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Specialising in the Casey Cardinia Area.

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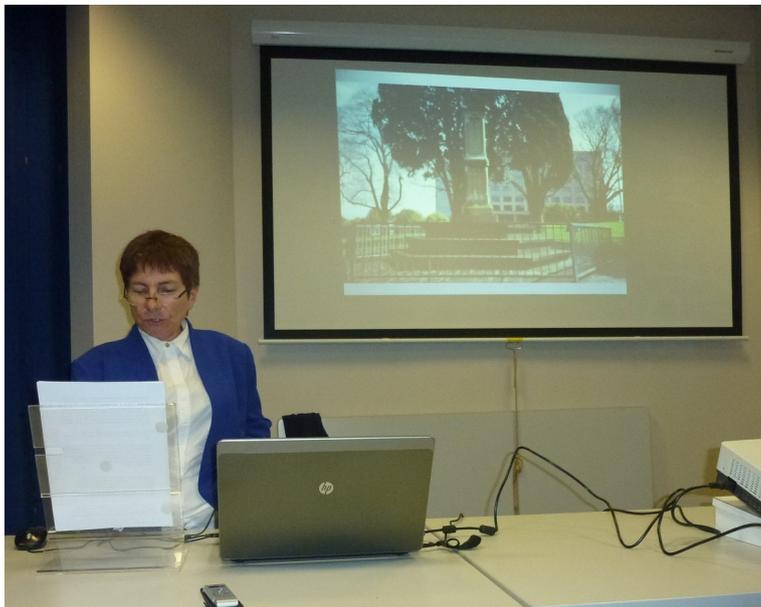
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## Grave Stories Issue 96 of the Queen Victoria Market

Dr Celestina Sagazio (pictured left) from the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust came to speak about the heritage listed Old Melbourne Cemetery which is still underneath the Queen Victoria Market.

The first cemetery in

Melbourne was in fact Burial Hill or Flagstaff Gardens where Willie Goodman, son of James, was buried on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1836. Burial Hill was only used for approximately another 5 - 9 burials.

The first official burial site in 1837 was bounded as Queen Street to the east, Peel Street to the west, Franklin Street to the south and Fulton Street (which no longer exists) to the north, West Melbourne. This area was set aside by Governor Richard Bourke when laying out the township of Melbourne.

This site was approximately 10 acres which was divided into the following allotments to be vested by their various Church leaders. It was determined the division of the acreage into the religious denominations would be 2 acres for the Church of England, Church of Scotland and Roman Catholics and 1 acre each for the Independents, Jewish, Wesleyan and Society of Friends.

At a later date half of the section for the Society of Friends was set aside for Aborigines.

The first burial is thought to be of Frederick Craig, the infant son of Skene Craig.

As a result of the grave sites rapidly being acquired, it was decided by the Melbourne City Council in 1849 to get a further allocation of land for another cemetery. By 1850 40 acres of Crown land was reserved to form the Melbourne General Cemetery. The new Melbourne Cemetery was opened for burials on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1853.

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### General Meetings:

June 8th @ 2pm

In house - Anne Blair  
-Travelling around  
Tasmania

July 13th @ 2pm

Guest Speaker -  
Heather Arnold - Free  
family history  
resources at Casey  
Cardinia libraries &  
AGM

August 10th @ 2pm

Guest Speaker -  
Jenny Davies -  
Different aspects of  
Flinders Street Station

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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

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

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

### **Membership:**

Single \$30 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$45 + \$5 joining fee. Payable 1st July each year. Casual visitors \$5 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 11am to 3pm, (Room closes at 2pm 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 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)

**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

Well, we'd just started to calm down after our exciting time with Pandora and Casey Cardinia Remembers when we became the proud custodians of the Max Thomson Photographic Collection and our excitement levels climbed to dizzying heights again. Max began collecting photos of Narre Warren, Narre Warren North and Harkaway in the 1950s and has been a staunch supporter of the family history group from the early days. This historic collection of approximately one thousand photos spans the 1800 and 1900s and will be a tremendous asset for the family history group and we thank Max and Janette for their continued support.

