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Entertainment at Berwick

Welcoming Returned Soldiers.

A social entertainment was held in the Rechabite Hall, Berwick, on Thursday evening last, to welcome home the returned soldiers, Privates Booth, Gardiner and Thompson. The hall was tastefully decorated by a strong committee of ladies, who also undertook the task of providing light refreshments for some 160 persons who attended. Cr. Vieusseux presided, and it goes without saying that under his experienced management everything passed off without a hitch. A musical programme was provided by Misses White, Taylor, Leggatt and Mr Bergin, Mrs Vieusseux and Miss Searle acting as accompanists (sic). Mr. Gus Cohen gave an exhibition of club swinging, which as a novelty was much appreciated.

A speech welcoming the soldiers home was made, on behalf of the residents, by the Chairman, who in the course of his remarks referred to the recent disaster to the Victorians, whereby two young men both well known residents of Berwick, Messrs Hendy and Goudie, laid down their lives for their King and country. Mr Hendy was a well-known resident of Lyndhurst, while Larrie Goudie was an old Grammar School boy.

Each soldier responded in turn, and greatly interested the audience by their graphic descriptions of the scenes they had witnessed and accounts of experiences undergone. Private Thompson being particularly happy in possessing an unconscious vein of humor (sic), which kept his audience thoroughly amused during his recital of adventures. Private Gardiner also spoke very well, his comments on engagements he had taken part in. Private Booth, who first responded, and had to break the ice for his comrades, showed himself as well able to face the criticism of an audience as the bullets of the enemy, and treated his audience to a masterly description of one of the principal engagements in which the Victorians had taken part.

Towards the close of the evening the Rev. H. J. Harvey spoke in most feeling terms of the disaster to the Victorians, and asked for the sympathy of the audience with mothers and relatives of those dear ones who lost their lives in the service of the King. At the close of his most impressive address, the strains of the "Dead March in Saul" brought the audience to its feet, and they remained standing until its termination. The programme was then gone on with, and at its termination light refreshments were partaken of, followed by a most hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, Cr Vieusseux, proposed by Dr Bennie. The chairman after thanking those present, moved votes of thanks to the singers, and to the ladies' committee, who had carried out their arduous duties in the most satisfactory manner. These were heartily responded to by the audience, and the proceedings came to a close by the singing of "God save the King".



*General Meeting

Wed, 11th February
Your earliest arrival in
Australia.

*General Meeting

Wed, 10th March
Police Records with Gary
Presland.

*General Meeting

Wed, 14th April
Theme to be announced
on My Connected
Community.
[http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/
index.html](http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/index.html)

*General Meeting

Wed, 12th May
15th Birthday
Celebrations.

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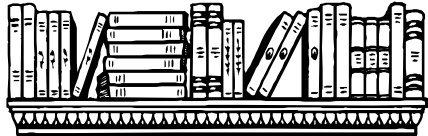
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<p><u>Membership & Meetings</u></p> <p>Membership: Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee Payable 1st July each year.</p> <p>Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate. Nov - May: 8 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January) Jun - Oct : 2 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month</p> <p>The cost is \$2 and includes a light supper.</p>	<p><u>Family History Research Room</u></p> <p>Our Family History Research Room is located within the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.</p> <p>Family History Research Room hours:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thursday</td> <td>7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Saturday</td> <td>11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td> </tr> </table> <p>We have a large collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members. We also welcome visitors - a research fee of \$5.00 per day applies to non-members.</p>	Tuesday	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Thursday	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Saturday	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	<p><u>Research Queries</u></p> <p>We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Family History Room personally but please note that we can only research our own holdings and those of the local municipal libraries.</p> <p>The cost for this service is \$10 per hour plus photocopying expenses. All research queries can be sent to the Research Officer at the above address.</p> 
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<p><u>Family History Research Room Information Sessions</u></p> <p>For new members who would like to discover exactly what we have in the Family History Research Room - or for those members who are currently not using the holdings we have to their best advantage. Friendly and informal information sessions with small groups of members are currently being held by Pam Lowther. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available. For further information or to reserve a place at the next session please contact Pam on 0402 847 175. Members: No charge Visitors: \$5 charge.</p>	<p><u>Publications for Sale</u></p> <p>Microfiche: <u>Berwick Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00 <u>Harkaway Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00 <u>Pakenham Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00 + \$2.50 postage and packing for 1, 2 or 3 sets of fiche</p> <p>Books: Harkaway Primary School - Origins to 1975 by Jennifer Boyer = \$20 (postage included)</p>
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The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the City of Casey in allowing us the use of the facilities at the Narre Warren Library.

