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# Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday



*The Kindred Spirits publishing sub-committee cuts the cake  
Left to Right: Fay McCoubrie, Pam Lowther, Lorraine  
Taylor, Wendy Goodwin, Lynne Bradley and Eileen Durdin*

Twenty years ago in a suburban lounge room the story of the Group began. On 10 May 1989 the first meeting of the Narre Warren Family History Group was held. Lorraine Taylor opened her home to others interested in family history. This small and dedicated bunch decided that the area needed its own family history group. At the time they were making the long and sometimes cold and foggy drive to meetings at the Mornington Peninsula Family History Group at Frankston. A committee was elected at that first

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## 1989 - 2009



### General Meetings

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2 pm

→ **Heather Arnold**

*Ancestry.com*



### Annual General Meeting

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2 pm

→ **Dr Margaret Glass**

*Tommy Bent: Scoundrel  
or Man of His Times?*



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 2 pm

**Jane Rivett-Carnac**

→ *InMagic - Get the most out of  
our Resources by learning the  
ins and outs of our catalogue!*

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### Family History Research Room

**Location:** Casey Cardinia Library Corporation, Narre Warren Branch; Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.  
**Research Room:** Within the Narre Warren Library. **Meetings:** Narre Warren Library Meeting Room.

#### Opening Hours:

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

**Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.**  
(From November to May)

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

**Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**  
(From June to October)

We have a large collection of books, maps and microfiche available to our members. Visitors are also welcome.

#### 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 or Email:

[research.officer@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:research.officer@nwfhg.org.au)

#### Membership

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

#### Meetings

**Nov - May: 8 p.m.**  
2nd Wednesday of the month  
(except January)

**Jun - Oct: 2 p.m.**  
2nd Saturday of the month  
Entry Cost: \$3

#### 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

##### Postage & Packing

+ \$2.50 for up to 3 sets of fiche

#### Information Sessions

Discover exactly what we have in the Family History Research Room and put it to work in your research.

To schedule an informal information session or for more information contact:  
Jane Rivett-Carnac  
Phone: (03) 9796 1421 or Email:  
[research.room.workshop@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:research.room.workshop@nwfhg.org.au)

Members: Free Visitors: \$5

#### Books:

Kindred Spirits  
*20 Years of the Narre Warren  
& District Family History  
Group 1989-2009* - \$25.00

*Book order forms available  
from the newsletter editor  
or in our research room*

+ \$5.50 for each book

*The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Casey Cardinia Library Corporation and City of Casey in allowing us the use of facilities at the Narre Warren Library.*

The newsletter is late this month because it's been a very big month in what may well prove to be a big year and news of what's happening in now, not should go in three months time when we've gotten over it a little. (If ever)



The 20th Anniversary Lunch and the launch of Kindred Spirits at the Fountain Gate Hotel was a fantastic afternoon and enjoyed by all who attended. The Life Members Honour Board was unveiled on the day, I'd like to thank to Fay McCoubrie for organising this, it's a wonderful and insightful addition to the Research Room. (or it will be when it's up) Fay was also a member of the little committee along with Lorraine, Pam, Wendy G. and Eileen and myself who worked so hard to research and write Kindred Spirits with a deadline looming over us all the time. It was wonderful to see Edna Taylor at a Group function, now we know the secret, if you can't get people to come ordinarily, invite them to be the speaker! It was also an honour and a treat to have Heather Arnold launch the book.

The Volunteer's Morning Tea at Koo Wee Rup Historical Society's Museum was another great success. The Koo Wee Rup Historical Society provided a delightful morning tea and showed no end of patience to our volunteers in showing us around and pointing out the many interesting facts of life on the Koo Wee Rup Swamp in the early days.

The biggest change for us at the moment will be closing the Research Room on Thursday nights during our winter meeting schedule months of June, July, August, September and October and opening the Research Room on Sunday afternoons (2-5pm). The decision was made to trial these hours due to the fact that the number of researchers dramatically declines once Thursday nights become cold, dark and possibly wet. The fact that we often had one volunteer alone on a Thursday night was extremely worrying for the committee, we know things happen at the last minute and sometimes you can't get to the Research Room for duty but having lone volunteers in the Library car park at 9pm is unacceptable to the committee, and Wendy E. cannot fill in for everyone who can't make it – so the decision was made to trial Sunday afternoon openings during Winter. We hope to receive feedback from volunteers and members about how this goes, so please let us know what you think.

