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Specialising in the Casey Cardinia Area

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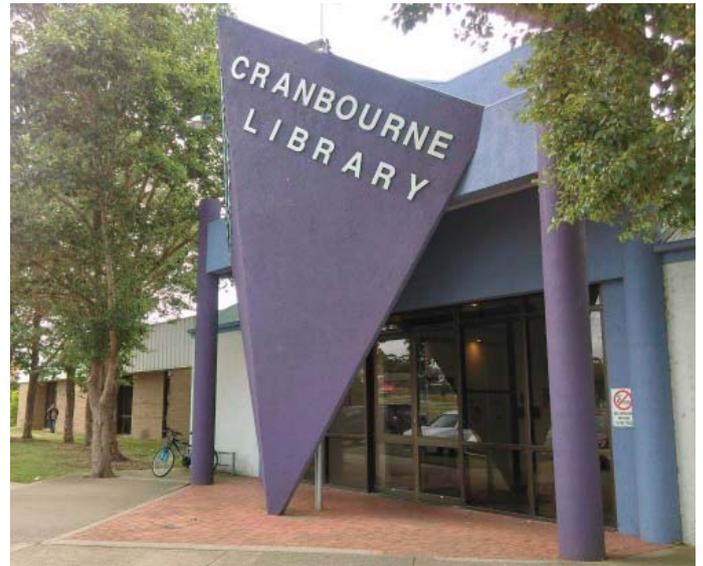
Our Move

We've known it was coming for years, but now it's getting closer and becoming a reality. And, we're really pleased to be able to start getting some real news about our impending move out to members at last.

At this stage, it looks like we'll be saying our goodbyes to the Narre Warren Library in June or July of this year and moving to a new space that is being made ready for us within the Cranbourne Library complex. Fay and I saw the space this week, if you can 'see' a space that is. It is very hard to visualise a space when the wall on the left is going and the wall behind you is moving, and a wall is arriving on the right, and I have no idea what was happening to the wall at the front!

Heather and the Local History Archive will be coming with us – or we'll be going with them. Whatever way you want to look at it, this is great news for us. We have always enjoyed working with Heather and look forward to being able to continue to do so.

Our new home will be just over twice as big as



our present one and it will be rectangular, not like the current Research Room with lots of angles that make it hard to place furniture. We will have independent access to the new Research Room via the entrance on the other side of the library building where the radio station is. So, we won't necessarily have to be open only when the main library is open – we will now have a choice. There will also be another access point from the main library itself.

There is a long list of things, some of which we haven't even thought of yet, to be decided. We'll do our best to keep all members informed of news and developments as soon as we can. We expect to close the Research Room for a few days, possibly a bit more, immediately prior to and after the move. But, in the meantime, if you have any concerns or comments you'd care to share, please contact myself or Fay.

Lynne Bradley



“For some the bell tolled” Join us Sunday 23 April 2017 at 10.30 am for a walk through Harkaway Cemetery where we will be visiting the graves and telling the stories of those with an ANZAC connection.



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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

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

I trust everyone's Christmas was merry and your new year is showing promise on all fronts, not just family history. You might have even had a moment or two to work towards your next big discovery.

Thanks to Fay and Kerryn for putting together a fabulous night to end 2016 at the December meeting. Those who were there would know how much planning and work must have been done to make the quizzes and games so much fun. And what about the prizes from Southern Advanced Plants at Dromana, weren't they great? And we had a bit of unplanned excitement too. Who would guess that the smoke detectors would set off the fire alarm before we'd finished singing Happy Birthday to Rex for an upcoming significant birthday? No, there weren't that many candles on the cake and again, we thank the library staff and the Hallam CFA for their patience and understanding.

As usual every year, the closing of the Research Room over the holiday period has not meant that everyone is sunbaking in the back yard. Soldiers

are being researched for the next cemetery tour, preparations are under way for the next sausage sizzle, the Research Room roster is being drawn up and the newsletter is being drafted and we're still arranging and renumbering resources with our move in mind.

2017 is going to be challenging for us; we will be busy as usual with cemetery tours, workshops and meetings. And we will be relocating our Research

Room to Cranbourne, no doubt, as exciting as this will be, it will be tinged with a little sadness. But, as family historians we know that nothing stays the same forever, things change, people and organisations evolve and make the most of their circumstances and opportunities or wither and die. The challenge for us in the coming years will be to nurture new opportunities at Cranbourne while preserving our roots in Narre Warren, but I think we can do it.

