



Our Day at the Salvos

On Saturday the 3rd of November 2012, Jenny and Bill Hayes, Eileen Durdin, Greta Bain, Joyce Masters, Joy Robertson and Paul, Claire and Cheyenne Stevenson woke up bright and early to meet at Narre Warren Station to head off to the Salvos in the city. When we got to Parliament Station in the city, we left the train and headed up a few stairs, out into the lively, sunny, morning light. Looking to our right, we saw the old Parliament of Victoria. Walking down the path, about half a block, we stopped out the front of a building which was The Salvation Army building. Jenny used the intercom out the front to contact Lindsay Cox, as he wasn't out the front, waiting for us. Lindsay came down and let us into the building, taking us in the elevator to the top floor. When we got to the top floor, we had a hot drink and a little look around the room as it had pictures and badges in frames around the wall.

We then got into the lift again, going to the 4th floor, the museum. The museum has a variety of information some written and in many glass cases. In a glass case there was an old music box, a silver tea set, badges and more pictures. Still on the 4th floor, we walked across the hall, to the cinema. We looked at painted glass slides and then watched a short six minute documentary the History of Salvation Army Filmmaking. We then went into the lift, to get to the George Ellis Room on the top floor. Where there were many archives. We had a long look at one of the programmes on the computer, giving Greta success, but unfortunately, none for Joyce. There were many War-Cry newspapers, with oodles of information from way back. According to Lindsay, there is about 100,000 photographs in the archives room. After having a quick look at the computer programme, we followed Lindsay to a squeezier part of the archives room to look at the Family History section. Once we had finished looking in the archives room, we went back into the very first room we had been in, on the same floor, to watch a four and a half minute movie 'What the Salvation Army is about'. While watching the movie, some had another hot drink.

When the movie had finished, we had a momentary chat with Lindsay before we left for a late lunch in Chinatown at approximately 2:10 in the afternoon. Not all nine of us went to Chinatown though; Eileen and Joy went to the State Library. So, then the rest of us walked to Chinatown for a very late lunch at City B.B.Q Chinese Restaurant. As soon as everyone had finished their gigantic meals we walked to Flinders Street Station, getting on the 4:05pm train to home, arriving at Narre Warren Station about 4:55 in the evening.

If you want to do research, Lindsay Cox is the person to contact on (03) 9639 3618

The War-Cry newspaper will eventually be online for people to look at.

Cheyenne Stevenson

Below Lindsay Cox and the music box



Below Narre Warren & District Family History Group members who attended



Below In the archives room.



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February 2013

General Meetings:

March 13 @ 7.30pm

Speaker: Peter Evans from GENP

April 10 @ 7.30pm

Speaker: Celestina Sagazio - *Grave Stories of the Queen Victoria Market*

May 11 @ 2.00pm

Speaker: Yvonne Izaat from the International Settlers Group

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Family History Research Room

Location:

Narre Warren Branch Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate Vic 3805.

Meetings:

Narre Warren Library Meeting Room. Entry Cost \$3.00

October - April: 7.30 pm 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January).

May - September: 2 pm 2nd Saturday of the month.

Membership:

Single \$30 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$ 45 + \$5 joining fee. Payable 1st July each year. Casual visitors \$5.00 per day. We have a large collection of books, maps, microfiche, CDs and journals from all over the world available to our members and visitors.

Opening Hours for Research:

Tuesday 11am to 3pm, Saturday 11 am to 3pm, (Room closes at 2 pm on Saturdays of our General Meeting)

Thursday 7pm to 9pm (From October to April), Sunday 2pm to 4pm (From May to September).

Research Queries:

We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Research 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 \$15.00 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

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.

President's Report

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year, we certainly did.

It's wonderful to be able to welcome Wendy E back to the committee after a small break, she was certainly missed.

I was having a bit of trouble trying to think of what to say in this report, (not too much has happened over the Christmas break) when an email came in asking if we'd give permission to the National Library of Australia to archive nwfhg.org.au and caseycardinia remembers.org.au for PANDORA (Preserving and Accessing Networked Documentary Resources of Australia). And after that I couldn't do a single thing except email the committee and the monuments and memorials gang – I was, and still am, so excited.

