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*General Meeting
Wed May 12th 8p.m.
Tom Luke - Cornish
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*General Meeting
Sat June 12th 2 p.m.
Problem solving day
- all welcome.

*AGM
Sat July 10th 2 p.m.
Bring a plate

*General Meeting
Sat Aug 14th 2 p.m.
Anne Burrows, State
Library of Victoria,
Genealogy Librarian.

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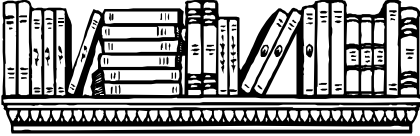
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<p align="center"><u>Membership & Meetings</u></p> <p>Membership: Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee Payable 1st July each year.</p> <p>Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain 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 align="center"><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 align="center"><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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Saturday	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.							

<p align="center"><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 align="center"><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.

***** Life Members *****

Jenny Baker

Carol Llewellyn

Lorraine Taylor

Jenny Hayes

Edna Taylor

~ Members of the Year ~

Jenny Hayes 1999

Jessie Etherington 2000

Val Holland 2001

Leanne Cairnduff 2002

Diana Wheeler 2003

Office Bearers for last 15 years

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1989 – 1990 Margaret Zerbst

1990 – 1994 Debbie Murray

1994 – 1995 Angie Barnes

1995 – 1996 Leanne Cairnduff

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1997 – 2001 Diana Wheeler

2001 – 2003 Robert Gibson

2003 – 2004 Anne Blair

Then and Now

By Lorraine Taylor

Since the commencement of the Group fifteen years ago I have seen many changes. Nine people were at the first meeting and four of these are still financially active within the Group - Dot Fielder, Val Holland, Carol Llewellyn, Margaret Zerbst & myself. Our holdings at the beginning were on loan from our members. At first this was one microfiche reader, one set of the Victorian Index of Births Deaths & Marriages on microfiche and various books.

When the number of members grew too big for meetings in the homes of members we met at the Berwick Presbyterian Church on the corner of Prospect Hill & Narre Warren Nth Roads. We transported our reader, microfiche and books to each meeting then back home to be stored at members' homes.

Our major success was getting a permanent home for our holdings in the then newly built Narre Warren Library in 1992. With much fundraising which has included street stalls, seminars and raffles, our holdings are now extensive with eight microfiche readers, two CD-rom computers, one computer for our catalogue, a reader/copier and many books, audio tapes, magazines and journals.

Some of our activities over the years have been displays in Fountain Gate Shopping Centre, attending the Latter Day Saints Open Day Expo with a display that has been among the top best displays for the last five years. We have taken trips by mini bus to places including Colac, Ballarat, Bendigo and Warrnambool. Often we were lucky enough to have the services of the intrepid Jenny Hayes as our driver and organizer.

Major projects have included transcribing the headstones and indexing the register of the Berwick, Harkaway & Pakenham Cemeteries, transcribing the early days of the Berwick Shire Rate Books onto a card index (1875-1895) and of course our Pioneer Profile book. We are an inaugural Member Society of the Genealogical Society of Victoria, a Member of the South Eastern Historical Association, Royal Historical Society, VAFHO and the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group.

Other members of the committee in the past 15 years include:

Jeanette Angee, Jenny Coates, Val Dellar, Claire Dubay, Raeline Harris, Sharon Harris, Val Holland, Peter Lamb, Heather Lees, Pam Lowther, Lynne McGregor, Lynette Murray, Bev Richards, Edna Taylor, Alice Patison, Sandra Phelan, Shirley Peterson, Jeanette Rotteveel, Bev Smith, Dave Smith, Sharon Tavelli, Eileen Durdin.

Research Room Volunteers

Some of these are active and often seen members, while others are very quiet and hide away. However, we need and appreciate their contribution as much as any others. Without them the research room would not be able to operate.

Thank you to all the office bearers, committee members and our other volunteers for keeping our group progressing. If I have forgotten anyone, please accept my apologies.

Di Christensen

Quotable Quotes

Our destination is shaped by our thoughts
and our actions. We cannot direct the wind,
but we can adjust the sails.