It's just been a big weekend for us – the morning of Friday 19th April saw seven members peeling and slicing 30 kgs of onions and bagging almost 70 kgs of sausages ready for the sausage sizzle at Bunnings the next day. The day was a wonderful success thanks to Shirley Peterson, Wendy Brock and Jenny Hayes who coordinated the day's operations. As I was not there on the day I cannot name everyone who was – but thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and pitched in.

Thank you also to Eileen, Wendy G., Fay, Kerryn, Steven and Rachelle for manning our table at the 2013 Heritage Festival at the Old Cheese Factory on Sunday 21st April.

As I write this I know that two of our members, Lorraine and Brenda, are about to embark on quite significant journeys across the globe and we wish them a safe but exciting trip filled with opportunities for fabulous family history research and discoveries.

We were so disappointed to lose Wendy E., from her pivotal role as Research Room Manager but we understand the circumstances and can only wish her well. As luck would have it, we are so pleased to welcome Wendy G. back to the committee as our new Research Room Manager.

This is our last newsletter before our 2013 AGM so it's time to remind everyone that none of the committee 'own' their jobs, although you might be forgiven for thinking that they do, because they do them so well. It's your family history group and each and every member is entitled to nominate for whatever job they might be interested in. If by a slim chance we have more than one nomination for any position then a secret ballot would be held and a winner would be determined by vote. Please think about it, sometimes an injection of new ideas and fresh enthusiasm is the best thing that can happen to a committee, even ours!

*Lynne Bradley*

## Warrnambool Research

For anyone with a research interest in and around the Warrnambool, Victoria area; the Warrnambool Family History Group Inc. maintains its own web-site.

You can find it at: <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~aigswbl/>

The site includes digitised copies of their newsletter, "The South-West Genealogist". These are in PDF format so are fully searchable. The first ninety (90) issues have been uploaded, covering the period 1990 through 1998. Most issues contain, amongst other valuable & informative articles, historical information gleaned from the Warrnambool Standard newspaper covering the period 1891 through 1898 and 1916 through 1923.

Meeting details, calendar of events, research, library holdings and general information are also included on the site.

*Di Christensen*

**Correction to my article** in last issue of Spreading Branches Issue 95 Feb 2013.

In my last paragraph in my piece in the previous Spreading Branches, I mentioned that Debbie McMahon, a former member and now living in the USA, also had a family on board this ship.

In the 'First Families' archive I found the family she was researching. However I misread **FRY** for LAY.

*Di Christensen*

## Sausage Sizzle Report - Congratulations

To: Brenda Wheeler, Jan Clarke, Robyn Jones, Maureen Abbott, Wendy E, Wendy G, Jeanette Angee, Moreyn Dimsey, Fay McCoubrie, Claire, Paul & Cheyenne Stevenson, Eileen Durdin, Judi Harris, Jane Rivett -Carnac, Mary McGrath, Lyne McGregor, Val Holland, Rex McFarlane (who gave up a whooping time at a 50th birthday party for us).

Also to Wendy Brock, and Jenny Hayes my cohelpers on the day, and a big thank-you to Ro Wallace, (who is not a member but a friend of Jenny's on holiday)! Judy Mehegan and Dianne Brodbeck came on the day and we had to send them home because we had too much help (how about that, that has never happened before)!

I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.

Also to our President Lynne Bradley, who is always there when needed and at any given time. We did the sausages and onions at Lynne's home on Friday, she took photos and said she would put them on Facebook. Thanks Lynne!!

I have left you all in suspense as to what we made on the day.

We made **\$2,082.85** after expenses our profit was **\$1,610.85**.

That's why we are congratulating you for your efforts. Thank-you all. Great team work and well done.

*Shirley Peterson. Sausage sizzle Co-coordinator*



## Publications for Sale

### Microfiche

Berwick Cemetery Register and Headstones 1867-1999.

\$22 + Postage & Packaging

Harkaway Cemetery Register and Headstones 1863-1999.

