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## MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations go to Eileen Durdin this year. Eileen has held the position of minute secretary since 2003. A quiet achiever, Eileen may not always get noticed but at last her contribution to the Group has been recognised. As well as her committee role Eileen helps out at fundraising events, open days ... the list goes on. Keep in mind that Eileen works full time and even off work takes the odd day course to help

the Group. Of



*Eileen is presented with the Member of the Year Award for 2009 and the new perpetual trophy by our new president Wendy Goodwin*

there is one day of the year you won't see Eileen at any family history group event, well unless you happen to be at the MCG. Eileen is the assistant IT Officer and of course she is the brains behind the Casey/Cardinia Combined Index, a truly wonderful addition to our Group.

Eileen is a very deserving winner of this year's member of the year award!

**Ancestry.com 12 month "World Heritage subscription"**  
**Raffle Drawn**  
**Wednesday, 9 December 2009**

### General Meetings

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 2 pm

**Mike McCuminsky**

*Fire Services Museum of Victoria*



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 2 pm

**Lindsay Chapman**

*Cornish Records*



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm

**Liz Tomlinson**

*from VANISH - tracing adoptees*

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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:  
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[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.*

# P residents Reports

New President! When I was first approached by Lynne and Fay at our Christmas break up

lunch about taking on the job of President my first reaction was, not in this lifetime or words to that effect. When I got home from the lunch I must admit I had a good long think about it and even made a “for and against” list for taking it on. I finally decided to commit to the job just before we held our 20th Anniversary celebrations in May. I know I have big shoes to fill and I would like to thank Lynne Bradley for all the help and encouragement she has given me over her term as President. And thank you to Lorraine Taylor for her hard work as Treasurer I know it cannot have been easy for her at times with Bill not being in the best of health. I would like to welcome back Anne Blair who agreed to take on the job of Treasurer once again, thank you to Jenny Hayes for taking on the job of Fundraising Coordinator, Wendy Brock and Anne Blair for agreeing to be CCLHRG reps with me and a big thank you to all the returning Committee members I hope we can all continue our good work for the Group again this year.

My vision for the future of our group is; I would like to see our membership grow, and to help get this started I will be discussing plans for a membership drive with the Committee. Once I have settled into my job a little more I will be asking all members to put forward any ideas or suggestions for making our group more prominent in the community. I am looking forward to the next twelve months, I can promise the members one thing I will work to the best of my ability for the good of the

Group.

*Wendy Goodwin*



*Incoming President, Wendy Goodwin (right) presents  
Outgoing President, Lynne Bradley (left) with  
flowers as a small thank you for her years at the top!*

## The (Old) President's Report

2008-2009 has been a huge year for the family history group, we've changed the look of the Research Room completely and celebrated our first 20 years with a lunch and a book. This has proved to be lot of work for some considering the fact that this work was done on top of the normal volunteer hours given to the family history group each week and there is no doubt at all that the family history group owes a huge debt to those people.

Three awards have been bestowed on members in the past year. Val Holland was deservedly presented with a Lifetime Membership, Jane Rivett-Carnac emerged as the 2008 Member of the Year and Rex McFarlane was recognised with this year's Shirley Award—The Triton Award at the 2009 Volunteers Morning Tea at Koo Wee Rup, and what a terrific morning that was for the 17 members who were able to come.

We sizzled at Bunnings again last January and raised a handy \$1,102.50 thanks to Shirley Peterson and her merry band of helpers. Sums of money like this not only enable us to buy new resources but prolong the current membership cost of \$25 a year which is incredibly cheap for what members get in return. I personally feel we cannot continue indefinitely without an increase in fees despite the efforts of a few to keep costs down. Diana Wheeler is our Supper Hostess and is yet to submit a receipt for reimbursement of any supplies; I haven't noticed Fay McCoubrie claiming

any postage, nor Jane Rivett-Carnac claiming reimbursement for the costs of folders for newsletters in

the Research Room. I know there are others in the same boat but I'm not sure of the facts so I won't mention it. I hope these ladies will not be cross with me for bringing attention to what they're doing, because the rest of you should know, and on our collective behalf, I thank them for their generosity.

