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Lifetime Membership Award Val Holland

Our last Life Membership was awarded in 2002 to Jenny Hayes, a worthy recipient. They don't get awarded often. There's no set criteria for this award, how can there be? Each recipient has earned their award by contributing to the family history group in a positively unique way – being and doing something that no one else has done before them or quite in their kind of way. Val Holland was at the first meeting of the NW&DFHG on 9th May 1989. No one in that room could possibly foresee that twenty years down the track the group would have its own home within the Narre Warren Library and a membership of 100.



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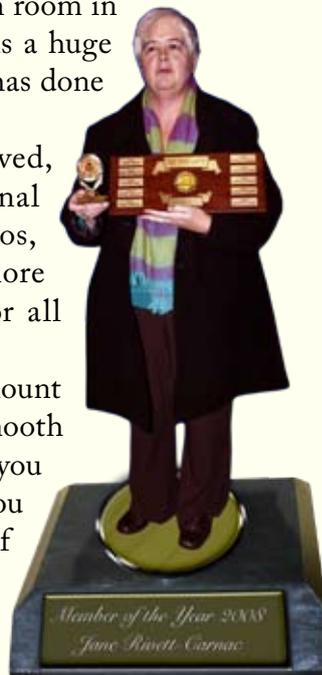
Valerie Holland - Our newest Life Member

2008 Member of the Year Jane is a worthy recipient. She has made a huge impact in the research room in the past year. The Librarian's job is a huge responsibility to take on and Jane has done it with enthusiasm and gusto.

Jane has made space, moved, reorganised and done an exceptional job in getting order out of chaos, making our collection much more user friendly and easier access for all members and visitors

Jane has spent a tremendous amount of hours working towards a smooth functioning research collection. If you are ever around on a Wednesday you will most likely find Jane and piles of resources spread all over the floor. Jane has brought a great energy to

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General Meetings

13th September at 8 pm

- ➔ Heather DeCrespigny
History of the Red Cross & Records Available for Researchers



- ➔ 11th October at 8 pm
To be Advised



- ➔ 12th November at 2 pm
*Myra Fisher
Cossacks, Cockneys & Colonials*

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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.

2007-2008 President's Report

Another year, another report and the same problem, what to say, what to leave out and who to thank (hoping you don't leave someone out).

I bet by now most of you are wondering about the significance of a duck and a joke about optimists and pessimists on the cover of this year's AGM Reports. Well, it seems to me that the family history group is a lot like the little duck, to those on the bank he seems to glide effortlessly along the water—only those who are brave enough to let their feet get a little wet know the real story and realise that the little duck's feet are paddling like crazy, but to most it's all unseen and seemingly effortless!

To just hold a general meeting someone has to work out the dates we require the room 12 months in advance, book the room, pay for it and on the day be sure to collect the keys so we're all not locked in. Someone else has to prepare minutes of the last meeting, take minutes of the present meeting, prepare a Treasurer's Report, prepare a Correspondence Report and an Agenda and someone else ensures we have a thank you gift for a speaker. Then others set up the room, moving chairs and tables, etc., someone else sets up all the necessities for afternoon tea and cleans and packs them away again. At the end of it all, someone has to oversee the packing up, answer everyone's queries, lock up and set the library alarms. And all that's only for a 2 or 3 hour meeting once a month.

And at this point, I'd like to sincerely thank our committee for paddling like crazy for another year with a sense of humor and a spark of optimism (the other reason I picked that joke). Eileen, quiet and reliable, Fay, always reliable but possibly not so quiet and Rex who keeps me on my toes at committee meetings are constantly 'there'. I have watched as Lorraine has courageously battled the savage beast known as 'the balance sheet' with no prior experience in book keeping and can only hope that I'm as open to new things in a few years as she is—what a role model for the rest of us! Pam's newsletter just keeps going from strength to strength and is

a credit to her and to us and Wendy just seems unstoppable. Carolyn has kept the volunteers on the straight and narrow and managed to avoid a nervous breakdown compiling duty rosters. Jane continues to make her presence felt in the research room and is doing a great job with it all. It was a blow to see Shirley Peterson have to retire as Membership Officer, Shirley put so much into mastering the job and then couldn't continue on, but Wendy Brock has stepped up to the plate and I am sure she will be a valuable addition to the committee.

