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And they're off and racing

Lynne Bradley

Racing has long been a sporting and social occasion in Casey-Cardinia. Many racetracks have come and gone but over the years there have been tracks at Berwick, Beaconsfield, Pakenham, Eumemmerring, Sherwood,

Nar Nar Goon, Bunyip, Lang Lang, Nyora, Tynong and Garfield.

Race meetings were held annually at the track beside Hennessey's Hotel (where the Prince Mark Hotel now stands). On Black Thursday, February 6th, 1851, the racing programme at Eumemmerring was abandoned due to the horrific fires burning not only around Dandenong but also across the state. Thoughts were suddenly turned from who would win to who would survive.

Cranbourne Racing Club held its first race meeting in 1867. The two day meeting attracted people from all over the district. Sometime later, a portion of the course was made into a police reserve and fenced off – making the course unsuitable for racing. A new course was opened in 1881.

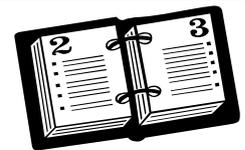
The Pakenham Racing Club was formed in 1875, early race meetings were held in Henty's Paddock. Annual race meetings were held at Pakenham until 1909 when picnic meetings were occasionally held until the re-organisation of the club in 1926 saw the return of regular race meetings.

For many years the Bourke family – who have been an integral part of racing in the district - owned the land on which the Pakenham Racecourse was built. In 1956, the Pakenham Racing Club bought the course from the family. One the course's most successful trainers, Ray Webster owned the Dakwood Racing Stables in King St., Pakenham. Ray's horse "Dark Felt" won the Melbourne Cup in 1943. David Bourke bred the 1921 Melbourne Cup winner "Sister Olive" and Richard Grice's "Hova" was second in the Melbourne Cup of 1895.

Well known district names associated with the early days of racing in the area are, Henty, Watson, Bourke, Duff, Brunt, Grice, Ahern, Poole, Lecky and Holt amongst others.

Racing ceased at Eumemmerring in 1911. The trustees had a balance of £6, which they donated to the Dandenong Agricultural Society to erect a notice board for the Show Ring. The Bunyip and Garfield racecourses closed in 1931, Lang Lang in 1932 and the Nar Nar Goon course in the 1940s.

Not all the courses were perfect; Tynong had an annual race meeting in Pharaoh's paddock around the turn of the century. The grass was long and the track was full of holes, endangering both horse and rider.



***Christmas Meeting**
Wed Dec 14 at 8 pm

*** Research Room Closes**
Sat Dec 17 at 3 pm

*** Research Room Re-opens**
Tuesday 17 Jan

***February General Meeting**
Wed Feb 8 at 8 pm
Casey-Cardinia Research (our holdings)

***March General Meeting**
Wed Mar 8 at 8 pm
Rod Fraser – author "Champion of the Seas"

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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> <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> <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>	<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. Pam Lowther is currently holding friendly and informal information sessions with small groups of members. 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: Free Visitors: \$5 charge.</p>	<p><u>Publications for Sale</u></p> <p>Microfiche: <u>Berwick Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00</p> <p><u>Harkaway Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00</p> <p><u>Pakenham Cemetery</u> Register & Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00 + \$2.50 postage & packing for up to 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 facilities at the Narre Warren Library.

Pakenham Picnic Races

Dandenong Journal 03 Jan 1935

At Pakenham racecourse, on New Year's Day, the six event programme scheduled was the means of catering well for patrons. Comprising a fair representation of district people and metropolitan visitors, the officials in the respective appointments discharged their duties in a capable manner, which contributed to the pleasure of the meeting. Sadness marred the fixture, however owing to the death of Mrs. Bourke, mother of Messrs. H. and M. Bourke, proprietors of the racecourse property which has been in the possession of the Bourke family for many years. Mrs. Bourke had been an inmate of a metropolitan private hospital for some little time past and her death occurred on Tuesday morning. In the Picnic Cup, riders of the horses competing wore black arm-bands as a token of esteem. Mr. H. Bourke (President) donated a gold mounted whip to the winning jockey: this fell to E. Doran. and was duly presented (on Mr. Bourke's behalf) by Mr. J. J. Ahern.

