

# Spreading Branches

*Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.*

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## **AGM—13 August 2016**

Cameron and Marianne Rocke got the afternoon underway with a fabulous presentation on the history of the Old Cheese Factory at Berwick. We were really privileged to be the first group to see this presentation which is the culmination of 20 years of research.

There's nothing like a room full of people spontaneously erupting with applause and cheers like it did at our AGM when our 2016 Member of the Year was announced. Congratulations to Anne Blair, a worthy and popular winner indeed. Our other nominees this year were Kerry Maxwell, Eileen Durdin, Steven Smith, Marianne Rocke and Fay McCoubrie.

Each year every committee member tenders an undisclosed nomination to the president. They are asked to vote for someone who contributes to most of our activities in a positive way, someone who goes out of their way to help fellow members and visitors, someone who assists with fund raising or fund raising ideas and last but not least, regularly attends our

meetings. And Anne Blair fulfils these criteria and more, often behind the scenes and without fanfare.



*Anne Blair, our Member of the Year 2016,  
with president Lynne Bradley*

Committee members come and go every year and this year we said 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to our Treasurer, Jenny Hayes; our Secretary, Eileen Durdin; our Publicity Officer, Shirley Peterson and our Correspondence Secretary, Brenda Wheeler.

We welcomed newly elected committee members, Jane Rivett-Carnac (Treasurer), Anne Blair (Secretary), Di Christensen (Research Room Manager), Steven Smith (Publicity Officer) and Kerry Maxwell (Membership Officer) back to the committee. By the end of the day we had one position left to fill, but not for long; we will officially welcome Lyne McGregor back at our first committee meeting, as our Correspondence Secretary.

As if having a full committee is not exciting enough, offers for vacant VIP positions rolled in after the meeting and we're really pleased to welcome John Uren (Sausage Sizzle

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## **What's on:**

**Sat 10 Sep 2016**

**In-house meeting: Family History Q & A**

**Wed 12 Oct 2016**

**History of the RSL with Gary Elliott**

**Sun 30 Oct 2016**

**Harkaway Cemetery Tour – see page 5**

**Sun 20 Nov 2016**

**Narre Warren Mechanics Institute 125th Anniversary 'Back to day'**



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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.

### **NWDFHG is a member of:**

Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group  
Genealogical Society of Victoria  
South Eastern Historical Association Inc.  
Royal Historical Society of Victoria  
Victorian Association of Family History Organisations  
Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc.

## Opening Hours for Research

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

Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm (From October to April),  
Sunday 2 pm to 4 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.

## Membership

Single \$35 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$50 + \$5 joining fee. Payable 1 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:

**Bank:** National Australia Bank **BSB:** 083 802

**Branch:** Fountain Gate **Account No:** 539450013

**Please** don't forget to use your name as a reference.

**Please email a copy of your renewal form** to the Membership Officer.

## 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.

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## President's Report

It's been a challenging year for the family history group and so, for me too. Trying to get the jobs done with not nearly enough hands on deck has been extremely frustrating and intensely time consuming. However, despite the challenges, we've made some excellent progress in some areas.

The new library catalogue is evolving quite nicely and we're even getting some new resources into the Research Room. I would like to pay tribute to our past librarians who worked for so long with outdated technology and policies and procedures. Only now do we realise what a fabulous job they did.

The Cemetery Tours group have shone very brightly for us with two unforgettable tours featuring a group of indomitable women and stories of sacrifice and patriotism at Pakenham Cemetery. This small group is a great example of the things that can be achieved when we work together and highlight our strengths and commit to learning how to do it even better the next time. It is encouraging to see members supporting them by researching and writing stories for the tours.

Our workshops are also continuing to evolve. We have been very pleased to officially have Heather Arnold presenting workshops with us throughout the year. It is always good to work with our Local History Librarian. Having four people responsible for the delivery of the year's workshops certainly helps ease the pressure, so thank you to Jane and Wendy E for their hard work and for coming out on cold dark nights.

We've also been out and about in other areas too. We've sizzled sausages at Bunnings, attended the Casey Heritage Day, VAFHO's Expo at Seymour, South Eastern Historical Association meetings, Local History Reference Group meetings, and the GSV Groups' Day on behalf of NW&DFHG. We also co-presented an Ask Granny workshop with Heather Arnold and the library which was a lot of fun.

Every newsletter editor lends their own style to the publication and Marianne has been no exception to that rule. She is to be congratulated on the wonderful job she's doing. It was encouraging to see so many contributors included in the last issue.

I would like to thank the 2015/16 committee not only on my own behalf, but on behalf of you, the members too. It was a blow to lose Paul during the year, and no less of a blow now, is our Publicity Officer's retirement. But, we understand. Every member of the committee has put in 100% effort on your behalf while also coping with their own illnesses and circumstances. They have bent and

stretched on more than one occasion to get the job done and I applaud them for their persistence and dedication – I hope you will also.

I would also like to thank each and every one of our Research Room volunteers for their continued support in spite of what could be misinterpreted as our neglect. In truth, it has just not been possible to continually touch base with each and every one of you throughout the year. The Research Room volunteers perhaps play the most important part within the group, and they've done us proud. I was told just this morning by a researcher who has visited us twice now how hospitable and helpful the volunteers on duty were on both occasions. And we can't ask for more than that!

On a personal level, I would like to acknowledge Fay McCoubrie's contribution to getting us to the AGM today. Now, when I think of indomitable women, I tend to think of Fay and the many ways she has helped me and the family history group in the past twelve months. Fay has never said 'that's your job' or 'that's my job' she only asks about what needs to be done and then, if she can, goes and does it.

Regrettably, we have no more news on our impending move for you than we did at this time last year. Some wheels turn slowly. We will keep everyone informed of any developments and news as it comes to hand.

If we can't fill all our committee positions this year, then something will have to give and we will have to look at what activities we can and can't support. It's up to you the members, not the committee. We can only do so much.

Yes, there's always jobs to be done, but that's because, whether you realise it or not, you belong to one of the most active family history groups in the state. And, despite the internet, we have again managed to retain a membership of 119 this year. Some groups have not been so lucky, their numbers are decreasing, some have less than 20 members. Some groups no longer produce a newsletter or hold meetings because no one will work on their committees. It would be a shame for us to lose this momentum – but it's up to you, and what you do, or don't do throughout the year, and perhaps more importantly, what happens in the next few minutes this afternoon.