I'd also like to again thank all our members who in any way have helped the group this year either doing duty, sizzling sausages, indexing or anything else.

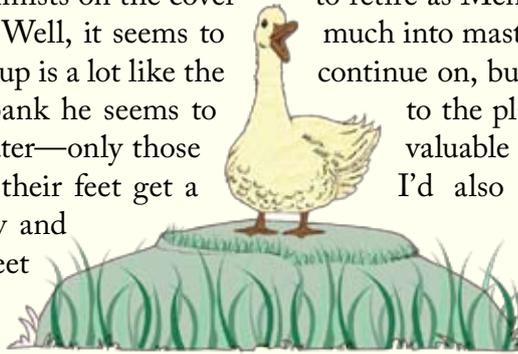
Our Volunteers Morning

Tea this year was held at the Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society and was a huge success. The Morning Teas have provided the group with the opportunity to do something that recognises our volunteers in a special way and to let them know how much we appreciate their help.

We continue to network with other groups and societies in an effort to broaden our knowledge and strengthen our networking skills. Lorraine and I have attended the Local History Reference Group and South Eastern Historical Association meetings and Di Christensen is our VAFHO and AFFHO representative.

Our 2007 Open Day last August, as part of National Family History Week was an unmitigated success, thanks to Wendy Goodwin's publicity skills. We're slowly gaining a larger presence out there and during the past year I have been done one interview with Casey radio 3SER on the Living Life program about the family history group and have another interview coming up shortly. Nerve racking yes—but terribly exciting nonetheless! I've just got word that a local paper will be attending our Open Day—well done Wendy.

We should also thank the City of Casey, the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation and Heather Arnold, our Local History Officer. Heather can't be with us today but she has a good excuse - she's attending a Family Reunion and as far as excuses go, that's a pretty good one.



Our membership continues to hover around the 100 mark despite (or possibly because of) the Internet and shows such as 'Who Do You Think You Are'? Information and resources are being released at a pace that makes keeping up fairly difficult and there's the age old problem of not being able to spend more money than we've got (a shame) so we sizzle sausages. We have to, memberships only cover our basic operating expenses, if we want to buy new resources we have to either increase membership fees or sizzle sausages. You might like to think about that the next time we're at Bunnings because we could always do with some more help, even if it's only an hour or two.

We've got a few exciting things happening in the research room, we've got a new computer, a new laser printer and many new resources are starting to come in. There should be something new for everyone so it will be interesting to see if the number of members using the research room increases.

Our 20th Anniversary is getting closer all the time, it will be an opportunity to reflect on just how far we've come in such a short time and to think about where we're going with it all. This next year will be one of consolidation for the family history group as we continue to improve the layout of the resources in the research room and try to make the information we have more accessible and easily found. We're hoping to take the Casey-Cardinia Combined Index to the next level, keep working on the computers and printers in the research room and move towards having all the information and forms etc., used by the committee stored or held in the research room rather than on their computers and in their homes as has been done in the past.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank the committee and the members for their continued support and encouragement, and I'd like to encourage any members who might be thinking about it to get involved and do duty, sizzle sausages, index a book or write something for the newsletter. You never know, you just might get something out of it too, just like our latest Life Membership recipient, Val Holland did. Val has been involved with the NW&DFHG since it's very first meeting and a worthy winner of such an honour—Congratulations Val.

Lynne Bradley

Casey Cardinia Chatter

Lucy : a private life revealed through public records Exhibition.

Narre Warren Library will be displaying the Public Records Office of Victoria (PROV) exhibition Lucy : a private life revealed through Public records in August. This exhibition documents the life of Lucy Bell from her arrival in Victoria, her marriages, the birth of her children, her struggle to obtain possession of her late husband's Estate and her own death. Lucy led a private life but this exhibition can retell her life because she used Government Services. Lucy's story, as presented in this Exhibition, draws on many commonly used PROV records, and may inspire you to create your own Lucy exhibition using the PROV resources relating to your own family members.