Lynne Bradley



Great recognition for our local Presidents

A number of members travelled to Hampton Park on Australia Day to watch the 2017 Holt Australia Day Awards. Federal Member for Holt Anthony Byrne MP was presenting the awards.

This award is an opportunity for the local community to nominate a person who contributes their time and expertise to do valuable community volunteer work.

Our President, Lynne Bradley, was one of the recipients of this award. It was great recognition of the valuable commitment Lynne has given to us as a group at the Narre Warren & District Family History Group. As Anthony Byrne MP said, they are the glue that binds our groups together.

Then at the Local History Reference Group meeting a

presentation of flowers and a card were given to Lynne and also to Ruth Crofts, President of the Casey Cardinia National Trust. This was to recognise that Ruth had been awarded an Order of Australia Medal and Lynne a Holt Australia Day award. The presentation was done by Michelle McLean, Acting Library Technology Manager Casey Cardinia Libraries.

It was a fitting presentation to both ladies.

Congratulations to both Lynne and Ruth on great achievements.

Fay McCoubrie



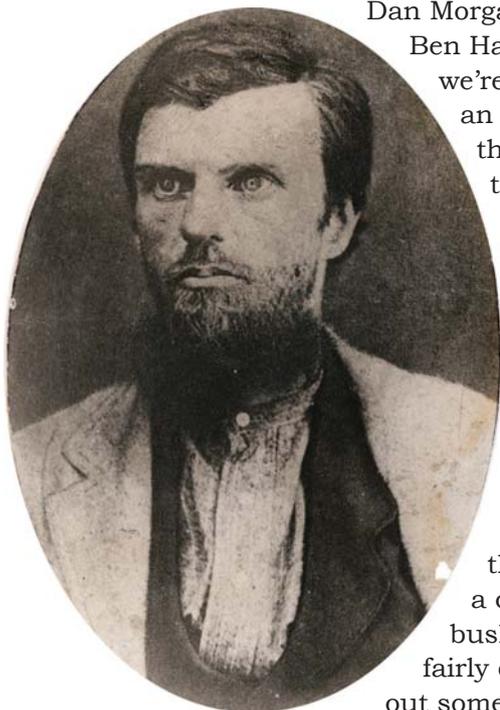
Casey Cardinia Remembers—Clusters



Well, we were going to write about something else, but we stumbled across an exhibition entitled Cluster: exploring the stories and patterns behind Melbourne street names on the Internet. Sadly, we're about four years too late to go and see it. However, it has us thinking because we're aware that there's quite a few groups of streets within Casey Cardinia that are tied together by a common theme. But, until now, we haven't had a proper term for them. Just calling them a group of streets wasn't that exciting. Casey Cardinia Clusters has much more of a ring to it, don't you think?

We have the usual array of street clusters - pioneers, explorers, plants and trees, writers, artists, City and Shire of Berwick employees and councillors, Shire of Cranbourne employees and councillors, etc. There's also some interesting choices like the Beatles cluster at Narre Warren South and the Essendon Football Club cluster at Berwick. And, it seems to us that clusters may hold the key to many of our locality's street names.

Cranbourne East's Bushranger Boulevard is near Dan Morgan Drive and Ben Hall Street. Yes, we're starting with an easy one, they actually tell us what the cluster is and give us the first two on a plate! Not all the streets are that obvious though, but, once you understand that this is a cluster of bushrangers it's fairly easy to work out some of the others:



Captain Moonlight (photograph from <http://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au>)

- Thunderbolt Drive: Frederick Wordsworth Ward also known as (aka) Captain Thunderbolt
- Flash Dan Drive: Daniel Charters aka Flash Dan
- Wild Scotchman Way: James Alpin McPherson aka the Wild Scotchman
- Midnight Rise: Thomas Smith aka Captain Midnight
- Moonlight Rise: Andrew George Scott aka Captain Moonlite
- Starlight Rise: Harry Readford/Redford aka Captain Starlight
- Donohue Street: Jack Donohue
- Vane Street: John Vane
- Ned Street: Ned Kelly
- Westwood Road: William Westwood
- Black Casear Drive: John Casear
- McCallum Drive: Frank McCallum
- Howe Way: Michael Howe

The really interesting thing for Casey Cardinia Remembers is that our list of two streets to be surveyed in this part of Cranbourne East has now grown to fifteen, perhaps more.