I thank you for your patience, kindness, assistance and understanding over the past 12 months. It hasn't all been beer and skittles, but we've got more than our share of fabulous people, a few good ideas and a willingness to learn new things and hone our skills. I think that's a pretty good basis for a great 2016-17 don't you?

*Lynne Bradley*

## The Press Pass

We were really excited to welcome Di Christensen to the June general meeting after an extended absence. We were relieved too; it's hard to keep secrets sometimes and the committee had been sitting on a secret for a few weeks because Di had been unable to attend the Volunteers' Morning Tea at Lang Lang. If she had, she would have been presented with the 2016 Shirley Award – The Press Pass.



committee too, who are forced to be at their inventive best when deciding on a theme to match the occasion and the recipient.

Di Christensen was selected as this year's Shirley Award winner in recognition of the many years she has consistently supported the Narre Warren & District Family History Group's newsletter, Spreading Branches.

The Volunteers' Morning Tea was instigated in 2007 as an attempt to say thank you to those who have helped the Group during the past year. Initially only Research Room volunteers were invited to the first one, then the invitations to attend were extended to all members (and some years, partners of members) who had helped the Group in some way to attend.

The Shirley Award was instigated that same year because having won Member of the Year in 2006 Shirley Peterson was ineligible to win it in 2007. However, the committee wanted to recognise Shirley's outstanding achievements in getting sausage sizzle events off the ground for us – so they came up with the Shirley Award and Shirley was presented with the 'Golden Tongs Award'. Since then each year has had a different theme. In 2008 Lynne Bradley won the 'Many Hats Award', in 2009 Rex McFarlane won the 'Triton Award' for stocktaking fiche with the ladies who had been dubbed 'the mermaids'. It's a serious award with a touch of fun, not only for the recipient, but for the

Di has written and researched many articles for the newsletter over the years, her first Spreading Branches article appeared in edition number 18 in November 1993. Since then, it's hard to find an issue that Di has not contributed to. But if you did, it's more than likely her contribution to that edition is unseen because Di has also assisted many of our newsletter editors by proofreading Spreading Branches.

So, the Narre Warren & District Family History Group issued Di with a Press Kit which included a Press Hat, notebook, pens, pencils, chocolate (to keep her energy levels up while trying to meet deadlines, an official Press Pass and a rabbit (for emergency use only, if she has to pull one out of her hat).

Congratulations Di and thank you for the support given to the newsletter and the newsletter editors for the past 23 years.

*Lynne Bradley*

## The Shirley Award

At the first meeting I had attended for many months I was astounded to be presented by Lynne with the Shirley award in recognition for my contributions to Spreading Branches over the years. It has been a great pleasure for me to contribute to our outstanding newsletter.

I urge other members to contribute either some research, some new website they have found, the name of a new book they have found extremely interesting or useful. Your contributions mean that the newsletter will continue; we cannot leave it to three or four people.

Thank you very much for this award

*Di Christensen*

## Map Spy Viewer

Thank you John Elliott for letting all know about The National Library of Scotland's "Map Spy Viewer".

This viewer lets you compare 1900s maps of Scotland, Britain and beyond with present day satellite imagery.

The spy viewer uses Ordnance Survey mapping at four scales from around 1900 visible through a circular viewport.

Try it out—it's fun. <http://maps.nls.uk/projects/layer-spy>





Committee members pictured from left: Jane Rivett-Carnac, Marianne Rocke, Anne Blair, Kerry Maxwell, Lorraine Taylor, Lynne Bradley, John Elliott.

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Coordinator), Laurie Stephenson (assistant web master) and Wendy Eldridge (Away Days) to that very important group of people we know as our VIPs. So, at this stage, we still have room for someone else to help with coordinating sausage sizzles and we could do with a Fundraising Coordinator. Please see Fay or Lynne if you think you might like to give it a go.

*Lynne Bradley*

## Lost Diggers of Fromelles

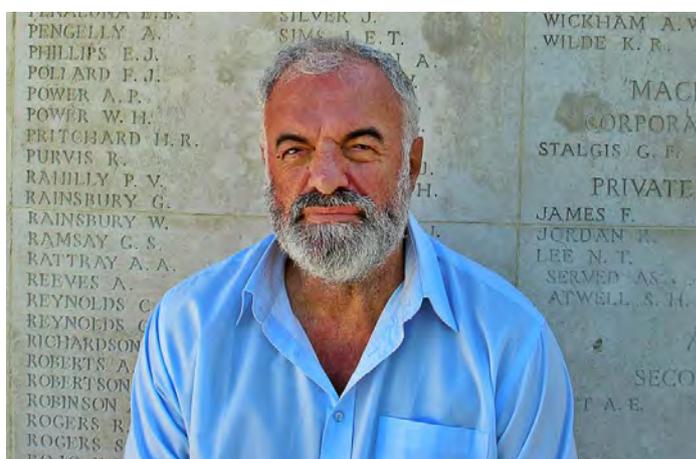
Wednesday 19 July 1916 was the Nation's worst day ever when there were 5533 Australian casualties at the Battle of Fromelles, including 1335 missing. It is only in recent years that this battle has been seen as of national importance

On 11 June 2016, just weeks prior to the Centenary of the Battle of Fromelles on 19 July 1916, we were fortunate that Lambis Englezos, OAM, a Greek born former art teacher spoke to our group on the search for the bodies of Australians buried in unmarked graves near Fromelles.

Lambis, tall, bearded and of impressive stature spoke very quietly but so knowledgeably and passionately of the search for these graves.

In his youth Lambis had met many old soldiers, survivors of the 19 July 1916 battle, and was enthralled and fascinated by their stories of the First World War.

He told us of the battle which was the first major battle fought by Australian troops on the Western Front. British leader General Richard Haking (called 'The Butcher') ordered the 58th Battalion into battle. Australian Harold 'Pompey' Elliott



*Lambis Englezos photograph from [www.il-y-a-100-ans.fr](http://www.il-y-a-100-ans.fr)*

stated that it was too dangerous for the troops to go forward, that the forces had to cross 200-400 yards of open ground and that it would be a disaster. The soil was too soft, there were not enough troops and it would be broad daylight at the time proposed.

Another Australian 5th Division Commander, James Whiteside McCay agreed with Haking that they should go ahead. The purpose of this exercise was to capture the towns of Fromelles and Aubers.

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By 9 am the fighting was over. Over 5500 Australians and perhaps 2000 British troops were dead, wounded or captured.