You can view this Exhibition on-line on the PROV site: <http://www.prov.vic.gov.au/exhibits/lucy/welcome.htm>



Berwick Heritage Walk

The City of Casey launched a walking tour of Berwick's Heritage on CD on Monday, June 16th. This is the third and final part of the Berwick *Hands on History* project which also includes three Heritage Markers in High Street and a Heritage Walk pamphlet. It was a fun launch and after the official proceedings we had a bus tour of the Walk with the CDs playing. The Library provided the historical research for the walk and it was a great project to be involved with as walks are an accessible and interesting way of promoting our history. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the CD they can be purchased for \$5.00 from the City of Casey Civic Centre, next to the Fountain Gate Shopping Centre. They will also shortly be available for loan at some of our Branches.

Heather Arnold

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A copy will also be available in the Research Room

Our Journey From East To West On The Indian Pacific

By Fay McCoubrie

A trip that we always wanted to do, turned into reality with us catching the Indian Pacific Train in Sydney bound for Perth, Western Australia.

We travelled in the Gold class carriages, which entitled us to our own little cabin with shower and toilet facilities. It was a great way to travel.

With the train creeping its way up through the Blue Mountains it was enthralling watching all the little towns pass us by. Then with the landscape changing into gentle hills and farmland we were in outback New South Wales. We crossed over the Darling River on the way to Broken Hill. We had a quick whistle stop tour of Broken Hill. The streets had little plaques describing the buildings of significant standing. On board again, on our way to Adelaide. With the countryside forever changing the time passed quickly.

We arrived in Adelaide and onto a bus for a tour around the capital city. It was again very informative and gave us both a different view on Adelaide.

We then started across the vast Nullarbor Plain. The countryside never changed much and was flat for as far as you could see. We saw camels, emu, a dingo and lots of wedge tailed eagles. Stopping at Cook, a remote town with a population of 4 people was another highlight. It gives you the feeling of a ghost town when you stroll through the old school and hospital buildings. They had a little shop with a captive audience.

Back on the train and on our way to Kalgoorlie. The highlight of Kalgoorlie had to be the huge open cut mine, the old architectural buildings and the biggest surprise to me was the two working brothels. They actually had the girls sitting in the windows. It was a real eye opener to me. Still not sure what I think about these. Anyway, back on the train and on our way to Perth. The land again was changing from desert to farmland, then to suburbs. Overall it was a great experience. The food was first class and sleeping on the train was a great event. Alighting in Perth we still had three days left of our package tour.

We had a night and day tour of Perth. We cruised down the Swan River and had an afternoon in Fremantle. Touring around Fremantle on the hop on, hop off trams was a quick way to see around.

We decided to hop off at the new Maritime Museum. To all genealogists who have ancestors who migrated



Abandoned building in Cook. Mural to longest serving railway worker 28 years.

to W.A. this place is wonderful. At the entrance of the museum are "The Welcome Walls" an outstanding tribute to migrants who immigrated and arrived via sea through the Port of Fremantle. It has many, many names with the year of arrival and the boat they travelled on. They have a database at <http://welcomewalls.museum.wa.gov.au/>. This is searchable with a description of the person, sometimes a photo and other information. It is just a wonderful wall and a very fitting tribute to our forebears. Another highlight was a visit to the Swan Bells. A beautiful building on the Swan River with an Observation Deck, and 12 Carillon Bells housed in the Belfry. These bells were a gift to the people of Western Australia to commemorate Australia's Bicentenary in 1988. The bells were cast between 1725 and 1770. We were able to watch the bellringers at work and hear the bells peal out across the town. We had arranged to meet with Rob's second cousin once removed that I had discovered in Perth. We spent a very enjoyable day with them, exchanging family information and photos. It certainly has put more family on our tree. Just imagine our surprise when they told us they also had a son named Andrew and grandson called Will. It is unbelievable that we

have two with the same names. Thankfully they do have different second names. We will catch up with this branch of the family again.

Altogether we had a wonderful journey with many highlights. We have a beautiful country and hopefully we will get to see more of it.