We've managed to buy quite a few new resources and the opportunity of another half price Archive CD book sale

was too good to pass up so we bought about \$1,200 worth of CDs for half the price. The changes in the Research Room necessitated spending money on shelves and a new chair, it was money that had to be spent to achieve the result we did and I think everyone is pleased with that result.

Although our accounts are not audited members are given a detailed account of receipts and expenditures each month and a new safeguard has just been instituted by the Committee. The President now sights the bank statement each month and signs off on the statement that the amounts on that statement agree with the amounts on the Treasurer's Report.

We are a happy and charitable bunch, we've collected used stamps, and we still collect used wine corks so why not put out a call for used bras? Yes, late last year we asked members to donate their used bras which were sent to Bundaberg to be included in a group's attempt to build a 1026 km line of linked bras for a Guinness Book of Records fundraiser for the Jane McGrath Breast Cancer Foundation.

The 20th Anniversary Lunch was a great success and although we've got a couple of hiccups with Kindred Spirits we expect to overcome these without too much difficulty. The Life Members Honour Board has served to complete the festivities and lessons learnt can be applied to our 25th anniversary celebrations.

Once again we have cause to thank the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation and their indomitable Local History Officer, Heather Arnold for their support during the year. We are very fortunate indeed to enjoy the continued support of the City of Casey and the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation.

I'd like to thank the retiring committee for their support over the past 12 months, they have become a proud and cohesive group who are willing to share their thoughts and opinions but are not afraid to allow others to have a different viewpoint. This is the essential but often lacking ingredient in a lot of committees but not ours.

I'd like to thank Fay for everything she does, her input at a committee meeting is invaluable for keeping discussions light hearted but serious and respectful and I'm not sure she even realises it. Eileen does so much for the family history group and often it goes unnoticed because she never runs around telling anyone, I have developed a quiet

respect for Eileen and it's easy to see where she gets it from because I have the same quiet respect for Rex, the only man on our committee. Rex will readily offer an opinion or assistance whenever he can. Lorraine has battled to keep the dollars and cents in line for another year and has to be admired for her courage and perseverance. Pam just continues to shine as editor of Spreading Branches and IT Officer, she's always learning something new and refining her skills and it shows. Jane has continued to analyse and refine the Research Room and assisted by Fay and Wendy E is making changes to the where and why of our books and fiche that have been long overdue and is doing a simply fantastic job. And so to the Wendies, Wendy E. has worked incredibly hard to turn our Research Room and volunteers into a well oiled machine and Wendy B. has tried valiantly to keep us all in order despite incomplete forms and details and is coming to grips with the job.

Wendy G. has made a benchmark for publicity that would be hard for anyone to improve on. Wendy Goodwin is about to embark on the next part of her journey with the family history group as the new President. It will be life changing experience for her as it was for me and I have every confidence in her ability to do the job well and I wish her every success. I know the returning committee will do everything to make her transition as smooth as possible and the members will give her every support—and she will need it, there is much to learn about the job that no one else can teach you and we will have to be patient while she learns and stretches her wings, but once Wendy's in full flight she will be a force to be reckoned with.

I'd also like to thank Jenny Hayes for all her hard work with the unrelated certificates, she has put in hours and hours with this job that I was never able to do and taken a huge load off my shoulders for which I am grateful.

And last but not least, I'd like to thank the members for their support and encouragement. Sometimes working for the family history group seems like something else—duty, meetings, open days and sausage sizzles always mean having friends around who are more than willing to share a joke and a laugh and as long as we keep that up we'll easily do another 20 years.

*Lynne Bradley*

# Local History Librarian at Casey Cardinia Library Corporation.

*By Heather Arnold.*

For many Family Historians, Local History is a related area of study – you find out your ancestors came from a certain town, then you want to read up on the town, find out about the local school, look at old photographs of the town etc. Most public libraries have a local history collection and the Casey Cardinia Library Corporation is one of only a few Library services which actually fund a full time Local History Librarian position. That's my job, and it really is my dream job as I have always been interested in history and to be able to combine that with my Librarian role is a real bonus. You may be interested to know what my role here at the Library involves, so I thought I would tell you how I fill my in my day.