Dandenong Journal : 3rd Jan 1935

CRANBOURNE TURF CLUB

There was quite a satisfactory attendance at the Cranbourne Turf Club's Silver Cup meeting, which took place on the 20th ult., and the events scheduled, comprising seven races, provided interesting sport. An unfortunate accident occurred in the Novice Handicap, in which the leader, Keep Raron fell, and four other horses "toppled" over him. E. Fox, who rode Tremoin, suffered severe injuries, but the other jockeys were more fortunate. At the inquiry held, Muschialli (who rode Keep Raron) said the trouble was due to Keep Raron crossing his legs and falling: he had not met with any interference, and could not blame anyone for the mishap. The stewards found the occurrence was accidental.

South Bourke & Mornington Journal 24 Mar 1897

Berwick - A meeting of those interested in forming a racing club in Berwick will take place at Bain's Hotel on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The local people are very enthusiastic over it, so that a good attendance is certain.

A Bunch of Roses!

To Lynne Bradley who researched, wrote, co-ordinated and put together this entire newsletter while I took a break. Thanks Lynne. You're a gem! - Jenny Coates

Sports.



Eumemmerring Races,

To take place at

HENNESSY'S EUMEMMERRING HOTEL

On

**WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 26th and 27th
DECEMBER, 1877.**

STEWARDS:—Messrs. F. Poole, G. Howard, M. Egan, and T. Connor.

JUDGE — Mr. H. Wilson.

STARTER — Mr. R. Lawless.

TREASURER—Mr. Michael Hennessy.

First Race.—MAIDEN PLATE of 5 sovs ; distance, one mile and a half ; weight for age ; entrance 10s

Second Race.—HOGSKIN SADDLE, value Four Guineas, for all horses that have never won over £5 of public money ; mile heats ; catch weights ; entrance 10s.

Third Race.—DISTRICT RACE of 5 Sovs. ; for all horses within ten miles of the course ; twice round the course ; weight not less than 9st. ; entrance 10s.

SECOND DAY, DECEMBER 27.

First Race.—HOGSKIN SADDLE, value Four Guineas ; distance one mile and a-half ; entrance 10s. ; to be handicapped by the stewards.

Second Race.—HACK HURDLE RACE of £3 ; for all hacks that have never won public money ; mile heats, over 4 leaps, 3ft. 4in. high ; weight not less than 9st ; entrance 7s. 6d.

Third Race. — HOGSKIN SADDLE, value Four Guineas ; for all maiden horses ; mile heats ; weight for age ; entrance 10s.

A quantity of Bridles, Whips and Spurs, will be run for each day ; also Foot-racing will take place.

Rules and Regulations.—All claims, disputes, and objections arising out of the racing to be settled by a majority of the stewards, whose decision shall be final. Any protest shall be in writing, and accompanied by a deposit of £1, which shall be forfeited to the Race Fund should it prove vexatious. 5s. to be deducted from all winners, which shall go to the Race Fund. Racing to commence at One o'clock p.m. each day. Stakes to be paid by the Treasurer on the evening of the second day. Post entry. Three horses to start in each race, or the public money will not be given.

D. J. AHERN, Hon. Secretary.

South Bourke & Mornington Journal
19 Dec 1897

Cranbourne Racing Club:

<http://www.cranbourneracingclub.com.au/start.html>

Pakenham Racing Club:

<http://www.pakracing.com.au/>

Australian Racing Museum & Hall of Fame

<http://www.racingmuseum.com.au/>

Back to Lang Lang

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In connection with the golden jubilee of the Lang Lang Mechanics' Institute and State School, a "Back to Lang Lang" celebration will be held from October 2 to 8. A queen carnival is to be held in connection with the celebrations and three queens have been nominated, viz., Miss Madge McCraw of Yannathan (Queen of Agriculture); Miss Mary Sparrow of Lang Lang (Queen of Sport); and Miss Phyllis Clark of Caldermeade (Queen of Peace). Festivities will commence with an official welcome on October 2nd; grand ball on the 3rd; 4th, free day; 5th, school function in hall; 6th, back to school and crowning of queens; 7th, fancy dress procession and sports carnival; 8th, church services and pleasant afternoon. The proceeds will be divided between the P., A. & H. Society, Soldiers' Memorial Hall, and Scouts and Guides Building Fund. Mr. A. G. Glasscock is president of the movement, and the joint secretaries are Messrs. A. F. Sparrow and D. I. Wilson.

