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Merry Christmas

and a safe

Happy New Year

I would like to sincerely thank all of the contributors to the last four issues of Spreading Branches. Yes that's right this is my fourth edition, hasn't the time just flown by! I have had a ball putting together these editions and I hope you have enjoyed reading them and learnt a little something about family history along the way, I know I have. As always if you have any comments, suggestions or contributions I would love to hear from you. See you all in the New Year.

Pam Lowther
Newsletter Editor



Christmas Lunch on Puffing Billy Thursday 6th December

General Meetings

12th December at 8 pm

➔ Christmas Meeting and something special!

13th February at 8 pm

➔ Beryl O'Gorman - Finding your Irish ancestors on and off the net

12th March at 8 pm

➔ Wendy Eldridge - Getting Organised and Staying Organised

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Research Room Closure over the Festive Season

The research room will be closed from 3pm Tuesday 11th December 2007 and reopen again at 11am Tuesday 5th February 2008.

We will be conducting a stocktake among other things and just generally giving our wonderful, hard working volunteers a well earned rest. We will all be back ready to throw ourselves back in to it well refreshed in the New Year.





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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. Jane Rivett-Carnac 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 Jane

Phone: (03) 9796 1421 *or*

Email: research.room.workshop@nwfhg.org.au

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.

Commemorating the Spirit of The Herrick Family Pioneers

Sunday 7th October 2007 was a memorable day for me.

I had researched my mother's family for many years and put pen to paper, (or finger to keyboard) to create a family history in 1999. I updated this book last year. As family history buffs we all know there is always more information to be found. I was notified that a new granite monumental stone, (old monument was broken and damaged) suitably inscribed, was to be placed on my great-great grandmother, Bridget Herrick (nee Marksman)'s grave. I was delighted to accept an invitation to attend the blessing of the headstone at the Inverleigh Cemetery. Follow-up invitations arrived from 'characters' who materialised from my book but whom I had never met or even spoken to.

Bridget Herrick became the matriarch of most of the Herrick clan spread far and wide throughout Australia. As a 16 year old bride, the mother of 14 children and dying at the early age of c50 clearly she should not be forgotten.

Inverleigh is a small farming community half

an hour drive along the Hamilton Hwy from Geelong. My husband and I left home on a fresh clear morning and arrived at Inverleigh Cemetery to find people gathering by 11.30. We had seen the old grave but looked forward to seeing the new headstone which was said to have cost around \$3000 (raised by Bridget's descendants). The weather turned on us as we stood and listened to several speeches, an Irish poem and a beautiful Irish song by Mary O'Hara.

The priest was late so we stood in the cold wind and drizzle but the peace and tranquility



Inscription as follows:

BRIDGET AND JOHN HERRICK AND THEIR CHILDREN MIGRATED FROM LORRHA, TIPPERARY, IRELAND IN 1851

BRIDGET (1812-1862) AND JOHN JNR. (1834-1865) ARE BURIED HERE.

JOHN SNR. IS BURIED IN PYRAMID HILL

ERECTED BY THEIR DESCENDANTS IN 2007 TO COMMEMORATE THEIR PIONEERING SPIRIT

was wonderful. When Father finally arrived, he blessed the grave and informed us that in the little parish of Lorrha in Tipperary, Ireland it had been arranged for the priest to say a Mass for Bridget and her son (also buried in the grave) and for all of her descendants in this country which she had made her home.

After the service and photos we all adjourned to the Railway Hotel, Bannockburn where we ordered a beautiful meal and moved from table to table finding which descendant was which and showing each other what wonderful family treasures we had. I had a great find with more information about the origins of the family in Ireland. What a wonderful day!!!