*Lynne Bradley*

## Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 11th July 2009 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 2008 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2009-2010.  
President  
Vice President  
Minute Secretary  
Correspondence Secretary  
Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2009-2010.  
Librarian  
Newsletter Editor  
Publicity Officer  
Research Room Manager  
Membership Officer

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 14 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.*



*Mingling in the Fountain Gate Hotel Function Room before the celebrations begin*

*continued from page 1* meeting consisting of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and two committee members.

We became an inaugural member of the Genealogical Society of Victoria in June, 1989.

Issue 1 of Spreading Branches was published in July, 1989. It consisted of four A5 (one A4 sheet folded in half) typewritten pages. It was edited by Lorraine Taylor and Carol Llewelyn with the front cover design by Jenny Baker.

1990 was a busy year for the Group. The word began spreading with a display in the Fountain Gate shopping centre and participation in the

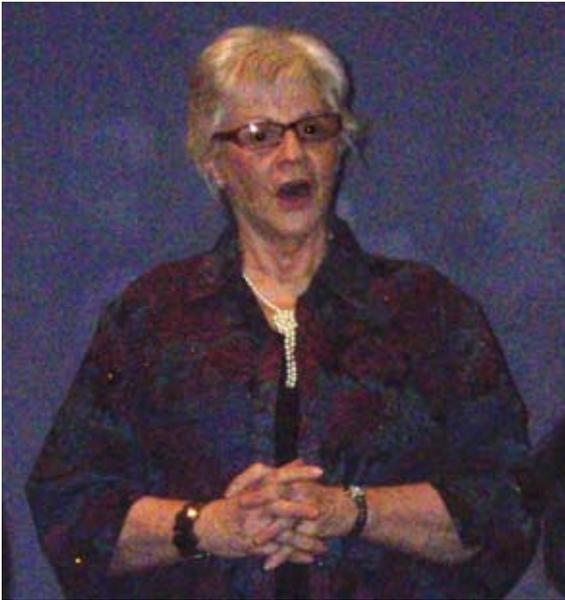
Narre Neighbours Expo, members began to transcribe headstones at Harkaway cemetery in March. Transcribing of the Berwick Rate Books began. The group changed its name from Narre Warren Family History Group to Narre Warren & District Family History Group. Meetings were moved to the Berwick



*Cutting the cake,  
Happy Birthday to Us!*



*Latter Day Saints, Family History Director, Edna Taylor, spoke about her memories of the Group's early days*



Presbyterian church in October. Each meeting boxes of the Group's holdings were carried to meetings and unpacked for use. Then packed up and taken home again, including two fiche readers.

Now that the group was established it needed to find a permanent home. Lobbying for space began in 1992. We were successful and were graciously provided with the room we now occupy. The new library opened 21 November 1992 and we began a new chapter of the Group's history. We are grateful to the Casey council and Casey Cardinia Library Corporation for the use of our room.

A lot has happened in those twenty years including, meetings, guest speakers, seminars, pantomimes, quizzes, street stalls, Christmas raffles, transcribing rate books & headstones, away days, displays, Highland gatherings, Latter Day Saints open days, writing competitions, member of the year awards, cemetery tours, grants, sausage sizzles, open days, volunteer of the year awards,..... ....the list goes on!

To celebrate the milestone a sub-committee of six was formed to organise the celebrations. The six subcommittee consisted of Wendy Goodwin – Coordinator; Lorraine Taylor, Lynne Bradley, Fay McCoubrie, Eileen Durdin – research and compilation of information; Pam Lowther – cover design, photographs and layout. We began by thoroughly researching every piece of documented information we could get our hands on. From minutes and newsletters to newspaper clippings. We collected photos of any and every event. Once all of this information was compiled we sorted it into chronological order and began to write each year of the Group's history. We also invited long serving members to submit a short account of their memories of the family history group. Once all of that information was compiled and put into order it was combined with the photos and a book was produced.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch was held on 9 May 2009 at the Fountain Gate Hotel function room. Even though there was a smaller than expected turnout we had an enjoyable afternoon.