There are four main components to my role - Reference, Collection Management, Partnerships and Promotion & training. Starting with *Reference* – any local history questions that can't be answered at the Branches are referred to me. The general types of questions I get are *My grandparents lived here in 1880, what information do you have on them?* *When did the local Kindergarten start? What is the history of my suburb or town? (often a school project), What is the history of my local church or school or other building?* Some of these questions are very easy to answer and others involve a lot more work. I have a number of key resource books that I use all the time - *The Good Country : Cranbourne Shire* by Niel Gunson, *The Early days of Berwick and its surrounding districts* and *In the wake of the Pack Tracks*. Another well used resource is the Rate Books for the Shire of Cranbourne and the Shire of Berwick – they are just a treasure trove of information. The other main source I use is our Archive, which is housed in the room off your Research Room at Narre Warren Library.

The Archive began as a City of Berwick Archive, but it has been expanded to cover all of the Casey and Cardinia area. And this brings us to the second component of my job *Collection Management*, which is really just

a library term for ‘collecting and organising stuff’. When I collect information I look at whether I could use it in the future to answer the same type of questions I get now. Thus, I will keep information regarding e.g. the opening of a school, a centenary of an organisation, obituaries etc. All our information is catalogued using Db Textworks Inmagic.

My role also involves *Partnerships* with the Local Councils and local Heritage and Historical groups. For instance, I have worked with the City of Casey on their Soldier Settlement project and the Shire of Cardinia on their Heritage Study review. The Library also operates the Local History Reference Group which meets quarterly. This Group consists of representatives from the two Councils and the Heritage and Historical Societies in the region, including the Family History Group. This is a great forum for networking and discussing ideas.

The final component of the role involves *Promotions and Training*. In a previous *Spreading Branches* we told you about the seminars the Library has organised including one on Internet resources for Genealogists. I also do staff training and talk to School groups etc. The best thing I do, however, is maintain our Local History blog “Casey Cardinia Links to Our Past” found at <http://www.caseycardinialinkstourpast.blogspot.com/>

It really is my pride and joy. The object of the Blog is to present snippets of local history from the Casey Cardinia area. My only consideration (apart from trying to be interesting) is that I have to keep a balance between writing about Casey subjects and writing about Cardinia subjects. I include lots of photographs, so check it out one day.

So all of the above, plus regular Library duties, fills in the day. If you have any questions at all about the history of the local area give me a ring on 9704 7696. Don't forget, if you are near a Casey Cardinia Library, then we offer free use of Ancestry database, at all our Libraries.

# Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

In the last newsletter I told you about the movie "Living Memories Casey Residents Reflect", we have been given a copy of this DVD and Pam is looking into the best way for it to be accessed in our room, or you can always borrow a copy from the Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation, it may give you ideas on how to interview or record your family story.

As we have just had the AGM for the Group and I'm librarian for another year, I thought this year I would write more about our many resources rather than my happy wanderings and personal research.

We are very fortunate as a group to have many donations each year, Val Holland subscribes to the magazine "This England" after she has read it she then donates it to our collection, by her generosity we have 61 issues covering 16 years and saving the Group in excess of \$300 over this time.

Four times a year this interesting magazine arrives on my desk, it is a little gem if you are hunting for a photo of an elusive church, village or region. Look in the contents list on page one, there are regular features. 'A taste of England' will tell you what region is covered and gives you information on cooking and food that is indigenous to the area, a series that has been running for a while 'Exploring England's Coastline' has had some wonderful photos of the many small villages and coastal farms. 'Exploring English Surnames' will usually have at least six names and a paragraph for each, there are segments such as children's games, historic homes, London pride and English curiosities, English heroes covers all things military, all with many beautiful colour photographs.

There will often be a series such as Literary Landscapes or Unsung Composers, stories on people but with an emphasis on the country side, of the area they grew up in and where influenced by that will include photos of churches, schools and village streets and you may be lucky enough to find a church or grave yard that's connected to your research.

