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## Casey/Cardinia book index

At our AGM Eileen Durdin announced the launch of the Casey/Cardinia Book Index. This is an index of the contents of books relating to the history of the Casey/Cardinia area. We are indexing many of the older books that do not have an index, and we are scanning the index of those that already have a printed index. We have over 6,000 entries to date and we plan to have the index available for public use in some format. However the project is still in its infancy and we need volunteers who can carefully read through a book and enter details into two columns on Microsoft Word, or Excel. Listed below are just some of the books to be indexed. If you have them on your shelf and can index them or loan them to one of our members to be indexed, please contact Eileen, the project co-ordinator on: [russandeils@iprimus.com.au](mailto:russandeils@iprimus.com.au)

- One hundred years of Christ Church, Berwick, 1877-1977 – McCubbin, Frederick J.
- We on earth hath union: a history of the Yannathan Union Church (1890-1990).
- Through the Field Glasses: A History of the Pakenham Racing Club – Fiddian, M.
- Officer Primary School no. 2742, centenary – Williams, Eileen.
- A history of Cannibal Creek and Garfield, 1887-1962 – Parish, C.W.
- Along the line to Gembrook – Thompson, J.E.
- Bunyip Primary School: a brief history.
- Gembrook primary school centenary: the first 100 years, 1883-1983.
- The History of Garfield Primary School, 1886-1986.
- Cockatoo Ash Wednesday 1983: the people's story.
- Cranbourne Primary School no. 2068, 1878-1978 – Whitmore, Lorraine.
- Dandenong - From Slab Hut to City – Uhl, Jean.
- Emerald State Schools, 1879-1965: 86 years – Legge, G. C.
- (More) Colourful Tales of Old Gippsland – Wells, John

It is important to remember when scanning indexes of books, to check that appendices, photos and introductions are included in the index. Most of the time you will find these are not included in the printed index and we need to index these also.

Lynne Bradley is currently working on a grant application where we hope to obtain some funds to buy many of the old and out of print books on our list to create a local history archive.



### \* General Meeting

Sat Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m.  
Anne Burrows, State Library  
of Victoria, Genealogy  
Librarian.

### \* Committee Meeting

Wednesday Sep 1<sup>st</sup> 7 p.m.  
Research Room

### \* General Meeting

Sat. Sep 11<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m.  
Bring a family heirloom to  
talk about.

### \* Committee Meeting

Wednesday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m.  
Research Room

### \* General meeting

Sat. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m.  
Speaker to be advised

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<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>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>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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<u>Family History Research Room Information Sessions</u>	<u>Publications for Sale</u>
<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.</p> <p>Friendly and informal information sessions with small groups of members are currently being held by Pam Lowther. Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available.</p> <p>For further information or to reserve a place at the next session please contact Pam on 0402 847 175.</p> <p>Members: No charge                      Visitors: \$5 charge.</p>	<p><b>Microfiche:</b></p> <p><u>Berwick Cemetery</u>                      Register &amp; Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00</p> <p><u>Harkaway Cemetery</u>                      Register &amp; Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00</p> <p><u>Pakenham Cemetery</u>                      Register &amp; Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00                      + \$2.50 postage and packing for 1, 2 or 3 sets of fiche</p> <p><b>Books:</b></p> <p>Harkaway Primary School - Origins to 1975 by Jennifer Boyer = \$20 (postage included)</p>

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.

### Old Friends

*It was with disappointment that we farewelled Leanne Cairnduff from the group in May this year. Leanne is moving house and won't be renewing her membership. We thank Leanne for her time on the committee, as Treasurer 1995-1996, Research officer 1998-1999, Research Officer and Minute Secretary in 1999-2000, Librarian 2000-2002, and Sales Officer 2003-2004. (All this while raising a family!) Leanne was Member of the Year in 2002 for her commitment to the group and for the Members' Resources Database that Leanne compiled. (You can find this on the InMagic Catalogue CD).*

### Street Beat – by Jenny Coates

#### **Berwick**

Named after Viscount Palmerston, a British Prime Minister who died in 1865 in office. He is credited with ending the Crimean War in 1855 and was known for his support for Catholic emancipation and parliamentary reform.