\$6 + Postage & Packaging

Pakenham Cemetery Register and Headstones 1850-1999

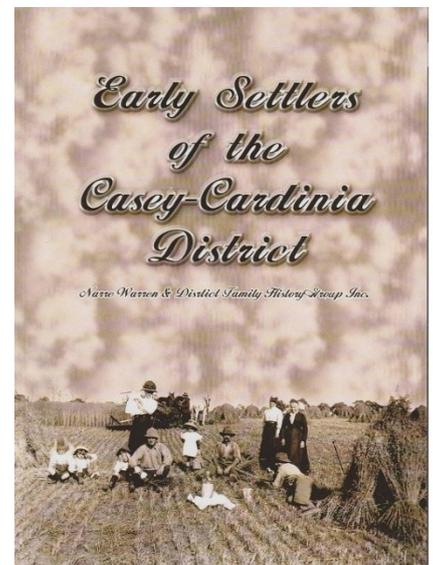
\$22 + Postage & Packaging

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 + \$6 (Postage + Packaging)

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District \$30 + \$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.

## Research Room News

*Hello fellow Genies,*

I do love it when a guest speaker inspires me. Celestina Sagazio's talk "Grave Stories of the Queen Victoria Market" at our April meeting was the catalyst that pushed me to do a search of our InMagic program.

I searched both in subject and abstract with the keywords: cemetery, cemeteries, obituary, transcriptions and inscriptions, memorials, graves, list of names and found close to 500 different titles that would help track down the departed. Apart from the many CDs that we might be familiar with, there is also the new British records that the group purchased last year. We have Irish and Scottish books, we have many microfiche which some of these are/were published as books and are now on CD. The microfiche tend to be scans of original documents so sometimes can be of more help finding the missing due to spelling and transcription errors.

Newsletters from other groups had some surprises such as, The Genealogist Sep 2001 has names of Australian Soldiers at Le Trepas, France. "Yes" I hear you saying "but that would be on the internet at the Commonwealth War Graves or via our War Memorial in Canberra"? but not everyone has the internet at home and back in 2001 did we look in the right places on the internet? The Yarram Newsletter of 2001 has local headstones, burials and obituaries listed. Warrnambool newsletter 2010 has a list of names for doctors buried in their cemetery. Toora Newsletter has a list of Australians and New Zealanders buried in Illegan Cemetery, Cornwall. The Northern Territory newsletter 2006 has transcriptions for Coffs Harbour and that was a surprise. The International Settlers newsletter in 2002 has a list of Chinese in White Hills Cemetery, Bendigo. We have books with titles that don't give you all the detail. "The Great Majority" is a collection of obituaries from the Mt Alexander Mail. We have microfiche that have not been reissued as CDs such as Headstones for Burwood 1858-1998 and many groups have spent hundreds of hours transcribing local cemeteries both small and large and today these same groups are retracing those cemeteries and photographing the headstones.

Those of us who have done a cemetery away day in the past have had a great day, so if there is a cemetery you would like to visit and you think others in the group may like to go with you, suggest it to Eileen our away day coordinator. Those of us with the internet at home love Google, Trove, and the many free to search sites. If you can't afford Ancestry, visit your local library. Most have genealogy programs such as Ancestry and you can do a lot in an hour if you stay focused. If you need guidance come in to our research room and talk with your fellow members they may have looked somewhere that you haven't thought of, or solved a similar problem with lateral thinking.

The group purchased the three books that Celestina had with her on the night and they are on the book shelf with our other Victorian cemetery books. While these three books tend to focus on the famous and infamous you also get background information on the way cemeteries have evolved and changed over time. Changes in legislation could indicate why you can't find someone where you think they should be.

*Happy Reading*

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*

### **Spreading Branches Deadline**

The deadline for the August 2013 edition of Spreading Branches is July 15.