Jeanette Angee



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6TH VICTORIAN
FAMILY HISTORY
STATE CONFERENCE

Victorian Association Of Family History
Organisations Inc
in conjunction with
South Gippsland Genealogical Society Inc
to be held at: Inverloch — Victoria
2nd to 4th May 2008

The theme of the conference is

THE PAST AND THE PRESENT
FOR THE FUTURE

All enquiries and registrations of interest
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— Four Day Break at Tawonga —

At the end of April this year, Terry and I and our friends George and Loris had a four-day break at Tawonga, which is near Bright. We set off on the last Monday in April and headed straight to Tawonga and arrived late in the afternoon. The weather was beautiful, with sunny days and cold nights just perfect for exploring during the day and sleeping well at night. On the Tuesday we explored Bright (yet again, as I have been there many times over the years) and Loris and I explored all the shops while George and Terry went for a drive. That night we were looking at maps and Terry pointed out Eskdale, which is near Little Snowy Creek where his Dad's first school was. Looking on the map it seemed a long way to go in one day but George said we could go the back way as we had his 4WD and it shouldn't take too long. We all decided that was a good idea, so early to bed we went to be up bright and early the next day. The next morning Loris and I packed up some

lunch, filled the flask with hot water and off we went. We left Tawonga and headed through Mount Beauty towards the Bogong High Plains. What beautiful country it is, so we stopped for a while to have a look at the snow gums and some wildflowers that were out. I was in my element as I am a native plant enthusiast and to see the snow gums together with the wildflowers was just magic. We pressed on, as the road was now dirt from Falls Creek Village to a place called Shannonvale. What a bumpy ride and a bit bone shattering as well. We at last hit bitumen and I thought silently to myself, thank God for that, but all too soon we hit the dirt road again. An interesting highlight of this stretch of road was a cemetery at a place called Glen Wills. There was nothing else there and also no explanation as to why the cemetery was there either. When we got home, George accessed the Web and found out that this cemetery once served the mining areas of Sunnyside and Glen Wills. The township

of Sunnyside once had a hotel, stores, Catholic Church, a school and Mechanics Institute. There were 97 burials between the years 1894 and 1920 and the people of nearby Glen Valley now look after the cemetery. It is quite an eerie feeling to be standing where there once was a thriving township and now the only sounds are of the surrounding bushland. Glen Wills is situated on the Omeo Highway between Mitta Mitta and Shannonvale. On we went and I was beginning to think that we would never get there and also we were all starting to get hungry. At last we hit Mitta Mitta and what a surprise, such a nice little town.



Terry Vivian standing outside what was once the Little Snowy Creek Primary School

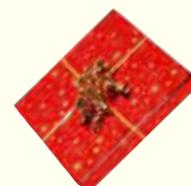
There was a pub and a few stores and quite a lot of people about, tourists as well. We had some lunch and a stroll around and then headed off again towards Eskdale. It was only 30km or so to Eskdale and we then had another surprise. We all thought Eskdale would just be a whistle stop but it was quite a large town and very pretty. We looked around and couldn't find anything that said Little Snowy Creek and were just about to give up when we spotted a sign pointing us in the right direction. George said to look for old pine trees, as when they built the schools they were given pine trees to plant for shade and shelter. Off we went again and down the road to Little Snowy Creek and couldn't find anything

resembling a school or the remains of one when one of us spotted a sign on a farm fence that said Little Snowy Creek Primary School. Fantastic! Sure enough there were the obligatory pine trees amongst the other trees. I think Terry was quite overcome that he had finally found where his dad had taught all those years ago, it was 1919 in fact. Ernie was only 19 at the time, so it must have been a bit daunting for him to be told to go all that distance for his first teaching position. Apparently he had to go by train to Tallangatta and then ride a horse to Little Snowy Creek.

Terry decided to knock on the farmhouse door to see if we could have a look at the site. The lady was very nice and said we were welcome to go on site as there were the remains of some old buildings still there. The original building opened in 1890 and was dismantled and a new school built in 1916 a few years before Ernie went there. We think that school was abandoned too and a portable put on site as it was moved to Mitta Mitta at some stage in the 70's. We don't know this for sure and we will have to research this a bit more. There were the remains of a shelter shed and the toilets still on site but when these were built we haven't any idea. It

was lovely though to be walking in the footsteps of Terry's Dad and imagining his life there. Back to Tawonga and the next day we went to Yackandandah and Beechworth. We all had been to these places before but it was good to see them again. Quite the tourist towns now. We actually had lunch at the Empire Hotel in Beechworth where Pam Lowther's g.grand aunt Alice had lived with her daughter Thelma. Pam had written about this in the last issue of Spreading Branches. It's a small world. That's all for now,