PANDORA is Australia's web archive and was set up by the National Library of Australia in 1996 to ensure continued access to online publications considered to be nationally significant by archiving them and making them available to the world in perpetuity.

This is a great outcome for the M&Ms gang, to know our work is considered by the National Library of Australia to have national historical significance is a fabulous pat on the back that each and every member of the gang deserves. It is a great relief to me because now I don't have to worry any more about what happens to this unique body of work in the future, its preservation is ensured for a long time to come.

This is also a big pat on the back to the Group as not only Casey Cardinia Remembers is being archived, but the Group's website is being archived too, along with any other future electronic publications under the term of the copyright license. Once the websites are archived, they will be catalogued by the National Library which means they will be added to the National Bibliographic Database (a database of catalogue records shared by over 1,100 Australian libraries), as well as to their own online catalogue increasing awareness of our websites among researchers using Australian libraries.

So, Congratulations to us all – but I can't sit here and talk, if the websites are going to be preserved for the nation there's probably a little bit of housekeeping to do over there.

If you've never had a look at PANDORA, you should. You can find it at: <http://pandora.nla.gov.au/>

Lynne Bradley

Jenny's News of the Month

Every month I send *Jenny's News of the Month* to all members who have their email address registered with our Membership Officer. This email is to primarily remind members of the up-coming General Meeting. At the same time I also take the opportunity to inform members of what else is happening within the group.

It has recently come to my notice that some members don't read this email thinking it is Junk Mail. I can assure you that it is not Junk Mail and I urge you to read it.

If you haven't received the email maybe it is because we don't have your email address on record.

Jenny Hayes

Emergency List

Hi everyone,

Some of you may be aware that the group has an emergency list for all our members. This list came about because it has happened before in another group that someone collapsed and no-one knew who to contact. The committee decided that an Emergency Contact list was a good idea to have. This is only good if there are contact details to put on the list. On the member renewal forms we ask for these details but a lot of forms have not had this information filled in. I'm sure if something happened to you, your family would appreciate being notified. If you have changed your emergency contact details or would like to add some please email me: membership.officer@nwfhg.org.au

Kerryn Maxwell

Membership Officer

DANDENONG COMMUNITY CEMETERY OPEN DAY

11.00am to 4.00pm, Saturday, 16 February 2013 - Kirkham Road, Dandenong 3175

5 mini tours: 11.15, 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15 Each tour runs for 20minutes.

BBQ Lunch Devonshire tea, Presentations and Activities

For more detail please contact Frances, Friends of Dandenong Cemeteries on 0411 399 449 or email friends.of.dandenong.cemeteries@hotmail.com

VIP Positions

Away Days Coordinator—Eileen Durdin

Casey Cardinia Officer—Eileen Durdin

Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group Representatives—Lynne Bradley & Wendy Brock

Door Officer - Rex McFarlane & Position Vacant

Fundraising Coordinator - Jenny Hayes

Genealogical Society of Victoria Representative - Wendy Eldridge

Research Officer - Lynne Bradley / Steven Smith

Sales Officer - Alice Pattison

Sausage Sizzle Coordinator - Shirley Peterson/Jenny Hayes/Wendy Brock

SEHA Representatives - Lynne Bradley & Lyne McGregor

Supper Host/Hostess - Anne Blair & Mary McGrath

Victorian Association of Family History Organisations Representative - Position Vacant

For information on the vacant positions please enquire with a committee member.

News from the Web

www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/index.php This site is free to search but pay to view or copy. The site works in a similar way as Trove in that you have to create a users acct & log on etc. The only difference is the part where you have to pay!!

Turtle Consolidated Services are doing transcripts for Tas BDM's

Robyn Jones

Publications for Sale **Microfiche**

Berwick Cemetery Register and Headstones 1867—1999.

\$22.00 + Postage & Packaging

Harkaway Cemetery Register and Headstones 1863—1999.