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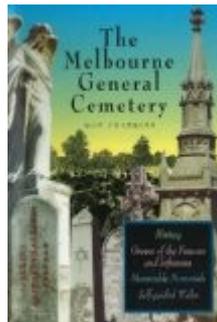
## New to the Research Room

### **Books**

Families, Feathers & Farms at Yundi  
Looking at you looking at me Vol 1  
A Bridge to Independence  
The Silver City  
Women of Botany Bay  
Riding the Wildman Plains  
APEX 1<sup>st</sup> 25 Years  
Letters of Rachel Henning  
Building the Village: Bendigo Bank  
As I Remember: Memories of Wandin  
Around Gillingham Dorset

Donated by S Smith

Donated by A Barnes



City of the Dead  
The Melbourne General Cemetery 150 Years  
Melbourne General Cemetery

Purchased for the Group

### **Casey Cardinia Books**

Gippsland Back to Pakenham  
Gembrook Line Book 1  
Steam to Strezelecki  
Upper Beaconsfield: An early history  
Alex Scott & Staff 120 Years

Purchased for the Group

Donated by L Bradley

### **Newspaper**

Endeavour Gazette July 1980

Donated by D Christensen

### **Microfiche**

1998 Directory Members Interest Cornwall F H S  
Index Parliamentary Papers of Colony of Victoria Vol 1 1852-1860

Donated by D Christensen

### **CDs -**

***Paul had a break as there were no new CDs***

## An Unusual Type of Reunion - Part Two.

My GOLDSMITH family were represented at the reunion of descendants of emigrants on the 'Zes Gezusters' (Six Sisters) in January 2013, by six people, several of whom I had never met.

The Dutch ship 'Zes Gezusters' had been chartered by the British Government and left Gravesend on 20 August, 1852.

There were 285 passengers from seventy families aboard this ship which was captained by Captain Ruhaak. Both he and the surgeon, James Hannan, Esq. received a Memorial of thanks and gratitude from the passengers, who had arrived safely. Sadly there were 12 deaths on the voyage. The ship arrived at Point Henry on 15 January, 1853.

Ships landed their passengers at Point Henry as there was a large sandbar obstructing the entrance to the Bay. The large numbers of passengers and goods were catered for by hotels, jetties, churches, schools, police and entertainment facilities (noted from a talk by Susie Zada).

The GOLDSMITH family who emigrated to Victoria consisted of James Herbert, his second wife Ann, and his three children; Samuel Thomas, James Herbert and Mary Abigail, my great grandmother.

The children's mother was Jane Barber, of Brighton, Sussex who married James on 28 December, 1841 at St John Hampstead, Middlesex. Samuel their first child, was born in 1842 in Hampstead, Middlesex, not long after his parent's marriage, so maybe his mother was pregnant at the marriage.

James, their second child was born in 1845 in Brighton, Sussex, and Mary Abigail, the third child was born 1847 in Brighton, Sussex.

Sadly Jane died in December 1848 of an acute bacterial infection in the Brighton Hospital, Sussex.

James married Ann approx April-June 1852 in St Margaret's Westminster, which stands in the grounds of Westminster Abbey, and is considered to be the Parish church of the British parliament. This gave them time to organise their lives to embark on the 'Zes Gezusters' (Six Sisters) which arrived at Point Henry in January 1853.

As far as I can ascertain Ann and James did not have any children.

After a short time in Geelong, the family travelled to Ballarat where they settled at Bakery Hill, shortly before the Eureka uprising. According to Mary Abigail's Obituary in the *Daylesford Advocate*, "*She arrived in Ballarat with her parents before the Eureka Stockade in 1854, and while the fight was on she was placed, with other children, in a hole for shelter.*"

I cannot begin to imagine how difficult it must have been to raise a family in the diggings, with rowdy, and sometimes drunken, men and women around your tent.

James set up a saw mill on the Springs Road, near Brown Hill and did very well as timber for building was very much needed.

However his health declined and he ended his days in the Ararat Asylum, and was buried in the Ararat cemetery.

Samuel Goldsmith married Louisa **Dolman** at St Paul's Church of England, Ballarat East on 25 December, 1879.

James married twice: firstly to Martha Caroline **Large** in 1868 and later to Louisa Anne **Mulder** in 1880.

My great grandmother married Thomas Henry **Barnett** in April, 1868 at St Marks Church, Fitzroy.