Christmas Raffle 2003

From Jenny Hayes (Raffle Queen)

The 2003 Christmas Raffle was very successful with nearly one quarter of the 355 retail outlets visited in the Narre Warren area contributing to our raffle. Overall the raffle had a very pleasing result with over \$1,100 being raised, which will be spent on research material to go with our ever-increasing collection. The raffle would not have been an event without my many helpers. Thanks once again to all that assisted. Thanks also go to the many members who so kindly donated goods.

As always, our Christmas meeting was great fun. Our President Meredith organised a family history quiz in which everyone's brain cells were stretched to the limit. Thank you to all who supplied a lovely supper (Val's sponge would no doubt be the best anyone has tasted) which was enjoyed by the large number of members. For the first time every hamper was won by a member, or immediate family member with many being present to hear their name announced. Congratulations to all, and to the members who won door prizes. Christmas "raffling" starts in July of each year, so if you are able to assist please see me at the A.G.M. or phone me – 9795 1662. It is very rewarding to see all the hampers displayed and waiting to be won at our December meeting.

The raffle winners were: -

1 st	Jenny Patterson	10 th	John Peterson
2 nd	Jeanette Angee	11 th	Sandra Phelan
3 rd	Lynne Bradley	12 th	Natalie Lillee
4 th	Robyn Jones	13 th	Margaret Zerbst
5 th	Jenny Boyer	14 th	Robyn Jones
6 th	Ian Zerbst	15 th	June McAlpine
7 th	M & N Cuthbertson	16 th	Sam DeJersey
8 th	Judy Kohn	17 th	Jessie Etherington
9 th	Di Christensen		

The group thoroughly appreciates, and would like to sincerely thank all traders listed below who sponsored our group. Without your generous donations, the raffle would not have been possible.

- ❖ \$2 Shop, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Angus & Robertson, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ BE Bright Eyes, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Beacon Lighting, Lauderdale Road, Narre Warren
- ❖ Bevic Auto Parts, Cnr. Victor Crescent & Princes Highway, Narre Warren
- ❖ Safeway Liquor, Cnr. Webb Street & Princes Highway, Narre Warren
- ❖ Bizzarr Beads, Knox City Shopping Centre
- ❖ Bob Jane T-Marts, Overland Drive, Narre Warren
- ❖ Brass Monkey Bar Grill & Niteclub, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Bunnings, Narre Warren North Road, Narre Warren
- ❖ Café Courtyard, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Casey Arc, Overland Drive, Narre Warren
- ❖ Casey Music Centre, Valley Fair Drive, Narre Warren
- ❖ Chariots of Pasta, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Chicken A.Go.Go, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Claire's Beauty Works, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Coffee & Creams, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Dom's Barber Shop, Princes Highway, Narre Warren
- ❖ Dominic's, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ elle oop, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Farm Gate, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Fountain Gate Newsagency, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Gifts of Elegance, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Good Choice Gifts, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Good Luck Fresh Seafood, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Hairhouse Warehouse, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre

More Christmas Raffle Donors – Please support them

- ❖ Home Delights, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ House, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Hungry Jacks, Cnr. Overland Drive, Narre Warren
- ❖ Identity Hair, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Jurlique, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Kenny's Cardiology, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Kilsyth Bargain Centre, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Kodak Express, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ La Munch, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Madonna's Pizza & Spaghetti Bar, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ McDonalds Family Restaurant, Brechin Drive, Narre Warren
- ❖ Michel's Patisserie, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Ming Court Chinese Restaurant, Princes Highway, Narre Warren
- ❖ Mouse Trap Hair, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Narre Noodles, Rebound Court, Narre Warren
- ❖ Narre Pet & Aquarium Centre, Cnr Webb Street & Princes Highway, Narre Warren
- ❖ Narre Warren Chicken & Seafood, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Narre Warren Newsagent, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Narre Warren Pharmacy, Victor Crescent, Narre Warren
- ❖ Narre Warren Super Bowl, Lauderdale Road, Narre Warren
- ❖ Narre Warren Take Away, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ New York Nails, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Nutshack, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Park Hill Photography, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Party Food Shop, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Pizza Haven, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Plastics Unlimited, Victor Crescent, Narre Warren
- ❖ Prouds The Jewellers, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Rebound Fish & Charcoal, Rebound Court, Narre Warren
- ❖ Richard Edwards Pharmacy, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Rugs R Us, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Russell's For Hair, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Shaver Shop, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Sheedy-Muir, Victor Crescent, Narre Warren
- ❖ Solitaire Jewellery, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Standing Ovations, Webb Street, Narre Warren
- ❖ Subway Sandwiches & Salads, Victor Crescent, Narre Warren
- ❖ Sue's Classic Cakes, Overland Drive, Narre Warren
- ❖ Tandy, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Tattersalls Kiosk, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Tattsлото, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Terry White Chemist, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ The \$2 Shop, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ The News, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Toy Kingdom, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Unique Pasta, Upper Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Video Ezy, Victor Crescent, Narre Warren
- ❖ Village Cinemas, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Wally's Wonderland, Overland Drive, Narre Warren
- ❖ Wash N Shop, Lower Level, Fountain Gate Shopping Centre
- ❖ Webb Street Pizza & Pasta, Webb Street, Narre Warren

NEW IN THE RESEARCH ROOM

BOOKS

- ❖ Maryknoll-History of a Catholic Rural Settlement
- ❖ The Melbourne University Magazine, War Memorial edition.
- ❖ So This is London (photographs)
- ❖ Victorian Historical Journal - 150 years of Police Force.
- ❖ Colac & District Pioneers & Settlers Register; Vol 2 Pre 1920.
- ❖ Exploring Irish Genealogy No 2.
- ❖ Victorian Historical Magazine Index 1954-67
- ❖ Victorian Historical Journal Index 1968-1979
- ❖ Victorian Historical Journal Index 1980-89
- ❖ Victorian Historical Journal Index 1990-99
- ❖ Rocking Chair Reveries- The local scene.
- ❖ The Sunshine Railway Disaster
- ❖ Family and Local History - An ordered approach to publication

MICROFICHE

- ❖ Absconders, Runaways, Deserters, Escapees from Port Phillip Gov. Gazettes 1843-1851

AUDIO

- ❖ Ballarat - Di Christensen.
- ❖ Dr Elizabeth Rushen - Royal Hist. Society of Vic.

CD ROM

- ❖ Victorian Marriage Index 1921-1942



Family History South Australia
<http://www.familyhistorysa.info/>

Bristol Information History: Bristol's Good, Bad and Not So Famous People
<http://bristolinformation.co.uk/goodbad/>

Geoscience Australia: Place names of Australia
<http://www.ga.gov.au/map/names/>

Date Calculator
<http://users.skynet.be/BJM/DateCalc/>

PictureAustralia
<http://www.pictureaustralia.org/index.html>

Australian Military Unit Histories
http://www.unsw.adfa.edu.au/~rmallett/Unit_histories.html

Winton Cemetery, Victoria, Australia
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~dpsoc/winton.htm>

Anarres Books Catalog – History
<http://www.anarres.org.au/subject9.htm>

Ngarak Press - books Gippsland
<http://www.users.bigpond.com/ngarak/index.html>

Walkabout – Cranbourne
<http://www.walkabout.com.au/locations/VICranbourne.shtml>

Assisted immigrants to NSW including to Port Phillip from 1839-1851
<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/immigration/introduction.htm>

Gippsland Surnames
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/AVG/surnames.html>

Lang Lang & McDonald's track
<http://www.langlang.net/mcdonaldstrack.html>

Naturalisation NSW 1834-1903
<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/naturalisation/introduction.htm>

Research Tips

From Lorraine Taylor

Bishops' Transcripts

What are these?

Whenever a baptism, marriage or burial occurred the vicar of a parish recorded the event in a register (a bound book). Every year the vicar had to send a copy of all events that occurred during that year in his parish to the Bishop hence 'Bishop Transcripts'. These transcripts do not always contain the same amount of information as the original entry in the parish register so it is a good idea to look at the parish register as well.