#### **Palmerston St**

#### **Berwick**

After Thomas Bruce, 7<sup>th</sup> Lord of Elgin (1766-1841) who is infamous for his trip to Greece in 1806 and his return to England with a collection of marble statues taken from the Parthenon and now known as Elgins marbles. He purchased the art works from the Turks who then ruled Greece and controversy still abounds about their rightful owners.

#### **Elgin St**

#### **Berwick**

James and Jane Funston and their infant daughter Mary arrived as Assisted Immigrants aboard the *Persia* in July 1857. Mary had been born aboard ship less than a month before the young family's arrival. The next 5 children were born in the Geelong to Sunbury area, while their last 3 children were born in Berwick. The family were well known in the area for their involvement with the Church of Christ, and as Trustees of the Berwick Cemetery.

#### **Funston St**

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

Contributions 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.

### BOER WAR PHOTOS

If you think you have an ancestor who participated in the BOER WAR 1899-1902, go to the Sth African section of the State Library Genealogy Room (ask at the desk) and find the book "Records of Australian Contingents to the War in Sth Africa 1899-1902" Call No. G. 968.048 OF3M. This book is not indexed and cannot be photocopied.

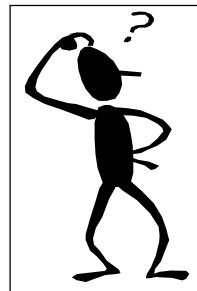
Look through each contingent to find the name and date of departure of the contingent your Ancestor is in. Then go to the Newspaper Room at the Library and get the film for the month and year of 'THE LEADER' Melbourne.

The Leader printed photos of most of the men who went to Sth Africa in 1899, 1901, and 1902. There is a list of names so that you can match the number of the name with the number printed on the photo.

Editors note: Thanks to Judy (who didn't want her surname disclosed) for this information. These are the types of gems you can find on a mailing list.

Have a look at [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com), under mailing lists, Australia, and take your pick!

Warning: Mailing lists can be addictive!



Does this newsletter have a red dot on the address label? If so, the dot is a reminder that your membership subscriptions are overdue. You may not receive the next exciting edition of Spreading Branches so act now!

#### **~ Member Profile ~**

Name: Ivan Blitz

Born: Glenhuntly, Victoria

Occupation: Retired

Married: to Florence

Living in the district for 3 years

Hobbies: Bushwalking, gardening, family history.

Names Researching: Flood, Dearing, Costello, Grundy, Wise, Hodgetts.

How long researching: 10 months

Most interesting find: Edward Flood who had a run which covered a huge area including what is now the town of Narrandera.



As part of Tasmania's Bicentennial Celebrations there is to be a muster of descendants of all female convicts transported to Van Diemen's Land at the Cascades Female Factory Heritage Site, Degraives Street South, Hobart Tas, on Sunday 7th November 2004. The web site is [www.bicentenary.tas.gov.au/muster/default.htm](http://www.bicentenary.tas.gov.au/muster/default.htm)

Email address:

[femalefactorymuster@yahoo.com.au](mailto:femalefactorymuster@yahoo.com.au)

Members can use either of these addresses to find out more details about the muster. Thanks to Wendy our new Publicity Officer for information.

### NEW IN THE RESEARCH ROOM

#### BOOKS

Index to Queanbeyan Newspapers, Vol 1. Sep 1860-1895  
Genealogical research directory 2004  
Genealogical research directory 1981: Parts 1 & 2.  
The 1850's Group of Vic Colonists Inc. 1998 - Members Interest  
Those Boy Scouts  
Victorian Historical Journal Vol 75 No 1  
Settlers in the Sun-5<sup>th</sup> Vic. State Family History Conference April 2004 Papers  
Vic Education Dept. record of war service, Vic 1914-1919 donated by Judy Johnson.  
North of The Line-Pictorial record of areas north of the railway line 1877-1878 (Donated by Philip Dellar)  
Nosological Index and Staff and registrars of Register Generals Dept. 1862  
Reports to the annual meeting of Member Societies of the GSV of Vic.  
PROV Guides 2004

#### MICROFICHE

Port Phillip Clergy, Vic, Aust.1803-1851  
Port Phillip in 1856

#### CD ROM

10<sup>th</sup> Australian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry 2003  
The Cornish in Bendigo  
\*Family Pedigrees-United Ancestries 1500-1990 (USA)  
\*Civil War Confederate Pension Application Index  
\*Census Index U.S selected counties 1840  
\*Census Index Colonial America 1607-1789  
\* = on loan