Genealogical Research Directory

The publishers say that the GRD is the world's largest list of surnames being researched together with contact details of the researcher. It is published in both book and cd-rom formats. Don't forget that not all family historians are on the Internet! There are also categories for 'One Name Studies,' Societies, Events, etc.

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group will submit entries on behalf of members for 1.00 each for the 2006 edition due out in May next year. All enquires received are directed by the research officer to the submitter for answering.

Don't forget to check this year's GRD for your family names! If you're not sure what it is, where it is or how to use it, then ask the volunteers on duty. Format required:

SURNAME /Time period/Parish or Village/State or Province or County/Country

(Christian name only if surname is a very common one). Forms are in the research room or will be accepted by email up until the **25th November**.

All inquiries and submissions to Lynne Bradley.
Email submissions to: lynbradley@yahoo.com.au



Christmas Lunch 2005

In keeping with our "Around the World Theme" for Christmas this year we're going MEXICAN!

So, dust off those sombreros and join your Amigos at the Mexican Cantina

1 Rebound Crt, Narre Warren
on Friday 2nd December at noon
for a great afternoon.

Set Banquet meal with choice of main course for \$19.95 per head.

Family and/or friends welcome.

All enquiries to Diana Wheeler on

Diana.Wheeler@bigpond.com.au

or put your name down on the list on the notice board by November 25th.



*Straight from the
'Short but Sweet &
Downright Useful Dept.'*
comes the following:-

- the Western Australian Pioneer's Index is on line at: <http://www.justice.wa.gov.au>
- the Berwick Mechanics Institute is on line at: <http://www.berwickmilibrary.org.au>
- NSW marriages extended to 1954 and deaths to 1974 on line at: <http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/search.htm>
- State Library of Vic. has pre 1900 BDMs for Tasmania, so does the GSV (not just the indexes, films of the certificates themselves).

A brief account of a researching tourist to Sydney, July 2005

In July we visited our son Marcus who was living in Parramatta and working nearby. We all loved Parramatta, a very historical city, to the Nation's foundation. So much to see and do.

Apart from the regular tourist trips (**although I did not climb the Bridge**) I took the opportunity to research some of my families.

At the Rocks we lunched in one of Sydney's earliest pubs, The Lord Nelson Brewery Hotel, owned by my Great Great Grandfather Richard Phillips in 1831. Also in The Rocks area (a little hard to find for non-Sydneysiders), the City Office of the NSW State Records. Here you can find the references required to order Probate Packets by email, prior to visiting the repository at Western Sydney Records Centre Reading Room, where most records are kept.

Western Sydney Records Centre is at Kingswood and can be reached by train or car. It is approx 50 kms from The Rocks area. The train goes to St Mary's but then you will need a taxi as it is a very long walk to the Archives Centre (not even easily located when driving). You need to take your own lunch, but there are tea and coffee making facilities available. Once there, I found that the email I had sent from The Rocks could not be found so a wait of half an hour ensued while I waited for the documents to become available. The service was very good. They arrived, I checked that they were correct, paid for the copying and left, not knowing that our NSW member, Ann Smith, was there researching at the same time.

A trip up to Katoomba followed, a very windy and blustery day.

The following Friday night we watched the NSW equivalent of Victoria's Stateline, only to learn that an archaeological dig would be open to the public the following morning in Parramatta. This we visited, along with many other curious people. It was the site of three hospitals and in the process of redevelopment for a new hospital.

There are five cemeteries, along with many historic buildings; Elizabeth Farm, Old Government House and Experiment Farm Cottage all located in the vicinity.

The cemeteries are denominational-Walter Lawry Methodist Park, All Saints Cemetery dating back to the 1840's, St Patrick's Cemetery, St Johns, the oldest existing burial ground in Australia and Mays Hill Cemetery for Presbyterians and Baptists. The City of Parramatta shows great pride in its heritage and all cemeteries were well kept. The Local Studies Library has a great collection of local history and genealogy books, CD's and microfiche.