Lambis told us that 20 pairs of brothers, 5 sets of three brothers and a father and his son died in the battle. Afterwards a truce was offered and surviving soldiers went into no-man's land to retrieve bodies of the fallen. 30 soldiers died in this recovery operation.

Lambis visited Fromelles in 2002 and returned to Australia determined to find where the missing men were buried. He gathered around him others as passionate as he was in this search. Initial approaches to the Federal Government for assistance were rebuffed and it took some years before their excellently prepared presentations were received and acknowledged that it was a worthwhile project.

At the Australian War Memorial, Lambis read recently digitised Red Cross records and found that the Germans had recorded burials, removed and documented ID discs and personal items, individually bagged them and returned them to the soldiers families through the Red Cross. This work by the Germans was very detailed.

In the book 'Don't forget me, Cobber' by Robin S. Corfield, Lambis found a mention of Pheasant Wood, near Fromelles. He studied aerial photos taken before and after the battle and discovered evidence that burial pits had been dug after the battle. Tim Whitford from Victoria joined the team after seeing Lambis being interviewed on TV.

Then in May 2007 a team from Glasgow university GUARD, led by Dr Tony Pollard, undertook an investigation of the site. They discovered two Australian emblems, so a dig was undertaken and the remains of the missing soldiers were found. One of the items recovered was a medal from the Shire of Alberton, presented to Harry Willis born at Alberton, near Yarram in South Gippsland. This was proof that Australians were buried in these pits. Harry Willis was the uncle of Tim Whitford's grandmother.

He was identified through DNA from Tim's grandmother who was elated when Tim rang and told her the news. Lambis showed a photo of Tim with his grandmother and a photo of her uncle Harry.

From there the dig gathered pace until soldiers were found and identified through DNA. The Australian team hoped that these soldiers would be buried in the new Fromelles cemetery.

After the site was closed a small ceremony took place and the owner of the land Madame Marie Paule Demassit approached the team and quietly

said that *she felt she no longer owned the land and it now belonged to 'les soldats'*.

Work on the new cemetery, called 'Fromelles (Pheasant Wood) Military Cemetery', commenced in May 2009. 249 soldiers who had been found were reburied here in January and February 2010 with the exception of one soldier who was buried on the day of the official opening and dedication ceremony on Monday 19 July 2010. The ceremony was attended by many dignitaries from Australia, the United Kingdom and France, including our then Governor-General Dame Quentin Bryce. Many family members of the reburied soldiers attended, including Fay and Robin McCoubrie whose relative C.Q. Sgt. J. Ralston is still missing. More DNA tests have been taken recently and hopefully he will be identified.

Guillaume Moreel, grandson of Madame Marie Paule Demassit, read the following at the opening ceremony *"To our Australian brothers who died at the battle of Fromelles in 1916. The 19th and 20th July are days which forever link the history of our two countries. During that very difficult period of the Great War, you came from the other side of the world, voluntarily and filled with courage, to fight at our sides to preserve our freedom. Your spirit will never be lost from our land and our hearts. We have been brothers until death, you have had your blood spilled for us and there is no bond stronger than that. From the bottom of our hearts, we express our eternal gratitude for your sacrifice. You will never leave our hearts."*

During Lambis' presentation a letter was read by our president from a grieving mother beseeching the authorities to tell her where her son died and was buried. There were no dry eyes in the room.

Lambis mentioned that a statue of a grieving mother holding a photo of her lost son is to be unveiled in 2017 near the Arch of Victory in Ballarat.

On 27 May 2016 the Australian Army announced that a further six soldiers had been identified near Pheasant Wood.

*Di Christensen*

*Further Reading:*

*Many references to Lambis Englezos found on the internet*

*'Don't forget me, Cobber; the Battle of Fromelles' by Robin S. Corfield*

*'Give me back my dear old cobbles, the story of the 58th and 59th Australian Infantry Battalion 1913-1942'*

*'Our Darkest Day Fromelles' by Patrick Lindsay*

Images of the Fromelles cemetery can be found in Google images

## Chaplain–Captain Frederick Percy Williams MC 58th Battalion

My personal interest in the Battle of Fromelles stems from the day in August 2008 when I read an article in *The Australian* newspaper, by Stuart Rintoul titled “Diary reveals nation’s worst day.”

In July 1916 Frederick Percy Williams was an Australian priest at war, a Church of England chaplain captain who recorded in his diary that “rural France in leafy June was a glory and delight after the sands of the desert”. He was attached to the 58th Battalion of the 15th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division.

Fred Williams was my great uncle, brother of my grandfather and I am very proud to be his relative.

In his diary he wrote of the battle, the horrific casualties and a “morning of desolation”.

*“Wednesday, July 19: I came up to the Rouge de Bour dressing station just at the back of the lines where I was engaged the whole night administering hot drinks of beef tea to the wounded”.*

*“The casualties were very heavy ... In the morning the division returned to its original line having taken about 400 prisoners. But what a casualty list was ours? The 60th battalion were withdrawn in the early morning and mustered one officer and 80 men strong (later other records would say that of 887 men in this battalion, only one officer and 106 men of other ranks survived) The 50th Battalion was one officer and 64 strong”.*

*“In the afternoon, staff and I went down to the trenches. I found Chaplain Maxted (who would later be credited with helping 150 wounded away from the front line) at the end of Brompton Avenue all hunched up but quite dead. I attempted to straighten his body but was seen by the Bosch in the gap that had been blown in the trench and they turned their machine gun on me so I had to get out”.*

Fred wrote many letters to families of lost soldiers and to his brothers, some of which are published in a book “Dinkum Oil”, edited by Amanda Taylor; this book contains letters to families from soldiers and others which were published in the *Ballarat Courier*.

He wrote *“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”.*



Fred was one of fifteen chaplains at Fromelles; two Methodist, three Roman Catholic and ten Church of England including Fred and Father G Tucker, later founder of the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

Fred was awarded the Military Cross in 1918 and returned to Australia to his wife Belle and son John.

Sadly this diary is in the hands of a private collector and many searches have failed to find it. I believe the family should be able to look at it and copy it for their family archives; then it should be placed in the Australian War Memorial.

Fred ministered in the parishes of Donald and Mortlake and participated fully in the activities of these towns. He retired to Ballarat where he was made a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. He died in January 1944 on the bowling green. That morning he had officiated at the funeral of a returned soldier.