### Friends

Are you one of our many friends who read this newsletter but are not one of our members? If you have an interest in the area or have family members who once lived in the Casey/Cardinia area, please let us know of your interest. You can drop the editor a line at [jnnyb@aol.com](mailto:jnnyb@aol.com) or contact our Research Officer who can register your interest. Better still, log on to My Connected Community and introduce yourself. We always welcome new friends. You don't have to be a member of any group, to be a member of Mc2. <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au/>

### Christmas Raffle

"Raffling" for this year is well underway. Donations from retailers in the Narre Warren/Fountain Gate area are sought, with the last several years being very successful. Members are also encouraged to donate new goods or craft items to be included in the many hampers that will be raffled at our Christmas meeting. Donations close October 2, 2004. Please leave yours in the research room with your name and dollar value of goods clearly stated on the bag. The dollar value is required to accurately put a dollar value on each hamper. Christmas raffling is going very well with good results so far. On track for the average at this stage. Your raffle tickets will arrive with the November issue of Spreading Branches, and to be a little bit different this year, all profits will go toward upgrading our computers, which are in great need of assistance. We also require cane baskets in good condition of all shapes and sizes, which will be used to present the hampers. If you have any unwanted baskets please leave them in the research room. Thank you.

Jenny Hayes – Christmas Raffle Co-ordinator



### Spreading Branches – November 2004

The deadline for the November 2004 edition of Spreading Branches is 15<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

## Quotable Quotes

If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the men to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea.

Antoine de St. Exupery

### **VAFHO Mildura Conference April 2004 Mildura Genealogical Soc**

(For those who missed out on the beautiful Mediterranean weather, Fay McCoubrie compiled this report).

First impressions were the volunteers who greeted you outside and directed you. Very helpful and all were smiling. Great start as you felt welcome already. Registering was no drama at all. They were all very well organised and everything was in your bag. What surprises and treats were in that bag! The bottled water available every day was a good idea.

The venue was excellent with not much walking involved from start to finish. But perhaps that was a mistake with what wonderful caterers supplying abundant food all day. The special touch in the dining room with fresh flowers and tablecloths was just the icing on the cake. It supplied a lovely atmosphere to sit down and dine with.

To split this room in half and have all the stalls on the other side was great. If you finished your meal or were waiting for the second sitting it gave you ample opportunity to browse through the stalls.

Their timing and organisation for each session was spot on and ran to time. The lucky seat prizes in each session were very welcome and appreciated.

The sessions that I attended were all very interesting and informative. A couple of the speakers I could have listened to for a lot longer. What a wealth of information they all had. The book that they published with all the speaker's notes is excellent I have read it through and was very sorry that I could not have heard more of the speakers.

Closing ceremony was well done with not too many speakers and not too long.

All together I left with the thoughts of what a friendly happy conference it was. Very well ran and organised. A lot of conferences that I have been to the speakers go over their time and this was not so in Mildura. This is a vital ingredient in running a good conference.



New Zealand Surnames

<http://www.users.on.net/proformat/nznames.html>

New Zealand Cemeteries Online

<http://www.homepages.paradise.net.nz/barbgreg/Cemetery.html>

Surnames register Aus & NZ

<http://www.brandis.com.au/surnames/r.html>

New Zealand Coastal Shipping

<http://www.nzcoastalshipping.com/mv%20holmdale.html>

New Zealand Biographies

<http://www.dnzb.govt.nz/dnzb/>

Australian's in the Boer War

[http://www.pcuq.org.au/~croe/oz\\_boer0.htm](http://www.pcuq.org.au/~croe/oz_boer0.htm)

Australian Light Horse Association

<http://www.lighthorse.org.au/toc.htm>

Commonwealth War Graves in Honfleur, Normandy

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~cawthorn/CWG\\_Honfleur/index.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~cawthorn/CWG_Honfleur/index.htm)