We also visited the township of Windsor, which is in a growth area, similar to Casey. St Matthews Anglican Church at Windsor, built by convict architect Francis Greenway, consecrated in 1822 and Ebenezer Presbyterian Church at Ebenezer, built in 1809, plus their graveyards are two most interesting places for genealogists to visit.



Left to Right: Anne Smith & Di Christensen

The first regular minister at Ebenezer was Rev. John McGarvie who in 1834 married my GG Grandfather Richard Phillips and his second wife Elizabeth Goodenough, my GG Grandmother at the Second Scots Church in Sydney.

I am fortunate that my husband loves visiting old churches and cemeteries, so I do not have any worries when visiting libraries and research facilities. The City of Hawkesbury opened its new regional library and regional art gallery in June so it was very very new when we visited. Local history and genealogy are both catered for, as well as the provision of meeting rooms and underground car parking.

I also visited the Mitchell Library, part of the Library of New South Wales where I was lucky to find some information on my gggrandfather mentioned above.

Ann Smith, our only Sydney member lives in Westmead, close to Parramatta so I called on her there, looking at her many many folders on information on her Narre Warren families. It was a great opportunity to meet Ann. Thank you.

It was as well we visited Sydney when we did. In the months since then our son has relocated to Fiji where he has commenced his own company.

I have not yet checked the Net to find the research facilities available there!!!!!!

Di Christensen



Casey- Cardinia Family History Contacts

Casey Cardinia Family History Contacts is a new item that aims to bring together researchers interested in families within the Casey-Cardinia region.

It is a free service, open to anyone (you do not need to be a member of NW&DFHG) researching any family that has a connection to the region. **Only** names with a connection to a Casey-Cardinia area will be published. This segment relies on your input. If we have enough entries it will continue. Please email the editor (Jenny) directly with your entries. jnnyb@aol.com

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Researcher</u>	<u>Email</u>
JURY	Tynong	1900+	Marcia	mp_holdsworth@lycos.com
WILDES	Lang Lang	1890+	Lynne	lynbradley@yahoo.com.au
HEAD	Pakenham	1890+	Lynne	lynbradley@yahoo.com.au
MORTENSEN	Koo Wee Rup	1900s	Lynne	lynbradley@yahoo.com.au
STANDFIELD	Koo Wee Rup	1900s	Lynne	lynbradley@yahoo.com.au



Presidential Address

Our biggest news for this issue is that at long last we have a librarian! And a darn good job she's been doing too! The Committee were very pleased to welcome Clare Vivian to the fold - we trust that her stay will be a long and enjoyable one for her. We know that members will be patient while Clare finds her feet in this most demanding job and will offer any assistance possible. Many thanks to Jeanette Angee and Pam Lowther for all the help they've given Clare over the past couple of months.

Congratulations to Heather Arnold, our new Casey-Cardinia Local History Officer. Heather is one of our newer members, but has been connected with both Koo Wee Rup and Cranbourne Historical Societies for a while. We look forward to working with Heather in her new role and wish her every success.

Due to the apparent lack of interest in volunteers to help with the Christmas Raffle we've reluctantly had to let it go for this year. A catalogue for 'Social Club Books' is being distributed, if we can secure a minimum order of \$200 we will make 20% commission on sales. Please, try to support this if you can.

Lastly, I'd like to wish everyone a safe & Merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year!

Lynne Bradley

South Bourke & Mornington Journal
05th Jun 1897

A special train was run from Melbourne to Dandenong on Tuesday night in order to test the efficiency of illuminants for the railway carriages. The train left Flinders street at seven o'clock, one compartment of the first-class carriage being lit by the ordinary oil lamp fitted with a reflector, while the other compartments had lamps burning the patent Pintsch gas, supplied from cylinders carried underneath the carriage. The Pintsch gas burned with a steady even light of great brilliancy, and from the two burners in each lamp threw out a light calculated to be equal to the light of 16 candles, while the oil lamp gave a light said to be equal to that of four candles. It was possible to read by either light, but the superiority of the gas as an illuminant was incontestable. According to Mr. Holmes, the departmental expert, who accompanied the party, the cost of the gas was about 3/4d. per hour for each lamp, while the cost of the oil was about 1d. per hour. The committee expressed themselves generally as satisfied with the gas, but the opinion was expressed that better results might be got out of the ordinary oil lamp than were shown by the particular lamp which was tested.