Some examples of these gems are an interior photo of St. Michael and All Angels Church at Altcar in Lancashire, the Priory Church of St Mary at Deerhurst in Gloucestershire, a photo

of Compton Bishop a tiny Somerset village showing the church and half a dozen homes. St Winifred's Church Branscombe Devon, St Enodoc Church Trebetherick, Fairford Church Gloucestershire, St Mary's Church at Kirkby Lonsdale Westmorland, St Andrew's Church Ashingdon Essex, St James in Shere Surrey, St Mary's Church St Bees Cumberland and St Michael in the Hamlet Liverpool. All these churches are in the 2009 magazines, wouldn't you be thrilled if you found a good photo of the church that your ancestor was baptised or married in. Yes you might find a photo of the church on the internet but I bet the photo will not be anywhere as appealing as the ones in this magazine. We all plan to do a trip to the home country one day when we win Tattslotto, in the mean time have a look at this excellent magazine next time you're in the Research Room and remember you can borrow the magazines. We all say thank you to Val and all the other unsung members who have quietly donated to our Group over the past 20 years.

Happy reading,

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*

## New in the Research Room

	A History of Neerim II ( <i>Donated Keitha Schoppe</i> )
	The Battle of Maryang San ( <i>Donated Fay McCoubrie</i> )
	Cemeteries of South West Victoria
	Index to the 1891 London Census
	Ballarat Petitions 1860-1866
	Living Memories Casey Residents Reflect DVD
	NSW Immigration Deane Index 1823-1840 reindexed
	Bush Nursing in Berwick the first 50 years ( <i>Donated Fay McCoubrie</i> )
	A Special Place St John's Nar Nar Goon ( <i>Donated Diana Wheeler</i> )
	City of Berwick Council meeting 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1988 ( <i>Donated Pam &amp; Gerry Sweeting</i> )

## Research Room Roster

	Tuesday		Saturday		Sunday	
September	1	Anne Blair Val Bennett	5	Shirley Peterson Val Holland	6	Di Christensen Irene Finch
	8	Fay McCoubrie Mary McGrath	12*	Robyn Jones Wendy Goodwin	13	Valma Newson Jane Rivett-Carnac
	15	Wendy Brock Jeanette Angee	19	Wendy Eldridge Wendy Brock	20	Eileen Durdin Wendy Eldridge
	22	Bev Lambie Anne Blair	26	Wendy Eldridge Steven Smith	27	Wendy Goodwin Donald Connop
October	29	Val Bennett Gail Quinn	3	Shirley Peterson Wendy Goodwin	4	Valma Newson Jane Rivett-Carnac
	6	Fay McCoubrie Jeanette Angee	10*	Robyn Jones Wendy Brock	11	Irene Finch Wendy Eldridge
	13	Anne Blair Mary McGrath	17	Steven Smith Wendy Eldridge	18	Donald Connop Jane Rivett-Carnac
	20	Gail Quinn Wendy Brock	24	Val Holland Robyn Jones	25	Wendy Goodwin Di Christensen
	27	Bev Lambie Val Bennett	31	Wendy Eldridge Wendy Goodwin	1	Jane Rivett-Carnac Wendy Eldridge
November	3	<b>Closed <i>Melbourne Cup</i></b>	7	Wendy Brock Steven Smith	8	Valma Newson Wendy Goodwin
	10	Fay McCoubrie Wendy Brock	14	Shirley Peterson Pam Lowther	15	Eileen Durdin Donald Connop
	17	Anne Blair Jeanette Angee	21	Wendy Eldridge Robyn Jones	22	Wendy Eldridge Di Christensen
	24	Bev Lambie Val Bennett	28	Val Holland Wendy Goodwin	29	Eileen Durdin Jane Rivett-Carnac

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

## **S A U S A G E   S I Z Z L E** **26 September 2009 at Bunning's Fountain Gate**

Yes we have a sizzle on Grand Final Day so I hope you will all send your hungry hubbies down to Bunnings in the morning to have breakfast or lunch. Our sausages are yummy.

We hope to have a good day and hope that not everyone will be watching the footy. This is our main fundraising day of the year and a great way for everyone to put in and help out so we can purchase new research material for our room for you to use.

It is a fun day so if you are new to our Group don't be shy, it's a great way to get to know other members and also raise some much needed funds.

We need volunteers to help on the day I already have some of my old faithfules but we could always do with extra help "less work for everyone." I will put a notice up in the research room or you could ring me at: Phone: 9704 9738 or email at [sausage.sizzle@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:sausage.sizzle@nwfhg.org.au)

Hope to see you there!