The celebrations were run around the theme of “Past – Present – Future”.

*Past, Present and Future Presidents  
(Left) Photos Top to Bottom:  
First President, Lorraine Taylor  
Current President, Lynne Bradley  
Next President, Wendy Goodwin*





*Local History Officer, Heather Arnold  
officially launched  
"Kindred Spirits - 20 Years of the Narre Warren &  
District Family History Group Inc. 1989-2009"*



We began the afternoon in "the past" with Lorraine Taylor, as the Group's first president. Following Lorraine, Edna Taylor told us all a few forgotten tales of the very early days. Edna also gave us insight into the changes that have taken place in family history in the past twenty years. Edna Taylor is one of our life members and although she is not as active in our Group these days she can be found just up the road at the Latter Day Saints in Fox road, Narre Warren.

Moving on to "the present" and Lynne Bradley, as our current president, spoke about her time in the Group and the production of the book for this milestone.

We all jumped into the time machine after a lovely lunch to travel to "the future" with Wendy Goodwin, our upcoming president. Wendy has bravely put her hand up for the big job next year. Wendy also had the initial inspiration that got the book rolling.

Our book was also launched during the afternoon by our wonderful local history officer, Heather Arnold.

Of course no event would be complete without the obligatory cake cutting. The six members of the subcommittee, Wendy Goodwin, Lorraine Taylor, Lynne Bradley, Fay McCoubrie, Eileen Durdin and Pam Lowther cut the cake. A very enjoyable day for all. It was of course a relief for those of us on the subcommittee too, all the hard work was done and now we can relax, at least for a little while.

*Pam Lowther*

You can read the full story of the Group's history in "*Kindred Spirits - 20 Years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989-2009*".

*Available Now!*

*An order form has been included in this issue of Spreading Branches. Order forms are also available in the research room or from the newsletter editor.*

*Photos courtesy of Fay McCoubrie, Lynne Bradley and Pam Lowther*

## Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

It's great to walk into our room with its new layout, feels much more spacious and I hope everyone can find what they are looking for. We have done the stock take this year in two parts, thanks to Rex and the mermaids this year we have done all the printed material, books, magazines, newsletters and information leaflets and CDs over one day. Wendy Eldridge has been beavering away at the Micro fiche draws putting everything in alphabetical order with new labels, now I just have to cross check all the fiche in InMagic with correct draw locations and we will have completed a full stock take. Thankfully the missing Harkaway Cemetery photo album has resurfaced, it was in the bottom of a box full of empty files, it has been re-catalogued under Casey-Cardinia and is back on the shelf.

I enjoyed the screening of the movie "Living Memories Casey Residents Reflect" although I thought it was going to be about early pioneer families of Casey it was never the less enjoyable and left me wanting to know more about the people that had been interviewed. The three Wendies and I had an interesting couple of hours one Saturday morning when we manned the desk at Doveton as part of "Casey People in Place" day, while we didn't get a lot of feed back on the day, it was worth the effort to get our group out into the wider community and I'm going to have a name badge made for myself as 'Wendy-Jane' to save confusion when I'm out with the girls.

Wendy Eldridge, Wendy Goodwin and I had an excellent girl's weekend in March Wendy E was our chauffer, first stop Kyneton information centre and a bookstore, then on to Castlemaine. Far too much fun and laughter in another bookshop, we decided we would have dinner then go onto Bendigo. Needless to say more time spent chatting with locals, a walk around town too late to keep driving we stayed at the local caravan park in a cabin. Wendy E booked us in and she came back to the car laughing, she had invited the owner to come and talk family history with us. Lovely man, he arrived with two bottles of wine and it was hours latter when his wife came

looking for him we had been so busy talking we hadn't opened the wine. Next morning on to Bendigo, the main reason for the trip was the Bendigo Family History Fair and Wendy G and I had success within moments of paying our entry fee, I found a little booklet on the "*Montmorency*" that had passenger lists and our McWatters family all present, Wendy G was glued to a chair with the Shepparton group we had to drag her away to have lunch. Wendy E and I drove into town and spent an hour sitting on the floor of a book shop, it's always the way, the books you want are on the very top shelf or the bottom. Back to the fair and Wendy G had finally moved on to the other groups, when we had shopped til we dropped we drove back to Melbourne via Heathcote and a cemetery stop for Wendy G to find some of her family. It's a nice tidy cemetery didn't take long with three of us to find all of Wendy's people. Stopped just out of Kilmore to look at the vast fire scar on the hills and reflected on that terrible Saturday.

