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VICTORIAN VOLUNTEER FORCES



General Meetings

➔ 9th June at 2 pm
"A Right Royal Quiz"

➔ 14th July at 2 pm
Graham Facey - "Melbourne Hunt Club" at Cranbourne

➔ 11th August at 2 pm
Bob Sutherland - World War 1 -
What other records are available?

We were treated to a wonderfully informative guest speaker in April when Tom Corfmat spoke to us about the role of the Victorian Volunteer Forces. Dressed in uniforms of the time, Corporal Tom Corfmat and his comrades Sergeant Major Geoff Gleadall and Bugler, Ian Douglas.

This group researches Victoria's Pre-Federation Volunteers 1854-1901. They are presently indexing all of the Muster Rolls of the volunteer



Above - Left to Right: Ian Douglas, Tom Corfmat and Geoff Gleadall

Also to the left: Bugler, Ian Douglas.



forces, which cover 30 units over around 40 years. They operate a living history group to recreate the Mt Alexander Rifles in the 1865 - 1895 period.

I know I gained some invaluable insight into one of my ancestors who served in the "Light Horse" for which I previously been unable to find any information. I now have some of my answers; he was part of Victoria's volunteer forces prior to enlisting in the Australian Imperial Forces and being shipped off to the First World War.

For more information visit the website:

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~vciainc/>

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Corres. Secretary	Fay McCoubrie	Research Room Manager	Carolyn Jones

Membership & Meetings

Membership:

Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee
Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee
Payable 1st July each year.

Meetings are held in the Meeting Room at the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.

Nov - May: 8 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of the month
(except January)

Jun - Oct: 2 p.m.

2nd Saturday of the month

The cost is \$2 and includes a light supper.

Family History Research Room

Our Family History Research Room is located within the Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.

Family History Research Room hours:

Tuesday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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.

Research Queries

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.

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.



Family History Research Room Information Sessions

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 (03) 9704 9598

Members: Free

Visitors: \$5 charge.

Publications for Sale

Microfiche:

Berwick Cemetery

Register & Headstones 1867 to 1999 = \$22.00

Harkaway Cemetery

Register & Headstones 1863 to 1999 = \$6.00

Pakenham Cemetery

Register & Headstones c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00

+ \$2.50 postage & packing for up to 3 sets of fiche

Books:

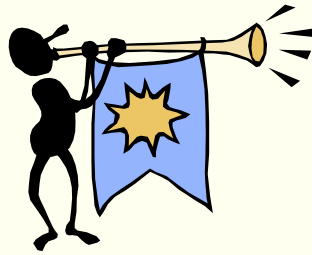
Harkaway Primary School - Origins to 1975

by Jennifer Boyer = \$20 (postage included)

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.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's that time of the year again – the last newsletter before the AGM in July when we try to let you know how things are shaping up for next year. We do this in the hope that a few members will take pity on us and jump in and help. At this year's AGM we'll be looking for a new Treasurer, Membership Secretary and dare I say it, Vice President.



All committee positions are declared vacant at the AGM and anyone may nominate for any position they choose. If two nominations are received for the same job we then go to a silent ballot of those present to find our winner. But that doesn't happen often, I think I've seen it once in 9 years! I was so very disappointed to learn that Clare Vivian felt she couldn't continue on as Librarian, Clare has done a wonderful job over the past couple of years and she will be missed, however Jane Rivett-Carnac put up her hand and has jumped right in – and I might say doing exceptionally well. Our thanks go to both ladies for taking on such an important role within the group. At this year's AGM we will also be voting on a proposal by one of our members to change the general meetings to Saturday afternoons all year round, if you can't make it to the AGM but want to have your say on this please use the Proxy Form on page 11 to do so. I will be happy to answer any questions on this or anything else connected with the AGM. I hope to see a few more members at this year's AGM, it's not a time to stay away for fear of coming away with a job you can't do and don't want. I don't think that's really ever happened to anyone. It's more of an opportunity to show your support for those who you think are doing a good job or to challenge anyone you think is not, including me.

Lynne



Narre Warren & District
Family History Group Inc.