*Di Christensen*

### *Further Reading*

*“Diary reveals nation’s worst day” by Stuart Rintoul  
The Australian. 2 August 2008*

*“Dinkum oil” by Amanda Taylor*

## Max Thomson's memories of World War II – Part 2

Motor vehicles were restricted to 35 mph. Petrol, like so many other items, was rationed, but special dispensations were allowed to certain sections of the primary industry. Charcoal-burning gas producers were fitted to many vehicles to overcome the problem. They were cumbersome, dirty, polluted the atmosphere and did nothing to prolong the life of the engine. The baker, Mr “Hughie” Murdoch, had one fitted to his International delivery van. The baker also delivered the daily paper and mail to those of any distance from the township. Vehicles were required to have headlights blacked-out except for a narrow slit, which only served to warn on-coming motorists. Tail lights were totally covered. Most vehicles only had one tail light, and few, if any, had stop lights.

Military vehicles were prominent on the local roads. Bren-gun carriers and armoured cars on exercises in the neighbourhood were a common sight, and as convoys of trucks laden with troops passed by we would give them the thumbs up and V-for-Victory signs—it was simply a morale-boosting gesture—one which demonstrated our support for their efforts.

Away from the Princes Highway – a single carriageway at that time, the roads were gravel except for a short section of bitumen past the school and to the north along the road to Narre Warren North. Dust from the corrugated roads was a problem when so much army activity was taking place. A large American military camp had been established on the SW corner of Wellington and

Stud Roads, Rowville, and it was from here that many of the convoys came.

Closer to home there was an army camp on the southern side of Prospect Hill Road at the top of the hill directly opposite the present Fountain Gate Primary School. This was in the NW corner of Mr John Lloyd's property, “Brechin” (formerly “Holly Green”). From where we lived we often heard the Clump! Clump! Clump! of marching feet and commands as the men came down Prospect Hill Road.

Lieut Wesley B. Leed, formerly from Pyramid Hill, and stationed at the camp, later married Eleanor (Nell) Bailey, and Norman Martin from northern Victoria, also from the camp, married Elaine Russell. Both were local girls. After the war Wesley became a successful builder in Dandenong, and Norman and Elaine settled at Deniliquin NSW, where they had a sheep farm and grew wheat.

James W. Bailey's large dam at “Araluen” on the Narre Warren North Road was used as a recreational venue for the soldiers as well as enabling them to have a good wash – the water lilies and fish suffered as a result. “Nell” Bailey, mentioned above, was the second daughter of James W. and Mrs Bailey. Elaine was the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Bill Russell, another returned serviceman from the First World War.

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*James W. Bailey's dam being excavated in 1914  
Photograph Max Thomson Collection*



In 1943 I had my tonsils removed at St Vincent's Hospital. My mother and I left on the morning train. It was a cold, wet day. We took a tram to the hospital on Victoria Parade, I had my tonsils removed, and in pouring rain, we were back at Flinders Street Station for the afternoon train. I remember vividly the zig-zag slit trenches in what should have been lawns on either side of the tram tracks in Victoria Parade in front of the hospital. The best part of having my tonsils removed was the two weeks holiday I had from school—plenty of junket, jellies and soft foods—we had no electricity therefore, no ice cream.

During this time there was considerable activity with army exercises being staged in the area. On one occasion we had a visit from two army personnel requesting that our dogs be kept locked inside the following day, when there would be a small mock battle across the paddocks adjoining our property. Our two dogs were not used to being locked up and barked incessantly when gunfire was heard. From the kitchen window I had a grandstand view of proceedings. The whole exercise only lasted about an hour and only involved small arms – I was disappointed. When my brother came in from school I was allowed out, and together we looked for any traces of activity behind the hawthorn hedge which lined the western side of the Narre Warren North Road, and which, from my reckoning, had been a line of defence during the army's exercise. We found several .303 blank shell cases.

As my father was a qualified joiner, he, along with many other men and women with specific trades or professions, was co-opted into the essential services under the Federal Manpower Act. He had to board in Melbourne during the week in order to work at the aircraft factory at Fishermen's Bend. Beaufort bombers, which played a key role in the Pacific campaign against the Japanese, were built there.

At that time there was no daily bus service to or from Dandenong, and only two trains (steam) to and from Melbourne each day – apart from an express which did not stop at Narre Warren. My father came home by train on Friday night. I would meet him at the station with the bicycle and he would 'dink' me home. We lived a mile from the station. On Sunday night he rode the bicycle to Dandenong in order to return to Windsor where he was boarding. The bicycle was returned by train the following day for me to collect at the station after school – there was no charge.

During the week, usually at night, there was a parade of the V.D.C (Volunteer Defence Corps). This was a body of men made up of farmers, orchardists, etc. from the district. Many had served in the First World War. My father became a member, and participated in a parade and rifle practice at

Wilson's quarry at Berwick on a Sunday morning. All members were fitted out with complete army uniform including .303 rifle and basic pouches for ammunition. Mr Sid McCombe and Mr George Hearse from Narre Warren North provided transport each collecting a truck load of men on their way to Berwick. The V.D.C. was the "Dads' Army" of that time – perhaps a little fitter and better equipped than those in the British TV series. A number of members "qualified" as Lance Corporals or Corporals because of their previous war experience. I cannot remember who was in charge of the unit, but suspect it may have been an army officer stationed at the Dandenong drill hall.

A V.A.D. (Voluntary Aid Detachment) was established in the township under the guidance of a St John's Ambulance team. Instruction in emergency procedures in case of invasion or attack by the Japanese was given one night per week. Applying splints, slings, bandages and correct use of stretchers were just some of the areas covered. A stretcher was located in the school. Charts were used to assist in identifying different enemy aircraft. Each family who attended was provided with two books, "First Aid to the Injured", and "Home Nursing". On alternative weeks Dr Hart came from Dandenong to give instructions on treating serious cases of injury. On these occasions junior members, like me, were not permitted to attend. The instruction was given under kerosene lamps at the school. We were encouraged to have some form of air-raid shelter at home.

Ours was a trench approx 12 ft long and 2 ft deep. It was to be deeper, but several heavy showers of rain soon half-filled it. After that it became a great repository for tadpoles. Keith Sherwood, whose father had a farm, now the location of the Fountain Gate Primary School, had dug an impressive shelter. It was beneath a large cypress tree, dry and well stocked. Strangely enough, the school did not have a shelter, nor do I recall us having any evacuation drill.