I had a frantic two weeks in April with a newly discovered cousin from Queensland in town we had a day in Ballarat, the cemeteries and locating houses, a day to Geelong to meet up with another new cousin and I had one of those experiences that we all dread, I lost a photo album in a park. The lesson learnt ***NEVER EVER CARRY AROUND ORIGINALS OF ANYTHING!*** I had been so excited I had put the album down and when we left just got up without checking and walked off. We then went to a local McDonalds for a drink and Dorothy spilt coffee on her album we frantically mopped the pages, they have now dried out, I have my album back as it was handed into the police station and yes I could have saved myself a lot of anguish, time and money if I had checked my bag when we got up from the seat, frantic phone calls and an extra trip to Geelong.

Happy reading,

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*

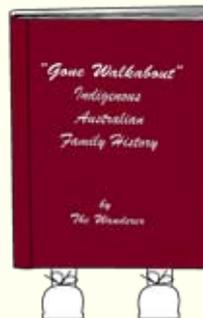
DISCLAIMER: Contributions to this newsletter are accepted in good faith and the Committee does not accept responsibility for accuracy of information of submitted articles nor opinions expressed

## New in the Research Room

	Echoes from the Mountains History of Omeo Shire Council
	Aspects of Early Blackwood
	Isle of the dead
	Years of Adventure CWA of Victoria 50 years - <i>Donated Jane Rivett-Carnac</i>
	History of Kangaroo Island Schools - <i>Donated W Goodwin</i>
	Brajerack mining at Omeo & Glen Wills
	The History of Nunawading
	Hail & Farwell an Evocation of Gippsland
	Gold at Harrietville
	The making of Melbourne in Maps
	Ballarat Times - <i>Donated Heather Arnold</i>
	A Long way from Silver Creek - <i>Donated Fay McCoubrie</i>
	Veneered Infidelity Hawks Bay 1888-1932
	Walhalla Today - <i>Donated anonymously</i>
<i>c/c</i>	Wool Past The Winning Post: The Chirside Family
<i>c/c</i>	Bush Nursing in Victoria 1910-1985
<i>c/c</i>	Outdoors in the Dandenongs
<i>c/c</i>	Lord Casey Personal experience 1939-1946
	Catholic Church of Christchurch, New Zealand Baptisms
	AGCI VOL 3 Computer Index
	Index to Victorian volunteer forces personnel from the 'Victorian review', 1860-1861: stating name, rank, regiment and company / compiled by Thomas Corfmat.

## Books Missing at the 2009 Stock-Take

- 📖 NSW 006 The Generation of Men
- 📖 SA 002 Sources for South Australian History
- 📖 SA 004 South Australian Records prior to 1841
- 📖 ENG 071 Hampshire & Isle of Wright resources at AIGS
- 📖 VIC 041 GIP Gippsland Heritage no 9
- 📖 VIC 078 GIP Stony Creek a History
- 📖 VIC 016 GHC The Snowy and its Cattlemen, Rivermen & Engineers



These books were not in the research room when we conducted a stock-take in earlier in the year.

If you do happen to have any of these at home we would really appreciate them being returned.

We understand it is easy to misplace or forget a book at times. We work hard to raise funds to stock our research room so that everyone has use of the resources.

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*

# WOW!

## 20 Year Anniversary

Congratulations Narre Warren & District Family History Group. It just feels like yesterday that we were planning the 10th anniversary. I still have my calendar. Many of you won't know me, but hopefully many of you will. We all have many memories from this group that began 20 years ago by two loyal and avid historians; Carol and Lorraine. Your group has challenged and helped so many to research and preserve their family's history. I hope to be able to send further congratulations in another 10 or 20 years!