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 14th July 2007 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 2006 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2007-2008.
President
Vice President
Minute Secretary
Correspondence Secretary
Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2007-2008.
Librarian
Newsletter Editor
Publicity Officer
Research Room Manager
Membership Secretary
5. Vote of those present with regard to proposal to change general meetings to Saturday afternoons throughout the year.

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

Membership Renewal Forms and Proxy Forms are available on page 11 of this edition of Spreading Branches.

Nominations in writing to the Correspondence Secretary (see contact details 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 1st July. Please arrive by 1.30 p.m. if you wish to pay your membership fees on the day.

Library News

Hello everyone,

As you all probably know, I have resigned as Librarian as from the 1st of April, 2007. Jane Rivett-Carnac has put up her hand to take over from me and I wish Jane well in the future. I know she will be a great asset for the group as she is very keen and well organised. Thank you all for your help over the two years I have been librarian (just on two years), I have enjoyed my time but I am moving on to other things (including doing my own research which I have neglected over the past two years). I will still be an active member of the group and volunteering for duty and so forth.

Not much other news from me. Terry and I had a 4 day break in April and took off for Creswick and Clunes. We took our camper trailer and stayed in Creswick for the 4 days but did a lot of travelling around the area. Clunes was of much interest as William Vivian and his wife Mary Jane Cornelius lived there for about 25 years from about 1858 until after her death in 1877. We saw the street where they had lived and also of course we went to the cemetery. We had the grave number of Mary Jane and her daughter (also Mary Jane) but there was no one on hand to give us any information on where to

find the grave. I will write to the historical society and see if I can find more information. Clunes is a lovely town with most of the facade of the original buildings still standing. The town is the setting for a lot of films that have been made. We did talk to one 84 year old gentleman. He said that he lived in the same street as William Vivian and Mary Jane lived. He remembered his grandmother talking about the Vivians so it is just possible that they were our family. Quite exciting.

At the end of April we are going away again for another 4 day break this time to Bright. We aren't actually staying in Bright but at a place called Tawonga which is about 40 km away. It is the Autumn Festival in Bright and we thought it might be a bit busy and as a friend's nephew runs the caravan park at Tawonga we decided to stay there. We are going with friends so it should be a great time. If we have time we will go to Eskdale, near Little Snowy Creek, where Terry's dad had his first teaching position 80 odd years ago.

Doesn't that make us sound old.

That's all for now,

Clare Vivian



Hello fellow Genies,

First I would like to thank Clare Vivian for all her help and guidance while I have been the Librarian apprentice in training. Clare has done a wonderful job handing over to me with everything up to date and filed so I must work hard to keep up her high standards.

Clare seemed to always have news of interesting trips she has done I could write war and peace on my wonderful trip to Queensland last year, I may do that one day, however I would like to recommend a book to you:

"A FORTUNATE LIFE" by A.B. FACEY.



What a wonderful read, a remarkable man who in his late 70's sat down at his kitchen table and wrote his life story in a pile of school books. More amazing is that he had no school education as a child; it

was not until he was an adult that he














mastered his illiteracy. He was certainly educated in the school of life, from his birth in Victoria in 1894 his life became a journey, mostly in Western Australia his story covers the goldfields, cattle droving, itinerate workers, road gangs, soldier settlements and farming, War service in Gallipoli and raising a family in hard times. He was a man of inner dignity who despite a life of hard knocks rose above every setback. There is no index in this book but if you have ancestor's who lived in West Australia from the late 1890's you may find a name or place but you will certainly have a lot more admiration and respect for them and their environment, lifestyle and hardships.

This book was so interesting I read it from cover to cover in one go, I could not put it down.