A.R.Ws. (Air Raid Wardens) were allocated certain areas. Our warden was Mr Fred Aumann. He was a returned serviceman from World War I and father of Cyril, mentioned in the last issue, who lived half a mile from us. Like many others in the community his means of transport was horse and jinker. His role was simply to make sure that we had blinds tightly drawn at night. We only had kerosene lamps, so there was little chance of illumination from them being seen at a distance, or from the air. As far as warning us of potential air raids his ability was very limited. Few people had telephones, and calls could only be made to the exchange where these would be 'put through' to Berwick, Dandenong, Melbourne or other places. Mrs Freda Austin, who lived about

100 metres away from the exchange, was part-time postmistress and telephonist, and if her services were required after 10 pm, when all local calls went to her, it would be her duty to quickly go to the P.O., open the exchange and transfer the calls.

With my father away during the week, it was left to my mother to run our little 'farm'. At one stage we had two cows, one milking and one dry, a couple of calves, fowls and grew a small number of vegetables. We were close to being self-sufficient. My mother could milk a cow as quickly as any man. My job was to separate the milk, and my mother made butter from the cream. After separating in the morning, I would ride to school on my bicycle. My younger sister and brother had left earlier to walk. Mum's hands-on farming skills stemmed from her experience in the British Women's Land Army in the north of England during World War I.

As mentioned earlier, rationing, not only of petrol, was something every householder had to contend with. Foodstuffs such as sugar, tea, dried fruits, etc., were just some items subjected to rationing. My mother, bless her, devised a scheme with George R. Bailey, (older brother of James), the grocer at the local general store, whereby she traded ration coupons for the butter she made. Other deals were done secretly. I daresay others were doing the same kind of thing.

Food parcels were sent regularly to 'our boys at the front.' They contained cigarettes, chocolate, fruit cake, Wrigley's chewing gum and other luxury goods which provided a change from the day-to-day rations the men received. Each parcel was carefully wrapped in a cut-away cereal cardboard box and finally wrapped and sewn in hessian. The address



All matchbox images  
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was added by using an indelible pencil. I had two uncles serving abroad, and they, along with Keith Smith a local boy and close family friend, were recipients of several parcels. Letters of thanks were often censored, but we were able to work out the missing parts simply by the context of a paragraph.

Because I had numerous uncles, aunts and cousins in England, food parcels were also sent to them. The postage rate for food parcels was less than ordinary postage. I took many parcels to the P.O. Mrs Jack Nobelius was on duty for much of the day. She rode her bicycle from Cranbourne Road, Hallam Valley, (now Narre Warren South). We also received parcels from "home". I cannot remember why, but on one occasion a parcel contained several balls of wool. Inside each ball was a nutmeg. I know my mother grated nutmeg on junkets, puddings, etc., and can only assume that nutmegs were difficult to obtain here. Imagine trying to do that now! It may have even been illegal then.

Image from [www.stampboards.com](http://www.stampboards.com)  
 Australian Embossed Food Parcel Labels, 1946-1949



Inter-school athletic sports continued throughout the war, and a shield was presented to the winning school. Narre Warren vied fiercely with Narre Warren North, and for several years both schools dominated the carnivals which were held at the old show grounds on Clyde Road, Berwick.

I left state school to attend secondary school at the end of 1944. The war ended the following year. Celebrations were many and varied. Motor vehicles could exceed the speed limit, but because petrol and other rationing continued, people were still cautious about 'fashing out', and a period of austerity set in. My mother, an



excellent cook, made 'austerity cakes' sharing the recipe with many of her friends. They were similar to boiled fruit cakes.

Throughout the war there were many singers who brought songs into the homes, and who also entertained the service personnel with the object of keeping spirits up. Vera Lynn (still going strong), Gracie Fields, Gladys Moncrief (Our Glad), Peter Dawson, George Formby, Noel Coward, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Stanley Holloway and many others all played an important role in maintaining high morale.

There was great jubilation when it was all over. I was in a maths class when the siren on the school rang heralding victory over Japan. Mr McCann, the teacher and strong disciplinarian, became a different man as we all jumped to our feet cheering. School was over for the day, and we headed for trains and buses. As our train passed the Italian P.O.W. camp at East Oakleigh (now Huntingdale), the occupants dressed in their prison clothes of maroon jacket and blue trousers stood at the barbwire fence waving and cheering. At that time of day there was no train beyond Dandenong, so the only alternative was to hitch-hike to Narre Warren. So many of us were in the same situation, and because there were few vehicles on the road, my two companions, one from Beaconsfield and the other from Pakenham, walked almost to Doveton Ave (to the west of the present South Gippsland Freeway).

The celebration in the district of the war's end that I remember very well, was the barn dance in Smith's (formerly Worthy's) barn at "Kingston" on the Narre Warren North Road. A large barn, it could accommodate a large crowd. There were several American servicemen present, and Tom

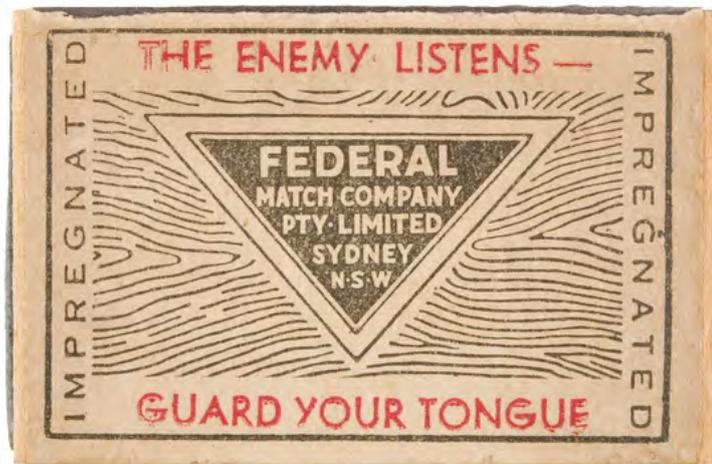
Blain's two-piece 'band' (piano and fiddle) from Dandenong, had most 'tripping the light fantastic'. Alan Wanke, between dances, gave a couple of yodelling items and also led the singing of popular wartime songs such as "Johnny Got a Zero" (Japanese fighter plane), "Knees Up Mother Brown", "Pack Up Your Troubles", "It's a Grand Old Flag" (not the Melbourne F.C. theme song, but the same tune), "We're Going to Hang Out the Washing on the Siegfried Line", "Keep the Home Fires Burning", "Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major", and many others. Although the barn dance was not held until a couple of weeks after the cessation of hostilities in the Pacific, truly, this was a night to remember.

The district then turned to arranging Welcome-Home evenings.

