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THE ORIGIN OF MOTHER'S DAY

By Wendy Goodwin



Mother's Day celebrations can be traced as far back as ancient Greek and Roman times. The Greeks had a spring festival in honour of Rhea, wife of Cronus and the Mother of the Gods and Goddesses. The Romans held a three day religious celebration known as Hilaria and dedicated to Cybele, another mother goddess. It is thought that this ceremony for Cybele was adopted by the early church to honour the Mother of Christ. A custom developed from this whereby people were expected to visit the church of their baptism on this day.

England's Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday was celebrated in England in the 1600's it was held on the 4th Sunday of Lent, to honour the mothers of England. As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honour the "Mother Church", Eventually the church festival was combined with Mothering Sunday celebrations and people began to honour their mothers as well as the church.

At this time many of England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy and their jobs were located quite a distance from their homes and they would have to live in the homes of their employers. On Mothering Sundays the servants were given the day off to visit their mothers. A mothering cake was made to help make the occasion more festive. Sometimes furrmetry was served, this consists of wheat grains boiled in sweet milk, sugared and spiced.

In the north of England and Scotland people preferred to eat carlings – pancakes made of steeped pease fried in butter, with pepper and salt. In some locations Mothering Sunday became known as Carling Sunday.

AMERICAN MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day started 150 years ago in the United States. In 1858 a young Appalachian homemaker named Anna Jarvis attempted to improve sanitation through what she called Mothers' Work Days. She did this by organising women especially mothers throughout the Civil War to work for better sanitary conditions for both sides. She began work in 1868 to reconcile Union and Confederate neighbours.

Anna Jarvis had a daughter also named Anna Jarvis. After her mothers' death the second Anna started her own campaign to found a memorial day for women. On May 10 1908 the first Mother's Day was celebrated in Grafton, West Virginia. Grafton is the home of the International Mother's Day Shrine. Eventually the celebrating of Mother's Day spread to 45 States. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson, declared the first national Mother's Day.

***Sat 10th June at 2 pm**
General meeting - Joan Hunt – President of History Victoria Support Group & Ballarat Genealogical Society will speak on Exiles.

***Sat 8th July at 2 pm**
Annual General Meeting - Judith Miller will speak on her father, Olympic equestrian, Ern Barker.

***Sat 12th August at 2 pm**
General Meeting

***Wed 13th Sep at 8 pm**
General Meeting *note this meeting in lieu of Sat 9th**
Dr Amanda Third's topic will be "Does the Rug Match the Carpet: Red headed Women throughout history".

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<p><u>Membership & Meetings</u></p> <p>Membership: Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee Payable 1st July each year.</p> <p>Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate. Nov - May: 8 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January) Jun - Oct: 2 p.m. on the 2nd Saturday of the month</p> <p>The cost is \$2 and includes a light supper.</p>	<p><u>Family History Research Room</u></p> <p>Our Family History Research Room is located within the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.</p> <p>Family History Research Room hours:</p> <table><tr><td>Tuesday</td><td>11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Thursday</td><td>7 p.m. to 9 p.m.</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday</td><td>11 a.m. to 3 p.m.</td></tr></table> <p>We have a large collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members. We also welcome visitors - a research fee of \$5.00 per day applies to non-members.</p>	Tuesday	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Thursday	7 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Saturday	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	<p><u>Research Queries</u></p> <p>We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Family History Room personally but please note that we can only research our own holdings and those of the local municipal libraries.</p> <p>The cost for this service is \$10 per hour plus photocopying expenses. All research queries can be sent to the Research Officer at the above address.</p> 
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<p><u>Family History Research Room Information Sessions</u></p> <p>For new members who would like to discover exactly what we have in the Family History Research Room - or for those members who are currently not using the holdings we have to their best advantage. 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.</p> <p>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 <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 & 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.

Gippsland Images on-line

The Centre for Gippsland Studies is based at the Churchill campus of Monash University. The CGS holds an extensive collection of resources for Gippsland, including almost 5,000 images. Many of the images that depict the history and heritage of Gippsland have been digitized and added to the ARROW repository.