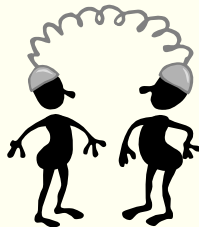
Until next time happy reading.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

New in the Research Room

	 Researchers Guide to the Central Goldfields - Donated by Jeanette Angee
	 Tooradin (Tooradin State School 1503 Centenary)
	 Heritage of the City of Casey & Historical sites in former Cranbourne Shire
	 Klondike Gold Rush photographs 1896-1899 - Donated by Robyn Jones
	 Pioneer Women of the Bush and Outback - Donated by Faye McCoubrie
	 The Flowers of the Field A History of Ripon Shire - Donated by Shirley Peterson
	 Adversity Adventure Achievement - Donated by Doris R Preusker
	 Australian Genealogical Computer Index
	 New Zealand Electoral Roll 1893
	 My life and times: Dorothy May Hall - Donated by Stuart Allen

TRY THIS.....IT HELPED ME!



For those researching hotels & publicans in Australia

Articles in the AIGS Genealogist magazine Sep 2006 & Dec 2006 maybe of some help to you.

Family Tree Magazine

For those of you now at the stage of researching overseas I hope you will find this magazine as invaluable as I have.

March 2005

The disk with this month's magazine has the 1871 Nottinghamshire Census for Sherwood, St Mary (part) & Somerset VI Phillimore Parish Records. But the magazine I found most interesting was for

July 2006.

The articles included information on the military. Soldiers in the National Archives 1760 – 1920 Page 69.

Kitchener's Men Battle of the Somme Page 8

An article Absolute Beginners 1841 Census England & Wales, 1841 Census Scotland from Scotland people Pages 6 & 7.

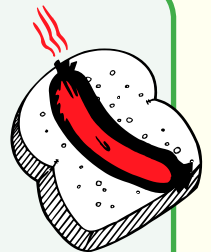
Internet resources on Scottish ancestors Page 44 and last but not least Using Griffith's Valuation – a case study Pages 58 - 60

The disk has the 1851 Census for West Ham Essex & Parish Records Yorkshire Vol 1.

The system for the use of these disks is easy, if I can do it so can you, just follow the prompts.

Lorraine Taylor.

Sausage Sizzle Saturday, 30 June at Bunnings.



Hi Everybody,

We have another sizzle booked

for 30th June at Bunning's Fountain Gate.

Last time we took \$1,217.00. Do you think we can do as well? YES!! I think we can. With your help of course! Last time I received terrific support which was greatly appreciated by myself and the group. Lots of dollars to buy new resources for you to use in our research room when you next visit.

I will need helpers, so again I'm calling on your help. If you could spare a morning or afternoon on the day and could help please let me know. Or if you can't make it on Saturday then maybe you could help out on Friday to cut and bag sausages at my home. This is too big a job for me on my own.

We have to start the BBQ at 8am and finish about 4pm, so any time that suits you even if it's just an hour. Are there any men out there that could come along to help set up and pack up? A notice will be put up in our room for helpers or you can ring me on 9704 9738.

Sausage Sizzle Coordinator,

Shirley Peterson

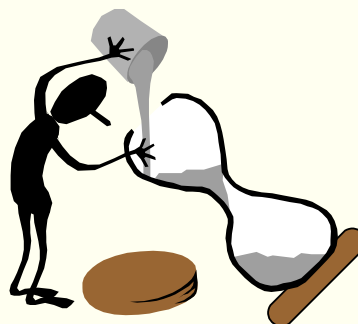
ACCESS POLICY

Revised policy effecting access to Victorian records

A revised Access Policy will come into effect in the second half of the year governing the access to records held by the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

The Access Policy 2007 defines:

- ⌚ who may be eligible to access Registry records
- ⌚ the conditions of access
- ⌚ the format in which information will be released
- ⌚ the period of time for which records are restricted.



One of the key changes to policy is that restriction periods on public access to birth and change of name records will increase from 75 to 100 years.

VicHeritage CD and microfiche products containing records that are in breach of the 100 year restriction period will no longer be available for purchase from the date of release of the Access Policy 2007. These products include the Edwardian Index, 1902 to 1913 (CD Rom and microfiche) and the Great War Index, 1914 to 1920 (CD Rom and microfiche).

The changes to the policy are driven by a number of factors including a need to better protect an individual's identity and an increase in life expectancy.