My family history has taken a turn to America, which is where I now reside. I was Debbie McMahon. I have re-married and am now known as Debbie Dyson. Gee, glad I am documenting this for my descendants, being a true family historian. I met Brent Dyson on the Internet back in 2003. We both have Multiple Sclerosis and are in wheelchairs. Nothing stops us though and we are very active in our church and community. We live about 10 miles out of Wichita, Kansas in a town called Goddard. With the rate Wichita is growing, we will soon be a suburb of Wichita. Brent's family is also very involved in family history and we have at least two family reunions each year. I try to keep up with what's going on with the group through Di Christensen. Would love to correspond with any of you.

Email: [bddyson@att.net](mailto:bddyson@att.net)

Mailing address: 2014 St Andrew Ct, Goddard, KS, 67052

Congratulations Narre Warren & District Family History Group and Happy 20th Anniversary.

*Debbie Dyson.*



*Debbie & Brent Dyson*

## LOOKING FOR CONFEDERATE WAR VETERANS

I am trying to compile a complete listing of all descendants of Confederate American Civil War veterans, living in Australia; for archival purposes and submission to the international organization, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. in Columbia, Tennessee. I do not wish to dishonour any veteran by leaving a descendant's name off the list, as this is important to Australian heritage, to all Confederate descendants everywhere and it will serve to honour the memory of the veterans in years to come.

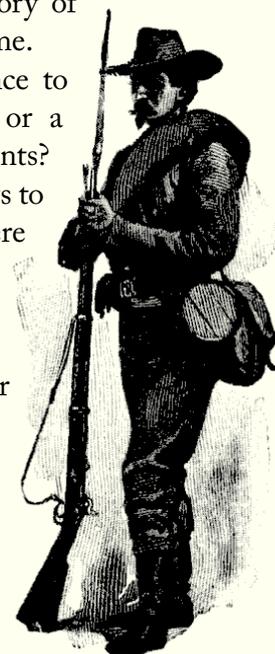
I would like your assistance to compile this list. Are you or a friend among the descendants?

I would request descendants to forward to their name, where they live (town & state) and the name of their ancestor and information on his unit if possible; for verification.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

*James Gray*

*Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Brisbane, Queensland*



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Please send to:

James Gray, Sons of Confederate Veterans,  
11 Corndale St., Loganholme, Qld., 4129

Email: [jamesmgray@bigpond.com](mailto:jamesmgray@bigpond.com)

*Upon completion it will be forwarded on to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. in Columbia, Tennessee.*

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Family History Group  
and Cartridge World will  
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cartridge refill purchase  
back to your group



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## *Research Room Roster*

	Tuesday		Saturday		Sunday	
<b>June</b>	2	Anne Blair Fay McCoubrie	6	Shirley Petersen Wendy Brock	7	Di Christensen Irene Finch
	9	Val Bennett Mary McGrath	13	Pam Lowther (IT&Cem) Wendy Goodwin	14	Valma Newson Eileen Durdin (C/C)
	16	Lynne Bradley (C/C) Jeanette Angee (Aus)	20	Robyn Jones Carol Krygger	21	Jane Rivett-Carnac Wendy Eldridge (NSW)
	23	Bev Lambie Anne Blair	27	Lorraine Taylor (Eng) Shirley Petersen	28	Wendy Goodwin (Tas) Donald Connop
	30	Wendy Brock Val Bennett	4	Pam Lowther (IT&Cem) Wendy Goodwin (Tas)	5	Di Christensen Valma Newson
<b>July</b>	7	Mary McGrath Jeanette Angee (Aus)	11*	Lorraine Taylor Wendy Brock	12	Irene Finch Wendy Eldridge (NSW)
	14	Anne Blair Wendy Brock	18	Robyn Jones Shirley Petersen	19	Donald Connop Eileen Durdin (C/C)
	21	Fay McCoubrie Lynne Bradley (C/C)	25	Wendy Goodwin (Tas) Steven Smith	26	Lynne Bradley (C/C) Jane Rivett-Carnac
	28	Bev Lambie Anne Blair	1	Robyn Jones Lorraine Taylor (Eng)	2	Valma Newson Wendy Goodwin (Tas)
<b>August</b>	4	Fay McCoubrie Mary McGrath	8*	Shirley Petersen Wendy Brock	9	Jane Rivett-Carnac Wendy Eldridge (NSW)
	11	Lorraine Taylor (Eng) Wendy Brock	15	Wendy Eldridge (NSW) Steven Smith	16	Lynne Bradley (C/C) Donald Connop
	18	Anne Blair Val Bennett	22	Lorraine Taylor (Eng) Wendy Goodwin	23	Eileen Durdin (C/C) Di Christensen
	25	To be Advised Jeanette Angee (Aus)	29	Robyn Jones Wendy Eldridge (NSW)	30	To be Advised Pam Lowther (IT&Cem)