Queensland Police Museum

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/pr/about/museum.shtml>

Bundaberg Cemetery

<http://www.bundabergcity.qld.gov.au/cemetery/>

South Australian Government Gazette

<http://www.governmentgazette.sa.gov.au/>

South Australian Passenger Lists up to 1842

<http://www.familyhistorysa.info/searchArr.html>

Family History South Australia

<http://www.familyhistorysa.info/sthaust.html#cemeteries>

Flinders Rangers Research

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

## **A Timely Reminder!**

### **From Lynne Bradley**

We all have days when we feel decidedly older than usual. I was at the tail end of one such day when I sat down quietly to peruse the 'in box' in the hope of finding something that might lift my spirits – even just a little bit. Sadly, there wasn't much on offer, but amongst all the rubbish there was one little message from a chap who said that he's just put up a website that has 103,445 individuals from the Border Counties of Scotland. I have ancestors from Peeblesshire, so I followed the links and searched for mine. Interestingly, I found my lot of Andersons on his website but even more interesting was the fact that I found myself amongst them too. Golly Gee (sanitized version) I thought, no wonder I'm so tired and cranky today – I have every right to be. According to this I'm 302 years old and the mother of my ggggg Grandfather! Miracles aside, I think this gives anyone the right to be a bit tired and cranky.

Needless to say, this kept me wondering how it all came to be but I think I've pieced the puzzle together. Further investigation of the family groups revealed the same piece of misinformation that had been the basis of quite a few discussions between me and another gentleman that I had met on the internet. A few years ago we swapped some family information. Luckily, I had removed all living people except myself from this information before I passed it on. This gentleman would have me believe that a father and son both named James Anderson both married women named Jean Young. This is the one point where we disagree, so hence the information used on this website, had come from me to this gentleman, who in turn has passed it on the chap who has built the website.

Now, I know I should probably email this chap and tell him, but to be honest, in a weird way I find it all just a bit funny. I am sure there was no malice intended here, it's just one of those things that happens with family trees. We've all found a person who has married or died before they were born in our databases at times. But it does raise two really important issues and gives me the opportunity of personal experience to remind everyone again.

The first issue here is that you can't believe everything you see on the Internet. Yes, most certainly use the information as a sign post to point you in the right direction but you must evaluate this information against the source to check it's authenticity. An experienced family history researcher would probably realise that 'Lynne Bradley' is not a name that would be found in the middle of Peeblesshire, Scotland in the early 1700s – but what about those just starting out?

The second issue is perhaps the more important of the two, be very careful about what information you give to whom. You have absolutely no control over that information once you hand it over. And of course, your information might be passed from one researcher to another like mine was without your consent or even knowing about it. Please be very careful to remove details of those still living unless you have their express permission to include this information. Frighteningly, again and again, I have been given the most intimate details of living people from other researchers that I have 'met' over the Internet. These trusting people have no real idea of who I am or what I might do with this information. Luckily for them I have no ulterior motive. But what about the people you're dealing with? Can you say the same?

#### **~ Events ~**

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Don Grant Lecture and VAFHO AGM**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The Don Grant lecture will be held at the Public Records Office of Victoria, North Melbourne and will commence at 2 p.m. Shauna Hicks, Manager Access Services of the PROV will give this year's lecture, entitled -"Future Directions of the PROV". At 1 p.m. a tour of the new PROV rooms will be held those people accompanying delegates who may not wish to go to the lecture. Bookings for the tour are essential. Contact Di on 9703 2985 or email: [dichris@labyrinth.net.au](mailto:dichris@labyrinth.net.au).

#### **Central Highlands Historical Association Expo**

**'1854: Eureka and all that' – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2004**

To be held at Aquinas University, Mair Street, Ballarat. See the Ballarat Genealogical Society website for details. These are fantastic events. Always lots to see, do and buy! Celebrating 150 years of railways in Victoria. Further details: [www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/chha/chha.htm](http://www.ballaratgenealogy.org.au/chha/chha.htm)

## ~ Ten simple steps to take a great Headstone photograph! ~

From the desk of Pam Lowther (If you missed Pam's sensational photos of Harkaway cemetery at our 15<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, make sure you see them soon!)