If it has been filmed you can order a film of the parish you are interested in from the Family History Centre of the Latter-Day Saints. This service has a fee of \$6.00 & the film will be held at the Family History Centre for about 4 weeks.

How to order a film?

You will need to use the Family History Locality Catalogue to get a film & item number.

Information source; How to Use Parish Registers & How to Trace Your English Ancestor by Janet Reakes. Both these books are available in the Research Room's library.

Stock-take report

A huge thank-you to the following volunteers who enabled the research room stock-take to run smoothly and be completed in two days. Anne Blair, Leanne Cairnduff, Val Dellar, Eileen Durdin, Val Holland, Valma Newson, Sandra Phelan and Bev and Dave Smith. Also thanks to those others who volunteered their time but were not required. Our great appreciation goes to Colin Cairnduff for printing the stocktake report for us.

Unfortunately the stock-take found that the following items were missing.

FICHE

- ❖ Introduction for Immigration Index Foreign Ports-1860-1869.

BOOKS:

- ❖ Members Interest Directory Aust. Groups.
- ❖ South Cerney 1851 census Gloucestershire
- ❖ South Cerney 1871 census Gloucestershire
- ❖ Laying out a Pedigree
- ❖ Maldon and Tarrangower Diggings
- ❖ Index to Missing People found in Victoria Police Correspondence

Please check to see if you have any of these items tucked away in a corner so that they may be returned to the research room as soon as possible.

Jeanette Angee

The Genealogist's 23rd Psalm

Genealogy is my pastime ... I shall not stray,
It maketh me to lie down and examine half-buried
tombstones;
It leadeth me into still courthouses.
It restoreth my ancestral knowledge;
It leadeth me into the paths of census records and
ships passenger lists for my surnames' sake;
Yeah, though I wade through the shadows of
research libraries and microfilm readers,
I shall fear no discouragement, for a strong urge is
with me.
The curiosity and motivation, they comfort me;
It demandeth preparation of storage space for
the acquisition of countless documents;
It annointeth my head with burning midnight oil,
My family group sheets runneth over.
Surely birth, marriage and death dates shall follow
me all the days of my Life,
And I shall dwell in the house of a family history
seeker Forever.

Author Unknown

The Victorian Cemetery and Crematoria Bill - October 30, 2003

By Di Christensen

This proposed bill only came to the notice of many Victorians in late August. VAFHO immediately wrote to the Minister for Health, Bronwyn Pike, asking for further details, and making some comments on behalf of our member organisations. An appendix was sent with our letter stating the suggestions we would like included, including the transcription of every grave in every cemetery and crematoria in Victoria.

In her letter, dated 9 December 2003, the Minister stated that the new Cemeteries and Crematoria Act had been passed by the Victorian Parliament on 30 October, 2003. The Minister stated that the appendix has been forwarded to the Cemeteries Implementation Team for its consideration. The department will ensure that VAFHO is consulted in the development of the Guidelines and Regulations.

This Act will apply after 1 July, 2005. These laws will provide a clearer regulatory framework for the cemetery and crematoria sector, and important reforms to the management and operation of cemetery trusts. Some current arrangements will continue to apply after 1 July 2005.

*The cemeteries and crematoria system will continue to be publicly owned and administered. Some other general arrangements that will continue include-

*Cemeteries and crematoria will continue to be managed by trusts appointed under the Act.

*Burials will continue to be in perpetuity

*Cremated remains need not be held in a cemetery.

For further details of this Act, see

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/phd/cemeteries.

www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/sb/2003_Act/index.html

or contact Ms Jenny Hughes Manager, Cemeteries Implementation Team on (03) 9637 5425

Further bulletins will be sent over the next 18 months with further information about the new laws and updates on their progress. For copies of these bulletins contact the Department of Human Services Cemeteries Implementation Team on (03)9637 4824

Quotable Quotes

If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton,
you may as well make it dance.

--George Bernard Shaw

Street Beat

By Jenny Coates

Beaconsfield Glismann Road

Named after Johann (John) Glismann and his wife Sarah (nee Brady) who selected 115 acres of crown land at Beaconsfield from at least 1876 to 1889. Their son Hans also leased 100 acres in the area from 1883.