Unknown

Rest in Peace Val Dellar

Val joined the NW&DFHG in April 1999 and immediately became involved in group activities. Val became a volunteer in our research room on Thursday evenings as she was working during the day time. I worked with Val in the research room for many months until she became too ill to continue. During this time we spoke often of her illness. She was very positive and very determined to beat it.

Val contributed to our newsletter, was our Research Officer and also assisted with preparing items for our "Pioneer Profiles." Val was always cheery, helpful and ready to listen and will always be remembered by the members of the NW&DFHG. Her sudden death, in the early morning of 24th March, was a shock to us all.

Our sincere sympathy to Val's husband Phil, Phil's mother, and to Val's family in NSW.
Di Christensen

Our Newsletter

From the desk of Di Christensen

How often do you read our newsletter - "Spreading Branches"? The format has certainly changed over the past 15 years. Initially it was a 4 page, A5 document. Now we have an A4 sized document, full of interest. I have spent many hours re-reading all of our past newsletters, and have discovered many articles and information that I overlooked first time around (as one of the proof readers, I admit that one reads the draft very carefully for errors, and then just glances through the finished copy).

Can you remember some of the 60 or so speakers of the past 15 years? I cannot list all of them. Janet Reakes was just one of the very entertaining speakers. We held 2 seminars at the Presbyterian church on the corner of Prospect Hill and Narre Warren North Roads.

Do you remember our Family History Writing Competition and the interesting stories of our members' ancestors? Perhaps we should revive this competition as we have so many new members with so much to tell us.

Go back and read these newsletters. If you do not have them, there are copies on our shelves. So many members have contributed many excellent articles. Have you contributed to the newsletter? You must have a story to tell!! It is due to the brilliant efforts of our editors (golly gosh Di!) and contributors, that we have, in my opinion, one of the best newsletters in the state.

GSV; SEHA; VAFHO and RHSV

The NW&DFHG are members of these four organisations. For answers to the quiz on the full names have a look at the list on page 1 of this newsletter. You have probably heard of these groups, referred to during meetings, and wondered what they are.

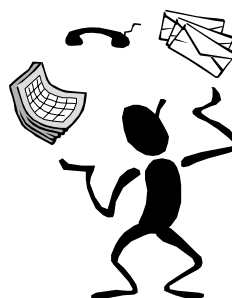
The **GSV** holds a member societies meeting once a year. Reports are presented from all groups attending. It gives the opportunity to share problems with each other, and look for ways to solve them. NW&DFHG has been a member of the GSV since our early years.

VAFHO holds the Don Grant Family History Lecture annually, (this year is the eighth year). Every three years VAFHO holds the Victorian Family History State Conference, and this year, the fifth conference was held in beautiful Mildura. These conferences attract a large number of top class speakers and are a great way of networking with other groups and members. Look out for the Conference Papers in our Research Room. NWDFHG have been involved in VAFHO since its inception in 1997.

SEHA is a group of organisations in our region, which include historical societies and family history groups. We all have the one aim in mind - to preserve and record our local history. Talking with folk with the same aims and interests is most helpful and also widens our horizons.

RHSV - We joined this society only two years ago. One of the benefits is that all of our financial members can access the resources of the RHSV. This was evident in the trip we took earlier this year. We only needed to pay for our morning tea. The RHSV has different resources to the State Library of Victoria.

Over the years, we have met with other groups - the Gippsland groups and the Mornington groups. while Lorraine Taylor attends the Local History Reference Group as our representative.



Spreading Branches - August 2004

The deadline for the August 2004 edition of Spreading Branches is 15th July 2004.

