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Pakenham Cemetery Indomitable Women Cemetery Tour 25 October 2015

What a fabulous morning we had at the cemetery tour at Pakenham. Thanks to the Pakenham Cemetery Trust and Wendy Boon for their hospitality. Over sixty people came to hear about 25 women who shaped the local community of Pakenham and are buried at this cemetery. They came from all walks of life.



This space does not allow room to profile all the women whose graves we visited, but they included the graves of Shire Secretary Beatrice Thomas; Margaret Gordon, who died when her cart capsized; six publicans; Polly Smith, who died aged 107 in 1989; Susannah Thompson, who died in childbirth after being administered too much opium; Alison and Kerry Medwin, who lost their lives in the Ash Wednesday Bushfires in 1983 at Upper Beaconsfield; and Lucy Pepper, an indigenous woman, who was denied her wish to be buried near her father at Lake Tyers, Gippsland.

Marianne Rocke



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General Meetings:

Wed 11 November 2015 7.30 pm
Celestina Sagazio speaks about the history of Springvale Botanical Cemetery

Wed 9 December 2015 7.30 pm
Christmas Special: Bring a small plate of Xmas goodies and your singing voices.

January 2016 - Closed

Wed 10 February 2016 7.30 pm
Ian Thomas speaks about the history and times of the Pakenham Gazette

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Christmas get together at the Berwick Inn

21 November 2015 at 6.30 pm
Contact Fay McCoubrie vice.president@nwfhg.org.au





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

May - September: 2.00 pm
2nd Saturday of the month.

Opening Hours for Research

Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday 11 am to 3 pm, (Room closes at 1.45pm on Saturdays of our General Meeting)

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

We have a large collection of books, maps, microfiche, CDs and journals from all over the world available to our members and visitors.

Wire binding and laminating service available for members. Contact Jenny on 5991 4499 or email treasurer@nwfhg.org.au

Membership

Single \$35 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$50 + \$5 joining fee. Payable 1 July each year. Casual visitors \$5 per day.

Membership Renewal

You are welcome to renew your membership by Direct Deposit into our bank account. Details:

Bank: National Australia Bank **BSB:** 083 802

Branch: Fountain Gate **Account No:** 539450013

Please don't forget to use your name as a reference.

Please email a copy of your renewal form to the Membership Officer.

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 postal 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.

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

An indomitable woman Lucy Pepper

If Lucy Pepper and her family had their way, none of us would be standing here. Lucy's wish was to be buried with her father at Lake Tyers. But when Lucy passed away, the Pepper family were denied that right because they were Aboriginal.

Aboriginal people had most facets of their lives dictated by the Victorian Government through the Board for the Protection of Aborigines. The Board had the power to determine where Aboriginals could live, how and where they could work and how they raised their children, and in Lucy's case, where they were laid to rest.

Lucy Thorpe was born in 1884 at Lake Tyers, East Gippsland, the daughter of William and Lillian Thorpe. Lucy's mother passed away when Lucy was five, leaving William to care for Lucy and her four siblings. When Lucy was old enough, the priests on the station got her and her sister Annie jobs with settlers in Melbourne for 7/- a week. She was about eighteen when she returned to the farm, and met and fell in love with another young Aboriginal, Percy Pepper.

Lucy and Percy married in 1903, Lucy was nineteen and Percy twenty-five.

Their first child, Lucy Dora, was born later that year in Sale. Percy was apprenticed as a baker, and the family moved to Lake Boga for work, however, soon returned to Gippsland due to homesickness. Over the next twelve years the couple had another six children, in various towns in Gippsland as Percy moved around working as a baker and later cutting timber for the railways.

Lucy contracted tuberculosis in 1907 and things got harder for the couple when Percy lost two fingers in a work accident whilst working the docks at Sale. Percy was forced to request assistance from the Board for the Protection of Aborigines. It was in these requests we hear that the family were forced to live in a