Looking the other direction from the school in Cook

SIXTH VICTORIAN FAMILY HISTORY STATE CONFERENCE

Preserving the Past and the Present for the Future

Organised by VAFHO, in conjunction with the South Gippsland Genealogical Society, this was held at Inverloch, on the Victorian coast over the first weekend in May.

Delegates from many Victorian societies, and also from Sydney, Canberra and NSW towns attended. Friendships were renewed, new friends made, interesting speakers held our attention and traders helped us part with our savings.

In all over 200 people attended the various lectures and workshops, with many others registering for the Saturday. Speakers included Lesle Berry, Elder Norbert Gariety, Alan Phillips, Dr Liz Rushen, Dorothy Wickham, Susie Zada and Professor Al Thomson. Food was plentiful, catering for those with allergies

and intolerances, and the conference dinner on the Saturday evening a gastronomic delight.

Sue McBeth was presented with the Frances Brown Award in recognition of her Digger Indexes, which make researching our Victorian ancestors so easy.

The organising committees were very thrilled that the weekend passed without a hitch, and the knowledge that all present enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to our next conference.

It was great to see so many present and past members from the Narre Warren Family History Group during this weekend

VAFHO's new website is <http://www.vafho.org.au/>

Di Christensen

New in the Research Room

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|  | Australian Family Histories Bibliography Index Edition 3 |
|  | Cyclopedia of Victoria |
|  | Geelong Western District & Squatters Directory 1866-1867 |
|  | Gold Fields of Victoria |
|  | Land Tax Register & Valuation Directory 1888 |
|  | Melbourne Commercial & Squatters Directory 1854 |
|  | New Zealand Directory 1866-1867 |
|  | Pioneer women of the Portland Bay District |
|  | Police Gazette Victoria 1865 |
|  | Police Gazette Victoria Compendium 1871-75 |
|  | Canal Boat Families Wolverhampton (Donated Jennifer Lenton) |
|  | Centenary Buckland Parish Tasmania 1846-1946 (Donated Jeanette Angee) |
|  | Index Non issued probates & administrations VPRS 7933/81 units 1-70 1851-1952 (Donated Ada Ackerly) |
|  | Police in Victoria 1836-1980 (Donated Robyn Jones) |

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|  | Sixth Victorian Family History State Conference Inverloch 2008 Papers - "Preserving the Past & the Present for the Future" |
| <i>c/c</i> | 1987 Calendar Old Berwick (Donated Mary McGrath) |
| <i>c/c</i> | Brittain-Blannin Diaspora in Australia (Draft Copy) (Donated H. Trevor Clifford) |
| <i>c/c</i> | Index of Baptisms Narre Warren North Methodist Church prior to 1920 (Donated Max Thompson) |
| <i>c/c</i> | Information files for Harkaway, Kooweerup, Lang Lang, Bunyip, West Gippsland Trader |
| <i>c/c</i> | Kenilworth Beaconsfield (Donated Kath Baker) |
| <i>c/c</i> | Light & Life History of Anglican Church in Gippsland (Donated Jane Rivett-Carnac) |
|  | 1861 census index no 1-5 Nottingham, Basford, Radford, etc † |
|  | Baptisms 19th Century Nottingham index † |
|  | Baptisms St Leodagarius Basford index 1662-1901 † |
|  | Baptisms St Mary's Nottingham index 1653-1901 † |
|  | Baptisms St Nicholas Nottingham index 1682-1901 † |
|  | Baptisms St Peters Radford index 1563-1900 † |

† *Hawthorne Bequest*



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November 2008

The Deadline for the November 2008 edition of *Spreading Branches* is 15th October 2008

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And since that first meeting Val has been an integral part of the family history group's growth. From the very first, she was on the committee and I think our first Sales Officer.

In 1997 the NW&DFHG had a Garage Sale, it was so nice of Val and her husband Des to offer their garage, I'd probably call that going beyond the call of duty and sadly the newsletter doesn't say how much they raised.