*Shirley Peterson*

Sausage sizzle Coordinator

# Mailing Lists and Member's Interest Lists

Have you used these wonderful resources? I have had great success over the years listing my contact details and the family names I am researching on Member's Interest Lists and Mailing Lists, as well as dedicated websites with forums for members. In the latter case I had subscribed to the Forest of Dean website and forum, [www.forest-of-dean.net](http://www.forest-of-dean.net) asking for info on my BARNETT forbears who lived near Walford on the edge of the Forest of Dean, close to the Hereford and Welsh borders. I heard from several researchers willing to assist me but the highlight of this was to receive an email from two fourth cousins in England, descendants of my Great Great Grandfather's two brothers who had immigrated to the West Indies. My Great Great grandfather and another brother immigrated to Victoria. According to our calculations it had been over 120 years since these branches of the family had been in contact. This was just amazing!! So much information has been passed to the UK from Victoria since that first email in November 2007. Other relatives have come on board and we now possess a vast amount of information, including papers, wills, letters, photos etc which has since been passed on to other family members where it can be kept safely, and retrieved if necessary.

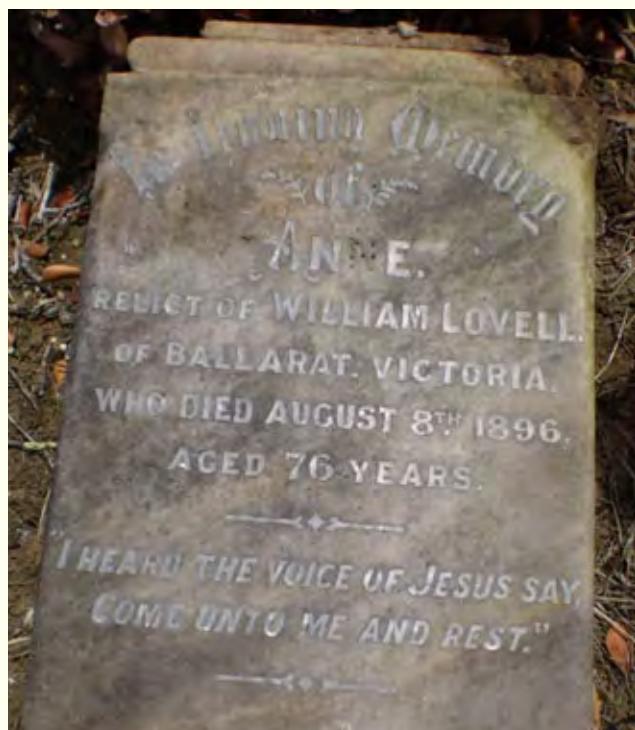
Now I am not sure what it is about November but ....in late November, 2008, I received an email from John in Auckland, New Zealand. He had recently been on a bus trip in Northern Ireland, and on talking to another traveller discovered her to be Victorian researcher, Christine Laskowski. He asked whether she could find someone researching the LOVELL name in Ballarat. (Coincidentally Christine Laskowski donated the large photo in our research room.) Christine found me on the Ballarat Genealogical Society's Member's Interest List, and emailed my details to John, my new third cousin.

Our LOVELL family originated in Falmouth, Cornwall; William Henry Lovell and his wife Charlotte Ann (Mitchell) settled in Ballarat in the early 1860s with their children Mary Jane, my great grandmother, her brothers John Charles and William Henry Mitchell, and sister Susan. Another daughter Minna was born in Ballarat in 1860.

Mary Jane married and settled in Ballarat, her

brother John settled in Sydney, William HM and his two sisters settled in the North Island of New Zealand

After William, my great grandfather died in Sydney, Charlotte Ann moved across to Auckland, and after her death was buried in the Purewa cemetery, not far from John's home.



*Charlotte Ann Lovell buried in  
the Purewa cemetery*

However I had not been able to find much information until I heard from John. He has been wonderful, visiting cemeteries in Auckland and nearby townships, taking photos, standing up headstones, speaking to his living relatives and generally adding to the information I already had. Indications that the family here in Victoria had kept in touch with their relative were new to me. From information I received, other family members had indicated that there had been loss of contact. No, not the case. Letters had crossed the Tasman, Victorians had visited their New Zealand relatives, and photos had been exchanged.

Since November my LOVELL family file has grown enormously.

Several weeks ago I decided to join two New Zealand mailing lists as there were living descendants of the two sisters I needed to follow up.