<http://arrowprod.lib.monash.edu.au:8000/>

For more information on the Centre for Gippsland Studies:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/AVG/Resources/cgs.html>



The Mark of a Scot

The mark of a Scot of all classes [is that] he ... remembers and cherishes the memory of his forebears, good or bad; and there burns alive in him a sense of identity with the dead even to the twentieth generation.

- Robert Louis Stevenson



WE VISITED A GHOST TOWN

While on holidays, my husband John and I visited Port Albert. The oldest port in Gippsland, it is a lovely area and very historic. It became the port of entry for many settlers from NSW and Tasmania. Some of these were John's ancestors, hence our visit. One thing not to miss during a visit is the old bank building, now one of the best maritime museums in the state. Good reference material can be found, including lots of info about John's family. I had a great time. Of course the cemetery, one of the oldest and most significant in Victoria is also a must-see, not to mention the Fish and Chip shop, (dee-licious!).

Lots of our rellies lived and died in a place called Tarraville so we decided to visit as it's still marked on the map. It's only five minutes away, but the time we went the bridge was being repaired and we had to detour. We had fun finding this place. The sign said Tarraville, and there was a plaque on the side of the road saying there had been a Catholic Church. We stopped, walked around and scratched our heads. We drove down a bit of a dirt road with nothing but paddocks around and to our surprise, there in the middle of nowhere was the most beautiful little church. In the paddock next to the church was a big sign saying "Tarraville Historic Township". Tarraville came into existence in 1843 when Reeve's special survey was granted for eight square miles to the east of the Tarra River. Reeve advertised in the "Port Phillip" that 15 farms of 50 acres were available for lease over a period of five years for five pounds per annum. Reeve also laid out a township "Tarasdale /Taravale" between Reeve and Raymond Streets. The Government laid out the township of Tarraville on the southern boundary of Reeve's survey and this was gazetted in 1852, and Tarraville was officially declared a township in 1861. Teamsters, drovers and shippers of stock preferred to remain in Tarraville because of the lack of fresh water and pastures at Port Albert. Good water was available from Tarra Rivulet and shallow wells. Tarraville soon became the commercial and culture centre of Gippsland. In 1844 it was reported that Tarraville consisted of "a good brick inn together with fifty other buildings principally of brick". Like Port Albert, it reached its peak in the 1850's and early 1860's as a result of the activity in Gippsland associated with the discovery of gold. By the 1890's Tarraville was virtually a ghost town with Yarram the local centre. Today, all that remains of old Tarraville are Christ Church (pictured left), the School No. 615 built in 1877, the Commercial Hotel (now a private residence) and the ruins of Thomas Hanaghan Smith's residence/bakery built in 1851. Some dozen 'new' houses are nearby; a far cry from the Shire Offices, a Police station, 5 Hotels, 4 Churches and 39 businesses and numerous residences of its heyday. A sign read "Walk around Historic Tarraville and try to imagine it as it was between 1850 and 1860". In the middle of this sign was a map showing all the businesses etc.

We were very interested in this little part of the Country. I hoped there might be some others out there that had some Ancestors or Ghosts from this area in Gippsland.

Shirley Peterson

Casey – Cardinia web sites

St John's C/E Lang Lang

<http://www.results.aust.com/SJohns.index.htm>

Upper Ferntree Gully to Gembrook Narrow Gauge Railway

<http://members.optusnet.com.au/~narrow.gauge/gembrk.htm>

History of Ward names in City of Casey

<http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/history/article.asp?Item=5663>

SAUSAGE SIZZLES RESUME!



Well, I'm back! Yes, we are resuming our sausage sizzles this year. They will be held at the front of 'Go-Lo', Fountain Gate. Go-Lo is right next door to the 'Warehouse'.

Dates for this year are:

- Saturday 27th May
- Sunday 20th August
- Saturday 18th November

Times for our sizzles will be between 10am and 4pm. If you can help on any of these days please jot them down in your calendar now – though I will be reminding you in our newsletters. I will put up a notice on our noticeboard for you to put your name, phone no. and time that would suit you. I will then contact you. If you don't get into the Research Room very often but can still help out, please contact me. Your help is greatly appreciated, as the money we make will go back to the group for new resources and materials. Hope to see some of you on the 27th May. Come along and enjoy a sausage and chat with us.