I remember that we looked at a house in Flash Dan Drive a few years ago. It was a nice house but our own Dan, who was living at home at the time really didn't want to have a Flash Dan Drive address, so we kept looking.

A quick look at Google Maps tells us there are other clusters at Cranbourne East, a music lover might have named Sinatra Way, Jagger Circuit, Marley Mews & Clapton Court. No doubt a car enthusiast named Buick Court, Cadillac Street, Challenger Circuit, Charger Lane and Chevrolet Road (plus many more), and a horse enthusiast probably named Colt Lane, Gallop Close, Pony Court and Saddle Crescent.

Not all our cluster streets will end up on our list because we're looking for people, not things. But, if you take the fifteen or more from the bushranger cluster and add the four from the music cluster, we've found nineteen more sites to survey in a matter of minutes. You can't help but wonder where it will all end. But, that's the thing about Casey Cardinia Remembers - it always was and continues to be, a fabulous adventure of discovery.

Bushranger. (2016, December 31). In Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Bushranger&oldid=757511524>

Lynne Bradley

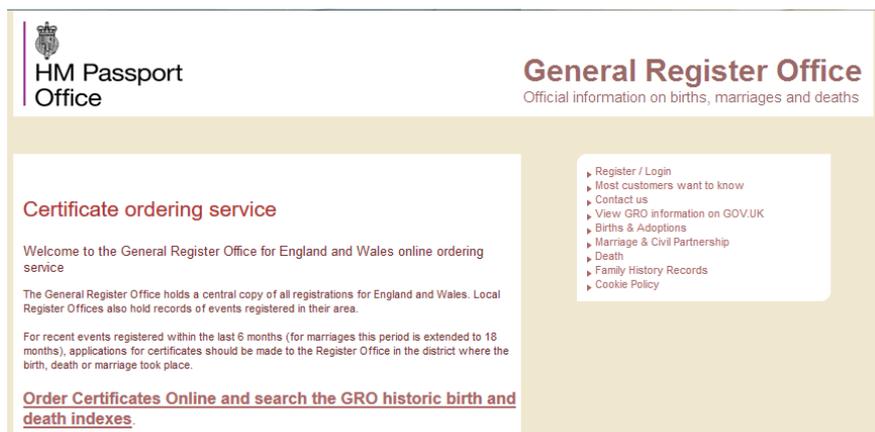
England and Wales Research: The new GRO online index

Robyn Jones has kindly reminded me of the new England and Wales official birth and death index, which has recently come online (<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates>). For many years I have used the Free BMD index at www.freebmd.org.uk, and it has served me well. However, the new GRO index provides information which is not available on Free BMD, in particular complete forenames and mother's maiden name in all birth registrations, as well as age at death in registrations before 1866. Both these additional pieces of information help finding long lost ancestors.

The new index covers births from 1837-1915 and deaths from 1837-1957. Registration to use the service is necessary. At this stage only birth and death indices can be searched on this site.

Standard certificates can be ordered for £9.25 (about \$15), which includes postage. A premium pdf service is available as a PDF Pilot, but at a cost!!! (\$75). It is to be hoped that this cost will be reduced once their initial testing is done.

The search is limited to a degree, in that only five years can be searched at a time, and males and



females have to be searched separately. The new index has been created from the digitised records, and some entries contain misspellings, but an online form allows for corrections. I find it useful to use Free BMD in conjunction with the new service.

On the start page on the right there is a link to “most customers want to know” which explains the service further.

Marianne Roche

Have you got any favourite websites or family history tips you would like to share with the other members.

Please write to newsletter.editor@nwfhg.org.au

Narre Warren & District Family History Group 2017 Writing Competition Terms & Conditions

- The Competition is open to financial members of NW&DFHG only.
- The Competition will start with February edition of the newsletter and finish with the November edition.
- Topic to be family history related and be fresh unpublished work.
- Article or story should be between 300 to 600 words (+ or – 10%) and clearly identified as a writing competition entry.
- Entries should be appropriately referenced.
- Articles or stories should be submitted by email to the newsletter editor or left on usb at the Research Room. Please advise the newsletter editor by email of entries left at the Research Room.
- Entries may be accompanied by no more than two photos of suitable size and quality for publication (high resolution, .jpg files, separate to text).
- No proof reading or editing will be done by the newsletter editor, articles and stories will be published as submitted.
- All entries will be published in Spreading Branches during 2017.
- Members may submit no more than one entry per edition.
- Members will be asked to vote online for the best story or article in each edition.
- At the end of the year, the author of the story or article receiving the most votes will be declared the winner. Prizes: 1 year Ancestry UK+ subscription; 1 year Prahran Mechanics' Institute membership
- In the event of a tie – Heather Arnold (Local History Librarian for Casey Cardinia Libraries) will be asked to declare a winner.
- Voting instructions will be emailed to all financial members.