*St Bride's Church, Mauku*



Within two hours of my first query appearing on the site, I had received two responses. Not from living relatives but from researchers who had bothered to do look ups of CDs and then sent the info to me. Another person had found three mentions of the families on World Connect, so there is much for me to follow up.

A recent discovery of an excellent New Zealand website has also helped me enormously <http://bdmhistoricalrecords.identityservices.govt.nz/Home/>

This information I have sent across to my Auckland relative. He had not expected this rush of information when he met Christine in Ireland. Recently I had found information regarding St Bride's Church, Mauku, south of Auckland with a small graveyard, where some family members are buried. Several days later John visited this churchyard and found the grave of Susan.

We had earlier located Minna's grave in Mangere cemetery in Auckland and that of William Henry Mitchell in Huntly, near Taupiri.

We have also exchanged much of this info with other newly found members of the family

In a recent email John wrote—"This business is like a runaway train, isn't it.-it keeps coming so fast. For my part I am just reacting-I haven't even started digging yet".

Without the coincidental contact between John and Christine in Ireland, I would not have solved the many 'brick walls' to find these family members in New Zealand.

There is still one 'brick wall' remaining-how and when did William Henry LOVELL come to Australia?

Mailing lists <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/>  
Search for mailing lists in the area you are interested in

You need to subscribe to these but no payment is needed

Another website of interest is The Cyclopedia of New Zealand

<http://www.nzetc.org/tm/scholarly/tei-corpus-cyclopedia.html>

This publication provides a useful resource in assisting genealogists with detail of life in New Zealand

*Di Christensen*

*Photos courtesy of John Lovell & Lisa Truttmann*



*William HM Lovell buried in the Huntly Cemetery, near Taupiri*

## *Time in the Research Room*

Hi Everybody,

First of all let me thank everybody that has been a volunteer in the Research Room this year, as September last year was when I put my hand up and thought "What have I let this group in for". I am so grateful to all the people that have guided me through this year, as my work as a sales manager for a publishing company has me on the road 4 days a week between 3 States.

Having the rooms open 3 days a week is a great achievement and only achievable by the volunteers that give of their time freely. The new layout of the room is easier to work with and the library catalogue "InMagic" is a great tool for us volunteers.

So I hope all of the volunteers and those that visit enjoy the experience.

*Wendy Eldridge*

*Research Room Manager*

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## ***Who Are Australia's Genealogists?***

A survey of Australia's genealogists is being conducted as part of a masters thesis at UNE enquiring into the Nature and Growth of Family History in Australia. The researcher asks that as many Australian genealogists as possible participate so that a comprehensive picture can be developed.

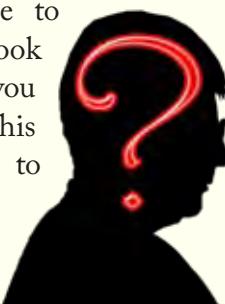
The survey will go live from 1st August 2009 to 30th November 2009 and can be found at:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ausgensurvey/>

I thank you for taking time to read this information and I look forward to your assistance. If you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

*Leon Mekna*



## *Spreading Branches* *November 2009*

The Deadline for the November 2009 edition  
of Spreading Branches is 15th October 2009

## **On the Web**



Gravestone photographic Resource

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

Irish Roots

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

Gravesecrets at your fingertips

<http://gravesecrets.weebly.com/>

Claim a Convict

<http://users.bigpond.net.au/convicts/page2.html>

Picture Victoria

<http://www.pictures.libraries.vic.gov.au/>

Colonial Case Law NSW, Tas, etc.  
(Macquarie Uni)

[http://www.law.mq.edu.au/html/cc1\\_colonial.htm](http://www.law.mq.edu.au/html/cc1_colonial.htm)

The Soldier in later Medieval England

<http://www.icmacentre.ac.uk/soldier/database/index.php>

Epsom and Ewell History Explorer  
(Surrey, Eng)

<http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk>

Gore Hill Cemetery (NSW)

<http://stephen.zentus.com/gorehill/index.html>

County Asylums (England & Wales)

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

Project Gutenberg Australia

<http://www.gutenberg.net.au/>

Music Australia

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

Australian Dancing

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

New Zealand obits, etc

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~funeralnotices/Funeral.html>



**Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.**  
**Statement of Receipts & Expenditure 01st July 2008 to 30th June 2009**

Balance brought forward			\$ 4335.21
<b>Receipts</b>			
Memberships		1969.50	
General Meeting Door		581.00	
Library Sales		56.30	
Print Outs		138.70	
Visitors Fees		116.00	
Fundraising:			
Sausage Sizzle - \$1380.65 less \$278.10 expenses	1102.55		
Ritchies Community Benefit Scheme	98.41		
General Meeting Raffle	277.10		
Sales Table	41.00		
Christmas Meeting	30.25		
Lollies - \$85 minus \$40 expenses	<u>45.00</u>	1594.31	
Donations		137.00	
20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon		688.50	
Casey-Cardinia Research	50.00		
General Research	<u>190.00</u>	240.00	
Publishing : Cemetery Fiche \$105 less \$60	45.00		
Kindred Spirits \$510 less \$375.45	<u>134.55</u>	179.55	
RHSV Printing Grant		<u>50.00</u>	<u>5,750.86</u>
			\$ 10,086.07
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Research Room:			
New Resources		2,483.81	
Magazine Subscriptions		430.43	
Group Subscriptions		171.00	
Meeting Room Rent		231.00	
Postage		75.00	
Stationery		26.55	
Insurance: Contents		465.00	
Newsletter Printing & Postage		594.75	
Photocopying		20.00	
Guest Speakers		145.00	
I.T.		81.44	
Casey-Cardinia Resources		145.01	
Research Room Printing (cartridge & ink)		375.40	
Refunds to Members		38.50	
Gifts/Presentations		462.68	
Assets (chair/printer/shelves etc.)		1,174.55	
Sundries (includes 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary lunch payment)		804.70	
ISBNs		135.00	<u>7,859.82</u>
			<u>\$ 2,226.25</u>
Balance at Bank 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2009			\$ 2,266.25
Less unpresented cheques			<u>40.00</u>
			<u>\$ 2,226.25</u>



## Ancestry Raffle

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	<b>12 Month Subscription to Ancestry.com.au World Heritage Package Valued at \$449.95</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	<b>Who do you think you are? Book and DVD (from the Australian series) Valued at \$64.90</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	<b>12 Month Membership to NW&amp;DFHG (2010/11 New Membership or Renewal) Valued at up to \$30.00</b>
<b>Tickets</b> <b>\$2 each</b> <b>or</b> <b>3 for \$5</b>	<b>Tickets will be available from 1 September 2009</b>  Raffle Drawn: 8pm Wednesday, 9 December 2009 at the Christmas Meeting, Narre Warren Library Meeting Room Narre Warren Library, Overland Drive, Narre Warren  <i>All ticket stubbs, unsold tickets and money must be returned by 1 December</i>

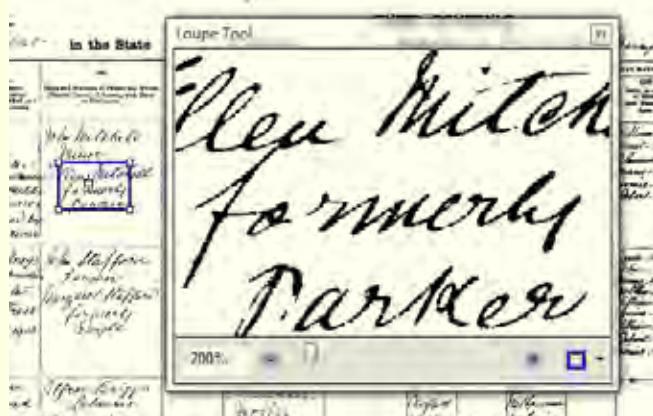
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One of my favourite tools and one that seems to get the least use is the loupe tool.

When you select the loupe tool your cursor changes to a small box with radiating lines. Then when you click your mouse button it changes again to a blue square and another small window appears. You can move the blue box around to view the area you would like and the magnified image appears in the separate window. The blue box can also be enlarged to view a larger or smaller area as can the separate window. As you move the blue box around the view in the separate window follows. You can magnify the image up to 6400% but a couple of hundred percent is usually more than adequate.

The loupe tool is especially good for viewing fine detail or hard to read items such as on a birth, death or marriage certificate.

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