Shirley Peterson

Sausage Sizzle Co-ordinator: 9704 9738

'Upholding the Law'

Brighton General Cemetery tour

Sunday 28th May 2006 at 2:00pm

The law has always held a fascination for ordinary folk, and the Brighton General Cemetery has more than its share of stories to tell. To coincide with the popular Law Week (21-27 May 2006), the theme will be 'Upholding the Law' so come along and visit the graves of judges, jurists, police officers and some truly fascinating stories of crime and tragedy. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 and **bookings are essential** as places are limited. Meet inside the main entrance gates on North Road, Caulfield South. To make a booking, phone (03) 9558 4248 or use the enquiry form at: <http://www.brightoncemetorians.org/#AboutheBGC>

Melbourne's Unemployed in the 1890s.

Many people are familiar with the 'Marvellous Melbourne' land boom of the 1880s, but few know of the depression that followed. Melbourne's boom attracted workers from other states and from overseas, who came to seek their fortune, just as gold seekers had in the 1850s. South Australian building workers fled the poor economic conditions that prevailed there after years of devastating drought that caused hardship as early as the 1870s. Workers from Tasmania and New South Wales also sought work in the metropolis. Melbourne's land boom was built on speculation and was doomed to end suddenly and spectacularly as a result. Work was hard to obtain and by winter 1892 many men had been barely surviving on casual work. That winter was particularly cold and wet and the unemployed increased their agitation for work after the Government ceased spending on Public Works programs that for many was the one thing that held starvation at bay. In 1893 a run on the banks by scared investors led to the great bank crash. In this period Western Australia was developing and many workers fled there but many returned home when newspapers wrongly forecast an improvement in the job situation. These extra workers exacerbated and prolonged the depression, and many of the people from interstate were too poor to return home to family and friends. A new site lists some of the 9,000 men who registered with the newly formed Labour Bureau during June and July 1892. An ongoing project, the site will be updated regularly so bookmark it for future reference.

<http://home.primusonline.com.au/jennyc/Melbourne/>

ArchiveGrid

New historical search engine

ArchiveGrid is an important tool for searching through historical documents, personal papers, and family histories held in archives around the world. Thousands of libraries, museums, and archives have contributed nearly a million collection descriptions to ArchiveGrid. Researchers searching ArchiveGrid can learn about the many items in each of these collections, contact archives to arrange a visit to examine materials, and order copies. ArchiveGrid is available to both individuals and institutions free of charge through May 31st. If additional grants funds or sponsorship are obtained, ArchiveGrid will remain free of charge; otherwise a subscription will be charged.

<http://archivegrid.org/web/jsp/index.jsp>



LIBRARY NEWS

Hello everyone. It is Good Friday as I am writing this and it is pouring with rain so I hope none of you went camping. I remember lots of times when the kids were small and we were camping up on the Murray, getting washed out. It was usually Easter Monday though and you would wake up to the rain belting down and have to pack up the tent in the rain. Great fun.

Also by the time you are reading this, hopefully I will be on the road with my sister, so I will not be at the general meeting in May. We are going to Adelaide and over to Burra, Kapunda and Koorunga where our great-grandfather James Patrick Casey and our great-grandmother Emily Quinn were married. After that we will go on to Broken Hill where a lot of the Casey family moved to - apparently around the Silverton area. They were miners of course and Dot and I would like to see where James Patrick Casey's brothers and sisters lived. A lot of research has been done by someone else on a Jeremiah Darby Casey, who we think could be a brother to James, so we will go to the Museum at Silverton and have a look there. Also there are the cemeteries to explore. James Patrick Casey and Emily Quinn, my great grandparents ended up in Williamstown where I was born, but that is another story.