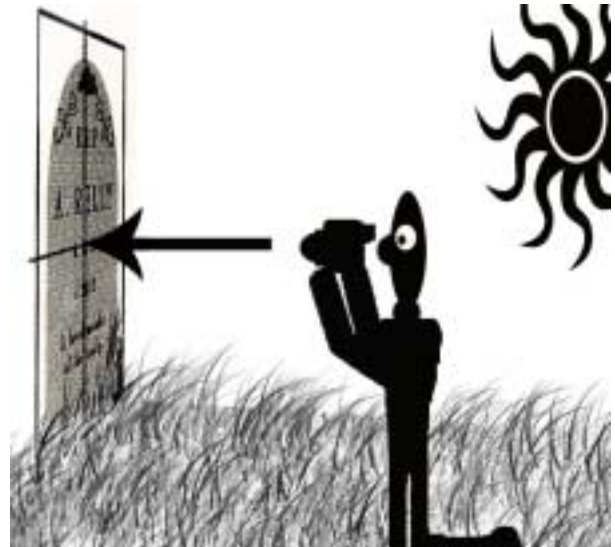
This is the headstone of a family member who you have been searching for.

You have travelled a long way to see this headstone and want to take a photograph of it and then send it to the rest of the family.

You want it to look really good so they think you are a great photographer.

### If you follow these ten simple steps, you and the photo will look brilliant!

1. Get close to the headstone
2. Fill the viewfinder with the subject
3. Don't cut off any part of the headstone
4. Have the sun behind you
5. Don't cast a shadow on the headstone
6. Square it up in the viewfinder
7. Line your camera up with the approximate center of the headstone (so that you are not looking up or down at it)
8. Take the photo from straight in front of the subject (not at an angle)
9. Try to get as little of the irrelevant surroundings in the shot as possible

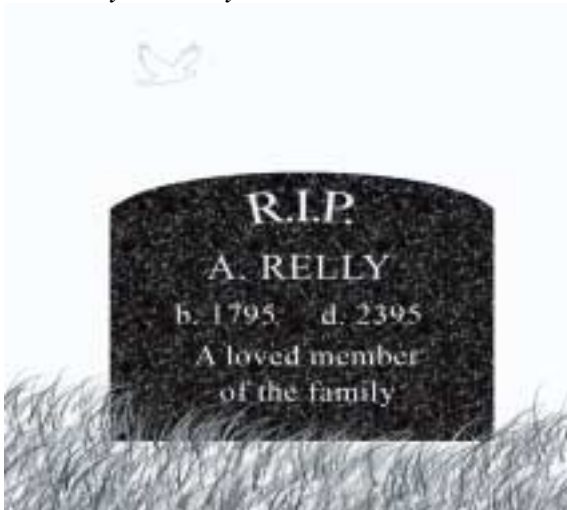


Tip: If you can't take the photo with the sun behind you, it is possible to use your camera's flash to help light the headstone and counteract the shadow

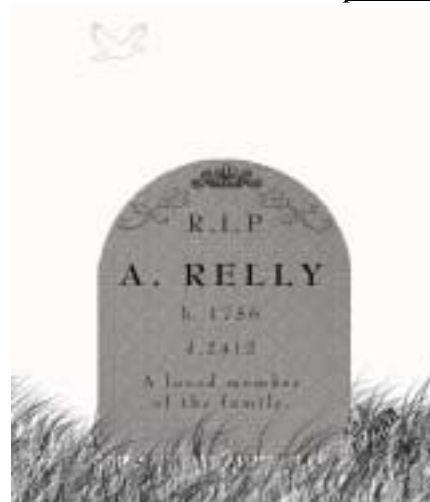
10. If the headstone is taller than wide, turn your camera sideways

*In the normal position, your camera takes a photo that is wider than tall or landscape.*

*When you turn your camera on its side it will take a photo that is taller than wide or portrait*



Use your camera in the normal/landscape position for this shot



Turn your camera sideways to the portrait position to take this shot



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### **~ Dandenong & District Historical Society Inc ~**

The Dandenong & District Historical Society was formed in 1963 and collects newspapers, photographs, local and family histories that relate to the Dandenong area. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of February, April, June, August and October, from 2.00 pm. In December the meeting takes the form of an end-of-year lunch. The Society's rooms are open to the public every Wednesday 10.00 - 2.00, or by appointment. They are located at:

Houlahan Centre  
186 Foster St East, DANDENONG VIC 3175  
Phone: 9794 8967  
Email: [dandhist@yahoo.com.au](mailto:dandhist@yahoo.com.au)

The Historical Society is currently involved in a bid to save the last remnant of the original Dandenong Showgrounds. This small area, located next to the library in Stuart Street, was set aside as a memorial to Dandenong pioneers, but local councillors now feel it would be better put to use as a car park.