In 2001 Val was awarded the Member of the Year, an award truly deserved by Val. The Minute Secretary of that year noted that every time Lorraine asked for help Val's hand always went up. The August 2001 edition of Spreading Branches carried a letter of thanks and encouragement from Val to the Group. Fancy that – Val thanked us all for all the opportunities for hard work that we offered her and Val mentioned the various ways that helping the group has enriched Val's life – the first time I read that letter I thought 'what an insightful gesture'. I just read that letter again and it's still a very insightful piece but not her only literary contribution. Val has contributed many articles to the newsletters over the years as well as putting fingers to the keyboard and submitting numerous entries for the Writing Competitions held over the years.

I can't remember an Open Day, stock take, Birthday Celebration, seminar or display day somewhere that the group was participating in or any other occasion when the family history group has needed assistance from members and Val hasn't willingly put her hand up. What's more than that is that when Val puts her hand up you stop worrying, you know there'll be a darn good reason if she doesn't show. Likewise with Research Room Duty, I can't tell exactly how long Val's been doing duty because the rosters haven't always been in the newsletter, but with the ones that are, her name's on them all. Val also donated goods to the Christmas Raffles held over a long period of time which raised a lot of money, but she not only donated, she also canvassed stores at Fountain Gate for goods to include in the raffles.

She was at the Sausage Sizzle in May 2006 at Go-Lo, we raised just over \$300 She was also there in January 2007 at Bunnings at our first sausage sizzle at Bunnings, we raised \$1200 that day. Val was there again on the 30th June when we raised that amount again. Des came too. Val was also there January 2008 (the 40 degree day).

This year's committee decided to award Val Holland with a Life Membership in recognition of her invaluable contributions to the family history group since that very first meeting, now getting close to 20 years ago. As far as the family history group is concerned, she's always been there, preferring to be in the background a lot of the time, but nevertheless, a strong, dependable and generous member that has quietly and consistently given so much of her herself and her time and we all know, it just wouldn't be the same without her.

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the job and she is always willing to help out no matter what the task.

A few people received nominations this year, including:

Eileen Durdin – “The Quiet Achiever” is quietly efficient, taking minutes, on the research room roster, the Casey/Cardinia Index, taken on assistant IT job this year. Always on time and always ready to help out at sausage sizzles, research room volunteer, open days etc.

Rex McFarlane - for taking on a position outside his field of expertise and doing a great job.

Lorraine Taylor - for taking on a position outside her field of expertise and doing a great job.

Pam Lowther – for the newsletter and IT and anything and everything else.



Vice President, Rex McFarlane presents Jane Rivett-Carnac with her Member of the Year 2008 trophy and the Perpetual Plaque

Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

When I looked back at my notes for the past few months I was surprised at how much variety I've had in my Genie life since the last newsletter. Wendy Eldridge and I went to Inverloch on Saturday 3rd May for "Preserving the Past & the Present for the Future": 6th Victorian Family History State Conference, we joined Wendy Brock and Wendy Goodwin who attended both days of the conference, any time Di Christensen tells us there is a conference coming up we should all make a date to go even if only for one day. I enjoyed the wide variety of topics the many speakers presented, the social time with other genies was informative and I shopped at the trade tables until I made Wendy E drag me away as I 'hit the plastic'. The organisers VAFHO & South Gippsland Genealogy Society had put together an excellent weekend, with a good venue, great food, those who stayed for the weekend all found the local accommodation and meals good. We have a copy of the papers presented over the two days filed on the shelf in the research room, excellent reading but you should have been there to hear Susie Zada expounding on Sewage it's her pet topic and crept into her talk 'Don't judge a book by its cover-Municipal Directories', make a date for any of her talks she's a gem.

I had a fruitful day at Fawkner Memorial Park, not having been there before I did my homework on the Fawkner website, <http://www.fcmp.com.au/> printed out the names and relevant maps, plotted them in my Melways (did you know that cemeteries are in the Melways?) left home early and picked up my 90 year old mother on the way. We picked up the location map & self guided tour from the information office, read about the mortuary train and the preserved carriage, the history and some of the early pioneers, and drove around this lovely peaceful cemetery. Found all the relatives and took photos of the graves, Mum even chatted with a gardener and came home with two rose cuttings, we had a light lunch in the heritage tearooms and enjoyed our day in the sun.