“Ultimately it is my responsibility as the Registrar to ensure all records held and released by the Registry are done so in accordance to strict standards that do not compromise an individual's security and personal identity,” said Ms Helen Trihas, Registrar, Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

“We recognise and value the role we have in family and historical research and remain committed to supporting and working with all members of this community in their work,” she said.

Further information and the policy itself will be added to the Registry's website on release. www.bdm.vic.gov.au Information will also be passed onto various genealogical societies for dissemination as soon as it becomes available.

Source: Roberto Venturini, Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

MICROFICHE FOR SALE



Victorian Pioneers Index c1837 – 1888 Version 2

Victorian Births 1889 – 1913

Victorian Deaths 1889 – 1980

Victorian Marriages 1889 – 1930

Victorian BDM's come with Index Guides

A.I.G.S. Index To Victorian Children's Register c1850 - 1893

A.I.G.S. 1841 Census Street Index For Metropolitan London (Middlesex)

A.I.G.S. 1841 Census Street Index For Metropolitan London (Surrey)

Approximately 200 spare plastic sleeves.

\$500.00 O.N.O

Contact Jenny Hayes – (03) 9795 1662 or baylanne@dodo.com.au

Pick up only from Dandenong

Just a Headstone Photo?

A friend was going to visit her family in Beechworth. She had just bought a digital camera. I casually asked “do you happen to know where the cemetery is in Beechworth?” Yes, she answered. I asked her if she would be able to take a photo of one of my ancestor’s graves while she was there. The last thing I wanted



*Beechworth Cemetery
Grave of Alice PORRITT (nee Sellick)
and her daughter Thelma*

her to do was spend a lot of time treading around this cemetery looking for my ancestor. I wasn’t even sure if she had a headstone.

So my friend left for her weekend in Beechworth and the most I expected was a digital photo of “Alice’s” grave when she got back. Of course it didn’t happen that way at all. My friend and her sister spent the entire weekend following up leads on the Porritt family. The instant the name was mentioned, locals in the town knew who she was talking about.

Before this fact finding mission to Beechworth all I knew was that my great grand aunt Alice SELICK (great grandfathers sister) was born in 1887 at South Melbourne. All of her siblings were born in South Australia and all but my great grandfather were married and had children there. So how did Alice end up in Beechworth?

We don’t have all the answers yet but the basic story is as follows.

Alice married John George PORRITT at the registry office in Adelaide 1907. They had three children Ethel Maude b. 1908, Thelma Josephine b. 1909 and John George b. 1913.

Their daughter Thelma’s second marriage was to Claude Rolland CAWTHRAY. At some time the couple moved to Beechworth and ran one the Empire Hotel.

Alice found herself living in Beechworth, at the local pub with her daughter and son-in-law. She moved there some time after 1947 when her husband died.

I am yet to find the connection to the Beechworth Porritt’s, who owned the local newspaper and at one time were said to be “the best dressed people in town”.

Of course there is a bit of scandal to this story too. I had an inquest that looked like it may be for Alice’s daughter, Thelma. Before now I had nothing to confirm this. I had nothing to confirm Thelma’s second marriage and of course she died with this married name.

Once my friend started to ask questions ‘round town people began telling a tale of a woman falling/ being pushed from the balcony of the Empire Hotel. Of course it was Alice’s daughter Thelma.

This is only the start of my search for long lost great grand aunt Alice, but what a start!

Pam Lowther

Photographs Courtesy of Carolyn Jones



*Beechworth's Empire Hotel
Did Thelma fall or was she pushed?*

"A MINE OF INFORMATION"

S.E.H.A. Discovery School

The South Eastern Historical Association has a great weekend planned for anyone interested in the Wonthaggi district or coal mining. As a member of this association, the Discovery School is available to members of our group.

Saturday 27th October

Come to the historic Union Theatre and learn about the pre-coal mining history of Wonthaggi – its geology, exploration and discovery.

Learn about coal mining in and around Wonthaggi over the last 100 years and life after the mines shut down.

Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided.

Dinner & Guest Speaker at Picasso's On Graham on Saturday night.



Sunday 28th October

Coach tour departs Union Theatre at 10 am for Harmers Haven (near Cape Patterson) the site of Hovell's discovery of coal in the area. The visit will include the dedication of a plaque to Hovell.