Places covered by NW&DFHG

<u>Place Name</u>	<u>Shire/City</u>
Avonsleigh	Cardinia
Bayles	Cardinia
Beaconsfield	Cardinia & Casey
Beaconsfield Upper	Cardinia
Berwick	Casey
Blind Bight	Casey
Bunyip & Bunyip North	Cardinia
Caldermeade	Cardinia
Cannons Creek	Casey
Cardinia	Cardinia
Catani	Cardinia
Clematis	Cardinia
Clyde & Clyde North	Casey
Cockatoo	Cardinia
Cora Lynn	Cardinia
Cranbourne	Casey
Cranbourne North, East, South & West	Casey
Dalmore	Cardinia
Devon Meadows	Casey
Dewhurst	Cardinia
Doveton	Casey
Emerald	Cardinia
Endeavour Hills	Casey
Eumemmering	Casey
Garfield & Garfield North	Cardinia
Gembrook	Cardinia
Guys Hill	Cardinia
Hallam	Casey
Hampton Park	Casey
Harkaway	Casey
Heath Hill	Cardinia
Iona	Cardinia
Junction Village	Casey
Koo-Wee-Rup	Cardinia
Koo-Wee-Rup North	Cardinia
Lang Lang & Lang Lang East	Cardinia
Longwarry	Cardinia
Lynbrook	Casey
Lyndhurst	Casey
Lysterfield South	Casey
Maryknoll	Cardinia
Menzies Creek	Cardinia
Modella	Cardinia
Monomeith	Cardinia
Mount Burnett	Cardinia
Nangana	Cardinia
Nar Nar Goon & Nar Nar Goon North	Cardinia
Narre Warren & Narre Warren North	Casey
Narre Warren South	Casey
Nyora	Cardinia
Officer & Officer South	Cardinia
Pakenham & Pakenham Upper & South	Cardinia
Pearcedale	Casey
Rythdale	Cardinia
Tonimbuk	Cardinia
Tooradin	Cardinia & Casey
Tynong & Tynong North	Cardinia
Vervale	Cardinia
Warneet	Casey
Yannathan	Cardinia



Australian Periodical Publications 1840-1845

<http://www.nla.gov.au/ferg/>

Genealogy addresses for Victoria

<http://www.cohsoft.com.au/afhc/vic.html>

Index to Colonial Sec Papers 1788-1825

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/colsec/default.htm>

Randwick Asylum for Destitute Children

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/randwick/introduction.htm>

Naturalisation NSW 1834-1903

<http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/indexes/naturalisation/introduction.htm>

Deaths in Melbourne Hospital

<http://hub.dataline.net.au/~tfoen/meldeath1.htm>

Lenore Frost's early Port Phillip records

<http://members.optushome.com.au/lenorefrost/PPDindex.html>

Southern Regional Cemetery Trust Tasmania

<http://www.srct.com.au/search.html>

Flinders Rangers Research

<http://www.southaustralianhistory.com.au/home.htm>

Mount Gravatt Cemetery & Crematorium

<http://tinyurl.com/ys7yd>

Montgomery Shire, Wales

<http://www.justgen.com/mgy.htm>

Can You Help?

Do you live in the Casey/Cardinia area or have historical interests in the area? You could help the group by sharing your knowledge about local place name changes. For example, early in the 1860s Harkaway Cemetery was known as Zion's Hill. Dig out those certificates and let us know any other information that would be useful for our places database. Please email the editor, Jenny Coates, at jnnyb@aol.com with any info.

Lost & Almost Forgotten Towns

Emerald **37° 56'** **145° 26'**

Mining township surveyed and proclaimed in 1866. State School 2110 commenced as a private school in 1858. (D=dwellings, M=males, F=females, P=total people.)

	D	M	F	P
1861	8	18	19	37
1871	11	31	16	47
1881	23	59	39	98

Emerald Goldfield (sometimes known as Irishtown)

37° 54' **145° 26'**

The reference to the Emerald Diggings as Irishtown refers back to McEvoy and party who discovered gold there and described the vegetation as so lush as to remind him of his homeland, Ireland. The diggings were located near Menzies Creek, about 2 miles north of the present town.

Source: Lost and Almost Forgotten Towns of Victoria. Available for purchase from the RHSV or loan from our library.