Thanks to Wendy Brock I had another enjoyable day out with my mother, a day trip to 'The Book Barn' at Daylesford, it was worth the drive (next time I'll stay overnight and explore the other shops). The Book Barn is delightful, crammed full and has a great view over the lake while you eat yummy Devonshire Tea. There is a good collection of books covering most topics and an extensive Australiana section subdivided into categories, good signs make it easy to find what you're looking for and the owner was very friendly and helpful. Last week I stumbled onto and into a second hand book shop in Frankston, this is a tiny little shop near the corner of Young and Playne Street, books to the ceiling, a good number of books on Australia, not too clearly signed and be aware it's a cash only business Wendy Eldridge tells me I need to do a trip to Yarragon and I need to fit in Wendouree Books in Ballarat and the three day Rotary book sale at Geelong. We have been donated a wonderful collection of CD's and fiche for the Nottinghamshire region in England and in recognition they will be identified as "The Hawthorne Bequest" the fiche have been catalogued and are in draw 5 1st row, we are working our way through the CD's and they will be on the new shelf as they become available. Fay McCoubrie is helping me once a week as we continue to re-catalogue the books and update our computer records. At the moment we are subdividing the Victorian books so anything relating to the Central Victorian Goldfields are now all together and have the new catalogue number VIC001GF, they can be found top shelf of the bookcase closest to the door, next to them is the new section for Victorian Shipping VIC001SH, on the next shelf down is Gippsland VIC001GI, Fay has made new labels and as each section is finished the volunteers will be advised so they can help you find where things have been moved to.

Happy reading,

Jane Rivett-Carnac

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Research Room Roster

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| SEPTEMBER | 2 | Jeanette Angee Aus & Gen Mary McGrath | 4 | Nowella Ahlgren BI & Gen Valma Newson | 6 | Wendy Brock Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen |
| | 9 | Wendy Brock Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen | 11 | Donald Connop Di Christensen Aus | 13 | Robyn Jones Lynne Bradley C/C |
| | 16 | Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen Jeanette Angee Aus & Gen | 18 | Eileen Durdin C/C Gail Quinn | 20 | Shirley Peterson Wendy Goodwin Tas |
| | 23 | Clare Vivian Bev Lambie | 25 | Win Preston Wls & Shp Nowella Ahlgren BI & Gen | 27 | Pam Lowther IT & Cem Lorraine Taylor Eng & Gen |
| | 30 | Carolyn Jones Aus & Gen Mary McGrath | | | | |
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Legend

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Con = Convict
Shp = Shipping

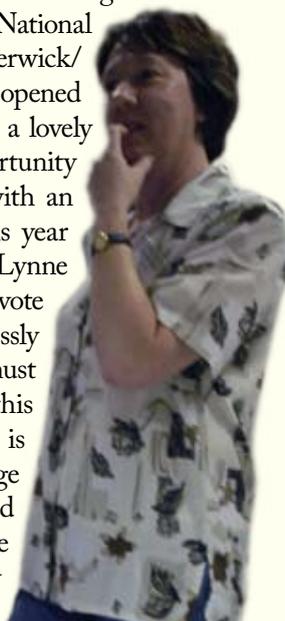
BI = British Isles
Eng = England
Tas = Tasmania

C/C = Casey/Cardinia
Gen = General
Vic = Victoria

Cem = Cemeteries
IT = Computers
Wls = Wales

2008 Volunteer morning Tea and Volunteer of the Year Award

As a thank you to our volunteers we once again held a morning tea this year during National Volunteer Week. This year Berwick/Pakenham Historical Society opened their museum for us and provided a lovely morning tea. We also took the opportunity to present one of our volunteers with an award for outstanding service. This year the "Many Hats" award went to Lynne Bradley (for obvious reasons). The vote was unanimous, Lynne works tirelessly for the family history group. I must say it wasn't easy to organise this without Lynne finding out as she is normally the person who takes charge of such things. But we managed to keep her in the dark until the presentation and she was certainly surprised when the time came.



