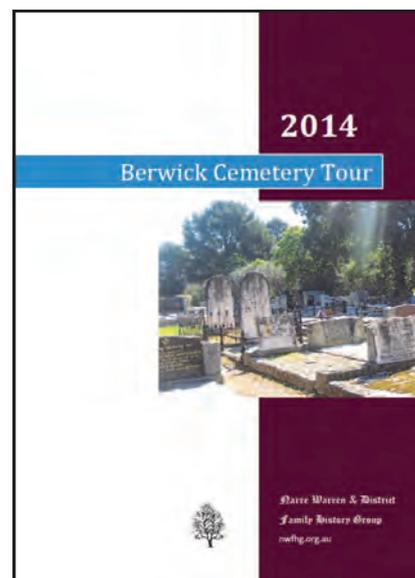
Pakenham Cemetery booklet \$10.00

Cranbourne Cemetery booklet \$10.00

Lang Lang Cemetery booklet \$10.00

Berwick Cemetery booklet \$15.00

Postage & packaging add \$5.00 for up to 2 booklets.

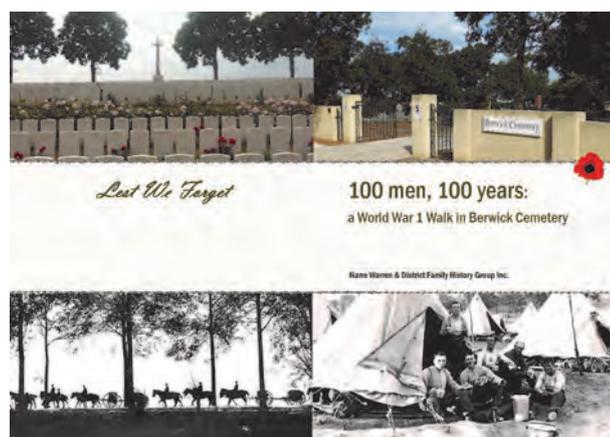


### Books

Kindred Spirits -20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989 – 2009. \$25 + \$8.25 (Postage + Packaging)

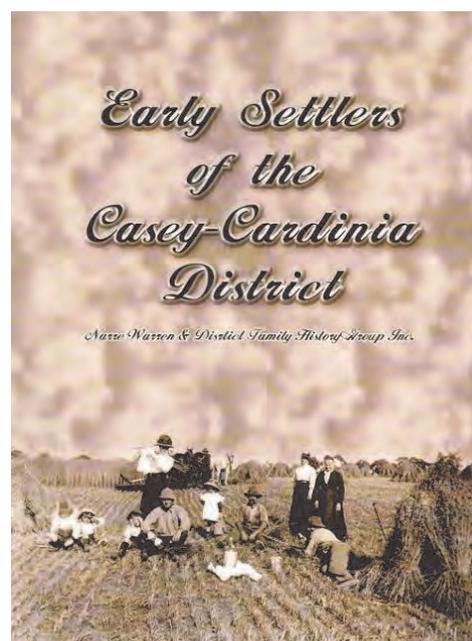
Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District \$30 + \$15.00 (Postage + Packaging)

100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery \$20 + \$5 (Postage and Packaging) - Order forms available from the Research room or download from our web site.



**100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery**, another publication by the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc. It tells some of the story, behind 100 men who had a direct connection to Berwick Cemetery. They or an immediate family member was interred at this cemetery. Two servicemen enlisted when aged 16 years and five enlisted when over 40 years of age. Eight men returned to Australia with English wives.

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.