- Mine Sites & Mine Tour
- Lunch at the Union Theatre
- Town Walk & Museum Tour
- Afternoon Tea & Close 4 pm.

The cost for this wonderful weekend of activities is just \$65 per person including lunch on both days, Saturday night's Dinner and all morning and afternoon teas.

The only thing you have to arrange is your own accommodation – this is not included in the cost of the weekend.

Your SEHA Representatives are Lynne Bradley and Lorraine Taylor – please let them know if you're interested in receiving any further information asap.

Pakenham Gazette

Friday, 14 Oct 1921

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. James Thewlis, of Pakenham, which took place on Tuesday last. The old gentleman, who was 68 years of age, had been ill for some time. He had been a resident of this district for about 11 years and was much respected by all sections of the community. His death will be regretted by many friends. The late Mr. Thewlis was born in Geelong, and practically the whole of his life was devoted to farming. He was a resident of the Longwood district for 30 years, and for the past 11 years has been engaged in farming in this district. He was an old member of the Independent Order of Rechabites, being associated for over 40 years. He was one of the pioneer members of the Mt. Eccles Tent which was formed in Geelong about 40 years ago. He had also been an active member and local preacher of the Methodist Church for many years. He leaves a widow, four daughters (Mrs. O. C. Williams, Mrs. R. Doherty, Mrs. F. G. Auhl, and Miss Grace Thewlis) and two sons (Messrs S. and F. Thewlis) to mourn their sad loss. They have the deep sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon the remains being interred in the *local cemetery. An impressive service was conducted at the graveside by Mr. J. W. Hill, of the Methodist church.

**The Pakenham Cemetery is located in Thewlis Road, Pakenham*

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.

Research Room Roster

	Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
JUNE				2	Val Holland Con Robyn Jones	
	5	Fay McCoubrie Mary McGrath	7	Nowella Alghren Gen, BI & Aus Donald Connop	9*	Lynne Bradley C/C Betty Jones
	12	Diana Wheeler Eng & NSW Clare Vivian	14	Gail Quinn Eileen Durdin C/C	16	Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Shirley Peterson
	19	Ann Blair Tas Jeanette Angee	21	Lynne Bradley C/C Di Christensen Aus	23	Wendy Goodwin Tas Pam Lowther IT & Cem
	26	Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen	28	Valma Newson Win Preston Wls & Shp	30	Val Holland Con Robyn Jones
JULY	3	Diana Wheeler Eng & NSW Mary McGrath	5	Nowella Alghren Gen, BI & Aus Donald Connop	7	Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Shirley Peterson
	10	Fay McCoubrie Clare Vivian	12	Gail Quinn Eileen Durdin C/C	14*	Pam Lowther IT & Cem Lynne Bradley C/C
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	24	Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen Pam Lowther IT & Cem	26	Lynne Bradley C/C Win Preston Wls & Shp	28	Val Holland Con Robyn Jones
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Legend

Aus = Australia
Eng = England
Shp = Shipping

BI = British Isles
Gen = General
Tas = Tasmania

Cem = Cemeteries
IT = Computers
Vic = Victoria

Con = Convict
NSW = New South Wales
Wls = Wales

**Research Room Closes at 2pm for General Meeting*

FOUND AT VAFHO TREASURE CHEST AUGUST 2006

A small exercise book, previously used for minutes of a school council.

In this were notes of the workshop attended on "Writing your family History". Also notes of families near Ballarat, and a connection to family members working in the Victorian Railways. If this is yours, please contact VAFHO Secretary, with some of the family names included in this book.

Di Christensen - VAFHO Secretary

Ph: 03 9703 2985

Email - robert.cl@optusnet.com.au

The Dandenong Advertiser

Thursday, April 17 1890

Local News

New Pakenham. - Mr J. Paternoster is about to supply a long felt want to the residents by erecting and opening a large bakery and confectionary establishment in conjunction with his Busy Bee store. He has purchased the property nearly opposite the store from Mr James Ramage, and will open business in the course of a month.

Advance New Pakenham!