Clare Vivian



New in the Research Room

	Lookin For Your Mob: Tracing Aboriginal family trees (<i>Donated by Heather Arnold</i>)
	Wrecks on the Queensland Coast 1791-1992 (<i>Donated by Heather Arnold</i>)
	The Church of St Thomas Langwarrin
	Memories of a Larrikin: A Red Hill Lad Remembers
	Organising a Genealogy Library
	How to trace the history of your house
	Cumberland 1841 Census (<i>Donated by Lorraine Taylor</i>)
	Cambridgeshire 1841 Census (<i>Donated by Lorraine Taylor</i>)
	Scottish Parish Records: Scotland South (<i>Donated by Lorraine Taylor</i>)

	Edinburgh Post Office Directory 1852 (<i>Donated by Lorraine Taylor</i>)
<i>C/C</i>	History of Garfield Primary School No. 2724 (<i>Donated Diana Wheeler</i>)
<i>C/C</i>	Facey Family Tree (<i>Donated by Graham Facey</i>)
<i>C/C</i>	South Folk: The Waller Family Story
<i>C/C</i>	Australian Father & Son
<i>C/C</i>	An Australian Story 1837-1907
<i>C/C</i>	Rare Encounters
<i>C/C</i>	The Book of the Dandenongs
<i>C/C</i>	Lillie and The Gambler
<i>C/C</i>	Ordeal By Fire: The Week The State Burned-up 1939
<i>C/C</i>	Aboriginal Reserves and Missions in Victoria

Librarians Report

Hello fellow Genies,

My reading has been patchy but I did enjoy the three new books in our Casey Cardinia Collection written by Lord and Lady Casey about their family. "Australian Father & Son" written by Lord Casey is a biography based on remembrances and family correspondence of Lord Casey's father and Grand father. "An Australian Story 1837-1907" written by Lady Maie Casey is a biography of her Ryan and Sumner family and life on the Mornington Peninsula. The third book "Rare Encounters" also written by Maie Casey is four Essays of people she valued one of them being her mother in law Mrs R.C. Casey Snr. These three books give the reader an excellent perspective on life in Victoria during the 1800's particularly of and about women from a women's viewpoint.

The many newsletters we exchange with other family history groups always have interesting articles that catch my eye. The September edition of Tasmania Ancestry has a good story about the Launceston Family Album Index with 1,179 surnames of Tasmanians between 1891-1892

and many photos. Issue 63 of Irish Roots has an article submitted by one of our members and I'm looking forward to hearing what success comes from this story being published.

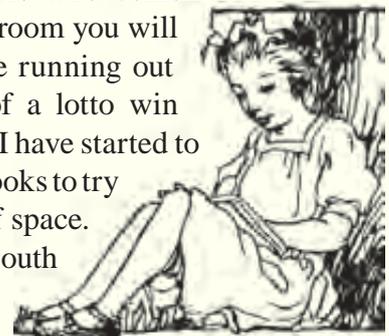
For those members who come into our research room you will notice that we are running out of space, short of a lotto win and new building I have started to rearrange some books to try and create a bit of space.

Books on New South Wales have been shifted onto the same row and

book case as the other Australian States, while New Zealand books are on the lower shelf next to Europe. Also a number of books that we had in our Casey Cardinia Collection that are duplicate books, one copy has been relocated into Victoria.

Until next time happy reading.

Jane Rivett-Carnac



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BEING PREPARED FOR A VISIT TO THE RESEARCH ROOM!

You have already made the hard decision and made the long walk down that corridor into the research room. Now that you are here you have to decide how to best use your time. If you arrive with everything you need each visit you will achieve much more in the time you have.

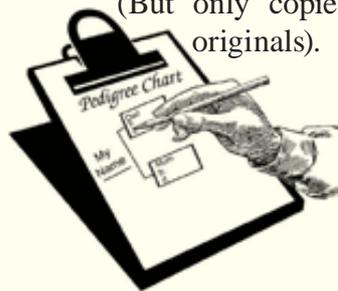
So what do you need to consider the night before you come in.