Read the stories on the next three pages 

Writing Competition—Entry One

There is a Pirate on our tree.



The fun of being the family history sleuth is you never know what the family will throw at you. Recently my sister's father-in-law died and the family gathered in Queensland for his funeral. She arrived at my place one afternoon with a shopping bag and said "I told the family you could do this, they want to know who the pirate was?" Oh and this may help as she handed me the shopping bag. Sorting out the papers I found many written in French, sister didn't think that was a problem as I did French at school. The papers included birth death and marriage certificates, a document for the Supreme Court of the Seychelles about disputed land holdings and a will and it had lots of names and relationships, part of an ancestry family tree printout, and various other notes and information.

After reading and sorting I googled France pirates to get a time frame and worked out I would have to get back to late 1700's to early 1800's. Then I googled Seychelles history to see when the country was under French rule and English rule. Next I started to track the family backwards, I found them arriving in Australia in the 1960's the parents plus four sons with wives and children most came by plane, one son with wife and three boys arrived by cargo ship on British passports from Kenya. At least I had distinctive names to work with. The parents Felix and Marie are buried at Springvale, I established all the family in Australia without too much trouble and then it was back to Google to see if I could find records in the Seychelles.

I felt I hit the jackpot when I found a website with

Birth Death and Marriages from the 1800's to 1905 indexed and with registration numbers I sorted the families and found I had copies of some of the certificates in the shopping bag BINGO I was on the right trail. I ignored the partial ancestry tree and stuck with the online index, the will certificates and the court papers and travelled back to 1825. Back to google and I started looking for the wives family name and pirate and found him Jean Francois HODOUL¹, his biography is in an online book² and also in an online history of the Seychelles notable people³, he was born in 1765 near Marseilles France and he wasn't a pirate as such he was a corsair. A corsair was a privateer authorised to conduct raids on shipping of a nation at war with France on behalf of the French Crown, the captain was entitled to a portion of the proceeds and was treated as a prisoner of war if captured. Jean was also a merchant and plantation owner, he also transported slaves from Africa to the Indian Ocean colonies of France.

He died in 1835 and is buried at Bel Air Cemetery Mahe in the Seychells in grave 33, his wife Olivette was buried next to him twenty one years later. Jean was twenty nine when he married sixteen year old Olivette and they had twelve children, daughter Genevieve married into the Grandcourt family.

It certainly helped that I had the bag of papers to start with and I have been able to give my brother-in-law his paternal tree covering nine generations.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

1 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean-François_Hodoul

2 www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/00253359.1997.10656650

3 www.pfsr.org › History of Seychelles

Writing Competition—Entry Two

No skeletons ...



When I asked Nana for information about her parents, the answer was always the same. "My mother was a good woman, and I always put a flower in the window to remember her on her birthday." Her eyes would become moist. "My father was a weak man," she would continue, "and there are no skeletons in the cupboard." Of course an answer like that awakened my curiosity. One day I checked her maiden name in the inquest index and I got a huge shock when I read the words "Murder" against the name of Great Nana. No-one in our generation had been told about this,

so I knew that I had to tread carefully. A trip to PROV filled in some of the details, none of them nice. She had been horribly assaulted in a public place by an unknown person, and was either killed by him or died of her injuries. A trip to the State Library's newspaper archive (before the days of TROVE) helped to knot out the circumstances of her death and gave an insight into the latter years of her life. An elderly woman, separated from, but living in the same house as her husband, Great Nana regularly spent her days in the local neighbourhood, eating at the same cafe, having some wine, and sitting on a park bench with some like-minded friends. An investigation followed, but her murderer was never found.