New Members! Welcome!



Wendy BROCK
Glenice CROSS
Debbie DAVIES
Graham DOWNS
Graham FACEY
Wilma FELTHAM
Pam GLOVER
Glenys JACKSON
Margaret KEAY
Valda MILLER
Dot PETERSON
Rex WILSON
Sue WIRTH
Robyn ZACHER

Australian Women's Archive Project
http://www.womenaustralia.info/register_home.htm

Cyndi's List of Genealogy sites on the Internet
<http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Australian Cricketers Database
<http://content-www.cricinfo.com/australia/content/player/country.html?country=2>

South African Graves & Memorials of Australians in the Boer War – 1899-1902
<http://www.hagsoc.org.au/sagraves/nmcdm/nmcdm-search.php>

Golden Threads The Chinese in Regional NSW 1850-1950
<http://amol.org.au/goldenthreads/>

The History of Australian Theatre – Database of Australian Thespians - 1850-1960
<http://www.hat-archive.com/database.htm>

Family History in India
<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~clday/index.html>

Badges of the Australian Armed Forces
<http://www.militarybadges.info/pages/oz/aust1.htm>

South Australian Teachers Index 1851-1962
<http://www.unisanet.unisa.edu.au/research/condon/teachers/>

South Australia Police Historical Society Inc.
<http://www.sapolicehistory.org/>

Search Western Australian Cemeteries - Karrakatta, Pinnaroo, Midland, Guildford and Fremantle
<http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au/NameSearch/search.php>

Lorraine's Burial Records Page
<http://www.wt.com.au/~llarment/index.htm>

High Country Heritage
<http://www.highcountryheritage.org/>

Collections Australia Network
<http://www.collectionsaustralia.net/>

Australia Place Name Search
<http://www.ga.gov.au/map/names/>

Victorian North East Resources
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/%7Eesurreal/AVNE/Resources/resources.html>

Queensland bdm's Now Searchable Online

From April you can now search the Queensland Historical Indexes for Birth, Death & Marriage online.

Queensland Department of Justice –
General bdm info.

<http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm/>

Queensland Birth, Death & Marriage – Historical Index Search
<http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm/IndexSearch.htm>

These online indexes cover the same period as the Qld Pioneer and Federation indexes. Births, Deaths & Marriages 1829 to 1914. The index also includes some early baptisms, burials and church marriages.



Spreading Branches August 2007

The deadline for the August 2007 edition of Spreading Branches is 15th July 2007.



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 E-mail _____

Postcode _____
 Mobile _____

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME/INITIAL

PLEASE REMEMBER EMAIL IS CASE SENSITIVE

Membership Category	Fee	Amount Paid
Ordinary/Single	\$25.00	
Joint	\$40.00	
Late Joining Fee (Only if Paid After 1 Oct)	\$5.00	
Optional Library Donation	\$	
Total		\$

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VOLUNTEER ON DUTY

Membership No: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / 2007

Receipt No: _____ Payment Method: Cash Chq
PLEASE CIRCLE

Money Order

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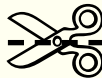
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GROUP INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

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of _____

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appoint _____

of _____

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My proxy is authorised to vote in favour of/against (delete as appropriate)

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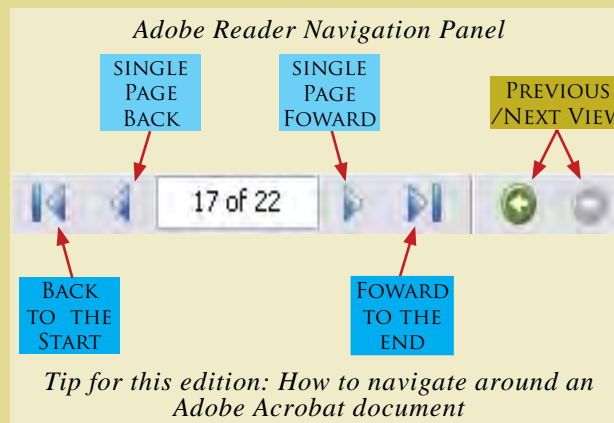
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