- Decide who you want to research on your visit. (if you don't know we can't tell you)
- Consider exactly what you want to find out about who! For example: you may want to find out where great great grandpa Joseph was buried.
- Be specific about what you want to find (even think about writing a list)
- Another thing to keep in mind, don't bring too much with you on any one visit. You may find great great grandpa Joe's burial in a few minutes but it also may take hours or you may not find it at all! So have another couple of questions ready to go on with if you are either really lucky or don't find anything at all.
- Ask questions. There are no silly questions just those not answered yet. And always remember we all had to start at the beginning at some time.



You will need

- A Pencil (NO not a pen. It is a good habit to get in to. A lot of research institutions will not let you use a pen so make it a habit now.)
- Paper but more specifically family group sheets, pedigrees, etc. (Don't try to write it all down on a scrap of paper. You will end up with far too much information to keep track of and if it isn't organised it will get muddled to say the least.)
- Relevant certificates, documents, etc (But only copies, never take your originals).



As we have limited space in the research room we can only hold a certain amount of records. We have, as have most other groups, chosen to specialise in research materials that will give our members the most benefit and that don't duplicate what another group already holds (no point doubling up). We hold lots of records for Victoria and especially the local Casey/Cardinia area. We also have most of the BDM's for the other states of Australia. We also hold various resources for all over the world, too many to list here.

If you are after a specific country or area please ask one of the volunteers on duty, look it up in our comprehensive computer database (a volunteer can show you how). If we don't hold the resource you are looking for consider putting it on our wish list.

Or even better come along to a "Getting to know the research room" workshop. Our librarian runs these workshops as requested, for small groups and she can tailor a workshop to your needs. These workshops are a great way for you to get acquainted with the research room and its resources without distraction and in your own time. (Ask any of the volunteers for more information or contact the librarian).

Another good source to consider when you are looking for specific information on an area of research, part of the world or you are just plain stumped, look up the research room roster. Most of the volunteers have their special area of expertise listed next to them on the days they are rostered on. Use these days to help your research by picking the brain of some of our very knowledgeable volunteers. And please don't expect every volunteer to know everything. We don't but between all of us we can usually come up with either an answer to your question or tell you where to go to get more information.

Just remember we are here to guide you through your research of your family history. Of course we do provide a paid research service if that is what you want. But in the end if you joined this group to research your family's past you couldn't be in better hands. Use the groups resources to their fullest!

HALLAM VALLEY SOLDIER SETTLERS

The City of Casey is undertaking a project to recognise and commemorate their Soldier Settlers. There was a Soldier Settlement area at Narre Warren North and a Memorial is being developed at Kalora Park on the corner of Fox Road and McKenzie Lane. The next area we are looking at is the Hallam Valley settlement at Narre Warren which began about 1934. This settlement is located around Centre Road and Homestead Roads, north of Greaves Road . We are looking for descendents or anyone with any information on the following Hallam Valley families - Angus, Austin, Baldwin, Clancy, Curtain, Edwards, Eychens, Fisher, Furborough, Grigg, Hattan, Izzard, Jonas, Lowe, Marshall, Miles, Nelson, Payne, Pennefather, Reed, Sherriff and Vinen. If you have any information on these families I would love to hear about it.

Heather Arnold

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Cleaning Poem

Why my house is such a mess.
He asked if I'd been 'computering',
And I had to answer "yes"

He told me to get off my rear
And tidy up the house.
And so I started cleaning up...
The smudges off my mouse.

I wiped and shined the topside.
That really did the trick...
I was just admiring my work...
I didn't mean to 'click.'

But click, I did, and oops I found
A real absorbing site
That I got SO way into...
I was into it all night.<<Sigh>>

Nothing's changed except my mouse
It's very, very shiny.
I guess my house will stay a mess...
While I sit here on my hiney.

China

Christmas is around the corner and the year is flying past. I have just come back from a wonderful couple of weeks in China, Beijing is getting ready for the Olympics next year, and The Great Wall is certainly great. Shanghai is a city with a split personality, the old colonial side of the river with European style buildings from the early 1900's and the modern side of the river is buildings out of the future or the Jetson's cartoon. However one of my highlights was a visit to a 300 year old court-yard house in the Hou Hai Hutong area of Beijing that has been home to 14 generations of the one family. The house even had a room devoted to the history of this family with many photographs on display and a very long family tree written on a scroll. The family tree was written in



beautiful Chinese calligraphy a work of art as much as the heritage of this family. Unfortunately most of the signage was in Chinese but our English speaking guide did give us a very interesting talk about the family, we would call them ordinary or middle class, over the generations a number of the men had been local government officials.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