Born in England, she married her husband, let's call him 'Jack', in 1908. He must have been a charmer—the youngest son from a well to do family. Even though she was urged by her friends not to marry him, she didn't listen. Soon she complained about domestic violence, the marriage was not happy. Two boys were born in 1909 and 1911. A couple of years later, with the threat of jail hanging over Jack's head for unpaid gambling debts, a trip to Australia was swiftly arranged by his father—one way. A remittance man.



A day at the beach. Great Nana (left), her boys and a friend. Old photographs can hide a difficult family life.

In Australia Nana was born, but family life did not improve. On losing his job, Jack enlisted and served in France for about a year at the end of the war. "AWOL" was one of the common remarks on his military file. Back in Australia he worked as a solicitor—for a short time. Jack was seeing other women, Great Nana was seeing other men. Money was always short and she had to take in lodgers to make ends meet. A 'miscarriage' was procured by a Mrs Mort. Chaos ensued—frequent moves, a separation and a 'tug-of-war' with the children. In the early 1920s divorce proceedings were instigated. At the Supreme Court I photographed the divorce proceedings file, which was retained even though the divorce was never followed through in the end.

Jack's drink and gambling addiction had a lot to do with the family malaise. Eventually it got the

better of him, and he embezzled money. In 1923 he was caught, charged and convicted. The files of the criminal case revealed more details about his life. Jack was always pretending that money was going to come his way, which was false because he was struck out of his father's will. He was sentenced to three years hard labour at Pentridge Gaol, but was released after serving just over two years.

For the next thirty years their lives were less eventful. They stayed together for convenience, until that terrible day...

Marianne Rocke

Sources: PROV Inquest File; State Library of Victoria Newspaper microfilms, Divorce cause file at Supreme Court, Criminal File PROV VPRS 10858/P0/24.

Writing Competition—Entry Three

Henry Barton Stray Sharp



Family story goes that Henry was eccentric and wore more than one layer of clothes such as two coats and two hats. By 1911 he was admitted to the Insane Hospital at Mont Park where he died in 1918 of chronic heart failure, he was only 54 years old.

Henry's death certificate states that his occupation was a Labourer, but in 1876 he joined the Victorian Police Force and was discharged or asked to leave on 16th August 1879.

During his three years of service he was on charge for seven offences, from being late for duty, drunk on returning for duty and disrespectful language.

There were three charges he was found not guilty but on 4th August 1879 it was recommended he be discharged from the force. This information is from the papers I was able to get from the police files, so I guess that he went back to being a labourer after his discharge.

Henry married Mary Agnes Dwyer in 1877, Henry aged twenty-three and Mary twenty-nine at the time, Mary was born in 1848 Little Scotland (Geelong) and Henry in 1854 in Boston Lincolnshire England. His parents were Henry Doughty Sharp and Eliza Ann Stray. I don't know where the Barton in Henry's name comes from but Stray was his mother's maiden name, as can be seen.

Henry arrived in Victoria with his parents in 1862 on the "Boanerger" along with his sister Hannah

who was five as assisted immigrants. Unofficially Henry and Mary had three children Myles 1881, Annie Mary Eliza 1884 and another girl that must have been stillborn as there is no registered entry for her, Francis was born around 1880/1881 and was obviously taken into Henry and Mary's family as they are listed as parents on Francis's wedding and death certificates.

Myles married Elsie Ann Wiffen in 1901 and had six children, the first was named Francis Henry born 1902 Richmond. Strange he had Francis for his name was this after Francis Neil my Grandfather or someone else I guess we will never know. I can remember some of Myles's children, Doris is the cousin that gave me information about Francis Neil not being a full blood relation, and when we lived in Apollo Bay we visited with Edward and his wife Dorothy and daughter Judy. My Dad was stationed at Cape Otway with the Air Force.