\$6.00 + Postage & Packaging

Pakenham Cemetery Register and Headstones 1850—1999

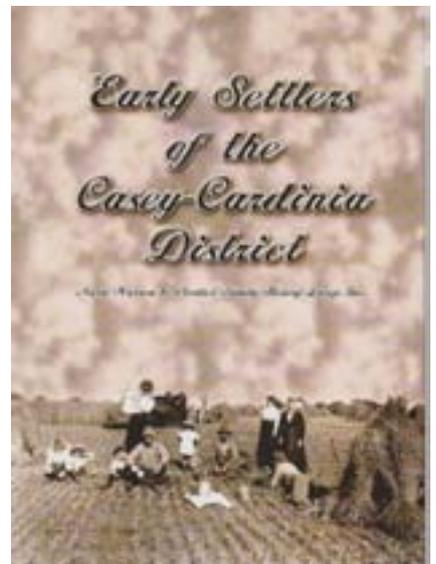
\$22.00 + Postage & Packaging.

Postage + Packaging add \$2.50 for up to 3 sets of fiche.

Books

Kindred Spirits -20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989 – 2009. \$25.00 + \$6.00 Postage + Packaging

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District \$30.00 + \$11.50 Postage + Packaging Order forms available from the Research room or download from our web site.



The **Early Settlers of the Casey Cardinia District** (published 2010 by the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.) is a 274 page book complete with index to people, properties and ships; plus a bibliography. There are over 300 entries containing birth, death and marriage information for individuals and families, many of which were submitted by descendants of those people and include photographs not published elsewhere. In many cases detailed biographies have been written by descendants or compiled by the family history group, giving an insight into the early days of many Casey Cardinia families and individuals.

An unusual type of reunion



Welcome to New Members:

Rachelle Smith
Diane Brodbeck
Elaine Wills
Brian Wills

Left: The Barnett Family

On Sunday, 13 January I attended an unusual family reunion-it was held for descendants of passengers who arrived on the ship "Zes Gesusters" (Six Sisters) at Point Henry (Geelong) in 1853.

There were over 120 descendants of about thirty families gathered together on Sunday, six from my GOLDSMITH families. Numbers were limited due to the size of the function room in the Geelong RSL building. I knew of the members of my family, but had only met one of them; another I had recently found on Ancestry.

The room buzzed with noise – talking-from the first minute to the last. Many were researchers – bulging bags of folders and family trees were evidence of this; others were there to meet with relatives they had never met.

This reunion was organised by Rob Newland of Rye, assisted by Liz Seaton and Coral Powell who compiled dossiers for each family. These contained info that we had all sent to her in the past months; she had also researched the families herself. Photos that we had sent were enlarged and displayed on the walls.

Talks were given by Pam Jennings, of the Geelong Heritage Centre; Rob Newland on the history of the ship, and the master and doctor; and then a review of the information we had all compiled.

These dossiers will be donated to the Geelong Heritage Centre for future researchers.

At the end of the day, photos were taken of each family group. In the next few months a CD will be available, containing much of the info contributed.

It was a great day, with family members sharing information, photos and addresses for future contact.

Congratulations to the organisers and their assistants.

One strange thing-I did not know one other person apart from my family members. Doing some further research today, I found in First families through Trove, that Debbie McMahon, a former member of NWDFHG had the LAY family on board.

Di Christensen.

14 January, 2013

PS. The Geelong Heritage Centre is to be rebuilt over the next three years. The present building is to be demolished in May. Some of their records will be transferred to the Wool Museum; other records will be stored with PROV, North Melbourne and Geelong.

Check the Geelong Heritage Centre website for further information-

www.geelongaustralia.com.au/heritage and check the News column on the Right Hand side.

Sausage Sizzle Report

Hi everyone, well here we are, a New Year 2013 can you believe it?

Trust you all had a great Christmas and looking forward to another year of great opportunities and discoveries.

We have been allocated a date for our sizzle this year at Bunnings Fountain Gate, it is on Saturday the 20th April. It's not Easter that's good isn't it.

I realise its early but I had to get it in this Newsletter, there fore you will have plenty of time to organise yourselves so put it in your diary.

We had great support last year so hopefully we will again this year.

We start at 8 o'clock till about 4 o'clock so every smiling face and pair of helping hands will be much appreciated.

We have a preparation morning the day before so if you could not help on the Saturday maybe you could think about helping on the Friday.

It usually takes about 2 to 3 hours in the morning for cutting onions and bagging the sausages.

I will put a notice up in the Research Room and you can put down any times that might suit you if you could do a couple of hours that would be fantastic.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in the Research Room this year.