A lady relating her experience at a revival meeting in Nebraska, mentioned that she had discarded her diamonds, valued at £10,000, thinking it ungodly to wear them, and had left them lying on a dressing table. A criminal who happened to be present quietly left the church, effected an entrance at the lady's residence, and put it quite beyond her power to yield to temptation and wear them again.

Narre Warren

The death of Mr. Francis Green, which took place at St. Kilda on Thursday, 28th November, removes another of the old identities of Narre Warren. The old gentleman had been ailing for some time and went to St. Kilda for a change, where he passed away at the ripe age of 82 years. Deceased left his home in Bradford, England, for Australia, and on arrival in the fifties took a position in a wholesale warehouse, but soon tried his luck at gold digging on Forest Creek, and after many vicissitudes on various "rushes" took up the management of a doctor's property at Schnapper Point. In 1866 he purchased Wet-Well-Rook now St. Leonards, at Narre Warren, where he resided ever since (with the exception of a trip to the old country), following farming with success. He always took a keen interest in politics and strenuously supported the party of his choice. In the early days he was an active member of the Independents and the Church of England and of latter years the Methodists. Though twice married he died a widower, leaving one son, Mr. Frank Green, to whom we convey our condolence and sympathy. A large number of friends attended the funeral at the Harkaway Cemetery, where the Rev. Mr. Trathan read the burial service.



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The deadline for the Feb 2006 edition is 15th January 2006.

Family History Writing Competition

Put your thinking caps on and start writing. The Writing Competition has been revived and it is all systems go----

We held this competition several years ago and it was most successful. Many of our members entered and their stories were most informative. If we wait until we have completed our research our families will be waiting for the finished product forever. One of my distant family members recently asked my husband if I had died, as the promised book was so slow in being finished. So now I have to put my skates back on - especially as these rellies are getting older.

It can be a story about one particular person, what you know of their life or of an interesting event in the family. The topic is up to you.

However, Guidelines and entry forms will be available soon.

Category A is for stories less than 5,000 words and category B for stories more than 5,000 words. That sounds a lot, but it really isn't. Entries can be hand written or typed on a word processor (computer), which has a word count facility. Hopefully, we will have many entries and it will spur you on to other writing.

If you wish to discuss this with me, I will be very happy to answer questions, or send the Guidelines and Entry forms.

First prize for both categories is \$50.00

All entrants must be financial members of the NW&DFHG.

Entries close on Wednesday 10 May, and prizes will be presented at our AGM in July.

Di Christensen

11TH AFFHO CONGRESS IN DARWIN

1st to 4th June 2006

This congress is looking very exciting, as there are many excellent speakers, including Michael Gandy and Sherry Irvine from overseas.

If you are intending to attend, it is most important that you book your accommodation **NOW**. Early bird registration closes on 28 February, but I hear that if you leave your accommodation booking until then, you may have to take your two man tent.

There are several websites that can help- Tourism Top End at www.tourismtopend.com.au, the Northern Territory Government at www.nt.gov.au and the conference website at www.octa4.net.au/genient Meanwhile, Kaye, our correspondence secretary has a registration form in her files.