There will be lots of new books in the library by the time you read this. Some of them are:

- **Waranga Shire 1865-1965.** History 1st 100 years of Waranga Shire
- **Castlemaine - A Golden Harvest.** Brief history of Castlemaine.
- **Swan Hill.** Early history of Swan Hill.
- **Track of the Years.** The story of St Arnaud.
- **Violet Town 1836-1908**
- **Lucky City.** 1st Generation Ballarat 1851-1901
- **Of Many Things.** History of Warrnambool Shire.
- **Passport .** History of Greek migration.
- **At King Spud's Court.** © Kooweerup Potato Festival 1st 10 years.
- **Reminiscences of Early Dandenong.** ©
- **From Bullock Tracks to Bitumen.** © A brief history of the Shire of Berwick
- **Early Days of Berwick and Surrounds.** ©

The usual magazines have come in. *Ancestor*, which is always a good read; *Tasmanian Ancestry*, *Irish Roots*, *The SA Genealogist*, *The Genealogist*. Speaking of *The Genealogist*, it mentions that the AIGS now has in their library material covering Convicts before they came to Australia. Hulk Registers of Chatham, Woolwich, Portsmouth 1802-1849. Also in the March issue, is an article on Tracing Greek Australians in the National Archives of Australia. This would be interesting reading for someone with a Greek relative in their family tree as one of the new additions to our library is **Passport: a History of Greek Migration**.

Something I did want to mention is that you can borrow the CD's that come with the English magazines from 2004 on. Just ask for them when you borrow the magazine.

My husband Terry was very interested in the book **Waranga Shire** as his uncle had a farm at Stanhope which was in Waranga Shire, and he (Terry) spent his school holidays up there. He can remember going by train to Murchison East and then by a 1926 Albion bus (which was painted with red and white stripes for identification) to Rushworth and the last bit of the trip was in a 1939, 9 seater American Plymouth car (black with yellow stripes) and that was affectionately known as "The Tiger". Another unique factor of these two vehicles is that they ran on railway lines and Terry said it looked quite odd having no steering wheel. He can also remember that there was a Post Office not far from his Uncle's farm at another farm called Carag Carag and he used to ride his bike over to collect the mail. The Post Office is mentioned in the book. Sadly there was little trace of the Post Office left when we went up that way some years ago. Also in the book **Castlemaine: A Golden Harvest** there is mention of a Vivian's foundry and we wonder if these Vivian's were related. (Something for me to follow up in another life when I have the time).

If you are looking for a book or article on a particular subject it is quite easy to look it up in the catalogue. On the search page there are six or so different lines where you could type in your query. For example, if you were looking for Swan Hill, type it in the subject line. If you were looking for Kooweerup's potato festival, also type that in the subject line. Type in Ballarat in the Title line and you come up with different books and magazines that are related to Ballarat. If you are unsure ask someone else to show you how.

A very big thanks to Heather Arnold, the Local History Officer, for the donation of many of the histories listed. Thanks also to Marjorie Dean and Val Holland for books that they donated. It is very much appreciated. That's all this time. I hope I have inspired you to make use of your library a lot more.

Clare Vivian



Australian Women's Archive Project
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/index.html>

Adelaide Co-operative History
<http://www.adelaideco-op.familyhistorysa.info/>

Infant Life Protection Act
<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~hdharris/infant%20life.htm>

Scotland's Family
<http://www.scotlandsfamily.com/ships-passengers.htm>

Fremantle Prison Convict Database
<http://www.fremantleprison.com.au/history/history6.cfm>

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

Burke & Wills
<http://www.burkeandwills.net.au/index.htm>

Irish Ancestral Research Association
<http://tiara.ie/links.html#emigrat>

Western Australian Post Office Directories on-line
http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/pdf/battye/pods/Post_Office_Directories_Contents.html

Yesterday's Journey – Derbyshire records
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~spire/Yesterday/InformationPages.htm>

Northern Ireland site – includes marriages from 1778 to 1812, passenger lists, and other goodies
<http://www.ulsterancestry.com/ua-free-pages.php>

Preston Public cemetery
<http://www.prestoncemetery.org/search/>

Clare County Library
<http://www.clarelibrary.ie/>

Australian Genealogy Interests Directory
<http://www.ausgid.com/>

South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society
<http://www.saghs.org.au/index.html>

Rampant Scotland Directory
<http://www.rampantscotland.com/genealogy.htm>

Speakers Corner

On Saturday 10th June we will be honoured to have Joan Hunt speaking to us about Exiles. Joan is the President of the History Victoria Support Group and President of the Ballarat Genealogical Society. Joan's extensive research includes work on the Millbank prison exiles, and specifically Herbert Swindells who became a pillar of society in Geelong.