More Web Addresses

York Assizes 1785-1851

<http://www.yorkfamilyhistory.org.uk/assizes.htm>

Workhouse children

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/IRworkhouse.children.htm>

Camp Darley - West of Melbourne WWII

<http://home.st.net.au/~dunn/ozatwar/campdarley.htm>

General Register Office - England

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/nsbase/registration/certificates.asp>

Port Fairy-Portland-George Town 1841

Passenger Arrivals and Departures

<http://www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/port9.htm>

Norwegian Research Resources

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wgnorway/NorLinks.htm>

Hawkesbury on the Net

<http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/>

Launceston Indexes

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~austas/Laun.htm>

Nairnshire, Scotland

<http://www.justgen.com/nai.htm>

Pinnaroo Cemetery & Crematorium

http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/residential_services/cemeteries/visiting_cemeteries/cemeteries_crematoria/pinnaroo_cemetery.shtml

Officer

Sands & McDougall – 1910

Brunt, Andrew, farmer
Brunt, George, farmer
Carey, George H., farmer
Cummins, Michael, farmer
Harris, Solomon, farmer
Lecky, James, farmer
McMullen, Patrick, farmer
Patterson, John D., farmer
Payne, George, storekeeper
Post Office – Lister, Mrs F., Post Mistress
Railway Station – Mrs F. Lister
Rix, Henry J., farmer
State School
Stephens, Augustus A., grazier



~ News and Events ~

15th Birthday & Open Day

We will be celebrating our 15th birthday with an Open Day on Wednesday, the 5th May. The research room will be open for research or investigation and we plan to have displays in the meeting room as well. Afternoon tea is due to served at 2.30 in the afternoon at the conclusion of a couple of speeches.

Doors open at 12.30 pm and the afternoon will conclude at 4.00 pm. We'd love to see past members, current members and visitors alike drop in for a cuppa and a chat. We hope to have available pre-publication forms where you can register your interest in our soon to be published Pioneer Register. Come and see the tantalising front cover and wonder at the gems inside!

Time: 12.30 to 4 pm

Date: 05 May 2004

Banjo Paterson, Henry Lawson and *The Bulletin*

By Jenny Coates

The 1880s was a time of great wealth and great change in Australia. By the mid 1880s, the left wing *The Bulletin* newspaper produced in Sydney had found a loyal following amongst city and bush folk alike and was seen as a newspaper truly representative of the Australian people. The editor and co-founder of *The Bulletin* was John Feltham (known as Jules Francois) Archibald, an art lover and a man of high ideals and principles who wrote articles for the paper based on his concern for human justice and electoral reform. Archibald's careful selection of contributions, and generous payments for parts saw a great scramble for contributors to be published in *The Bulletin*. Its editors encouraged, publicised and openly praised the new form of Australian art and in particular works from the 'Heidelberg School'. To be published in *The Bulletin* was to be recognised as a true Australian and fulfilled a national ego in a way not previously possible. In 1893 *The Bulletin* published its Australian National Policy, citing the principles of electoral, education, penal, trade, and land reform along with its aggressive racist stance, an issue closely linked to trade and labour reform. Its claim to have been consistently radical and 'the beacon-fire of national progress' appealed to the increasingly nationalistic reading public.

Into this atmosphere emerged two writers destined to become icons of the age. Henry Lawson and A. B. ('Banjo') Paterson were first published by *The Bulletin* and subsequently claimed as its own. After the pair were published by Angus and Robertson, *The Bulletin* continued to show its support, with A. G. Stephens, the literary editor and art critic, claiming the pair were "the beginnings of a national school of poetry". He said "for the first time, Australia has found audible voice and characteristic expression". Both wrote tales of the bush and pioneering life, perfectly complementing the themes of artists such as Roberts and McCubbin of the Heidelberg School in Melbourne.

Henry Lawson was raised a radical, the son of Louisa, who established the first women's newspaper in Australia, and was himself a teenage contributor to the *Republican*, a small, radical paper owned by his mother. If Lawson's sentiments or ideals were ever in doubt, the publication in *The Bulletin* in 1887, at the age of twenty, of the rousing, *A Song of the Republic* left no doubt. Lawson went on to write stories of bush mateship, heartache and hard work, much of which was first published by *The Bulletin*. Evocative works such as *The Drovers Wife* and *The Bush Undertaker*, first published in 1892, were the perfect companion to Frederick McCubbin's sombre paintings, *On the wallaby track* and *The bush burial*. With the large circulation of *The Bulletin* and growing argument over Federation, Lawson and Paterson contrived the beginnings of an interesting debate. Great pride was held in being a 'true bushman', and the preceding years had established the bushman as the ideal to attain, but what exactly was a 'true bushman'? Lawson and Paterson's published debate argued over whether it was the stockman and squatter, or the poor selector or even the unemployed that held true to this image. There was in their eyes, no other image to present. The true Australian was a bushman and to be thought of as less, was an affront to one's very manhood.