Di Christensen

New Members



Welcome to the Group:

Marjorie Dean
Glen Fairbrother
Jane Rivett-Carnac
Beverley Ward
Ashley Wheare
Heather Arnold

& welcome back to
Kerry Feehan & Monica Rankin

Research Room Roster

Saturday

DECEMBER	Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday				
	6	Anne Blair Mary McGrath	TAS	8	Di Christensen Nowella Ahlgren	GER, BI & AUS	3	Val Holland Lorraine Taylor	CON ENG & GEN
13	Lorraine Taylor Helene Hayes	ENG & GEN	15	Donald Connop Valma Newson		10	Lynne Bradley Pam Lowther	Casey/Cardinia Casey/Cardinia	
17	Jenny Patterson Lorraine Taylor	ENG & GEN	12	Gail Quinn Win Preston	AUS WLS & SHP	14	Lynne Bradley Jenny Coates	Casey/Cardinia Casey/Cardinia	
24	Mary McGrath Jeanette Angee	AUS	19	Di Christensen Donald Connop		21	Shirley Peterson Lorraine Taylor	ENG & GEN	
31	Diana Wheeler Anne Blair	ENG & NSW TAS	26	Australia Day - closed		28	Val Holland Betty Jones	CON	
FEBRUARY	7	Helene Hayes Fay McCoubrie		2	Nowella Ahlgren Valma Newson	GER, BI & AUS	4	Carolyn Jones Lorraine Taylor	AUS & GEN ENG & GEN
	14	Jeanette Angee Jenny Patterson	AUS	9	Donald Connop Win Preston	WLS & SHP	11	Lynne Bradley Pam Lowther	Casey/Cardinia Casey/Cardinia
	21	Anne Blair Lorraine Taylor	TAS ENG & GEN	16	Di Christensen Gail Quinn	AUS AUS	18	Lorraine Taylor Shirley Peterson	ENG & GEN
	28	Diana Wheeler Jeanette Angee	ENG & NSW AUS	23	Lynne Bradley Eileen Dudin	Casey/Cardinia Casey/Cardinia	25	Val Holland Betty Jones	CON

Legend

AUS Australia	ENG England	GE Germany	SHP Shipping
TAS Tasmania	WLS Wales	GEN General	CEM Cemeteries
VIC Victoria	BI British Isles	CON Convicts	IT Computers
NEW	For all of your Casey/Cardinia Interests and Research.		

2nd Saturday of each Month

4th Thursday of each month

Attention Members

Have you ever thought that it might be interesting to become a Research Room Volunteer? Well it is!

You will meet a lot of people with the same interests as you.

You will learn of the many resources we have in our room that you didn't know about.

You will get new ideas on research for your own family history.

You will get access to the research room out of normal opening hours to do your own research.

Generally speaking our Volunteers 'do duty' once every 4 weeks.

If you are interested please contact me and I will make arrangements to show you how the Research Room works.

Lorraine Taylor, Research Room Manager
Tel: 9704 6672
Email: lbt@alphalink.com.au

Introducing...

Casey-Cardinia Research Days

We are pleased to announce that we now have special Casey-Cardinia Research Days. On the second Saturday and fourth Thursday of every month, library attendants who have a wealth of experience in researching records for the City of Casey and Shire of Cardinia will be on duty. Bring in your local research and have a chat with one of our friendly and helpful volunteers. Of course, you can come in and do all your other research on these days as well. Please recommend these days to friends who may have local interests.

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.

Shipping

There is an interesting piece in the *Family Tree Magazine* Feb 2003 on Page 17 entitled 'Outfit for an emigrant'. It includes a list of clothing an emigrant must have to be able to immigrate. It also includes other items needed for the voyage that the traveler must supply himself or herself.

Many passenger indexes are available on microfiche, cd rom & the internet for you to use. Here is a hint that may be of use to those of you new to family history:- when looking for the arrival of a family, Mum, Dad & children under fourteen (14) are listed together but if there are children who are 14 & over, the Males & Females are listed separately in the Single Males & Single Female sections as well as having separate quarters. Always check to the end of the ship's log, you often find information of interest.