There was, of course, sadness too, for those who did not return. The war brought the people of the wider district closer together and, in so doing, made a valuable contribution to the overall war effort.

While rationing continued, the general atmosphere in the district was more

relaxed, but reflective. The war had come as close as Sydney, and it was not until many years later that the truth of the deaths and devastation caused by Japanese bombing of Darwin and Broome was revealed.



No longer did we have to heed the warnings printed on the backs of match boxes. One that I remember was:

"You talk - He listen, He clever - You fool."

*Max Thomson*

## Casey Cardinia Remembers

Many Casey Cardinia towns and suburbs honour pioneers and local identities with road and street names. As you would expect, many of the crew of the Endeavour are memorialised in street signage at Endeavour Hills. Some are easy to pick up with a first name accompanying the surname as in Charles Green (the Endeavour's astronomer) Avenue and James Cook Drive. Others like Peckover and Ramsay Courts, named after two of the Endeavour's Able Seamen, William Peckover and John Ramsay are not so easy.

Australian writers are featured in Lynbrook streets. Banjo Paterson Park on Paterson Drive is surrounded by streets memorialising some of our greatest writers. Many are easily recognised like May Gibbs Crescent and Henry Lawson Drive. Some perhaps, not so. Amy Mack Walk and Louise Mack Walk memorialise two perhaps lesser known but certainly interesting Australian writers.

According to *Australian Heroines of World War One* by Susanna De Vries, Louise Mack became the world's first accredited war correspondent in August 1914. It is interesting that during this centenary of the Great War we have not heard much about her and her life. Louise was working for The Daily Mail in London when Germany invaded Belgium. Louise joined fourteen of her male counterparts reporting on German atrocities against the Belgium people. She wrote first hand of the Siege of Antwerp and the German occupation of the city before escaping to Holland. Her book *A Woman's Experiences in the Great War* was published in 1915. Louise returned to Australia the year after and travelled extensively in Australia speaking about the war to raise money for the Australian Red Cross.



*Marie Louise Hamilton Mack (1870-1935)*

Louise is described as an audacious and unpredictable extrovert, a Bohemian who loved adventure and security, she died penniless at Mosman in 1935, having lived life to the full. Her sister Amy edited the 'Women's Page' of the *Sydney Morning Herald* in addition to writing novels and children's books.

*Lynne Bradley*

### Welcome to our new members

Patricia Cheesley, Elaine and Theo Hartskeerl, Barbara Simpson, Jennifer Bonham, Noreen and John Jones, Faye Marr, Sandra Upston, Denise and Ken Swadling, Darren Marsham, Lois Giacometti, Joyce Mowat

### Spreading Branches November 2016 edition

We would like to read your stories.  
Please submit your articles by 15 October 2016



### Christmas Lunch

Saturday 3 December at 12 noon  
Cranbourne RSL.  
Contact Lynne 8787 5558

# Narre Warren & District Family History Group

## 2016 Workshops

Date	Time	Topic	Tutor
Monday 26 Sep	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>They didn't swim here: diving into immigration records</i>	Jane RC
Monday 24 Oct	10.30 am to 2.45 pm*	<i>Seniors &amp; Ageing Positively Festivals</i>	Wendy E / Lynne / Jane
	10.30 am-11.30 am	<i>Medical records (hospitals, asylums, undertakers) (Wendy E)</i>	
	11.45 am-12.45 pm	<i>Police &amp; legal records (Lynne)</i>	
	1.45 pm-2.45 pm	<i>Housing, land records, maps (Jane)</i>	
Monday 21 Nov	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Good sports: discovering sporting ancestors from juniors to seniors</i>	Wendy E

\* On seminar days there will be a 15-minute break between class 1 and class 2, and a lunch break and time for a visit to our research room or a general chat between class 2 and class 3.

Our workshops have been very successful. We receive good feedback

from those attending and gain a significant number of new members. We realise we can't please everyone with dates, times and topics but we think we've got a fabulous line up of workshops for the remainder of 2016. All workshops are free to members and \$5 for visitors. Visitors

may participate in one, two or three sessions in daytime workshops for just \$5.

Contact the Research Officer for bookings or more information:

Lynne 8787 5558 or research.officer@nwfhg.org.au

## New in the Research Room

### Parish Registers

Buckinghamshire – Leckhamstead 1558-1812  
 Cheshire – Chester, Holy and Undivided Trinity 1598-1837  
 Durham – Whorlton 1626-1812, Castle Eden 1661-1812 and Middleton St George 1616-1812  
 Kent – Rochester Cathedral 1657-1837  
 Northumberland – Alnham, Beadnell, Chatton and Ilderton 1705-1812  
 Northumberland – Edlingham 1658-1812, Halton 1654-1812, Ingram 1682-1812  
 Rutland – North Luffenham 1565-1832  
 Shropshire – Lydham, Edgton, Monk Hopton, Chelmarsh, Neenton and Billingsley 1592-1812  
 Shropshire – Nonconformist and Roman Catholic 1657-1837  
 Staffordshire – Barton-under-Needlewood 1571-1812, Bucknall cum Bagnall 1763-1812, Trentham (St Mary and All Saints) 1558-1812  
 Suffolk – Denham 1539-1850, Suffolk – Ickworth 1566-1890, West Stow 1558-1850, Wordwell 1580-1850  
 Surrey – Wimbledon 1538-1812  
 Worcestershire – Churchill on Oswaldslow 1564-1812  
 Yorkshire – South Cave 1558-1909, York (Holy Trinity, King's Court) 1631-1812

### School / College Registers and Histories

Berkshire – Wellington College Register 1859-1923  
 Cambridgeshire – Directory of the Leys School

Cambridgeshire – King's College Register 1797-1925  
 Derbyshire – Repton School Register 1557-1905  
 Devon – Blundell's School Register, Tiverton, 1770-1882  
 Durham School Register to 1912  
 Kent – St Lawrence College, Ramsgate 1879-1924  
 Kent – The Roffensian Register, Kings School 1835-1920  
 Lincolnshire – Horncastle Grammar School 1613-1894  
 Middlesex – Harrow School Register 1801-1893  
 Oxfordshire – Exeter College 1318-1876: Rectors and Fellows, Radley College Register 1847-1904, Keble College Register  
 Somerset – The History of Kingswood School, Bath  
 Shropshire – Shrewsbury School Register 1798-1898  
 Surrey – Epsom College Register 1855-1905  
 Yorkshire – Sedbergh School Register 1546-1909  
 Yorkshire – The History of St Peter's School 627-Present Day

### Miscellaneous

Cumberland Monumental Inscriptions: Brigham and Bridekirk 1666-1876  
 Lancashire – County Book of England and Official List 1875  
 Lancashire and Cheshire Wills and Inventories Volumes 1-3: 1542-1807  
 Criminal Chronology or the New Newgate Calendar  
 Westmoreland – Some Westmoreland Wills

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## Research Room Roster:

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.