## What's on the Web?

<a href="http://www.mooseroots.com">http://www.mooseroots.com</a>	Click on "All Topics" top left corner then on births, deaths or marriages. Scroll down to "Source" on left hand side. You have a choice of "All" or some USA states and wait for it Victoria Australia. There are also a few other American subjects. How come the US can put our BDM index online but we can't?
<a href="http://www.caledonianmaps.co.uk">http://www.caledonianmaps.co.uk</a>	Historical maps for Local History, Genealogy or beautiful display
<a href="http://www.cockatooisland.gov.au/home">http://www.cockatooisland.gov.au/home</a>	Retaining all its character and heritage from decades of human endeavour by convicts and shipbuilders alike, Cockatoo Island has undergone a renaissance in every sense of the word and opened its doors to all.
<a href="http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/">http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/</a>	Detailed, current and comprehensive map dataset of Great Britain
<a href="http://www.jenwilletts.com/index.htm">http://www.jenwilletts.com/index.htm</a>	Search the Free Settler or Felon database from the Search Box below to find Family and Local History in Newcastle and the Hunter Valley
<a href="http://maps.nls.uk/">http://maps.nls.uk/</a>	National Library of Scotland, high-resolution zoomable images of over 107,000 maps of Scotland, England, Wales and beyond.
<a href="http://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/hyde-park-barracks-museum">http://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/hyde-park-barracks-museum</a>	Historic Houses Trust of NSW, incorporating Sydney Living Museums, cares for significant historic places, buildings, landscapes & collections.
<a href="http://www.geograph.org.uk/">http://www.geograph.org.uk/</a>	The project to collect geographically representative photographs and information for every square kilometre of <a href="#">Great Britain</a> and <a href="#">Ireland</a>
<a href="http://canmore.org.uk/">http://canmore.org.uk/</a>	The online catalogue to Scotlands Archaeology, building, industrial and maritime heritage.
<a href="http://www.scottishchurches.org.uk/">http://www.scottishchurches.org.uk/</a>	As a charity and non-faith organisation our projects are have been developed to bring to a wider public an understanding of all the places and buildings that have been used for worship in Scotland, regardless of faith, denomination or present condition.
<a href="http://www.findandconnect.gov.au/">http://www.findandconnect.gov.au/</a>	History and information about Australian orphanages, homes and other institutions
<a href="http://www.headington.org.uk/">http://www.headington.org.uk/</a>	History of Headington Oxford
<a href="http://nzef.adfa.edu.au/index.html">http://nzef.adfa.edu.au/index.html</a>	The NZEF Project is a research and information activity at The University of New South Wales, Canberra, at the Australian Defence Force Academy. The project is developing a database to record information on those from New Zealand who served overseas in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in the Great War, 1914-1918.
<a href="http://genealogyworld.blogspot.com.au/2015/06/new-from-registry-of-births-deaths-and.html">http://genealogyworld.blogspot.com.au/2015/06/new-from-registry-of-births-deaths-and.html</a>	Blog for GSV

Robyn Jones

## The Last Post

We have all heard the haunting song, 'The Last Post.' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But there are rumours about the origin of this musical piece.

The tune is often performed during flag ceremonies, funerals and at boy scout or girl guide meetings and camps. This piece was played to indicate 'lights out' and is also referred to as "Taps".

Determining the origin of the Last Post or "Taps" isn't easy as there are early recordings of the *B flat* or *E flat* piece that sound similar to the *Scott Tattoo* that was played in America during 1835 - 1862. A French bugle call was then used during the Civil War of America but this still does not represent the first recorded instance of "Taps" being sounded as part of a military funeral.

Many Scouting and Guiding groups around the world sing the first verse of "Taps" ("Day is Done...") at the close of a camp or campfire. Scouts on camp may also have the unit's bugler sound taps once the rest of the unit has turned in, to signify that the day's activities have concluded and that silence is expected in the camp.

While the tune has meant that the soldiers' day of work was finished, it had little to none of the connotation or overtone of death, with which it so often is associated with today.

The words are:

Day is done.  
Gone the sun.  
From the lakes  
From the hills.  
From the sky.  
All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is nigh.

Fading light.  
Dims the sight.  
And a star.  
Gems the sky.  
Gleaming bright.  
From afar..  
Drawing nigh.  
Falls the night..

Thanks and praise.  
For our days.  
Neath the sun  
Neath the stars.  
Neath the sky  
As we go.  
This we know.  
God is nigh

Remember those lost and harmed while serving their country. Also remember those who have served and returned and for those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

**Bev Lambie**

*21st Nov 6.30pm Christmas get together at the Berwick Inn*

## New to the Research Room

### Books

They Answered Their Country's Call

Colonel Tom's Boys

Our Liverpool Boys

Women of Australia

Look Back on England

Australian Cars from 1879

Australian Pioneers

Wrecks Along The Great Ocean Road

Two Turrets and a Dome

Ringwood Probus 1983-1993

Rediscovering Mechanics Institutes

Under the Pine Trees Frankston School 1464

Ferntree Gully Primary 1307

Bayswater Primary 2163

Purchased for the Group

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Donated Liverpool Library

Donated S & R Smith

Donated K Vella

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Donated B Wheeler

Donated V Bennett

Donated J Dyer

Donated W Eldridge

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### Casey Cardinia Books

Our Boys From The Bush

Pakenham Gazette 100 Years of ANZAC

Concise History of Dandenong Markets

Destination Dandenong

Large Things Have Small Beginnings

Toomuc Valley Orchards 1878-1950 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed

A Century Galloped By 100 years VRC

Mechanics Institutes the way forward

Libraries of the Mechanics Institutes

Purchased for the Group

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Donated J Dyer

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### CD's

The following have been purchased by the group

Kenilworth Centenary 1850-1950, Nomenclature of Queensland Railway Stations, Brisbane Directory and Squatters Guide 1876, Queensland Early Pioneers Index 1824-1859, Pugh's Almanac & Queensland Directory 1901-1905, Queensland Education Gazette 1899-1959, Queensland School Pupils Index Pts 1, 2, 4,