Lawson approached his art, as did Frederick McCubbin, as a realist, with no time for romantic fallacies, preferring to portray bush life as often hard, depressing and cruel. He came to despise the mythical bush hero and attacked this image in a continuation of the widened debate with Paterson, in his *Some Popular Australian Mistakes*, published in 1893. He continually challenged Paterson's Arcadian view and the myth it had created, however his criticism ignored the contribution his own writing had made to it and the sense of pride a nation derived from it.

Paterson, like Lawson, grew up in country Australia, the son of a relatively successful grazier, and so was able to see the lighter side of bush life. Later as a law clerk and solicitor, he saw the effects that banks and bad seasons could have on small selectors, and in the spirit of the times, began to form his own political opinions. His publication *Australia for the Australians – a Political Pamphlet Showing the Necessity for Land Reform Combined with Protection*, called for land reform and expressed his fears of the consequences if this did not occur. These fears were later expressed in works such as *On Kiley's Run*. Although sending a strong message, Paterson's work portrayed the light and beauty of the Australian landscape and life. He celebrated the qualities of a good bushman, including hard work, good horsemanship; mateship and honesty, creating an archetypal figure people strove to be associated with. The success of his work, and perhaps the depths that his message reached owes much to that fact that many were written to be sung, and were thus ingrained into the Australian psyche and culture. *Clancy of the Overflow* and *The Man from Snowy River* are perhaps the greatest examples of this. His contribution to the nationalistic feeling and pride of the time were inestimable.

Research Room Duty Roster

Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
<u>June</u>		
1 st Mary McGrath & Lorraine Taylor	3 rd Jane Poulton & Nowella Ahlgren	5 th Lorraine Taylor & Shirley Peterson
8 th Diana Wheeler & Fay McCoubrie	10 th Di Christenson & Lyn Murray	12 th Val Holland & Betty Jones
5 th Jenny Patterson & Judy Kohn	17 th Gail Quinn & Eileen Durdin	19 th Pam Lowther & Lorraine Taylor
22 nd Helen Hayes & Lorraine Taylor	24 th Win Preston & Valma Newson	26 th Beverley Smith & Carolyn Jones
29 th Mary McGrath & Diana Wheeler		
<u>July</u>		
	1 st Donald Connop & Gail Quinn	3 rd Jeanette Angee & Shirley Peterson
6 th Lorraine Taylor & Judie Kohn	8 th Di Christensen & Nowella Ahlgren	10 th Betty Jones & Danielle Steckis
13 th Fay McCoubrie & Jenny Patterson	15 th Jane Poulton & Beverley Smith	17 th Val Holland & Lyn Bradley
20 th Diana Wheeler & Mary McGrath	22 nd Lyn Murray & Eileen Durdin	24 th Beverley Smith & Pam Lowther
27 th Lorraine Taylor & Fay McCoubrie	29 th Valma Newson & Gail Quinn	31 st Jeanette Angee & Lorraine Taylor
<u>August</u>		
3 rd Judie Kohn & Mary McGrath	5 th Gail Quinn & Nowella Ahlgren	7 th Betty Jones & Danielle Steckis
10 th Diana Wheeler & Fay McCoubrie	12 th Donald Connop & Di Christensen	14 th Lyn Bradley & Carolyn Jones
17 th Lorraine Taylor & Judie Kohn	19 th Eileen Durdin & Lyn Murray	21 st Val Holland & Beverley Smith
24 th Mary McGrath & Fay McCoubrie	26 th Jane Poulton & Win Preston	28 th Shirley Peterson & Lorraine Taylor
31 st Dianna Wheeler & Lorraine Taylor		

During July and August our available Volunteers for Tuesday have dropped to 5 people. Is there anyone who would be willing to help out on Tuesday over these months. Just to lighten the burden on these people. Please contact Bev Smith if you can help, even on a casual basis.