### 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*



### For Sale

Lollies will be for sale in the Research Room to raise funds to purchase new research material.  
\$2.50 per bag

## Sunday Openings!

We will be opening from 2pm to 5pm on Sundays throughout winter.

Due to poor attendances and a shortage of volunteers the research room will be closed on Thursday nights during the winter. We will go back to opening Thursday nights during the warmer months.

***Sunday 2-5pm - June to October***

***Thursday 7-9pm - November to May***



## World War II wreck discovered off Cape Otway

The *MV City of Raville* has been discovered by Deakin Uni students off the Victorian coast in more than 70 meters of water. Using state of the art sonar imagery the watery grave of this vessel can now be seen for the first time since it's sinking in 1940.

[www.deakin.edu.au/news/2009/010409shipwreck.php](http://www.deakin.edu.au/news/2009/010409shipwreck.php)

## Group Burial Site at Fromelles, France

A dedicated team is working to identify the soldiers found in a group burial at Fomelles. This site includes a list of those soldiers that are believed to be in the site, stay up to date with the day by day log of what's happening with the excavation.

If you believe that one of your ancestors may be among them you can register on the Department of Defence website.

Register your details via the public inquiries line 1800 019 090 or by entering your details online at:

<http://www.defence.gov.au/fromelles/>



# On the Web

Fifth fleet

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

ISTG - Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild

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

A Vision of Britian through Time

<http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/index>

Founders & Survivors

<http://www.foundersandsurvivors.org/>

Australian Heritage Database

<http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/ahdb/search.pl>

Vynette Sage Fermanagh database

<http://www.fermanagh-gold.com/search>

Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park

[http://www.esmp.net.au/files/pioneer\\_memorial\\_park.htm](http://www.esmp.net.au/files/pioneer_memorial_park.htm)

Victoria Government Gazette - Online Archive 1836-1997

<http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au/>

Centennial Park (SthAust.) Memorial Search  
(includes: photos of expired plots headstones)

[http://www.centennialpark.org.au/burial\\_memorial\\_search/](http://www.centennialpark.org.au/burial_memorial_search/)

The Long, Long Trail - The British Army for Family Historians

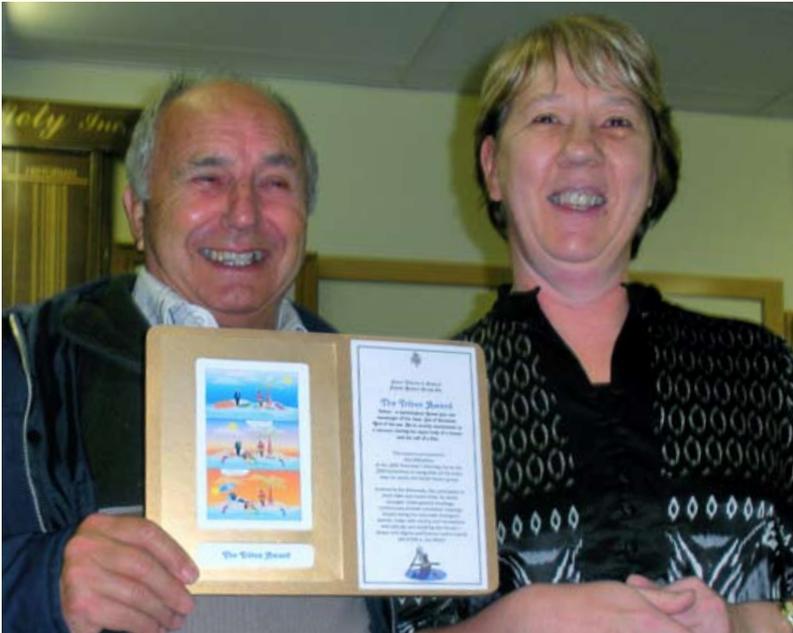
<http://www.1914-1918.net/>

Index to Missing People Found in Victoria Police Correspondence Records

<http://members.ozemail.com.au/~hdharris/missingpeople.html>

Police Watchhouse records - Queensland (Persons arrested and victims of crime)