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*



**SERVICES FOR MEMBERS**

<p><b>Wire Binding</b></p> <p>\$5.00 each</p> <p><b>Large or Small</b></p> <p>Contact: <b>librarian@nwfhg.org.au</b></p>	<p><b>Laminating</b></p> <p>\$2.00 each</p> <p><b>Business Card, A4 or A3</b></p> <p>Contact: Jenny on 5991 4499 <b>treasurer@nwfhg.org.au</b></p>
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## The cousin of my Great Aunt was a Victoria Cross Winner



Albert (Alby) David Lowerson 1896 - 1945

Yet another follow up article to 'Practical Patriotism shown at Broadford' which appeared in Spreading Branches edition 91 in February 2012. The photographs of five of my great uncles were taken after they enlisted in WW1. All but one left Melbourne for service overseas.

Wilfred John Herrick was aged twenty-two when he embarked on HMAT Honorata with 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, G Company on 19/10/1914, Ernest Edgar aged thirty-one embarked on HMAT Ascanius with 29<sup>th</sup> Battalion, D Company 10/11/1915, Edwin Gordon aged twenty-one embarked on HMAT Euripides with 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> reinforcement 04/04/1916 and the youngest son, Harold Vincent aged nineteen embarked on HMAT Persig with 37<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Army medical corps 03/06/1916

Of eleven children born to my great grandparents James and Kate Herrick there were four living sons and one daughter left behind. The men were in reserved occupations; number four Arthur Thomas Herrick was a composer in the Victorian town of Myrtleford in 1914, the same year and the same town he married Adeline Bainbridge Lowerson, one of ten children born to Thomas William Lowerson and Charlotte Doherty.

The Lowersons arrived in Victoria in 1856 and were pioneers of the town. Adeline and her cousin Albert David (Alby) Lowerson

were born there. Aged nineteen and single, Alby joined the Herrick lads leaving from Australia when he embarked on the RMS Osterley with 21<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> reinforcement on 29/09/1916.

Alby was wounded several times during his service, including during the capture of Mont St Quentin on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1918 where he led his men to bomb the German strong point, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He and his men captured twelve machine-guns and thirty prisoners and while doing so received an injury to his thigh that remained untreated for some time. After being evacuated because of his wound he resumed duty on the 17<sup>th</sup> September and participated in the last Australian infantry action at Montbrechain on 5<sup>th</sup> October during which he sustained another wound. It was for his service at Mont St Quentin that Albert received the Victoria Cross which was presented to him by King George V at Buckingham Palace on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1919 and he returned to Australia a month later.

Between the wars Alby married and became a dairy and tobacco farmer on a Victorian settlement block on the Merriang estate near Myrtleford, a property he named St Quentin. When World War 2 began, our VC winner served as a sergeant in various training units around Australia. He died of leukaemia at home in Myrtleford in December 1945. A memorial headstone was unveiled in the Myrtleford cemetery in 1949 and local returned servicemen made an annual pilgrimage to his grave. In 1966 the town named their swimming pool in his honour, the A D Lowerson Memorial Swimming Pool.

Seventy years after his death, Alby was honoured in a particularly special way. A bronze sculpture, depicting the figure of Alby leading the attack at Mont St Quentin where he won his Victoria Cross, was completed in the Coates and Wood foundry in Northcote by sculptor Lis Johnson, the same artist responsible for many of the football stars figures, including Jim Stynes. The intricate design of Alby's sculpture includes little maps of Australia on the coat buttons and an unused grenade in a pocket.

Caroline Webb's article, from which I learned of this dedication, appeared in the Melbourne Age on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and enabled me to attend as a representative of the Herrick family. The secretary of the Myrtleford RSL Bryan Meehan raised \$130,000 for the statue from government grants and business donations.

Sources; [www.aif.adfa.edu.au/](http://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/)  
Vic electoral roll  
Vic Great War Index No 3324  
[www.prov.gov.au/immigration](http://www.prov.gov.au/immigration)  
<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/lowerson-albert-david-alby-7252>  
Anthony Staunton  
Article by Carolyn Webb in 'The Age' newspaper published March 28<sup>th</sup> 2015  
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Many of Alby's descendants, including his daughter and a grandson, were present on the day of the unveiling by Tim Fischer AC in the main street of Myrtleford on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015. Arriving well before the allotted time of 4 pm on an overcast but warm day we found dozens of people already seated in the 'A D Lowerson VC Memorial Square' in the very centre of the town. Purple material was draped over the sculpture and after we found a seat we watched the crowd swell to well over one hundred people as local workers and interested onlookers filled the square and beyond. Flag raising and the national anthem followed and the 'The Ode' read by Master of Ceremonies Mr Kevin Pitts and the last post played by Sam Rinaudo. There followed several speeches, poem recitations and singing by local school students, and concluded with the singing of 'Lest We Forget'. Tim Fischer AC unveiled the statue to loud applause, and then followed a blessing by the Army Chaplain from Bandiana barracks. As the sun began to set the ceremony ended and we retired to the RSL.