September 2016					
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm	Sunday	2 pm-4 pm
		3	Wendy Eldridge Robyn Jones	4	Lynne Bradley Kerryn Maxwell
6	Moreyn Dimsey Anne Blair	10	Brenda Wheeler Shirley Peterson	11	Wendy Goodwin Jane Rivett-Carnac
13	Mary McGrath Maureen Stagg	17	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan	18	Lynne Bradley Eileen Durdin
20	Fay McCoubrie John Morris	24	Maureen Abbott Lorraine Taylor	25	Lyne McGregor Jane Rivett-Carnac
27	Joyce Masters Bev Lambie				

October 2016					
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Thursday	7 pm-9 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
				1	Robyn Jones Wendy Goodwin
4	Fay McCoubrie John Elliott	6	Kerryn Maxwell Eileen Durdin	8	Lynne Bradley Lorraine Taylor
11	Mary McGrath Moreyn Dimsey	13	Wendy Eldridge Jane Rivett-Carnac	15	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan
18	Brenda Wheeler Kaye Smith	20	Eileen Durdin Nowella Ahlgren	22	Steven Smith Lyne McGregor
25	John Morris Anne Blair	27	Lynne Bradley Wendy Goodwin	29	Shirley Peterson Maureen Abbott

November 2016					
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Thursday	7 pm-9 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
1	Melbourne Cup Day Research Room Closed	3	Wendy Eldridge Jane Rivett-Carnac	5	Steven Smith Robyn Jones
8	Ann Blair John Elliott	10	Lynne Bradley Wendy Goodwin	12	Lorraine Taylor Lynne Bradley
15	Fay McCoubrie Kaye Smith	17	Nowella Ahlgren Lynne Bradley	19	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan
22	Joyce Masters Brenda Wheeler	24	Kerryn Maxwell Eileen Durdin	26	Robyn Jones Lyne McGregor
29	Maureen Stagg Bev Lambie				

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Yorkshire – Monumental Inscriptions: Idle Upper Chapel Burial Registers and Graveyard Inscriptions

Yorkshire – The Great Sheffield Flood

Yorkshire – The Society of Friends in Bradford,

Yorkshire: A Record of 270 Years

### Unlock the Past titles

Death certificates and archaic medical terms

Arrivals in Australia from 1788

British and Irish newspapers

Buried treasures: What's in the English Parish Chest

Discover English census records

Discover your sporting ancestors: it was not all work and no play!

Digital imaging essentials: techniques and tips for genealogists and family historians (Australian edition)

Down and out in Scotland: researching ancestral crisis

Guide to Baptist historical resources in Australia

Guide to convict transportation lists

Part 1 : 1787-1800 & Part 2 : 1801-1812

How to write your family history : a guide to creating, planning, editing and publishing family stories

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## SUMMARIES - Appendix 1

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Summary of Fundraising - Receipts (B6)	
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 2,032.90
Books, Magazines, Bottled Water	\$ 25.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,058.00</b>

Summary of Sundries - Receipts (B7)	
Speaking Engagements, Cemetery Tourers, Workshops	\$ 730.00
Grants, Subsidy, Advert, Research, Photos, Com. Book	\$ 2,777.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,507.50</b>

ING Direct Regular Account	
Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ 19,417.55
Transfers from NAB Account	\$ 3,000.00
<b>Sub Total 1</b>	<b>\$ 22,417.55</b>
Transfers to NAB Account	\$ 1,900.00
<b>Sub Total 2</b>	<b>\$ 20,517.55</b>
Plus Interest	\$ 449.78
<b>Balance at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 20,967.33</b>

ING Direct Grant Account (Monuments and Memorials Project)	
Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ 1,622.96
Less Expenses	\$ 308.86
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,314.10</b>
Plus Interest	\$ 31.65
<b>Balance at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 1,345.75</b>

Summary of Sundries - Expenses (B7)	
Annual Statement, Name Badges, PO Box, Morning Teas	\$ 297.00
Meeting Snacks, Bookmarks, Book Grant, Refund	\$ 1,771.75
Librarians Needs, Expo, USB, Repair, C. Book, Door Cushion	\$ 287.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,356.50</b>

Summary of Fundraising Profits	
General Meeting Raffles	\$ 365.10
Sausage Sizzle	\$ 1,488.70
General Items For Sale (various)	\$ 25.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,878.90</b>

Statistics - Comparison between 2014-2015 and 2015-2016				
Membership #s	-	0.0%	Visitor #s	↑ 7.4%
Fundraising \$s	↓	57.8%	Door \$s	↓ 23.9%
Print Outs \$s	↓	12.6%	Raffle \$s	↓ 17.1%

ING Direct Grant Account(not titled at present)(was Sacrifice & Patriotism)	
Balance at January 27, 2016	\$ 1,500.00
Plus Interest	\$ 9.27
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,509.27</b>
Less Expenses	\$ 1,508.80
<b>Balance at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 0.47</b>

## Summary of Income and Expenses for 2015 - 2016

Summaries updated:  
5 Jul 2016 at 2:31 PM

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Receipts Category Name	Total Receipt Amount	GST Amount	GST-exclusive Amount	Omit from Total*
A1 Interest Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A2 Dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A3 Refunds from suppliers (GST-free)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A4 Refunds from suppliers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A5 ATO/BAS Refunds Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A6 Loans Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A7 Sale of Assets	10.00	0.00	10.00	
A8 Other Capital Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A9 Other Non-Capital Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A10 Bankings				X
A11				
B1 Membership Fees	3,270.00	0.00	3,270.00	
B2 Research Room Sales	2,245.00	0.00	2,245.00	
B3 Print-Outs	79.15	0.00	79.15	
B4 Visitors' Fees	150.00	0.00	150.00	
B5 General Meeting - Door	817.00	0.00	817.00	
B6 Fundraising	2,058.00	0.00	2,058.00	
B7 Sundries	3,507.50	0.00	3,507.50	
B8 Donation	130.00	0.00	130.00	
B9 General Meeting - Raffle	451.10	0.00	451.10	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,717.75</b>		<b>12,717.75</b>	