Beaconsfield Upper Manestar Road

Named after Franjon Manestar, born 1880 in Yugoslavia, and with his wife Jelena (nee SAAR) had at least 2 children, Isador and Frank. All 3 men are buried at Berwick cemetery.

Cardinia Wenn Road

Named after the family of John George Wenn (born in Norfolk) & his wife Jane (nee RIDGWAY). The couple had 15 children in the area between 1868 and 1891.

Harkaway Sewell Drive

Named after Sir Sydney Valentine Sewell who held the Berwick property *Burnbank* in partnership with Edwin Flack and operated it as a friesian stud. Sewell lived at *Ratharnay*, now known as *Wickham*, in King Road, Harkaway until his death in 1949.

Narre Warren Dunkinson St

This road is probably named after John Valentine Dunkinson who leased a house from Sidney Webb in the area from at least 1889-1902.

Member Profile

Name: Jane (Jay) Rankin
Place of Birth: Sale, Victoria
Siblings: 3 sisters
Education: Tertiary
Profession: Primary School Teacher
Marital Status: Divorced
Children: Matthew, Sarah & Casey
Time in District: 17 years
Hobbies: Family research, hiking, painting, sculpting.
Researching: Strahan/Bright in Vic, Eng & Ireland; Gibbons/Cook in Vic, S.A. & Rankin/Whitford
Reason for starting: Mother was given some family books which she showed me
How long researching: a few months
Most interesting find: Finding GGG Grandpa & Grandma Whitford's headstone at Carisbrook cemetery

~ DR. COLIN ANGUS ~

by Pam Sweeting

Volin Angus, born in 1907, spent most of his life time in north-eastern Victoria, writing about it, preserving its history, painting it and then exhibiting his paintings in Europe. Colin's father had a general store in Wangaratta and opened a branch at El Dorado, eighteen kilometres to the east when a new mining technique – open cut sluicing – renewed the mineral output in the area. In 1921, because of the difficulty of educating a large family in an isolated country town, Colin's father leased the store and moved to Narre Warren, which was a small dairying and market gardening community.

Colin left Dandenong High School at age sixteen to take up full time work in the family's general store facing the Princes Highway. A couple of days in the week he drove a horse and gig collecting orders. One of his rounds took him along Hallam Road up to Doveton, back and across to Hampton Park and Lyndhurst, and then home. In the evening orders were made up for delivery by cart the following day. At age 17 years he added to his duties those of secretary, caretaker and librarian of the Mechanic's Institute at the annual salary of five pounds. His library duties occupied him on three nights a week and there was usually at least one function to clean up after.

In September 1929 a public farewell was held at Narre Warren and Colin Angus returned to El Dorado. He became, amongst other things, the local correspondent for district and metropolitan newspapers. Painting became a very important interest for him and local exhibitions were held which lead to him displaying paintings overseas. His contributions to art, history and biography have won him notable honours including an Honorary Doctorate in Fine Arts from the World University, USA and an Honorary Life Fellowship of the International Association in Cambridge, UK.

Quotable Quotes

"When I was quite young I always thought the words spoken at a funeral were "In the name of the Father, the Son and into the hole he goes." It made perfect sense to me for that occasion. The confusion began when I was corrected."

Research Room Duty Roster

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
<u>March</u>		
2 nd Jenny Patterson Lorraine Taylor	4 th Lyn Murray Beverley Smith	6 th Pam Lowther Jeanette Angee
9 th Anne Blair Mary McGrath	11 th Leanne Cairnduff Eileen Durdin	13 th Danielle Steckis Lyn Bradley
16 th Judie Kohn Helen Hayes	18 th Win Preston Valma Newson	20 th Carolyn Jones Val Holland
23 rd Diana Wheeler Fay McCoubrie	25 th Donald Connop Gail Quinn	27 th Lorraine Taylor Shirley Peterson
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Are You Connected???