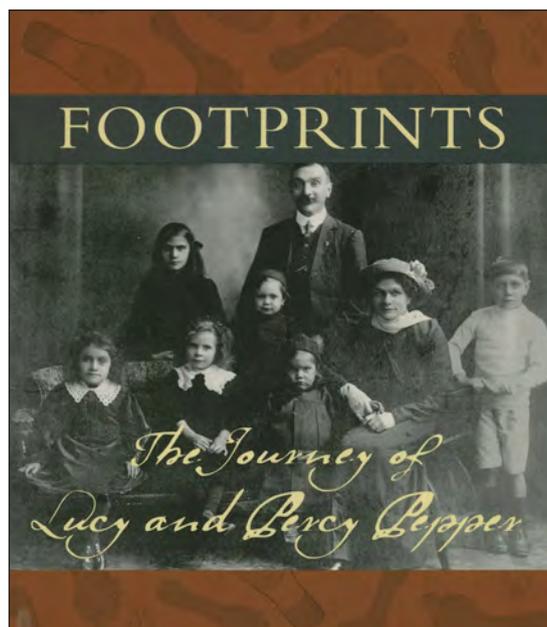
tent for two years whilst living near Lakes Entrance.

In 1915, Lucy attempted to move to Purnim, near Warrnambool, to improve her health. After much convincing, the government authorities issued rail passes for herself and two children to travel there, leaving Percy in East Gippsland working on the railway and looking after the other five children. Lucy and Percy made several requests for assistance for Percy and the children to move closer to her that were turned down. Eventually the Board gave permission for the family to be reunited at the Lake Condah Aboriginal Station when Percy found work on the railway near Heywood. The family was soon to be torn apart again when Percy enlisted for service in the Great War. Lucy's health

continued to suffer while Percy was away. She was forced to move back to Lake Tyers where Percy's family were able to help her and the children. Percy was discharged after being wounded by a shell and returned home in 1918. He applied for and was granted a 65 acre soldier settlement block at Koo Wee Rup.

Percy soon opened a bike shop in Tynong, whilst also farming the block, Lucy helped out when her health allowed.

1923 was a very hard year for Lucy. The farm was severely damaged by flood twice and Lucy's father grew ill. They travelled to Lake Tyers to be with her father when he died, but Percy and the children



Lucy and Percy Pepper with six of their children on the cover of 'Footprints,' published by the National Archives of Australia and Public Record Office Victoria

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were forced to return to Koo Wee Rup. Too ill to travel, Lucy was allowed to stay but it caused her great heartache to be away from her family. Shortly before her death, she travelled by boat from Lake Tyers to Koo Wee Rup to join her family. After years of illness and 13 operations, Lucy Pepper passed away, aged thirty-nine and was buried here at Pakenham Cemetery. The family applied for permission to rebury Lucy at Lake Tyers next to her father but the government refused. Soon after Lucy's death, Percy lost the block at Koo Wee Rup and moved to Fitzroy, but the family never forgot Lucy, and gathers here where we are standing, each Mother's Day to remember her.

researched by Steven Smith

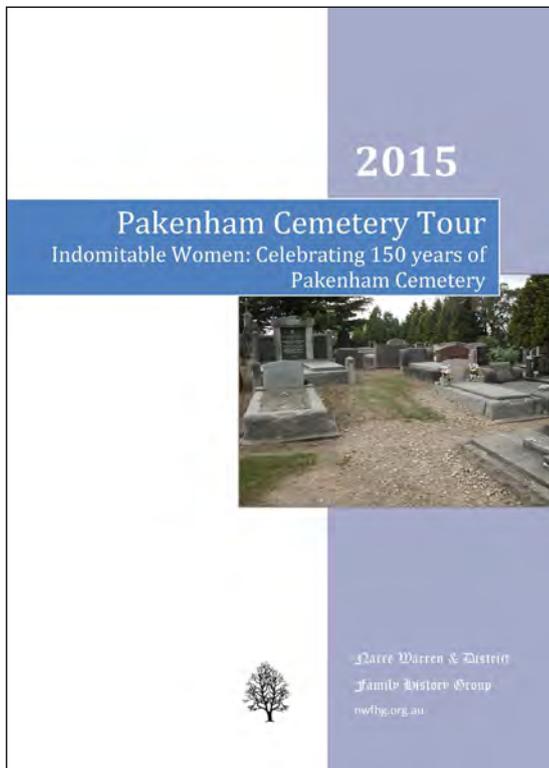
Further reading:

* Phillip Pepper with Tess De Araugo: *You Are What You Make Yourself To Be*

* Footprints: The Journey of Lucy and Percy Pepper

soldiersettlement.prov.vic.gov.au/soldiers-stories/percy-pepper/

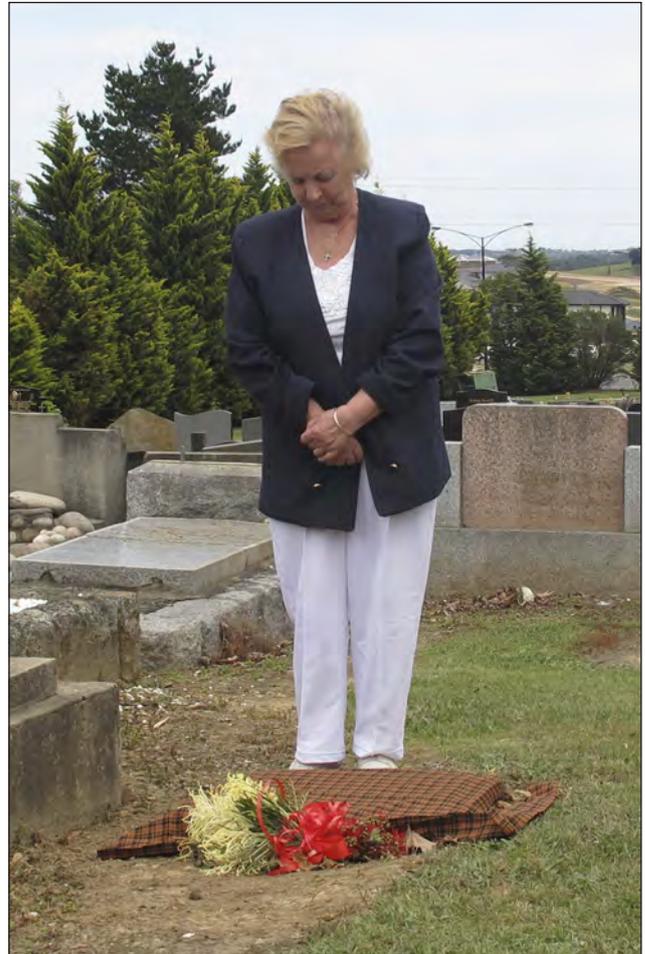
(available at the Research Room)*



Our publication, *Indomitable Women*, is available for \$15 from our Research Room or by mail (download an order form www.nwfhg.org.au/publications)

150 years of Pakenham Cemetery

After the conclusion of the tour, Ms Wendy Boon introduced Mrs Edyvanne (below), President of the Pakenham Cemetery Trust who unveiled a plaque to commemorate the first burial at Pakenham 150 years ago. Unfortunately, little is known about Mrs Bills, as her death was not registered. We hope that one day we may learn more about Mrs Bills.



President's Report

Well, it's hard to believe we're three months down the track from the AGM. We're still looking for a Research Room Manager and welcome Lorraine to the committee as our librarian.

I'm really happy to say that the committee have worked extremely hard in the last couple of months to tie up loose ends and identify the directions we'd like to start moving towards. It has been a real privilege to be working with them and be part of that process.

It's been a busy time, we've participated in the VAFHO Expo at Seymour; we conducted our most successful cemetery tour on 25 October and our most successful workshop yet, the day after as part of the Seniors and Ageing Positively Festivals. Fay and I also did a workshop with the Berwick Mechanics Institute as a joint venture for Ageing Positively. I would like to thank every single member who rolled up their sleeves for their help with these events, but I won't try to name anyone for fear of leaving someone out. But I would like to mention Wendy E, Jane and Fay who took leading roles in more than one venture on our behalf and did a fabulous job. We have much to be proud of.

It looks like 2016 might be just as challenging as this year has been; we need to do some work in the Research Room to get ready to move to new premises, where ever they may be. Change is not always a bad thing though; some of our books are getting tired and need to make way for new, more recent publications which will benefit us all in the long run.

On behalf of the committee and myself, I wish all our members and supporters a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year yet. Thank you for your support and encouragement – we'll see you in 2016.

Lynne Bradley

Research Room Roster

As you are no doubt aware, we have no Research Room Manager to draw up a new roster. So, regrettably, the committee have decided to close the Research Room a week earlier for members from 1 December 2015 until we reopen on Tuesday 2 February 2016.

If you are on the roster list and can continue to 'do duty' next year, could you please let Lynne or Fay know sometime during December and January.

2015 Committee

AFFHO award for meritorious service to family history

To those of us researching the Cranbourne area we have used, or know of Niel Gunson's book *"The Good Country—Cranbourne Shire,"* written in 1968.