They had eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. Her son Samuel, born in 1884, wrote that *'that after her first two children died her doctor told her not to have any more children, as she had a weak heart. She lived to a good age of 84!'*

The three children all had many descendants, some of whom settled around Ballarat, but others moved to other Australian States and to New Zealand.

Ann Goldsmith later married George Havens, a blind American musician.

Sometimes it has been difficult to distinguish between the James Herberts in the family on some ancestral charts they are numbered 1, 2 or 3.

An excellent website, that of Geoffrey Barber of Subiaco, Western Australia exists and much information on the Barber family can be found there.

[www.barber.org.au](http://www.barber.org.au)

There are also many references to this ship found by 'Googling' Ancestry message boards and several family trees, all of which add to information on the lives of the families on board.

It is very pleasing to know that there are many younger people enthusiastically interested in researching their families and it's good to know that our research will be carried on by them.

Please contact me if you could be connected to my family; [fauna6@gmail.com](mailto:fauna6@gmail.com)

Di Christensen

# AWAY DAYS

## FAMILY HISTORY SEMINAR

Dakers Centre, Cnr Smith and Watts Streets, Leongatha

- Date:** Saturday, 18 May 2013
- Time:** 7.30am - meet outside Narre Warren Library and we will travel by car to the Dakers Centre, Leongatha  
9.15am seminar commences
- Event:** Speakers: Anne Burrows - Family History Resources at the State Library of Victoria; Jenny Harkness - Techniques for New Family Search; Janet McCalman - Founders & Survivors Project (tracing the lives of Tasmanian convicts); Susan McLean - Using the Scottish Census to advantage
- Costs:** \$25 - Light Lunch, Tea, Coffee  
Donation to be made to drivers to cover petrol costs
- Duration:** Seminar: 9.15am - 3.45pm  
Allow approx 1½ hours travel time to and from Leongatha

## BOROONDARA CEMETERY TOUR

High Street, Kew

- Date:** Sunday, 2 June 2013
- Time:** 1.00pm - meet outside Narre Warren Library and we will travel by car to the cemetery  
2.00pm tour commences
- Event:** Tour of the cemetery conducted by "The Friends of Boroondara (Kew) Cemetery"
- Costs:** \$10 - Tour  
Donation to be made to drivers to cover petrol costs and road tolls
- Duration:** Tour is around 1½ - 2 hours  
Allow approx 45 minutes travel time to and from Kew
- Bookings:** Place your name on the Booking Sheet on notice board in the Research Room  
or email [minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au)

## AWAY DAYS REPORT

- A small posse of us attended the **Bendigo Family and Local History Expo** on Sunday, 17 March 2013. The YMCA Leisure Centre was full of exhibitors. All four of us enjoyed quizzing the exhibitors to find out more about our ancestors. We only saw each other when we either took a break or it was time to come home. Congratulations to Mary Taylor who won one of the door prizes.
- We finally had our Away Day to the **State Library of Victoria** on Wednesday, 17 April 2013. Thanks to the Ann(e)'s who gave us a tour of the Library and showed us their resources in the Genealogy Centre. After a lunch break we returned to the Library and started our own researching. Some had success and others didn't find as much, but all agreed it was a good day out. The main thing we learnt on the day is that the Genealogy Centre is open the same hours as the Library and the best time to go to do research is Monday to Friday between 10.00am and 4.00pm when there is someone on duty who can assist you.

# AWAY DAYS

## PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE VICTORIA (PROV)

99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne

- Date:** Wednesday, 12 June 2013
- Time:** 9.00am - meet outside Narre Warren Library and we will travel by car to the PROV
- Event:** Research the PROV Collection for more information on your ancestors.
- Costs:** No cost for entry to PROV - Donation to be made to drivers to cover petrol costs and road tolls
- Duration:** Allow approx 45 minutes travel time to and from PROV. We will leave the PROV approx 2.30pm
- Bookings:** Place your name on the Booking Sheet on notice board in the Research Room or email [minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au)
- More Information:** It is recommended that you search and order records through the PROV's online catalogue prior to going to the PROV. For instruction on how to order the records use PROVguide 20 Searching for Records Online (<http://prov.vic.gov.au/provguide-20>).