New members!
Welcome!

- * Carol Brown *
- * Leonie Brown *
- * Aileen Drake *
- * Barbara Hunter *
- * Katharine Kennedy *
- * Pamela Tripp *

Eumemmering???

Are you looking for people born in Hallam and keep finding them registered in Dandenong? Hallam was once known as Eumemmering. Two runs with similar names were in the area. The first, *Eumemmering* was once part of Joseph Hawdon's Dandenong Run, and was later held by Bacchus and J.M. Woolley. To the north of this run was *Eumemmering Cattle Station*, held by Dr. Farquhar McCrae in 1839, William & John Foster 1840, Johnston & Wilson 1842, and Thomas Herbert Power from 1846. Consequently many events were registered in Dandenong.

❁ Cheerio! ❁

This is a special cheerio for you Diana Wheeler!
Please get well soon. We miss your gags and your happy smile.

Why waste your money looking up your family tree, just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.
-- Mark Twain

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 10th July 2004

At 2.00 pm

The Meeting Room, Narre Warren Library

Overland Drive, Narre Warren

AGENDA

1. **The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2003 AGM**
2. **The reading and acceptance of the committee reports**
3. **Election of Office Bearers for 2004-2005**

President	Secretary
Vice President	Treasurer
4. **Election of Committee Members for 2004-2005**

Librarian	Research Room Manager
Newsletter Editor	Publicity Officer
Research Officer	Xmas Raffle Co-ordinator
Door Officer/s	Away Days Co-ordinator
Supper Hostess	Sales/Fundraising Officer

All positions will be declared vacant and a ballot will be held if two or more persons nominate for the same position.

Nominations in writing to the Correspondence Secretary.
Nomination and Proxy forms available from the research room and the Correspondence Secretary -(contact details on page 2)

*** Only financial members may vote at the AGM -
Membership fees are due 1st July**

The Herald, Thursday Evening, January 20, 1870.

Thursday, 24th February next, has been fixed for the Mornington farmers' annual show, which is to be held at the show-yards, Berwick. The exhibition in livestock, it is expected, will surpass previous ones, the plentiful supply of grass causing the cattle to appear to advantage. Few farmers have as yet thrashed the grain crops, so that it is difficult to arrive at any reliable opinion as to that produce.

Clematis - Sands & MacDougall 1929

By rail 31 miles. Shire of Ferntree Gully, County of Mornington.

Allardyce, Arthur S., farmer
Begelhole, Percival S., fruitgrower
Black, Robert
Bredenberg, Maria, boarding house
Currie, John M.
Davies, Simon L.F., farmer
Dawson, William C., farmer
Glossop, Edward J., farmer
Gregson, Arthur N., farmer
Groves, H.R., storekeeper
Hall, Charles E.
Mispel, Edmund B. R., farmer
Norrstrum, Gustav E., farmer
O'Connor, Michael
Paradise Hotel
Railway Station
Stagg, Alfred T., farmer
Stuart, Alfred J., fruitgrower
Treganowan, William H., farmer
Wamsley, George W., journalist
Wendlandt, Franz, orchardist

MEANING

From Val Holland

My thoughts on being a member of this club is one of sharing.

The sharing of a common interest.

The sharing of information and ideas.

Sharing of other's excitement when they make a find in their family tree - sometimes good, sometimes bad, but even the bad is good! And understanding why they are excited. As you all know a lot of the time our own families are inclined to think we are quite dotty. I mean, how can you get so caught up in a lot of dead people!

Sharing outings to various repositories, cemeteries etc and the anticipation that maybe today will be the day when we solve that mystery.

Sharing the work involved in improving our holdings and in manning our library and gaining a little more knowledge myself in the process.

Lastly, simply sharing that knowledge with others just starting out in their research and feeling very grateful for the friends I've made along the way.