Niel Gunson receiving award from retired AFFHO President Kerrie Gray

Niel received this award at the AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations) Congress in Canberra earlier this year. It recognises individuals who have made significant contributions to the wider family history community, particularly in a voluntary capacity.

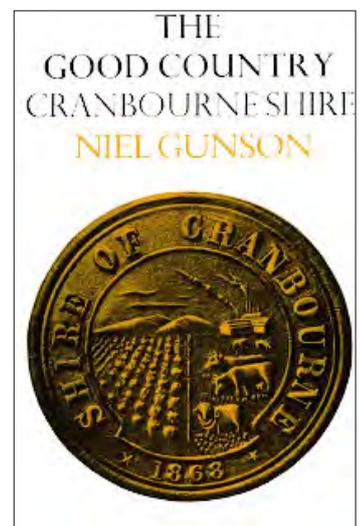
Niel was an early member of the GSV, joining before he was twenty years old, and he edited *Ancestor* for almost twenty years. In 1964 he was very involved in the establishment of The Heraldry & Genealogical Society of Canberra (HAGSOC) and served in many positions over the years.

He has supported family history for over 64 years, and continues to attend HAGSOC meetings, and still writes for journals and other publications.

Read more in *The Ancestral Searcher*, Vol 38, No 2, pages 62-63 in our Research Room or in AFFHO Newsflash at affho.org/news/newsflash55.pdf

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Narre Warren & District Family History Group 2016 Workshops

Date	Time	Topic	Tutor
Monday 22 Feb	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Finding direction: where are you going with your family history?</i>	Jane RC
Monday 21 Mar	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Earning the daily bread: occupational records</i>	Wendy E
Monday 18 Apr	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Copyright and plagiarism / Digital preservation</i>	Lynne / Heather
Monday 23 May	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Putting the correct women on your tree</i>	Jane RC
Monday 20 Jun	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Getting an education: finding the records / Casey Cardinia school registers</i>	Wendy E / Heather
Monday 25 Jul	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Hatches, Matches and Despatches on Digger / Ancestry</i>	Lynne / Heather
Monday 22 Aug	10.30 am to 2.45 pm*	<i>Family History Month: Here, Near & Far</i>	Lynne / Jane / Heather
	10.30 am–11.30 am	<i>England (Lynne)</i>	
	11.45 am–12.45 pm	<i>New Zealand (Jane)</i>	
	1.45 pm–2.45 pm	<i>Casey Cardinia (Heather)</i>	
Monday 26 Sep	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>They didn't swim here: diving into immigration records</i>	Jane RC
Monday 24 Oct	10.30 am to 2.45 pm*	<i>Seniors & Ageing Positively Festivals</i>	Wendy E / Lynne / Jane
	10.30 am–11.30 am	<i>Medical records (hospitals, asylums, undertakers) (Wendy)</i>	
	11.45 am–12.45 pm	<i>Police & legal records (Lynne)</i>	
	1.45 pm–2.45 pm	<i>Housing, land records, maps (Jane)</i>	
Monday 21 Nov	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Good sports: discovering sporting ancestors from juniors to seniors</i>	Wendy E

* On seminar days there will be a 15-minute break between class 1 and class 2, and a lunch break and time for a visit to our research room or a general chat between class 2 and class 3.

Our workshops have been very successful this year. We've received good feedback from those attending and gained a significant number of new members. We realise we can't please everyone with dates, times and topics but we think we've got a fabulous line up of workshops for 2016. All workshops are free to members and \$5 for visitors. Visitors may participate in one, two or three sessions in daytime workshops for just \$5.

We're very excited to have our Local History Librarian, Heather Arnold joining us for a few more sessions next year. We hope that you will join us too.

Contact the Research Officer for bookings or more information:

Lynne 8787 5558 or research.officer@nwfhg.org.au

**Welcome
to our new members**

Jan Clyne, Ann Benson, Christine Gaiardo,
Janet Johnson, Maureen Trotter
and Stephen Cowell

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Please submit your articles by 15 January 2016

Nar Nar Goon North conversations at Casey Cardinia

Remembers

We receive many emails and comments at Casey Cardinia Remembers HQ about hiring halls and ovals depicted on the site. We don't publish these of course, but try to respond privately with helpful information. But, now and again we hit the jackpot



and receive comments to posts that enlighten and inform us; some even thank us for our 'good work' and encourage us to keep it up.