My Connected Community is a great way to stay in touch with the group. Why wait for the next meeting when you can contact members easily? Perhaps you're stuck on a research project or just want to let everyone know you've broken through that brick wall. Log on now and introduce yourself. <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/index.html>

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to all those who have been collecting corks for the Motor Neurone Disease Organisation in Ballarat. For 30,000 corks, they are able to purchase one wheelchair. With the help of corks from our club they have purchased eight wheelchairs so far. So please keep saving corks! Many thanks.
Lyn Olney

News and Events

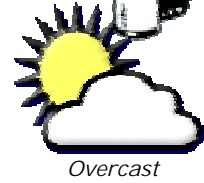
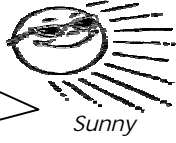
2004. 16th to 18th April

Mildura & District Genealogical Society and VAFHO present the 5th Family History State Conference "Settlers in the Sun". Contact: roz@voullaire.com.au or watmuff@ncable.com.au for further details.

May 9th 2004 Happy Birthday NWDFHG!

Yes, we're 15 on the 9th May 2004. We're planning some great celebrations and the launch of our Pioneer Profile publication. If you'd like further details stay tuned by coming to our meetings or dropping into the Research Room. Better still, join My Connected Community and make sure you don't miss out. Remember if you'd like to contribute anything to our special May edition of Spreading Branches get in early. Space is filling up quickly!

Film for Sale



**ONLY
\$1.50**

**ORDER
NOW!!**

The funds raised from the sale of this film will go towards purchasing materials for the research room.

*Colour Film - 35mm, 100 asa, 24 Exposure.
Great all purpose film for sunny to normal conditions.
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Spreading Branches – May 2004

15th anniversary Special Edition!

The deadline for the May 2004 edition of Spreading Branches is 15th April 2004. This will be a special edition celebrating the 15th anniversary of the founding of the group. Please dig out your memories and funny stories to help us commemorate this wonderful achievement.

§ ~ The Tumath/Toomath family history. ~ §

By Pam Lowther

This story has been passed down through the generations, from the very first Tumath who landed in Ireland.

"Our ancestor was with William of Orange's Army when he was sent to Ireland to tame the heathen Irish. He was wounded in a battle and instead of moving on he decided to settle in Co. Fermanagh. He met an Irish lass who was descended from the Spaniards (during the Spanish Armada, when a lot of Spanish ships were shipwrecked along the eastern coast of Ireland). Her last name was Hillard/Hilliard. Unfortunately that is the only thing that her descendents remember. They got married, and started the Tumath family. Although it is said that the name may have originally been Dumath of Dutch or Huegonaut descent."

Even though there are approximately ten spelling variations of the name, we all know that we are 'family' because we have one thing in common - this story. I am told there is still a family farm in Co. Fermanagh operated by a descendant of the family. It is nice to know that the family is still there after all these years. From a child who had a sister, Mum and Dad, I did not know any of my ancestors, they always seemed out of my reach. I have gone from not even knowing who my grandparents were to having a vast family all over the world.

Melbourne's Railway Suburbs

By Jenny Coates

The boom of prosperity encountered by Melbourne in the 1880s as a result of land speculation caused a number of flow-on effects which can be seen along Melbourne's railway lines. The boom increased land values in the inner suburbs and pushed residents and businesses increasingly to the outer margins of the city. The abundance of money resulted in privately owned mortgage companies offering money for housing, while private tram companies constructed routes through the most populated areas. Most importantly the government constructed railway lines which not only serviced the inner areas, but increasingly took city residents out into farming areas where they came face to face with the idyllic country life, believed to be healthier and more relaxing. This development of railway lines also created jobs for children born during the gold rush boom of the 1850s, enabling them to afford mortgages. The flow on effect was for suburban development to create further employment opportunities in manufacturing, real estate and finance, not to mention railway construction.

The opening of the Lilydale line between 1880 and 1885 was an example of the beginning of an era where motorised transport increasingly became the norm, and society relied less on travel by foot. The development of suburbs such as Hawthorn and Canterbury also came at a time when it was fashionable to maintain the separateness of the home and work. The middle class home became a woman's realm, a place of retreat and safety from the pollution, noise and often decay of the city. Along the Lilydale railway line, Hawthorn and Canterbury developed first and rather quickly, indicated by the uniformity of housing styles. Houses were built as close to the railway line as possible and the ideal of the home as the realm of the woman was perpetuated by the creation of shopping strips around the stations. The gentile lady of the home would not have to venture into the harsh male world of the cities. In Canterbury's Maling Road, the pre 1930s buildings, including the triple story 'department' store building dating from pre World War I indicate the success of the local shopping strip and the increasing wealth of the residents. Although the railway provided almost the only method of travel in this period, there was little reason to move out of the suburban sphere. Medical facilities, schools and shops all abounded within a short distance from the railway station. The family could happily be protected from the rigours of the business world that only the father entered, by remaining in their self-sufficient community. If they needed to move outside the local area, motor buses were usually available that could transport families to one of the other settlements established along the train lines.