The First Overlanders

From Lorraine Taylor

"In 1835, settlers and drovers began taking sheep and cattle overland from New South Wales to the new settlements in the Port Phillip district – east country and a short journey compared to the deserts and distances that drovers would conquer before the century's end.

In 1838 an English settler, Joseph Hawdon, accompanied by Charles Bonney and a handful of others, drove sheep and cattle from the Murray River to Adelaide, proving that undiscovered country short of water, could be crossed. By 1840 more than 20,000 cattle at any given time were kicking up dust on the route from Yass to Melbourne."

Joseph Hawdon arrived in Melbourne from Sydney in 1836 and his run was in Dandenong (Bangam). Terence and James O'Connor arrived and leased Cardinia Creek No. 2 in 1838. It is thought that Terence may have originally gone to Cardinia Creek as an overseer for John Gardiner.

Sources: *The Big Treasury of Australian Folklore* by A.K. MacDougall.

The Good Country by Niel Gunson.

In The Wake of The Pack Tracks by Berwick - Pakenham Historical Society.

The Early Overstraiters

Overstraiters are people who came over Bass Strait from Tasmania. The five Ruffy Brothers leased 32,000 acres in 1840 on the Mayune and Tomaque runs. Three of these brothers were Frederick, Henry and Arthur Wiggett.

Source: *In The Wake of The Pack Tracks* by Berwick Pakenham Historical Society.

'Settlers in the Sun'- 5th Victorian Family History State Conference was held in Mildura from 16th-18th April. It was a resounding success. Three members of the Narre Warren and District Family History Group attended. A full report will be included in our next newsletter.

Raffle Prizes

Have you been lucky enough to win one of our monthly raffle prizes? Congratulations!

However please be aware that we are reliant on donations for these prizes and ask that the winner brings a small gift the next month for the next lucky winner. Any donations of raffle prizes also gratefully accepted.

NEW IN THE RESEARCH ROOM

BOOKS

Second copies of Thai Mason's "From Chains to Freedom" Volumes 1 and 2. Donated by Narre Warren Library.

Deadly Details – A Guide to some causes of death listed on death certificates. Donated by Margaret Zerbst..

Poll Books - c1696 – 1872 - Directory to holdings in Great Britain. Donated by Margaret Zerbst.

The Great Majority - Obituaries of the Forest Creek Pioneers from the Mt Alexander mail 1855 – 1885. Donated by Margaret Zerbst.

WW2 newspaper cuttings, "My War" series. Reprints of Sun-News-Pictorial published 1989-1990 – Donated.

A Nation of Rogues: Crime, Law and Punishment in Colonial Australia. Donated by David Smith.

Sealing and Whaling in Victoria.

A Blended House: Legislative Council of Victoria 1851-1856.

Lost and Almost Forgotten Towns of Colonial Victoria.

"Melbourne" – The Young Melbourne and Lord Melbourne (the person). Donated by Leanne Cairnduff.

Victorian Yearbook 1986 - 100th edition. Donated by Leanne Cairnduff.

The Victoria Story Vol.2. Donated by Jenny Coates.

Update of Websites for Genealogists.

MICROFICHE

Index to Candidates for the Victorian Police force 1852 – 1893. Donated by Val Holland.

Update of Colonial Secretary's Correspondence 1826-1867.

Ballarat East. Petty Sessions.

Index of deserters of wives and children 1880-1895.

AUDIO

Gary Presland - Victorian Police records

CD ROM

Evidence on the Employment of Children –1842. An insight into the work and lives of our ancestors, in their own words.

Colonial Convict movements.

Early Australian Electoral rolls Vol. 1. NSW 1903, W.A.1901 and TAS 1903.

Victorian Mining Accident Index

Speakers Corner – Future Dates - From Di Christensen

March - Gary Presland's topic was Victorian Police, the records pertaining to them and where to find them. Many can be found at the PROV and in the Police Gazettes. There are amazing letters and documents to be found. I guarantee that you will spend lots of time reading them, maybe finding mention of a relative or two.

Wednesday 12 May -8pm- Tom Luke from the Cornish Association of Victoria will be speaking on "All things Cornish".

Saturday 12 June-2pm.