THE MANY HATS AWARD
For Outstanding Volunteer Service to the
Parre Warre & District Family History Group Inc.
The 2008 Volunteer of the Year Award
presented to
Lynne Bradley

This year's Volunteer of the year is someone we all know and love. The vote by the committee was unanimous for this year's recipient. She is a member of the committee but does so much more than her regular committee job. She also holds an honorary position, represents the family history group at gatherings of various groups such as the SEHA & History Victoria Support Group and the GSV, just to name a few. This award is all about acknowledging all of the other stuff this person brings to the group. Just a few of the activities Lynne volunteers for:
* Sausage Sizzles * Research Room volunteer * Open Days
* Administers and moderates the NW&DFHG mc2, NW&DFHG Volunteers mc2, Casey Connect site and the groups official website
* Indexes books for the Casey/Cardinia Combined Index
* Publishing Projects - Pioneer Profiles, Monuments & Memorials and NW&DFHG 20th Anniversary project
It wasn't easy to come up with a theme for this year's award but the only thing that really sounded right was the "Many Hats" award because Lynne wears quite a few. Lynne Bradley never hesitates to put us, the group, volunteers and members, first!



On
the
Web



Australian Dictionary of Biography (Online Edition)
<http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/adbonline.htm>

Bendigo Family History Group
<http://www.bendigofamilyhistory.com/>

Digger History – An Unofficial History of the
 Australia & New Zealand Armed Services
<http://www.diggerhistory.info/00-pages-top-level/master-index.htm>

Genmaps – Old and Interesting Maps of
 England, Wales and Scotland
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~genmaps/>

History Services NSW
<http://www.historyservices.com.au/>

Map of England, Wales and Scotland Counties
 (inc. Chapman County Codes)
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Britain.html>

The Book of Scottish Connections
<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/famrec/book-of-scottish-connections.html>

UK Surnames
<http://www.county-surnames.co.uk/index.php>

Indian Cemeteries
<http://www.indian-cemeteries.org/>

Australian Periodical Publications 1840-1845
<http://www.nla.gov.au/ferg/>

Aussie Heritage Directory (by State & Suburb)
<http://www.aussieheritage.com.au/>

Australian Newspapers (beta)
<http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/home>

Lilydale Cemetery -Which also Includes:
 Lilydale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park,
 Yarra Glen, Healsville & Burwood Cemeteries
<http://www.lilydalecemetery.com.au/>

Deceased Search
<http://mapsearch.lilydalecemetery.com.au/PubMapping/>

| Member Profile | |
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| Name | Judi A. Harris |
| Born | Hampton, Victoria |
| Siblings | Laurel F. Rosin (Sister) Queanbeyan, NSW |
| Education | H.S.C. |
| Profession | Floral Preserver |
| Married | Clifford S. Harris |
| Spouse | Husband |
| Children | Gordon S. & Nina M. |
| Grandchildren | Megan & Callan |
| Time in the district | 20 years in Narre Warren North |
| Hobbies | Gardening, Cooking, Research |
| Researching | Graham, Robinson - Ireland; Henderson - Durham, UK; Miller - Orkney Islands; Muir, Swan - Scotland |
| Reason for starting | To complete the research my mother began in 1930 |
| Time researching | 5-10 years |

Back online at last!

The Necropolis - Springvale Botanical Cemetery
 (Melbourne General Cemetery - Springvale Botanical Cemetery - St Kilda Cemetery)
<http://www.necropolis.net.au/necropolis/>

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Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.
Statement of Receipts & Expenditure 01st July 2007 to 30th June 2008