<http://www.judywebster.gil.com.au/police.html>



*Lynne Bradley presents Rex 'merman' McFarlane  
with the Volunteer of the Year Award 2009*

## Volunteer Morning Tea

The volunteer morning tea is our way of saying thank you to our volunteers. This year it was held at the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society. We also use the occasion to award the volunteer of the year.

The title of Volunteer of the Year is awarded to one very special person each year. It is always a difficult choice for the committee to make and a great deal of discussion goes on before we reach a decision. It is the third year we have presented this award. The volunteer of the year award is always done in fun and this year was no exception. Either that or we actually do have a Greek God walking amongst us! Seriously, Rex is a very worthy recipient of this



year's award. Not only does he put up with nine women at committee meetings but he helps out with sausage sizzles, stock-takes, moving and renovations, chairs general meetings, and anything else he can. Of course the concept for this year's award was unknowingly set in motion at last year's stock-take when Rex and his able helpers were dubbed "Rex and the Mermaids" by librarian, Jane Rivett-Carnac while taking stock of the microfiche. Congratulations to our very own *merman*, Rex!



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### The Triton Award

**Triton - a mythological Greek god, the messenger of the deep. Son of Poseidon, God of the sea. He is usually represented as a merman, having the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish.**

This award is presented to  
**Rex McFarlane**

at the 2009 Volunteer's Morning Tea by the 2009 Committee in recognition of the many ways he assists the family history group.

Assisted by the Mermaids, Rex participates in stock takes and counts fiche, he sizzles sausages, chairs general meetings, continuously attends committee meetings despite being the only male amongst 9 women, helps with moving and renovations and odd jobs and anything else he can—always with dignity and humour and is overall (we think) a nice bloke!



FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY  
FOR THE NARRE WARREN & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY  
GROUP INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

of \_\_\_\_\_

being a member of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group  
Inc., hereby

appoint \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

also being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy  
to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the  
Association to be held on the 11th day of July, 2009 and at any  
adjournment of that meeting.

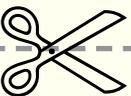
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\_\_\_\_\_ (insert details)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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# A *Mystery*-ious Cornish Tale Of Two Luggers and 11 Men



In March the members of the Cornish Association of Victoria were thrilled to greet the Spirit of Mystery, a Cornish lugger built especially to trace the journey of The Mystery. The Spirit of Mystery arrived at Williamstown early in March after four and a half months at sea, and a near tragedy when the boat was turned over by very high seas in the Southern Ocean off South Australia. This incident resulted in one crew member Mark, breaking his leg, and being off loaded at Portland, and then transferred to hospital.

The saga originated in 1854 when seven Cornish fishermen, related by blood or marriage, made a decision to try their luck on the Victorian goldfields. All were fishermen on the lugger Mystery. The captain, threw caution to the winds, and stated that they would travel on his boat.

After preparations were made, they left Cornwall on 18 November 1854, making very good progress to Cape Town where they rested for a week, making repairs to the Mystery and taking on provisions, and also the Royal Mail with which they were entrusted.

The Southern Ocean threw all its fury but they struggled on and arrived at Williamstown on 14 March 1855, 116 days after leaving Cornwall.

Pete Goss, a Cornish Adventurer decide that he would build a lugger as close to the original Mystery as possible. He called on tradesmen and others in Cornwall in this task. Finding his crew

was not difficult-he asked his brother Andy Goss, his brother in law Mark Maidment and tentatively asked his teenage son Eliot Goss if he would like to join the crew. Eliot answered-“Well, what else would I be doing???”