SAVE OUR CENSUS!

The next Australian census will be conducted on the night of Tuesday 8th August. It will contain 61 questions, of which all will be compulsory except the ones on religion and census retention.

The retention question (Q60) reads:

"Does each person in this household agree to his/her name and address and other information on this form being kept by the National Archives of Australia and then made publicly available after 99 years?"

If this question is ignored, it will be treated as a NO and your form will be not be retained in the archives.

The Census Information Legislation Amendment Bill (2005) ensures that name identified information collected in all future Australian censuses will be preserved for future genealogical and other research where households provide explicit consent on the census form. On the 2001 census 51 percent of Australian's answered "YES" to the retention of their forms. This was in effect a national referendum of the Australian people and a majority voted that our history matters.

Please encourage your family and friends to answer YES to Question 61 on census night.

For further information see:
<http://affho.org/>

So you thought your name was bad.....

When young Robin Norman John TWISS died in 1926 at the tender age of one year in Geelong, his paternal grandparent's penchant for historical novels became evident. Robin's parents names were given as Janet Muriel MORRISON and.....
Friar Tuck TWISS!
And Errol Flynn wasn't even a household name yet.

Research Room Roster

June					
Tues		Thurs		Sat	
		1	Di Christensen Valma Newson	3	Val Holland Betty Jones
6	Anne Blair - Tas Lorraine Taylor - Eng & Gen	8	Eileen Durdin - Casey/Cardinia Donald Connop	10	Lynne Bradley Casey/Cardinia Jenny Coates Casey/Cardinia
13	Fay McCoubrie Clare Vivian	15	Nowella Alghren - Aus Gail Quinn	17	Wendy Goodwin - Tas Carolyn Jones - Aus & Gen
20	Jenny Patterson Diana Wheeler	22	Lynne Bradley - Casey/Cardinia Win Preston - Gen	24	Shirley Peterson Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen
27	Jeanette Angee Lorraine Taylor - Eng & Gen	29	Di Christensen Valma Newson		
July					
				1	Val Holland Pam Lowther - IT & Cem
4	Anne Blair - Tas Fay McCoubrie	6	Donald Connop Eileen Durdin Casey/Cardinia	8	Lynne Bradley Casey/Cardinia Jenny Coates Casey/Cardinia
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We desperately need volunteers to open the Research Room. We open on three days per week - Tuesday & Saturday 11-3pm & Thursday 7-9pm. You can choose to be on duty once a month, once every three months or whatever suits you as every bit helps. Without volunteers we cannot open the Research Room for your research. Please give some thought to becoming a volunteer or contact me to find out about the benefits that volunteers enjoy.

Lorraine Taylor 9704 6672 or lbt@alphalink.com.au

FUNDRAISING

By now you should have received a SOCK IT TO YOU catalogue with great deals on socks, scarves and thermal underwear. Please support this fundraising effort as most of the money we raise goes into new holdings for the Research Room. If you would like more catalogues, contact Lorraine Taylor on 9704 6672 or lbt@alphalink.com.au
Please remember to return your orders so they are received BEFORE the 30th May.

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

Items of interest you can find in issue November 2005.
Page 15: Records of Jews in Paris. WW2 records are at the Paris Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Page 20: The Territorial Force, Infantry Soldier.

Page 24: Go to Sea Young Man. If you had a relative in the navy this will be of interest.

Page 41: British Emigrants to India, including key dates for the British in India and some web-sites.

Page 62 – 65: Midlands canal workers.

Page 70: Dating early photographs.

The **Practical Family History** is also an interesting magazine. Have a look at June 2005.

Page 22 & 23: Dating Photographs with interesting points on how to identify them.

Page 26 & 27: The surname "SQUIRREL" & it's origins. Also information & what to look at for Georgian records (1714 - 1830).

These magazines are expensive to purchase and hold so much information, so take some time out to have a browse.