During the late 1880s Canterbury was subdivided and became mostly populated by merchants and professionals who commuted into Melbourne by train, although much of the suburb was not built on until early in the twentieth century. Canterbury reached a peak of growth and prosperity in 1908. The 1920s saw the beginning of expansion in Box Hill, just as Canterbury was consolidating. This is indicated by the range of building styles, from Californian Bungalows, through to post World War II L-shaped designs. As the mid point between the country proper and the city, Box Hill developed with input from both. Its wide streets reminiscent of large country towns and its distance from the city would later assist it to accommodate the motor car in an inter-dependant relationship. When the railway line was opened to Box Hill, however, it was not with new settlements in mind. The railway was seen as a way to connect rural producers with the city, and city merchants with the country, and it did this until the coming of the motor car.

After World War II, social and housing reformers placed greater emphasis on creating new suburbs with improved standards of living. Young families and immigrants encouraged by cheap land and a reliable train service began to build further out along the Box Hill rail line. Their proximity to the railway gave them mobility and connection with the city, while the shops and trades that sprang up around the stations supplied most of their needs. This was however, a different type of development to that of Canterbury. Cars increasingly became the main mode of transport. Families could live further away from the railway station as the car could get them to schools, shopping and work and producers could get their products to the railway by road transport.

Next time you find a family member who moved through the suburbs, think about why they moved. What was happening around them? As you drive through older suburbs look at the houses and see what their styles tell you. A range of styles and periods indicate a suburb that developed slowly, while similarities in housing tell you that a suburb boomed in a short time. Another indicator about the development of suburbs is the infrastructure, and schools are a good example of this. Along the Lilydale line, schools opened as young families moved into new areas. Take a quick look at Les Blake's 'Vision and Realisation' for the suburb you are interested in and you'll get an idea of the age of residents and the amount of young families in the area. In short, don't just look at your sources – interpret them!

South Bourke & Mornington Journal

28th March 1894.

Narre Warren Sports

A very successful sports meeting was held at Narre Warren on Easter Monday, the attendance being large.

At night a ball was held in the local mechanics' institute; about 30 couples were present, and dancing was kept up till daylight..

Particulars of the racing will be found below:-

Horse Racing.

Pony Hurdles Race, 14 a.u. – Richardsons' Bolinda, 1; Wauchope's Bot-fly, 2; Blair's Maffey, 3. Four started.

Hack Hurdle Racing. – Richardson's Warrior, 1; Lowe's Rainbow, 2; Taylor's Bushman, 3. Seven started.

Pony Flat Race, 12.2.a.u. – Pickett's Alice, 1; Woodley's Pet, 2; Holt's Barmaid, 3. Nine started.

Pony Flat Race, 14.2 a.u. – Hughes' Florence, 1; Richardson's, Bolinda, 2; Taylor's Steel Dick, 3. Ten started.

Hack Flat Race. – Richardson's Broadrick, 1; Crowley's Wallaby, 2; Funston's Ruby, 3. Twelve started.

Tilting the Ring. – W. Wauchope, 1; E. Asling 2. Thirteen started.

Foot Racing.

Maiden Plate. – W. Warwick, 1; C. Hanley, 2.

Sack Race. – W. Kelly, 1; W. Herman, 2.

Shellfield Handicap. – C. Hanley, 1; J. Bain, 2; A. Armstrong, 3.

Girls Race, under 14. – S. Lalor, 1; M. Wanke, 2.

Siamese Race. – Warwick and Dunston, 1;

Anderson and Gould, 2.

Running High Jump. – F. McCart, 1.

Old Buffers' Race. – T. Woodley, 1; J. Hobbs, 2.