I have some information on the next generation Henry's parents Henry Doughty and Eliza Ann Stray. As immigrants they were to be employed by H J Chambers of Toorak at a wage seventy pounds

for a term of one year or one month (hard to read). In 1903 they were living at 154 Mernda Street Croydon

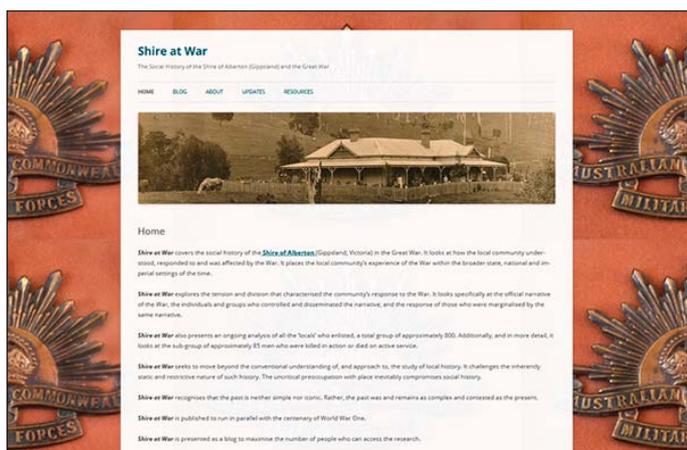
I have found parents for Henry Doughty his father's name John was listed on his death certificate and I found a baptism for him 29 August 1822 at Wrangle Lincolnshire his mother was Mary Doughty, it helps when a mother's surname is used as a second name. John and Mary had nine children.

I have found three more generations back from Henry Doughty, they are John 1770 and his wife Mary Doughty, John 1739 and his wife Susan Clark and John and Elizabeth Jessop. I have found children for some of them but I don't think I will do further research on this line as I'm not sure of the connection is our blood line.

Lorraine Taylor

Records Used.

Family Information; Inquest Papers; Death Certificates; Victorian Police Force; Victorian Index of B.D & M's; English Index of B.M & D's; English Census 1861; Family Search; Victorian PRO Passenger Lists



- Blog No 65—Yarram Recruiting Committee
- Blog no 70—"The girl and the young soldier" a sad story about how love ends in tragedy, when the girl is let down at the altar and is driven to suicide.
- Blog no 96—Alberton Shire Soldiers Memorial

I am particularly interested in these blogs as my husband Robert's two uncles from Devon North, near Yarram enlisted in the AIF. Walter Christensen lost his leg and Allan Patrick Christensen lost his life on 28 September 1918, just before the end of the war.

Di Christensen

The Shire at war

<https://shireatwar.com>

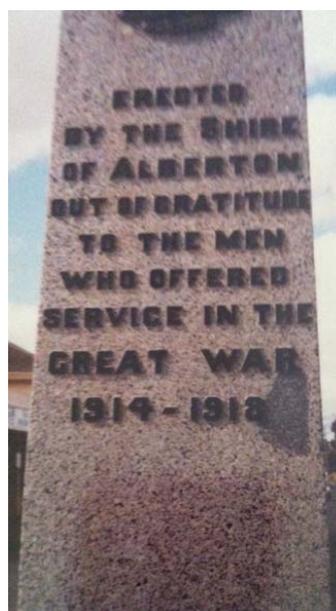
The social history of the Shire of Alberton (Gippsland) and the Great War.

This is presented as a series of blogs to maximise the number of people who can access the research. Approximately 800 men enlisted and 85 were killed in action or died on active service.

The editor of the blog is Phil Cashen, and he can be contacted at philipcashen@gmail.com

All of the blogs on this website are most interesting and well worth reading, but some stand out to me:

- Blog no 73—refers to Harry Victor Willis who was mentioned by Lambis Englezos in his talk to us on 19 July 2016.
- Blog no 38—"Flag Flapping Patriotism" The role of the Press



Yarram War Memorial

Lilian Watson Family History Award 2017

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. will be making an award for a book on family history in 2017.



The Lilian Watson Family History Award honours the memory and the contributions to genealogy and family history of Mrs Lilian Watson who died in March 1996.

The award is for a **book** however produced or published on paper, dealing with family or biographical history and having a **significant Tasmanian content**.

A definition of 'significant' is contained in the Conditions of Entry.

The competition is open to the general public as well as to AFFHO members.

The winner of the 2017 Award will be announced and presented at the Society's Annual General meeting in June, 2018.

The Conditions of Entry and Entry Forms are available from the TFHS Inc. Branch Libraries or by applying to the Family History Award Co-ordinator, PO Box 326, Rosny Park, Tasmania, 7018 or email secretary@tasfhs.org These forms may also be downloaded at www.tasfhs.org

The closing date for entries is 1 December 2017.