NAB Account	
Balance brought forward July 1, 2015	\$ 1,668.49
Receipts July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$ 12,717.75
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,386.24</b>
Less Payments July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$ 11,892.51
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,493.73</b>
Less ING Direct transactions July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016	\$ 782.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,711.39</b>
<b>Balance at NAB Account June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 1,751.39</b>
Less cheques not presented	\$ 40.00
<b>Balance at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 1,711.39</b>

Note: For ING Direct account balances refer to Appendix 1

Payments Category Name	Total Payment Amount	GST Amount	Private Use GST-exclusive Amount	Amount Claimable	Omit from Total*
A1 Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PLUS Other (Deductions from wages/salaries) **	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Gross Wages (Total of A1 and Other)	0.00			0.00	
A2 Private Drawings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A3 Superannuation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A4 ATO/BAS Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A5 Refunds to Customers (GST-free)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A6 Refunds to Customers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A7 Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A8 Interest Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A9 Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A10 Purchase of Assets	2,547.03	0.00	0.00	2,547.03	
A11 Asset Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A12 Other Capital Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A13 Petty Cash Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A14 Credit Card Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B1 Purchases - Research Room	1,428.72	0.00	0.00	1,428.72	
B2 Membership - Group	289.00	0.00	0.00	289.00	
B3 Subscription - Magazine	500.85	0.00	0.00	500.85	
B4 Meeting Room - Hire	660.00	0.00	0.00	660.00	
B5 Postage	79.90	0.00	0.00	79.90	
B6 Expenses - Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B7 Sundries	856.50	0.00	0.00	856.50	
B8 Insurance	1,341.00	0.00	0.00	1,341.00	
B9 General Meeting - Raffle	86.00	0.00	0.00	86.00	
B10 Newsletter - Postage	91.90	0.00	0.00	91.90	
B11 Expenses - Research	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B12 Expenses - Ask Granny	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B13 Stationery	226.76	0.00	0.00	226.76	
B14 Equipment Repairs - Research Room	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B15 Guest Speaker	114.80	0.00	0.00	114.80	
B16 Gifts/Presentations	189.50	0.00	0.00	189.50	
B17 Expenses - Publishing	2,126.00	0.00	0.00	2,126.00	
B18 Expenses - Monument And Memorials	154.00	0.00	0.00	154.00	
B19 Expenses - Sausage Sizzles	544.20	0.00	0.00	544.20	
B20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B21 Transfer to ING Direct Regular Account					X
B22 Volunteers Morning Tea	142.35	0.00	0.00	142.35	
B23 Printer Cartridges	218.00	0.00	0.00	218.00	
B24 Newsletter - Printing	239.00	0.00	0.00	239.00	
B25 Copy Paper	57.00	0.00	0.00	57.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,892.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>11,892.51</b>	

## Publications for Sale

### ***Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery***

Our new book tells the stories of 64 families who watched and supported 120 men and one woman as they enlisted. 24 families sent two or more sons to the Front, three of these families sent four or more sons.

Thirty men died on active service; eighteen men died in France, one at Gallipoli, eight in Belgium, two in Egypt and one in England. Fifty four were wounded, eight of them multiple times.

This book tells the stories of 23 sets of brothers, a father and his son, a nurse and a sailor along with two Indigenous soldiers. Soldiers who are recipients of awards, soldiers who served as troopers, gunners, sappers, drivers, and signallers; in the Light Horse, Pioneers, Railway Unit, Anzac Police and Provost Corps and in the Cyclist Battalion.

Two soldiers endured the hardship of being prisoners of war, one in Germany, the other in Turkey. Six of the soldiers returned home with English wives and two also with a child.

Those who returned had many and varied experiences during their service and upon their return, 16 took up soldier settlement blocks and 11 would re-enlist in the Second World War. They are all remembered forever as ANZACs men of the 1st Australian Imperial Force.

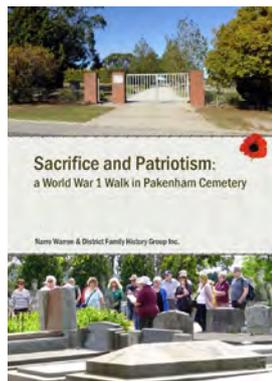
*Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery* \$20 + \$5 postage + handling

### ***100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery***

(published 2015) examines the cemetery's connections with the Great War. Our stories embrace 100 men from over 70 families – all linked to Berwick Cemetery and the community it served.

Twenty-eight men did not return; they are still in France, Gallipoli, Belgium, Malta, Palestine, at sea and 6 have no known grave.

*100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery* \$20 + \$5 postage + handling



### ***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.

*Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District* \$30 + \$15 postage + handling

### ***Kindred Spirits. 20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989 – 2009***

\$25 + \$10 postage + handling

### **Cemetery Tour booklets**

Pakenham Cemetery Tour 2011 \$10

Cranbourne Cemetery Tour 2012 \$10

Lang Lang Cemetery Tour 2013 \$10

Berwick Cemetery Tour 2014 \$15

Pakenham Cemetery Tour 2015 \$15

Add \$3 for postage + handling.

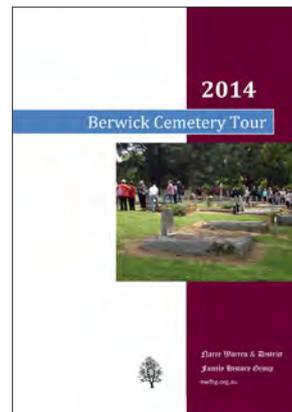
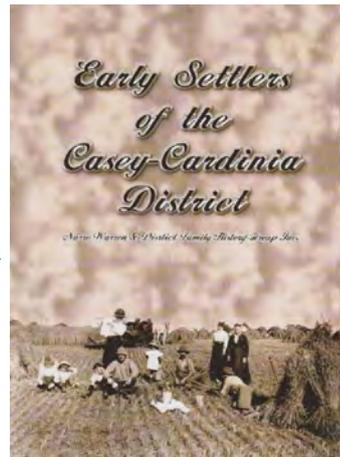
### **Microfiche**

Berwick Cemetery Register & Headstones 1867-1999 \$22 + postage + handling

Harkaway Cemetery Register and Headstones 1863-1999 \$6 + postage + handling

Pakenham Cemetery Register and Headstones 1850-1999 \$22 + postage + handling

Add \$2.50 for postage + handling for up to three sets of fiche



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