Research Room Roster

DECEMBER	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	
				1 Wendy Goodwin Tas Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen
4	Clare Vivian Diana Wheeler Eng & NSW	6 Valma Newson Win Preston Wales & Shp	8 Lynne Bradley C/C Wendy Brock	
11	Fay McCoubrie Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen			
JANUARY 2008 CLOSED				
FEBRUARY	5	Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen Fay McCoubrie	7 Nowella Alghren Gen, BI, Aus Di Christensen Aus	9 Lynne Bradley C/C Wendy Brock
	12	Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Bev Lambie	14 Win Preston Wls & Shp Eileen Durdin	16 Shirley Petersen Wendy Goodwin Tas
	19	Mary McGrath Diana Wheeler	21 Lynne Bradley C/C Donald Connop	23 Val Holland Con Pam Lowther IT & Cem
	26	Jeanette Angee Clare Vivian	28 Valma Newson Gail Quinn	



THE RESEARCH ROOM IS CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS

at 3pm on Tuesday 11th December 2007 and will re-open at 11am 5th February 2008

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

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

It's not all work, there are lots of benefits when you are a research room volunteer.

- Meet other people with the same interests
- Learn more about the vast array of resources that are held in the research room
- As a volunteer you will be able to access the room at any time during the main library's opening hours.
- Gain new ideas on research for your own family history

On average our Volunteers are rostered on duty once every 4 weeks. So, for giving up a few hours each month you get a great deal in return!

If you are interested please contact the Research Room Manager, Carolyn Jones, for more information.
Email: research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au



SLV PODCASTS

Did you know that the State Library of Victoria has Podcasts available on Family History and a range of topics. They are really easy to access. Just click on the link and a built in player pops up, then just press play and you can listen to these great talks. The other option available to you is to download these podcasts and listen to them at your leisure. They are in mp3 format so any mp3 capable device will allow you to play them, including most personal computers, mp3 players and some CD players.

The latest podcasts are from the Family History Feast, held in September. You can also be notified when additional podcasts are available by bookmarking the live bookmark.

Family History Feast podcasts:

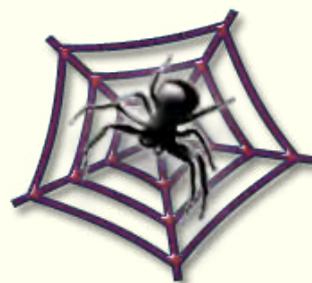
http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/programs/genealogy/family_history_feast_07/fam_hist_feast.html



New Members! Welcome!



On the Web



Pamela Bowman

Jonathon Crofts

Josphine Crofts

Gillian Day

Colleen De Araugo

Lorraine Edwards

Gordon Lindner

Shane O' Brien

Margaret Spinks

Particia Varga

Sheryl Vervoort

Honorable East India Company

<http://www.honeastindiaco.com>

Ancestors on board

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

Online Australian Names Directory

<http://www.list.jaunay.com/ausnames/>

Norfolk Mills

<http://www.norfolk Mills.co.uk/index.html>

Old News Bios

<http://www.oldnewsbios.co.nz>

National library of Australia

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

Bunurong Memorial Park

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

Shetland Family History Society

<http://www.shetland-fhs.org.uk>

Australian Trade Union Archives

<http://www.atua.org.au>

Gazetteer of British Place Names

<http://www.gazetteer.co.uk/>

Northern Ireland freeholders records

<http://www.proni.gov.uk/freeholders>

The Ulster Covenant

<http://www.proni.gov.uk/ulstercovenant>

Immigrants to South Australia 1847-1886

<http://www.theshipslist.com/ships/australia/SAassistedindex.htm>

North East Victoria Mailing List Page

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~surreal/AVNE/>

Dudley Borough Council UK – Cemetery Search

<http://www.dudley.gov.uk/community-and-living/deaths-funerals-cremations/genealogy-research-service>

Member Profile	
Name	Sheryl Anne VERVOORT
Born	Melbourne
Siblings	Four
Education	Form 2
Profession	Home Duties
Married	Widow
Spouse	Hank
Children	Five
Time in the district	14 years
Hobbies	Genealogy, bike riding, crochet, walking dogs
Researching	Lewis, Register, Minns, Ricketts, Little and Serong
Reason for starting	Order of marriages of grandmother
Time researching	2 months
Most interesting find	My nana married once but had 14+ children with 5 different surnames



Spreading Branches February 2008

The deadline for the February 2008 edition of Spreading Branches is 15th January 2008.