## IMMIGRATION MUSEUM

Old Customs House, 400 Flinders Street, Melbourne

- Date:** Saturday, 20 July 2013
- Time:** 12.20pm - meet at Narre Warren Station  
We will travel by train to Flinders Street Station (travelling in the last carriage of the train) and then walk to the Immigration Museum
- Event:** Browse through the Immigration Museum at your own leisure. Displays include: Identity: yours, mine, ours; Journeys of a Lifetime; Customs Gallery; Leaving Home; Immigrant Stories and Timeline; Getting In. Also visit the Tribute Garden
- Costs:** Adult \$10, Concession and Child (3–16 years) free entry
- Duration:** We will arrive at Immigration Museum approx 1.45pm and the museum closes at 4.00pm
- Bookings:** Place your name on the Booking Sheet on notice board in the Research Room or email [minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au)
- More Information:** For more information on the Immigration Museum go to their website <http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum>

### MORE AWAY DAYS .....

We have received suggestions for Away Days to: GSV, Government House. 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](mailto:minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au).



### 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](mailto:minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au).

## Latest news from Bendigo Regional Archives Centre (BRAC) - Petitions of the People project.

**\*Note this article is from an email the group received advising us of another searchable data base for possible residents in the Bendigo area.**

Here at BRAC, we are proud to announce that the list of Petitioners' names able to be searched on our website [www.brac.vic.gov.au](http://www.brac.vic.gov.au) has reached 10,000. Names are in alphabetical order; they come from petitions presented to Sandhurst/Bendigo Council in the years 1870-1899. Kind volunteers have transcribed and typed up all these signatures. The address is often given too. Occasionally, the petitioner specifies his or her occupation.

Twenty Petitions have been fully digitised and are linked on the website via the Petitioners' names. Another 253 Petitions will be uploaded in the near future. The issues covered by the petitions are varied- infrastructure (roads, bridges, paths, street lighting), Occupations, Women's issues, parks and reserves, Council staff etc...

Please contact me if you find an ancestor's name which does not have the digital version of the petition linked to it yet. I will send it to you as an email attachment. All I need is the topic of the petition and the date it was written e.g. Infrastructure 18720920.

These documents are capsules of social history with no barriers- men and women, literate and illiterate, poor and well to do are all represented.

This project will be a wonderful primary source for genealogists and other researchers. More Petitions will continue to be added to our website as they are completed.

Enjoy everyone!

Regards,

Dr. Michele Matthews

<http://www.scvprobate.com.au/probate/Search/ApplicationIndex.aspx>

Site for searching Victorian Supreme Court Probate Registers

[www.brightoncemetorians.org.au](http://www.brightoncemetorians.org.au)

The Brighton Cemeterians are a not-for-profit community group working actively with Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, the administrators of Brighton General Cemetery. The web site provides a history of the Brighton Cemetery and biographies of some of those interred in Brighton Cemetery.

[www.gmct.com.au](http://www.gmct.com.au)

The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust web site providing history and searches of 18 Victorian metropolitan cemeteries.

Robyn Jones

## Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

### Annual General Meeting

2 pm, Saturday 13 July 2013

The Meeting Room, Narre Warren Library Overland Drive, Narre Warren

### Agenda

1. The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2012 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2013-2014.
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2013-2014.
  - Correspondence Secretary
  - Librarian
  - Newsletter Editor
  - Publicity Officer
  - Research Room Manager
  - Membership Officer
  - IT 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 in this edition of Spreading Branches.

Completed nomination forms need to be lodged with the Secretary by 6th July 2013. Forms may be left in the 'nomination box' in the Research Room or posted to PO Box 149, Narre Warren Vic 3805.

Nomination forms are available in this edition of Spreading Branches.

*\*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.*

## Grave Stories of the Queen Victoria Market cont.

In 1854 the Old Melbourne Cemetery was closed for burials except to those with a grave or vault there. The cemetery had its final burial in 1917 and was closed permanently in 1922.