The journey of the 37 foot long Spirit of Mystery commenced last November and arrived in Hobson’s Bay on 10 March 2009 to be greeted by many Cornish descendants and a sea of Cornish flags.

The crew were given a rousing welcome and events were held for the next two weeks.

On Sunday 15 March the Cornish Society of Victoria held a dinner at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria which was extremely well attended.

Peter Goss, skipper gave an inspiring speech, illustrated with film and video.

All in attendance congratulated the crew, who had been welcomed to Victoria by their own families and also descendants of the original crew.

Peter Goss is an adventurer and has received awards from many nations for his courage, his rescue work, his adventures and his inspiration to young people.

His website: [www.petegoss.com](http://www.petegoss.com)

Also the Cornish Association of Victoria <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~caov/>

*Di Christensen*



*Photos courtesy of Tom & Libby Luke*

# PROV Wiki

The PROV Wiki was launched recently with the Current Featured Content:

- 🔗 The 1891 Women's Suffrage Petition
- 🔗 The 1956 Melbourne Olympics Photograph Collection
- 🔗 Victorian Railways Photographs
- 🔗 Edward "Ned" Kelly

Take the time to look at this pilot initiative, the primary aim of which 'is to offer you the opportunity to contribute your knowledge of, and research into, the collections held by Public Record Office of Victoria.

Of particular interest to me is a photo in the 1956 Olympics Collection of Lake Wendouree, Ballarat which is currently dry-a situation which has not been seen by many before.

*Di Christensen*

<http://wiki.prov.vic.gov.au>

# VAFHO Upcoming Dates

AFFHO-National Family History Week  
1-9 August, 2009

Family History Feast  
Monday 3 August, 2009 at Theatrette,  
State Library of Victoria (Details from  
State Library Victoria closer to event)

VAFHO A.G.M. and Seminar  
Sat 19 September.

Seminar: Fire and Flood-  
Saving Your Treasures

State Conference  
28-30 May 2010 at the Mulwala Club,  
*The theme is The Border and Beyond*

## GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NEWSLETTER

Like most computer programs, Adobe Reader has keyboard shortcuts. So what are keyboard shortcuts and why use them? Using keyboard shortcuts can help to make those common tasks that you do all the time a lot faster and less repetitive.

I use keyboard shortcuts for most of the commands I use on a regular basis. If I had to go to the menu and wade through to find each of those commands every time... well I would be there a lot longer than necessary.

Most programs have the same common keyboard shortcuts but some are a little different. If you are not sure have a look in a program's help section to see if there are variations.

If you would like to learn more keyboard shortcuts for Adobe Reader you can find a whole section in the Help Viewer devoted to just that topic.

Hint: Try to learn one or two keyboard shortcuts at a time not all of them. If you try to learn too

many at once it just gets confusing. Once you remember your chosen one or two without too much trouble try to add another one or two to your repertoire. If you have trouble remembering them, write your keyboard shortcuts on a sticky not and stick it to the side of your monitor. I have seen too many people give up because they try to learn them all in one go.

Give it a try you will be surprised how much time keyboard shortcuts can save you!

Some useful Adobe Reader keyboard shortcuts:

F1 = Open the Help Window    Ctrl + equal sign = Zoom In    Ctrl + F = Find  
H = Selects the Hand tool    Ctrl + hyphen = Zoom Out    Shift + Ctrl + F = Search

## What's New?

So what is this "What's New?" thing? Well in short it is a way for you to more easily access new computer resources as they are acquired. There will be an icon on each computer's desktop that looks just like  this. It will take you a brief description about each new resource. When you find the resource you would like to search or browse you can click the button in the bottom left corner of the page "Click here to go to this book".

New resources will stay in "What's New?" for a few months and then will be accessible separately.

So why not make this a part of your visits to the research room. Keep in touch with the new resources on offer to all of our members.

Have you shopped at  
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When you join Ritchies community benefits scheme you will get a keytag or a card that will be swiped as you go through the checkout. Each time you shop the group benefits. We have received a few community benefit cheques. But the more people shopping at Ritchies the bigger our cheque. No we don't want you to change your shopping habits but consider shopping at Ritchies once in a while. You can sign up at any Ritchies store. Every little bit counts!