Lorraine Taylor



Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 8th July 2006 at 2 p.m.
The Meeting Room, Narre Warren Library
Overland Drive, Narre Warren

AGENDA

1. The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2005 AGM.
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports.
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2006-2007.
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Minute Secretary
 - Correspondence Secretary
 - Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2006-2007
 - Librarian
 - Newsletter Editor
 - Publicity Officer
 - Research Room Manager
 - Membership Secretary

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

Membership and Proxy forms are available on page 11 of this edition of Spreading Branches. Nominations in writing to the President, Lynne Bradley (see contact details on page 2) or may be left in the specially designated box in the Research Room.

* Please note that only financial members may vote at the AGM. Membership fees are due on the 1st July. Please arrive BEFORE 1.30 p.m. if you wish to pay your fees on the day of the AGM. A membership renewal form can be found on page 11 of this edition.

New Members!



Stuart Allen Val Bennett
Noel Brennan Susan Farley
Pam Morley Peter Teece
Elaine Rodriguez
Graeme Brownfield
Judith Brownfield
Gwenda Johnstone

President's Message

This year's AGM on the 8th July will mark the end of an era for the family history group when two of our longest serving Committee members retire from their positions. I think we all would agree that both Lorraine Taylor and Di Christensen have been fundamental to the group's progress and success. Their hard work and dedication to the Narre Warren & District Family History Group and to family history in general has resulted in many benefits to all who use our research room and its resources. On behalf of all who use the research room and enjoy the camaraderie of the family history group, we can only say a heartfelt "thank-you" to both Lorraine and Di for everything they have done for us over the years, often unseen and unacknowledged.

For the rest of us – that leaves at least THREE vacancies on next year's Committee that need to be filled. The Research Room Manager puts the rosters for library duty together – not a terribly difficult job but a vitally important one for the group.

The Vice President organises the speakers for meetings and occasionally chairs meetings when the President can't be there. So if you want speakers at meetings then we need a Vice President. You can be a Vice President without ever having to entertain the idea of being 'The President' – the two are not necessarily connected!

The Correspondence Secretary collects, records and distributes the mail as well as recording and sometimes writing outgoing mail.

Please think seriously about putting your hand up. The majority of the work involved in keeping your group operating rests on the shoulders of just 10 people - your Committee - and they need your help.

Lynne

*** Change of Meeting Date ***

Please note that the General Meeting for September will be held on Wednesday 13th at 8 p.m. (Not Saturday the 9th)

Dr Amanda Third will give a very entertaining talk on red headed women through history on the 13th.

FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY

TREASURE CHEST



Saturday 19th August, 9 am to 5 pm

Dallas Brooks Centre,
300 Albert St, East Melbourne

For further details see:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ausvafho/events.html>

or: dichris@labyrinth.net.au

The Family and Local History Treasure Chest promises a host of goodies that include lectures on:

- Lonsdale Street archaeological dig
- Polly Woodside
- Melbourne's social history
- Using newspapers

Research information for all Australian states, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy, Germany, plus Jewish, Asian, Wendish & Huguenot. Specialist research available for trades and occupations such as police, Post Office, railways, tramways, military & miners.

Representatives present from: PROV, NAA, SLV, BDMs, RHSV.

Consultants on convicts, heraldry, desktop publishing, digital photography, dating family photos, archival products, calligraphy & much more. Displays on Sovereign Hill, Flagstaff Hill, National Trust, the Immigration Museum, Polly Woodside. Sales by Gould Books, GSV, Mapworks, AIGS (second hand books) and Eric Panther with a collection of old postcards.

Scanning and photocopying will be available.

Many local history and family history societies will be in attendance with their own products for sale.

Narre Warren & District Family History Group will be there with bells on so drop in and say hello. Take this opportunity to have a look at our far-famed Casey-Cardinia Index or just have a chat about our resources.

National Family History Week

Past – Present – Future

30th July – 6th August 2006

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Pakenham



A bazaar and sale of gifts was held last Friday and Saturday evenings in the Mechanics' Hall in aid of the funds of the local Church of England, when a little over £50 was realised. A very pleasing feature in connexion with the bazaar was the splendid support, by their presence and dedications, of our Roman Catholic friends.

It is almost certain now that many of our fruit growers will suffer through the high winds of the last fortnight. This is a great pity as it makes the third season they have had light crops, and they certainly deserve better luck, being good employers of labor.