The history of the Old Melbourne Cemetery is tied in with the Queen Victoria Market which was adjacent to it. When the market expanded in 1878 the Quaker/Aborigine area near Fulton Street was acquired. Melbourne Council acquired the northern sections of the cemetery. In 1869 the Meat section of the market purchased lands.

A Crown grant was passed that provided land for a general market on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1867. Two more grants were passed in 1878 and 1880 and in the 1880s legislation was passed requiring all bodies in the Old Cemetery be exhumed.

Over 10,000 are assumed to be buried at this site with the remains of approximately 9,000 still there. Each time work is carried out at the market, bones are disturbed.

Identification of the burial plots was difficult as the register prior to 1866 was lost or destroyed. Many graves were unmarked, others had headstones made of red gum that weathered or were stolen for fire wood. From 1920-22, 914 graves with monuments were reinterred at Fawkner, Kew, St Kilda, Cheltenham and the Melbourne General Cemetery. Many headstones crumbled when moved.

A burial of note was John Batman who was buried in an unmarked grave in the Church of England section. After a public subscription in 1882, a monument was erected and was later moved to Batman Avenue and then back to the Queen Victoria Market. Batman's remains were moved to Fawkner Cemetery. (Fawkner Cemetery is named after his rival John Pascoe Fawkner)

Memorials used in the cemetery were imported from Sydney, Hobart and Scotland. Sandstone used was not of a good quality. The memorials were of many styles, Greek, Gothic, Roman and Egyptian.

A memorial stands on the corner of Queen Street and Thierry Street.

The Queen Victoria market was born from replacing the Eastern Market in Elizabeth Street.

In 1874 the meat market combined retail sales and a slaughter yard.

The leasehold on a market-stand is now transferrable. Unfortunately there are not many third generation stall holders still at the market. There are over 3000 people who work there.

In 1997 approximately 7 million visitors had been to the Queen Victoria Market.

Between 2008-2012 there have been approximately 10 million visitors. The peak times at the market are Christmas and Easter.

"The first men hanged in the colony were the two Van Diemonian black murderers, on the 20 January, and the next batch three white bush rangers on 28<sup>th</sup> June of that year. The condemned burial ground was close by the north eastern corner of the public cemetery, outside the fence. Herein were deposited the remains of the black fellows and nothing further was heard of them for more than five months when they were joined by the white fellows and shortly after, on certain nights of the week the most unearthly doings were indulged in by the ghosts of the five defunct individuals, who had the outside graveyard to themselves, but who, so soon as the night was well in, jumped out of their graves and plunged into vagaries of a most astounding character,..... Persons engaged here at unseasonable hours declared that they witnessed such exhibitions" \*

\*Taken from White Hat [www.whitehat.com.au/melbourne/cemeteries/oldmelbourne\\_cemetery.asp](http://www.whitehat.com.au/melbourne/cemeteries/oldmelbourne_cemetery.asp)

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<b>June 2013</b>					
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Sunday</b>	
		1	Lynne Bradley Shirley Peterson	2	Jane Rivett-Carnac Claire Stevenson
4	Rona Gibson Mary McGrath	8	Val Holland Lorraine Taylor	9	Eileen Durdin Greta Bain
11	Lynne Bradley Lina Butler Joyce Masters	15	Wendy Goodwin Judy Mehegan	16	Wendy Eldridge Jeanette Angee
18	Anne Blair Maureen Stagg	22	Robyn Jones Wendy Eldridge	23	Wendy Brock Lyne McGregor
25	Bev Lambie Fay McCoubrie	29	Wendy Brock Judy Mehegan	30	Wendy Goodwin Steven Smith
<b>July 2013</b>					
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2	Maureen Abbott Rona Gibson	6	Lynne Bradley Shirley Peterson	7	Wendy Goodwin Wendy Brock
9	Gwen Leighton Anne Blair	13	Wendy Goodwin Val Holland	14	Jane Rivett-Carnac Lyne McGregor
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