Member Profile: Lyne McGregor

<i>Place of birth</i>	Malvern, Victoria
<i>Education</i>	College
<i>Profession</i>	Customer Service Officer
<i>Family</i>	2 children
<i>Time in district</i>	24 years
<i>Interests</i>	AFL, Music, Writing, Card Games
<i>Names researching</i>	McGregor, Russell, Dodd, McDonald, Matthews, Thomson, O'Shannessy, Mackintosh
<i>Researching for</i>	20+ years
<i>Most interesting find:</i>	A convict whose brother arrived two years later also as a convict

Member Profile: Wendy Eldridge

<i>Place of birth</i>	Lithgow NSW
<i>Education</i>	St Pats, Lithgow, De La Salle Academy, Lithgow Certificate in Genealogy Research
<i>Profession</i>	Sales Manager, Adult education teacher Author of 5 family history books
<i>Time in district</i>	14 years
<i>Interests</i>	Family history, Craft
<i>Names researching</i>	da Costa, Wagstaff, Cowhan, Stokes, Naughton, Cahill, Hennessy
<i>Researching for</i>	Over 20 years
<i>Reason for starting</i>	Just always interested as I have red hair and a part Indian grandfather
<i>Most interesting find:</i>	<u>Original</u> photos of my Indian ancestors born c1820



Harkaway.

Three young men with shot guns, their reward of twelve rabbits, and a sleepy ferret on top of its box. (HK 6.11)

Max Thomson Collection

Narre Warren & District Family History Group

2016-17 Workshops

Date	Time	Topic	Tutor
Monday 20 Feb	7 pm–8.30 pm	<i>Beginners – Refresher night</i>	Wendy E
Monday 20 Mar	7 pm–8.30 pm	<i>Trove</i>	Jane
Monday 24 Apr	7 pm–8.30 pm	<i>Untangling the Web (hands on, bring own laptop, etc.)</i>	Wendy E, Jane & Lynne
Monday 22 May	7 pm–8.30 pm	<i>Family Search</i>	Lynne
Monday 19 Jun	7 pm–8.30 pm	<i>CCLC libraries & family history – Ancestry, inter library loans, z portal searches, e-resources</i>	Heather
Monday 17 Jul	7 pm–8.30 pm	<i>British Colonies – India, Burma and South Africa</i>	Wendy E
Monday 21 Aug	10.30 am–2.45 pm 10.30 am–11.30 am 11.45 am–12.45 pm 1.45 pm–2.45 pm	<i>Family History Month: Getting your family history into print*</i> <i>Blogs, ebooks & websites for family history publishing (Lynne)</i> <i>Family Power (using PowerPoint for publishing family history) (Jane)</i> <i>Paper books for publishing family history (Wendy E)</i>	Lynne, Jane & Wendy E
Monday 18 Sep	7 pm–8.30 pm	<i>Exploring North American Connections</i>	Jane
Monday 16 Oct	10.30 am–2.45 pm 10.30 am–11.30 am 11.45 am–12.45 pm 1.45 pm–2.45 pm	<i>Seniors & Ageing Positively Festivals*</i> <i>You can learn a lot in a cemetery (Jane)</i> <i>Finding records at PROV (Lynne)</i> <i>Historical societies can help you with your family history (Heather)</i>	Jane, Lynne & Heather
Monday 20 Nov	7 pm–8.30 pm	<i>Remembering military ancestors</i>	Jane

* 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.

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.

Our workshops have been very successful again this year. We've received good feedback from those attending and enjoyed the company of quite a few visitors. We realise we

can't please everyone with dates, times and topics, but we think we've got something for everyone.

Contact the Research Officer for bookings or more information:

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

Spreading Branches May 2017 edition

We would like to read your stories.
Please submit your articles and entries to the writing competition by 15 April 2017

Vale Judith Johnson

died in Geelong on 25 April 2016

Judy was one of our very early members and was Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary at various times. She was an enthusiastic member of our group and was very involved in all activities.

She leaves a daughter Susan and four grandchildren. Judy was predeceased by her son Stephen and husband Ian.

Our sympathy to her family and friends.

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.