Albert (Alby) David Lowerson 1896-1945

A footnote to this article: The following is one of several recent projects undertaken by Peter Whitelaw, a Life Governor of the Shrine of Remembrance and the grandson of Wilfred John Herrick, whose Portland connection appeared in the last Spreading Branches. Peter, with Woodend RSL Sub Branch, Woodend & District Heritage Society and Macedon Ranges Shire Council undertook the restoration of the WW1 plaques taken from the Woodend Avenue of Honour. These had long been damaged and were lying abandoned in the Woodend RSL. The restoration has been completed and a dedication ceremony for the wall of remembrance, once again attended by Tim Fischer AC, will be at 11 am Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at the corner of the Avenue of Honour and North Street Woodend. For information about the project see [www.woodendavenueofhonour.org](http://www.woodendavenueofhonour.org)

Jeanette Angee

Hello All,

We now have an email address specifically to the cemetery tour group. This email address can be used to book tours or purchase any of our publications and also to send back any research you might be assisting us with. Just email: [cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au)  
Cemetery Group

# Research Room Roster

September 2015					
Tuesday		Saturday		Sunday	
1	Fay McCoubrie Di Christensen	5	Judy Mehegan Di Brodbeck	6	Jane Rivett-Carnac Wendy Goodwin
8	Bev Lambie Val Bennett	12	Shirley Peterson Wendy Eldridge	13	Eileen Durdin Steven Smith
15	Maureen Abbott Brenda Wheeler	19	Lorraine Taylor Wendy Goodwin	20	Wendy Eldridge Kerryn Maxwell
22	Gwen Leighton Mary McGrath	26	Jeanette Angee Lyne McGregor	27	Jo Saville Wendy Goodwin
29	Maureen Stagg Joyce Masters				
October 2015					
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
		1	Eileen Durdin Jane Rivett-Carnac	3	Robyn Jones Wendy Goodwin
6	Maureen Abbott Joyce Masters	8	Di Christensen Nowella Ahlgren	10	Jeanette Angee Lyne McGregor
13	Moreyn Dimsey Val Bennett	15	Kerryn Maxwell Wendy Eldridge	17	Judy Mehegan Di Brodbeck
20	Bev Lambie Gwen Leighton	22	Jo Saville Jane Rivett-Carnac	24	Lorraine Taylor Wendy Goodwin
27	Lynne Bradley Fay McCoubrie	29	Nowella Ahlgren Wendy Eldridge	31	Robyn Jones Shirley Peterson
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**Volunteers please remember in October we change to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.**

**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.**

# Cranbourne's Floral Clock

We've all driven past it countless times but do you know that the clock serves another purpose apart from telling you the time? Cranbourne's Floral Clock is a memorial to the lives of Lindsay and Jean King. If you're wondering where you've heard that name before, it could be from the City of Casey's most prestigious arts award - The Lindsay King Arts Award.

There is a plaque just behind the clock which reads:

In memory of Lindsay and Jean King

Few have shown such passion and enthusiasm as Lindsay and Jean King for Cranbourne, for local history and for Australian culture. Together for more than 60 years, they used their talents to entertain and educate local school children in the ways of the early Aussie pioneers, and worked tirelessly to preserve local history as well as promote tourism to the area.

As a 'town crier', Lindsay appeared at many local events – as the man-in-charge of 'the pioneers' group, with his fantastic collection of pioneer implements, and his ability to entertain and tell yarns. They were involved in raising the profile of the Tooradin Fisherman's Cottage Museum, Cranbourne's meteorite display and many annual events like Australia Day, as well as being involved with the Cranbourne & District Residents Association, and the Cranbourne Shire Historical Society.

Lindsay was a great Australian 'larrikin' with a wonderful sense of humour. He and Jean were legends among those who knew them for their community work in the City of Casey and especially in Cranbourne. Together Jean & Lindsay King had an immense impact on our community.

Jean King passed away August 2006 & Lindsay King in February 2007.

This floral clock commemorates their achievements.

Situated at the front of the old shire offices, the floral clock is a wonderful and fitting monument to Lindsay and Jean and their love for Cranbourne.

The clock plus many other monuments and memorials from Casey Cardinia are depicted on the Casey Cardinia Remembers website.

[www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au/cranbourne-floral-clock](http://www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au/cranbourne-floral-clock)

*Lynne Bradley*



Plaque behind clock



Wording on plaque for Lindsay & Jean King



Floral Clock in front of old Cranbourne Shire offices