Obituary
Mr Christopher Moody
of Kooweerup

On the 17th inst , at his late residence, "Shepton," Kooweerup, Mr Christopher Moody, a very old resident and colonist of 66 years, died in his 88th year. Born at Shepton, Mallet, Somerset, England, he arrived at Melbourne by the ship Morning Star in 1854. Shortly afterwards he established the Barkly flour mill at Rokewood, Victoria, and supplied many of the stores at the diggings in those early days, with the much needed flour and other products of his mill, He became a councillor in the Leigh shire, and held the seat for nine years till he left to come to Kooweerup, bringing with him considerable municipal experience and knowledge, which proved of great value when he was elected to the Cranbourne council. The shire, at the time of his entering the council, was in difficulties, and Mr Moody played a prominent part in adjusting matters He bought land in the Kooweerup swamp before it was drained, or any railway made there. They were rough, hard times, and many of the early settlers at Kooweerup, and further on in South Gippsland, availed themselves of his willing help when bogged in the muddy roads or they became benighted. His belief in the good quality of the Kooweerup soil never wavered, and it must have been very gratifying to him to have seen the wonderful progress of the settlement and prosperous development achieved. He acted as returning officer on many occasions for different elections, and was in every way an exemplary citizen. Four daughters and one son remain to mourn their great loss.

SouthBourke&MorningtonJournal25Nov1920

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

SATURDAY 5 JANUARY 2008

I will start by wishing you all a big bright and beautiful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Because I will be needing as many of you happy healthy people that I can get to volunteer to get this sausage sizzle under way, therefore giving the group a great start to the year

Can you believe it 2008 !! For those of you that don't know we have 2 sausage sizzles a year, at Bunnings and we make over \$1,000 at each one. This is all the fundraising we do. This enables us to buy new resources for you to use in our rooms and the more we have, the more you will find out about those illusive ancestors of yours. We don't have a choice on the dates, we have to take the dates we are given or we miss out. Saturday the 5th January is not the best date as many members



are on holidays so if you are not, please give some thought to maybe cooking a sausage or two. If you don't like cooking there are other jobs you could do. We start at 8am and finish about 4pm we do not expect any one to give all this time but even if its just an hour it is much appreciated. We especially need some male members to help set up and pack up. Or maybe you might be able to help Friday the 4th January to bag sausages and cut onions at my home, this is a great help.

I will be putting a notice up in the room to put your names on, you could let me know on meeting days, or you could ring me at home on 9704 9738

Shirley Peterson
Sausage sizzle coordinator

STOCKTAKE 2008

This year's library stock-take will be conducted on the 15th January. Can you spare a few hours? We would really appreciate your help. If you have any queries please contact Jane Rivett-Carnac on 9796 1421.

PUFFING BILLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

BOOK NOW!

Date: Thursday 6th December

Time: 12.20pm - The Luncheon special departs Belgrave (returns to Belgrave approx. 3.30pm)

Cost: \$30 per head - *First Class Fare, plus homemade soup & crackers, scones with jam and cream and tea /coffee.*

A deposit of \$10 per head is required to secure your place/s with full payment by 20th November 2007. (because we have to pay in full in advance)

Booking forms can be obtained from the research room or contact Lynne for more details

Phone: 9704 9075 or 0413 182 551 Email: president@nwfhg.org.au

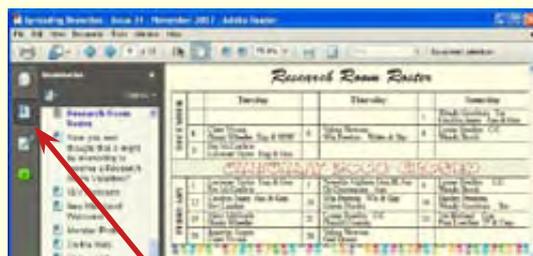


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