Shirley Peterson

Sausage Sizzle Coordinator

Librarian Report

Hello fellow Genies,

What a pleasure it is to belong to a group where you can enjoy the drudgery of a stock take because of the company you have around you. A big thank you to Rex and the girls who spent two days in January counting books and thousands of microfiche. An even bigger thank you to Val Bennett who has spent the best part of two years sorting, colour coding and creating the stock-sheets for the microfiche. A thank you to Jan Clarke a new member who braved the unknown and jumped in to counting the microfiche as she said she hadn't realised what a wide range of information is available in our room. Helping at a stock take is a great way to find out what we have.

Big request to everyone who use the microfiche "PLEASE TAKE OUT ONLY ONE SHEET AT A TIME USE THE DIVIDER THAT IS ON YOUR READER TO MARK THE PLACE YOU TOOK IT FROM AND TRY TO PUT IT BACK IN THE CORRECT GROUP AND ORDER" if you're not sure where something goes please ask a volunteer to help you.

We have 4784 individual titles entered into our library catalogue, of these 491 are CDs. 1529 are Books (this includes 238 in our Casey-Cardinia Collection) and 477 Microfiche plus our magazines, newsletters, maps and newspapers. For a relatively small group we have accumulated some very good resources and our purchasing committee are actively looking for new things to add to our collection and ability to help all our members and visitors to find the missing branch of a tree or put flesh on the bones of a family history.

If you need help finding where things are please ask the volunteer on duty or you can contact me and arrange a time for a more detailed look at what we have and where it is in our research room.

I hope everyone is finding their way round the new layout in the room and that the more spacious feel is helping to make your research time more enjoyable and productive. We will be putting up new signage and are working on a better way to mark the sections on the book shelves.

Happy Reading

Jane Rivett-Carnac

AWAY

STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA

328 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Date: Wednesday, 27 February 2013

Time: 9.10 am - meet at Narre Warren Station

We will travel by train to Melbourne Central Station (travelling in the last carriage of the train) and then walk to the State Library

10.30 am – tour of State Library commences

Event: Tour of the State Library and an introduction to the Genealogy Centre

Costs: Free

Duration: Allow 1½ hours for tour and then stay at the State Library for as long as you like

Bookings: Place your name on the Booking Sheet on notice board in the Research Room or email minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au

DAYS

BUS DRIVERS WANTED

We need volunteers who are willing to drive the 12 seater Council Bus for our Away Days. You must have a full current drivers licence and be happy to be drive us to our destination and return us to Narre Warren for that Away Day.

If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for the Group please advise Eileen Durdin on 9705 0599 or minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au.



BENDIGO FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY EXPO

YMCA Leisure Centre, Browning Street, Kangaroo Flat, Bendigo

Date: Sunday, 17 March 2013

Time: 8.00 am - meet at carpark of the Percy Trewin Annexe, 1-9 Regency Drive, Narre Warren (Melways 110 F6)

Event: Bus trip to the Bendigo Family & Local History Expo. We can visit other sites within the Bendigo area if members would like and time permits.

Costs: \$10.00 Entry Fee
Bus Fee will be approx \$20

Duration: Full day - return to Narre Warren approx 6.00 pm

Bookings: Place your name on the Booking Sheet on notice board in the Research Room
\$10 deposit (non refundable) will have to be paid when you make a booking

MORE AWAY DAYS

We have received suggestions for Away Days to: Immigration Museum, GSV, Government House, Booroondara Cemetery. So watch this space for upcoming Away Days.

If you want further information, have any ideas or suggestions for Away Days contact Eileen Durdin, Away Days Coordinator on 9705 0599 or minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au.

VAFHO State Conference 2013

***Note Please see below an email received by the group reminding us of the conference**

Date: 4-5 May 2013 at Ballarat, Victoria

Conference registrations are now arriving daily. Early Bird rates apply until 10 March 2013.

We are writing to you again to remind you that the seventh VAFHO conference, Under the Southern Cross: A Goldfields Experience, will be held at Australian Catholic University (Aquinas Campus), 1200 Mair Street, Ballarat, Victoria.

This conference is auspiced by Victorian Association of Family History Organisations (VAFHO) and Victorian Interpretive Projects Inc. (VIPs), Ballarat.