Ports of entry:

Point Henry = Geelong

Hobson's Bay = Melbourne

Belfast = Port Fairy



Museum of Victoria: Immigration Stories, Passenger & Shipping Lists

<http://shippinglists.museum.vic.gov.au/links.asp>

Australian National Maritime Museum

<http://www.anmm.gov.au/>

National Archives of Australia: Immigrants Making Australia Home

http://www.naa.gov.au/The_Collection/Family_History/immigrants.html

How to Find Shipping and Immigration Records: A starter sheet

<http://www.coraweb.com.au/shipshee.htm>

Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

<http://immigrantships.net/>

The Ships List

<http://www.theshipslist.com/>

Australia: Immigration & Shipping Links

<http://www.zades.com.au/genlink.html#Oz%20Immigration>

Immigration to Van Diemen's Land

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~austashs/immig/immig.htm>

Genseek Genealogy & History Australia

<http://www.genseek.net/>

Public Record Office Victoria: Immigration Indexes

<http://www.access.prov.vic.gov.au>

Books on Victorian Shipping in our Research Room

- Somerset Years by Florence Chuk - Government Assisted Emigrants from Somerset and Bristol who arrived in Port Phillip Victoria 1839-1854. Has index and often descriptions of voyage.
- Log of Logs (Vol's 1,2 &3) by Ian Nicholson is a catalogue of logs, journals, shipboard diaries, letters and all forms of voyage narratives 1788 to 1988 for Australia and New Zealand.
- Family History Notebook: How to find Australian Shipping and Immigration Records by Cora Num
- Passengers who sailed on vessels which left the Port of Bristol for Port Phillip/Victoria by Florence Chuk.
- Champion of the Seas by Rod Fraser – has index and passenger lists. This ship carried 5,300 emigrants from Liverpool to Melbourne over 15 voyages.
- From Hamburg to Hobson's Bay by Darragh and Wuchatsch – German emigration to Port Phillip 1848 – 1851
- No Sirs or Esquires: The Story of Assisted Emigration from Cambridgeshire to Port Phillip and Victoria 1840-1867
- Sailing Ships Shipwrecks & Crime by Jean Uhl – details of ships which had a connection with a crime committed at sea, in Port or because the ship was wrecked found in Supreme Court Records in the PROV.

Recent Speakers

At the **July AGM** Betty Horskins spoke of 'The Ten Golden Rules of Genealogy' and how to ignore them.

Despite the fact that Betty was suffering from very bad flu, she was a lively speaker and told us of the many people she had come across whilst they were researching in various repositories and how they would not look beyond the most obvious places for their relatives.

Betty's topic is treated in full in the April 2005 edition of Australian Family Tree Connections which you can find in our library, as well as in the Narre Warren Library.

At the **August** meeting members participated in discussion and 'show and tell' of their filing methods, how they keep their certificates together etc. This led to many questions being asked. Thank you to those members who assisted in this meeting.

Our speaker for **September** was Leone Fabre, Medical Genealogist, Familial Cancer Centre of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Leone was also the founder of the Dead Persons Society, a group where people discuss research, listen to speakers etc., but have no formal structure. Leone told us that is very important to construct a Family Health History, to inform your doctor of various illnesses and problems in your family which will help him in his diagnosis and treatment of your illness.

In **October** we again welcomed Betty Horskins who told us where to 'Dig for those Elusive Ancestors'. Betty and her husband have travelled many miles through the inland. In their travels they have visited many cemeteries and lone graves, most without headstones. They may have been travellers who died along the wayside, runaways from responsibilities at home who had changed their name-not necessarily by deed poll to avoid being found. The Broken Hill Cemetery has many graves of miners who had left their families behind.

Betty suggested that we need to think laterally, etc., to find those who are lost.

She shared with us the records from Darwin and the Northern Territory which had many detailed descriptions of those who had died away from home.

Di Christensen

**Editor's note:* many of our speakers kindly give us permission to tape their talks and these are all in the research room and available to members for borrowing.

Royal Historical Society of Victoria School of Historical Research

21st – 23rd November 2005.

This is one for all who are interested in women's history. In 6 sessions over 3 days you can be introduced to a range of sources for women's history from the State Library of Vic. to the Museum of Chinese Australian History. The cost is \$100 for the full program or individual sessions at \$25 each.

The program is:

Monday am: Dr. Judith Buckrich will provide an orientation for the program & introduce the sources of women's history in the significant [RHSV](#) archive.

Monday pm: Nikki Henninghan Director of the [Australian Women's Archive Project](#) will present a hands on journey through this innovative on-line archive

Tuesday am: An opportunity to visit the [Women's Art Register](#), at Richmond Library and see this amazing collection of biographies, slides and catalogues of women artists.