March 2017					
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Thursday	7 pm-9 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
		2	Wendy Eldridge Di Christensen	4	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan
7	Maureen Stagg Maureen Abbott	9	Jane Rivett-Carnac John Elliott	11	Lorraine Taylor Steven Smith
14	Mary McGrath Anne Blair	16	Kerryn Maxwell Lynne Bradley	18	Robyn Jones Lyne McGregor
21	Kaye Smith Moreyn Dimsey	23	Nowella Ahlgren Di Christensen	25	Brenda Wheeler Wendy Goodwin
28	Bev Lambie Joyce Masters	30	Eileen Durdin Wendy Eldridge		

April 2017					
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Thursday	7 pm-9 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
				1	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan
4	Maureen Stagg Joyce Masters	6	Di Christensen Wendy Eldridge	8	Lorraine Taylor Lyne McGregor
11	Mary McGrath Maureen Abbott	13	Jane Rivett-Carnac Eileen Durdin	15	Easter Saturday CLOSED
18	Kaye Smith Fay McCoubrie	20	Lynne Bradley Kerryn Maxwell	22	Robyn Jones Shirley Peterson
25	Anzac Day CLOSED	27	Di Christensen Nowella Ahlgren	29	Steven Smith Lynne Bradley

May 2017					
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm	Sunday	2 pm-4 pm
2	Maureen Abbott Joyce Masters	6	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan	7	Jane Rivett-Carnac Eileen Durdin
9	Mary McGrath Di Christensen	13 (closing 1.45 pm)	Wendy Goodwin Lorraine Taylor	14	Kerryn Maxwell Lyne McGregor
16	Kaye Smith Maureen Stagg	20	Lynne Bradley Robyn Jones	21	Wendy Goodwin Eileen Durdin
23	Fay McCoubrie Moreyn Dimsey	27	Shirley Peterson Steven Smith	28	Jane Rivett-Carnac Lynne Bradley
30	Maureen Abbott Joyce Masters				

New in the Research Room

Casey Cardinia Resources

Devon Meadows Primary School 100 Years 1916-2016 Centenary Book

To Boort from Lesmahagow (donated by Rob Wilson)

Pearcedale: Moments in history

A woman's War: the exceptional life of Wilma Oram Young AM

Harewood, Western Port Stardust to Us

Focus on Victoria's narrow gauge Gembrook line part 2 and part 3

The Koenig letters: the correspondence of Charles,

Thomas and Tillie Koenig during the First World War

Others

Finding your Scandinavian ancestors (3rd edition)

Convict tattoos: marked men and women of Australia

DNA for genealogists (3rd edition)

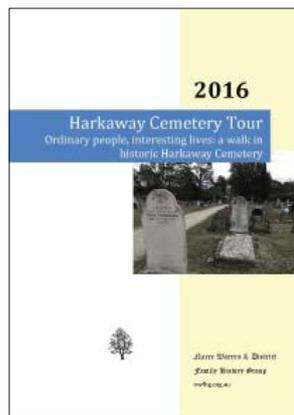
What was the voyage really like? A brief guide to researching convict and immigrant voyages to Australia and New Zealand

War on the Veldt: tracing your Australian military ancestors in the Boer War 1899-1902

Publications for Sale

Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery

Our stories of Harkaway Cemetery abound with people who, once arrived, had to create a roof over their heads, people who needed to grow crops or nurture their livestock to be able to eat, neighbours who no longer remained strangers, faces who became familiar at church or school or the general store or railway station.



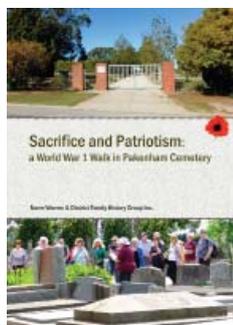
Our volunteers researched and wrote the stories of families that travelled thousands of miles to a country on the other side of the world. A country with people who didn't necessarily speak the same language or held the same beliefs.

*Ordinary people, interesting lives:
A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery*
\$15 + \$3 postage + handling

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

(published 2016) tells the stories of 64 families who watched and supported 120 men and one woman as they enlisted.

This book tells the stories of sets of brothers, a father and his son, a nurse and a sailor along with two Indigenous soldiers. Soldiers who received 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.



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

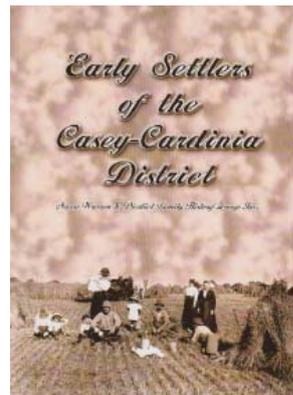
to Berwick Cemetery and the community it served.

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

Order forms are available from the Research room or download from nwfhg.org.au/publications/