| | | | |
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| Balance brought forward | | | \$ 3100.37 |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | |
| Memberships | | 2187.00 | |
| General Meeting Door & Raffle | | 723.00 | |
| Library Sales | | 96.00 | |
| Print Outs | | 203.70 | |
| Visitors Fees | | 244.00 | |
| Fundraising: | | | |
| Sausage Sizzle | 2553.45 | | |
| Less Expenses | 598.44 | 1955.01 | |
| Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme | | 43.66 | |
| Cartridge World | | 35.00 | |
| Christmas Meeting Heads & Tails | | 11.10 | |
| Sales Table | | <u>46.50</u> | 2091.27 |
| Donations | | | 160.00 |
| Puffing Billy Luncheon | | | 1020.00 |
| Interest received | | | .24 |
| Casey-Cardinia Research/Visitors | | | <u>75.00</u> |
| | | | <u>6800.21</u> |
| | | | 9900.58 |
| <u>Expenditure</u> | | | |
| Research Room: | | | |
| New Resources | 317.35 | | |
| Magazine Subscriptions | <u>444.14</u> | 761.49 | |
| Group Subscriptions | | 237.00 | |
| Meeting Room Rent | | 669.00 | |
| Postage | | 91.90 | |
| Stationery | | 77.46 | |
| Insurance: | | | |
| Contents | 342.00 | | |
| Public Liability | <u>180.00</u> | 522.00 | |
| Puffing Billy | | | 1020.00 |
| Newsletter Printing & Postage | | | 897.08 |
| General Expenses | | | 82.84 |
| Photocopying | | | 139.40 |
| Guest Speakers | | | 130.00 |
| I.T. | | | 545.00 |
| Casey-Cardinia Resources | | | 101.00 |
| Research Room Printing (cartridge & ink) | | | 200.00 |
| Gifts/Presentations | | | 91.20 |
| | | | <u>5565.37</u> |
| | | | <u>\$ 4335.21</u> |
| Balance at Bank 30 th June 2008 | | | 4894.96 |
| Less unrepresented cheques | | | <u>559.75</u> |
| | | | 4332.31 |
| Plus petty cash in hand | | | <u>2.90</u> |
| | | | <u>\$ 4335.21</u> |

URGENT

WE NEED YOUR HELP

RESEARCH ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW!



To keep the family history group running and keep the research room open we need volunteers.

At present we have a shortfall. To stay open three days a week we need your help, just a few hours a month.

It isn't a lot of time to give up and the benefits of volunteering in our research room are well worth the time.

We will have to look at cutting down the hours that the research room is open or close one of the present days.

We don't take this step lightly but we can't operate without enough volunteers to fill the roster.

All of our current volunteers do a great job but at the moment they are being asked to do more than they should. Quite a few are doing double duty or more to take up the slack.

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| | Meet other people with the same interests |
| | As a volunteer you will be able to access the room at any time during the main library's opening hours. |

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| | Learn more about the vast array of resources that are held in the research room |
| | Gain new ideas on research for your own family history |

It's not all work, there are lots of benefits when you are a research room volunteer. On average we try to roster our Volunteers 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 for more information or talk to any of the research room volunteers or a committee member Email: research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NEWSLETTER

One of the greatest time saving features of Adobe Acrobat files (pdf's) is that they are generally searchable. Instead of pouring through a multitude of pages you can type in your search term and hit the search button. It's that easy!

To Search a single document: 1. Open the document you want to search

4. Type in your search term

5. Check that you are searching this document only

6. Click the search Button

7. Results of your search

8. Each instance of your search term will be listed here

9. Clicking on each item will take you to the page that contains that instance of your search term & each is highlighted to make it easy to find

To get the most out of this great feature packed, interactive Spreading Branches you may want to consider updating to the newest version of Adobe Reader. It's easy just click the button .

Acrobat search is a powerful and versatile tool which also has more advanced features. More about how you can utilize these features in upcoming editions.

An orange spot on your address labels means your membership renewal has not been received and your membership will lapse on 30th September. A renewal form is available in the May edition of Spreading Branches, from the Research Room, download a copy from My Connected Community – in "Shared Files" or contact the Newsletter Editor or Membership Officer and they can email you a copy.

Help needed

- Like to be involved in an historic Indexing Project?
- Have an hour or more to spare each week?
- Have a broadband Internet connection?
- Then why not join the indexing team for PROV Probate Index?
- Contact Lesle Berry
- lindexing@optusnet.com.au

Minimum Computer requirements

- Computer Type: PC or PC compatible
- Operating System: Windows XP Home or Pro, Windows Vista
- Browser: Internet Explorer 6.0.2 SP2, Mozilla Firefox 1.5.0.7 (or above)
- Minimum Computer Speed: Pentium® IV or better
- Minimum Internal Memory (RAM): 512MB or greater
- Java 1.5_11 or above
- Display: 1024 x 768 or higher
- Connection Speed: Broadband high-speed internet recommended (DSL, cable, satellite)
- (see www.familysearchindexing.org for Mac requirements)