Tuesday pm: Librarians from the [State Library of Victoria](#) will introduce researchers to collections held in the library, in particular the Sibella Press Archive

Wednesday am: The [Public Record Office of Victoria](#) will provide a guide through its collections and in looking at access to the collections

Wednesday pm: A visit to the [Museum of Chinese Australian History](#) and an insight into a lesser known collection of women's history.

Bookings & more information from the web-site or 9326 9288.

*NW&DFHG members please note that as financial members of our group you are also members of the RHSV – just show our card.

Cranbourne Shire Historical Society Annual Dinner

will be held at the lovely and very historical Warrook Cattle Farm on Thursday, 1st December 2005 at 6.30 pm. The cost will be \$35 per head for a 3 course meal and the speaker will be John Duncan-Firth who will be speaking about his life in the 'High Country.'
Enquiries: PO Box 463, Cranbourne. 3977

Looking for William Bishop

William Bishop was baptised 1ST April 1799 at Great Eversden, Cambridge England, his parents were John and Mary Bishop mn Whitbey.

William married Elizabeth Howe 25th November 1827 in the Parish of Ickleton Cambridge England. They had three children, Sarah 1828, Woodroffe 1831 and William 1833, the children were baptised at the Meeting House of the Particular Baptist, Bailey's Lane Saffron Walden, Essex, England.

It is around the time of the 1841 census that I have lost track of William. Elizabeth along with Woodroffe and William are listed in the 1841 census for Great Chesterford, Essex. But William is not listed with them and by the 1851 census at the same address Elizabeth was then Elizabeth Shelford with Edward Shelford as Head of the house and Woodroffe and William listed as Lodgers.

I have no idea when Woodroffe, my Great Grandfather arrived in Victoria but his mother, stepfather, two sisters, Susan and Elizabeth arrived Melbourne 13th November 1853 on the "Marion Moore".

Much information was obtained from Woodroffe and William's marriage and death certificates as well as the International Genealogical Index and Parish Registers.

I purchased a death certificate for William from the entries in the GRO but it does not appear to fit in, am now looking for burial records, little or information is on an English death certificate so don't waste your money.

I have not been able to find siblings for William but the Banns for the marriage of his parents John and Mary were called on the 25th March, 1st April and 8th April 1798, and they were married 17th April 1798 Great Eversden, Cambridge.

Lorraine Taylor

Our industrious Publicity Officer, Wendy Goodwin, has just completed a web-site at The Community Guide Network. Have a look, then have a look at the whole site.

<http://www.nwdfhg.websyte.com.au>.

COLD WEATHER HINTS

- Never lean with the back against anything that is very cold. Be careful and do not select a chunk of ice to lean against, or a snow-drift, or a man who gives you the cold shoulder.
- Never begin a journey until your breakfast has been taken. If you have no appetite you can perhaps find somebody to eat the breakfast for you.
- Never speak much when hoarse, or the voice may be permanently lost. Observe this strict rule yourself, but do not show it to your mother-in-law. Get a friend to show it to his mother-in-law.
- Never omit bathing regularly. Every man should bathe at least once during the winter, and do it regularly.
- When going from a warm atmosphere into a cold one, keep the mouth closed. If you contemplate a trip to the North Pole, do not mention it.

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5 April 1894 page 5

Pakenham – Wednesday

Miss Black, a young lady, about 19 years old, daughter of a storekeeper at South Gembrook, was lost near her father's residence yesterday about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. She complained of feeling unwell, and went for a walk. As she had not returned at dusk a search was made for her, but without success. The search was continued all night, but up till the hour of writing, there were no tidings of her. The black trackers have arrived, and are assisting the search parties.

The Argus
6 April 1894 page 7

Lost in the Bush

Pakenham – Thursday

Miss Black, the young lady who was lost on Tuesday evening, was found this morning on the Gippsland Road near Pakenham by a Mr. Colvin. It appears from Miss Black's statement that she got lost on the hills at the rear of her parent's residence, and walked all the first night. She states she was close to the sea on two occasions. Last night she stayed at a house near Berwick. She appears non the worse for her adventure.



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