The crops generally will not be equal to last season, the check they received in the early spring having retarded the growth somewhat, but still, they are very good as regards quality and color.

Stock of all kinds look well, but the grass, is now fast drying up and, should bush fires arise, they will be hard to deal with in the absence of fire breakers.

The late influenza epidemic is now fast disappearing, though there are still some very serious cases on hand, Mr. R. Board, of Toomuc Valley, being in a very serious condition.

South Bourke and Mornington Journal
20th December 1899



The Buzz Around Berwick is a wonderful new web site dedicated to all the great things about Berwick. Created by Sue Axelsson it showcases Berwick and district with a great map that shows the attractions of the district and the walks that can be taken. There is something for everyone on this site, with information on accommodation, gardens, heritage, shopping, real estate, clubs and even venues for that wedding or special party. If you didn't know Berwick was so diverse and offered so much, hop onto the site and explore with Sue's photos and descriptions. You might even find a certain Family History Group featured!

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DEATH OF MR. J. STARTUP

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It was with universal expressions of regret throughout the whole district and shire that the intimation was received that Mr. Startup had passed to his rest on the evening of Tuesday, the 6th inst. Mt. Startup was born at Maidstone, in Kent, and arrived here over 53 years ago, when he bought the "Oaklands" property and lived there the remainder of his life. It may be truly said of him that his was no ordinary personality. In his early years here, he interested himself in everything for the good of the district, as a Justice of the Peace, member of the shire council and board of advice &c, and was also a supporter of the Church of England. He was the very soul of honour, and his given word was to him sacred in its observance. But for the retiring and unobtrusive nature of his disposition he would have been much more prominent in public and political life, but in this latter respect, as politics are nowadays he probably showed his wisdom and foresight in his silent observance of them. He also took a very lively interest in the sports of the young, especially cricket, at which in his young days he was an accomplished player, and only four years ago, when close on his 80th year, he was handling the bat with wonderful skill and vim on the Pakenham ground. His 80 years of life and service will live and reign long in the hearts of the people of this district, and though in body now lost to us, and gone to his reward full of years and honors, it may be truly said of him –

"His look of sympathy, his gentle word
Spoken so low that only angels heard;
The secret act of pure self-sacrifice
Unseen by man but marked by angel eyes.
These are not lost.

The funeral took place on Saturday last, in the Pakenham Cemetery, and was attended by a large and widely representative gathering of friends of the deceased and sympathisers with the widow and family in their great bereavement.

South Bourke & Mornington Journal, 12 July 1905

Narre Warren

On Wednesday evening, December 13, an entertainment and coffee social was held in the Mechanics' in connexion with the anniversary of the Narre Warren Wesleyan church, the services having been held on the Sunday. The minister of the church, the Rev. H O. Oldmeadow occupied the chair, and, after an anthem by the choir, offered the opening prayer gave a short address. The following programme was then gone through:—

Song, "Sunshine and rain," Mrs. Woodley; song "The pardon came too late," Mr. Print; recitation, "Giving butter" Mr. A. Dobson; song, "Gates of the West" Miss Head; recitation, "The Cherrybeam" Mr. J. Oldmeadow; song, "Dear home land" Miss Hartley; song, "One hundred fathoms deep" Mr. Warby; recitation, "The lifeboat" Mr. Troup; Treasurer's report, Mr. Robt Kerr; address, Mr. T. Green; song, "The lifeboat crew" Mr. G. M. Greenwood; recitation, "The auction" Mr. P. Dixon; song, "Queen of my heart" Mr. Warby; song, "The Englishman" Mr. Chas. Dobson; duet, "Flow on thou smiling river," Misses Hill; recitation "The bridgekeepers story" Mr. Print; song "Sing sweet bird" Mrs. Woodley; duet, "Alls well" Mrs. Williams and Miss Williams; song "Charity" Mrs. Ward.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Hill and seconded by Mr. R. H. Kerr, and carried by acclamation, after which the benediction was pronounced and tea, coffee, and ample provisions were served round. The attendance was good and most enjoyable evening was spent.

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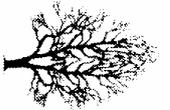
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