Copies of the Conference Registration Form are available online for immediate download from:

<http://vipsinc.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/registration-form-low-res1.pdf>

Please take time to read and complete the form carefully.

Once you have made your session selections and filled in the form, please decide how you wish to remit your conference fees.

We are providing two payment options:

(a) by cheque or money order (either of which must be enclosed WITH your Registration Form for your registration to be processed - send your documents to PO Box 171N, Ballarat North, Victoria 3350)

OR (b) online by direct credit into the bank account held in the name of Victorian Interpretive Projects Inc.

NOTE: The relevant bank/account details appear on the Conference Registration Form.

Please REMEMBER to insert each attendee's surname in the Payer Reference section (if you don't, we won't know it's YOUR payment)

Attendees will be able to choose from 24 different sessions over two days, featuring more than 30 invited speakers.

To view the current list of confirmed speakers visit

<http://vipsinc.wordpress.com/speakers/>

To view the list of session topics visit

<http://vipsinc.wordpress.com/program-2/>

Contact email ballaratstar@gmail.com

NOTE: Whilst every care is taken with the compilation of the conference program and the session & speakers lists, VAFHO and VIPs reserve the right to alter topics and/or change speakers in the event they are no longer available.

Proceedings get under way with an Official Welcome for conference attendees on Friday night, 3 May 2013 - this will be hosted by the City of Ballarat in the beautiful Trench Room, at Ballarat Town Hall. Cost per person: \$10

The Conference dinner will be held on Saturday, 4 May 2013. The evening will include a themed dinner showcasing excellent regional produce and local entertainers, and VAFHO's Francis Brown Awards. This will be a conference highlight, and your family and friends are welcome to attend too so you will need to book quickly! Cost per person: \$50 Attendance numbers are strictly limited to 100 - first in, best dressed.

A wide range of trade exhibitors will also be in attendance at the conference. We are still accepting enquiries and bookings from traders - please contact VIPs ASAP if you are interesting in booking a trade stand at this event.

All enquiries from prospective trade exhibitors should be directed to VIPs at: ballaratstar@gmail.com

Finally, if you would prefer to obtain your copy of the conference registration form by email attachment please contact us by email ASAP.

I do hope you will decide to join us for what promises to be a GREAT conference.

Warmest regards

Di Campbell

Conference Secretary Victorian Interpretive Projects Inc. Ballarat

Phone: 0424963294 mobile AH

Christmas meeting

At our December meeting we held The Closet Awards with Fay McCoubrie and me as hosts.

After a very quick general meeting, hosted by Rex McFarlane, we bounced straight into the awards and story telling.

Following is a list of NWDFHG members who have an ancestor or descendant who won the award;

The person who has the youngest descendant as at 25 December 2012 – Eileen Durdin

The person who travelled the furthest to get to Australia – Steven Smith

The person who has the most number of grandchildren not children as at 25 December 2012 – Jenny Hayes

The person who has the longest name – Greta Bain

The person who has the most number of convicts – Alice Pattison

The person whose ancestor lived the longest – Val Holland

The person whose relative married more than once – Lorraine Taylor

The person with the oldest hand written letter – Carmel Ryan

The person whose ancestor died the most tragic death – Carmel Ryan

The person who has an ancestor with a trade or profession the next or other generations have continued – Fay McCoubrie

After supper we broke up into groups and had a Christmas quiz. Making a Santa Claus was also part of the fun.

Lyne McGregor



Spreading Branches Deadline

The deadline for contributions for the May 2013 edition of Spreading Branches is April 15.

Mention the Narre Warren & District Family History Group and Cartridge World will donate **5% of your printer cartridge refill purchase back to your group**



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Research Room Roster

Mar-13					
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
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5	Fay McCoubrie Maureen Stagg Mary McGrath	7	Nowella Ahlgren Jane Rivett-Carnac	9	Rona Gibson Robyn Jones
12	Bev Lambie Maureen Abbott Gwen Leighton	14	Val Bennett Judi Harris Wendy Eldridge	16	Steven Smith Wendy Goodwin
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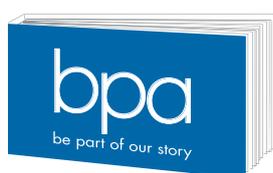
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