Members afternoon. Bring along those "Brick Wall" questions and the panel will endeavour to answer them. Perhaps you could email them to Di - dichris@labyrinth.net.au some days prior to the meeting, so that the panel has time to think about them.

Saturday 10 July –AGM

Please come along to this. No one is ever coerced into a position they do not want. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea.

Saturday 14 August-2pm

Anne Burrows, Genealogy Librarian from the Helen Macpherson Smith Genealogy Centre in the State Library of Victoria. Anne will speak about the new genie centre and also the Australian Joint Copying Project, which was done in conjunction with the Public Record Office in London. Filming of Australian records commenced in 1948 and continued until 1993.

Speakers Corner - From Di Christensen

February - Several members participated in "My Earliest Ancestor" program.

Shirley Peterson spoke of her ancestor who was a hotel landlord in the early 1850's. He travelled to Melbourne, Creswick, Forrest Creek and Castlemaine. He was a gatherer and keeper of records and documents - lucky Shirley!!!

Anne Blair told us of her ancestor, Hugh Blair who was in Launceston in 1862. He travelled to Tasmania with the help of the St Andrews Emigration Society.

Wendy Goodwin gave an interesting talk about William Goodwin, who arrived in Australia in the 1840's. He was transported from England to Port Pirie, a boys prison near Port Arthur.

Lorraine Taylor spoke on Francis and Isabella Potter, who arrived on the *John Henry*. Francis was a cabinetmaker and the family settled in Campbell Street, Collingwood.

Valma Newson spoke about John Buttler Hill - (c1812-1883) from Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England, who at the age of 18 was convicted of stealing 4 ducks and was sentenced to 7 years transportation. Arriving in Port Jackson in 1833, he married in Melbourne in 1841. When he died in 1883, he was the owner of the Somerton Hotel and substantial land in Campbellfield. His death notice described him as "An old Colonial of 50 years."

Meredith Bell spoke about Edward Garth who was sentenced to death at age 16, for the theft of two cows valued at £17. His sentence was commuted to 7 years transportation, and four years later he landed at Sydney Cove with the First Fleet. Edward was chosen as one of fifteen convicts of 'best and fairest character' to help settle Norfolk Island.

Street Beat – by Jenny Coates

Harkaway

Chadwick Road

Named after Jonathan Chadwick, an engineer, and his wife Julia (nee Walsh). Married in Lismore NSW in 1880, the couple had 3 children in NSW & a further 3 in Footscray before settling in Harkaway. Jonathan died in 1938 and Julia in 1946.

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Claire Robinson Park

Named for the second wife of long time Berwick Shire President, Arthur George Robinson, who lived at *Hillsley* in Robinson Road. Claire (1895 – 1982) married Robinson after her sister (his first wife) died at the age of 26, leaving 4 young children.

Dandenong

Kirkham Road

Named after the Kirkham family – Edward Frank (1829-1905) and his wife Mary Ann (nee Dallimore, 1826-1889). Edward and Mary Ann had 3 children in Melbourne and the Gardiners Creek area before arriving in Dandenong by 1853. Their children married into the Reedy, Ordish and Redfern families.

Officer

McMullen Road

Patrick McMullen and his wife Alice O'Mooney were both Irish born. Married in New South Wales, they had 3 children before coming to Victoria prior to 1864. By 1865 they were living in the Shire of Berwick where they settled. Both Patrick and Alice are buried in the Roman Catholic section of Berwick cemetery.

Away Days

AWAY DAYS.

On a very hot day in late February 12 members travelled to the Royal Historical Society of Victoria's rooms at 239 a'Beckett St in the city. We were welcomed by the Director, Dr Elizabeth Rushen, given morning tea, then shown around the library by one of the volunteers. It is an amazing resource - one that I had only visited once before when I was very new to family history. I think everyone found something of interest. If you like handling old books and directories, then this is the place for you.

FUTURE DAYS

To be announced. Become a member of our on-line My Connected Community at <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/index.html> and be the first to hear about the next great trip.

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Latter-day Saints - open in Narre Warren North-mid June

Further details will be posted on our notice board as they come to hand.
We may have further details available at our 15th Birthday celebrations.