Boys' Race, under 15. – R. Webb, 1; W. Herne, 2.

Boys' Race under 12. – F. Cox, 1; J. Arbourer, 2.

Throwing Cricket Ball. – J. Simmonds (102 yards), 1; W. Wauchope (98 yards) 2.

Hurdle Race. – B. Hand, 1; J. Storan, 2; W.

Warwick, 3.

As can be seen many of the names listed here are familiar to those of us who worked on transcribing of cemeteries & compiling family histories of the early settlers.

Captain Wauchope owned land where the Narre Warren station was built.

The Richardson family James father & sons Ned & Frank were butchers in Berwick.

The Funston family came to Berwick in the 1860's.

Transcribed and submitted by Lorraine Taylor

~ Lang Lang ~

Victorian Municipal Directory 1887 & 1903

Lang Lang is described in 1887 as " A postal township, 76 miles SE of Melbourne, with hotel, church, general store and State School; and is situated about 20 miles E. of Cranbourne, on the road leading top the Bass. It is the stopping place to the rapidly increasing settlement on McDonald's track, viz., Poowong, Jeetho and Yannathan; the land being of the finest agricultural description."

In 1903 the entry reads " Township lies S.E. of Melbourne and about 20 miles E. of Cranbourne on road leading to Bass, with post and telegraph office, two hotel, coffee palace, two churches, two general stores, butter factory, State school and mechanic's institute. Monthly market for sale of cattle, horses and sheep. Excellent agricultural land. Station on Dandenong, Korumburra and Port Albert Line, 47 1/4 miles; fares, 8s.2d. and 5s.6d. Henry Noy, postmaster at railway station."

<http://www.langlang.net/briefhistory.html>

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Residents of Cardinia 1929

Sands & McDougall

(Rail to Clyde, 30 3/4 miles, thence coach 9 miles, Shire of Cranbourne, County of Mornington.)

Beazley, George B., farmer
Bould, Clarence S.
Bould, E., T.H. & W., farmers
Briggs, Arthur G., farmer
Chasemore, G.F. & Wm. C., farmers
Conroy, Michael, farmer
Daw, Christopher, farmer
Dolan, John F. J., farmer
Duff, Alex. W., farmer
Duncan, J., farmer
Fowler, Alfred D., farmer
Jackson, Thomas J., farmer
Kennedy, Michael, farmer
Lobb, Joseph G., farmer
Lynch, Francis P., farmer
Morrey, Harold M., farmer
Orr, James E., farmer
Player, Alfred D., farmer
Russell, Arthur R., farmer
Sibley, Wallace S., farmer
Smith, Reginald, farmer
Steed, Martin & Thomas, farmers
Wall, Albert E. & Frederick C., farmers
Wenn, Arthur, farmer

Away Days

Away Day - Friday, 20 February.

Our trip to the Royal Society of Victoria. This will be most interesting.

We will have an introductory talk by the curator on the library holdings. There will also be an exhibition to look at-"Law and Order-150 years of the Victorian Police Force". This exhibition runs until the following week. The fee for this visit will be \$3.30 per person. There will also be a limit to the number who can attend. Please see the notice board for information.

For those with access to the Net, the website is www.historyvictoria.org.au

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Speakers Corner

November 2003 - We welcomed Dr Liz Rushen, Executive Director of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria who spoke to us about the holdings of the Society, which is one of the oldest and most extensive collections of historical manuscripts and images in the state. The collection includes books, journals, directories, registers and over 23,000 manuscript items. The image collection includes over 30,000 maps, original art works, photographs, glass slides and post cards. Liz has recently published a book- 'Single and Free', detailing the lives of some of the single women who emigrated to Australia in the early 1830s.

December 2003 - The highlight of this meeting was the drawing of the raffle, then supper. We then participated in a Trivia quiz, organised by our President, Meredith Bell, complete with prizes for some questions. Thanks Meredith.

Wed 11th February - Come along and talk for five minutes about your very first ancestor to come to Australia. They may have been a convict or free person in the 19th century or someone who flew to Australia in the late 1990's.

Wed 10th March .- Gary Presland will tell us about police records and reports in the Police Gazettes. Even if you do not have a Policeman as an ancestor, there still may be something written about them in the records. Bring your questions with you.