One such post was the Nar Nar Goon North Hall. It all started with a compilation of newspaper photos on the wall, of the Ball held the night the electricity was turned on at Nar Nar Goon North. It was surprising that someone had lovingly collated pictures and text from a newspaper article or articles and not included the name and date of the publication. However, Anne and Fay surveyed the hall site on 14 May 2012 and we posted it on 19 May. The next day our enterprising secretary posted our first comment in an effort to extract some community participation. It took about six months for our first real comment to come in, from John who reminisced about growing up in Nar Nar Goon North seventy years ago. Another six months or so went by before we heard from Debbie who had the honour of being the youngest person in the ceremony that night. Then in no time at all we heard from Diane who told us she thought it was 1962 and that the lady who had cut the ribbon was her grandmother, Mrs Lawry.



A couple of months later we heard from Keith who told us the power switch-on was on 18 May 1962. He still has the newspaper article from the Pakenham Gazette and fond memories of the hall, he thanked us for our good work, so did others. Elsbeth was so excited to find the grandfather she never met on the honour board at the hall and Anthony let us know that the Nar Nar Goon North Primary School is at his Tynong North farm

and they have many photos of the school and its students.

And that made it all worthwhile, sometimes the enormity of the project can overwhelm you until you remember that it's one site at a time, and even if we don't get them all, the memory of each one we do get is saved. Our monuments and memorials are not eternal, just this year we saw Patrick Northeast Reserve make way for Bunjil Place. But, perhaps that's a story for the next edition.

www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au/nar-nar-goos-north-hall/

Lynne Bradley

Member Profile	
Phillip Taylor	
<i>Place of birth</i>	Nagambie, Victoria
<i>Profession</i>	Technical Officer Telecommunications
<i>Family</i>	Married, 4 children
<i>Time in district</i>	24 years
<i>Interests</i>	Cycling, Flying recreation
<i>Names researching</i>	Great grandparents William Taylor and Prudence McMullen
<i>Reason for starting research</i>	Trip to Northern Ireland in August 2015
<i>Most interesting find</i>	Grandfather's diaries 1895-1901, Grandmother's birthday book from 1891

“Ask Granny”©

Those who were at the October general meeting would have seen a notation on the Statement of Receipts and Payments for September about “Ask Granny”© which the president was supposed to explain but didn’t. This has turned out to be quite handy really, this way, we get to tell everyone about it, not just those who attended the meeting. For those who weren’t with us that night, the notation was about the \$200 we are still holding to fund future “Ask Granny”© workshops. This money was very generously donated by an ex member specifically to fund future workshops. We have tried a few times to get more workshops off the ground, but couldn’t find an organisation who wanted to participate.

The “Ask Granny”© program was developed in Athens and Clarke County, Georgia, USA by Greg Crane and Judy Russell. The program’s focus is to encourage senior citizens to

write down their family history and memories before it is too late.

Greg and Judy have developed specially formatted materials that feature large print and are easy to use. The “Ask Granny”© workshops are limited to a maximum of 12 participants



to ensure that everyone gets an opportunity to participate fully and the experience is an enjoyable one. This is not a beginning or how to do family history workshop. It is designed to simply help people who would like to leave their family memories or knowledge to future generations and just don’t know where to start.

The “Ask Granny”© program has two stipulations:

1. the workshop goes to the participants
2. there is no charge to the participants

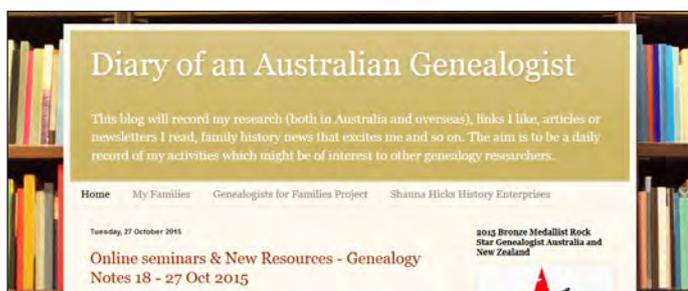
The Narre Warren & District Family History Group presented our first “Ask Granny”© workshop to the Pakenham Arthritis Group in February 2010. A couple of the participants said that they’d been prompted recently by family members to document what they know of their family history and their life but didn’t know where to start and we were very happy to be given the opportunity to help with this.

We are currently looking for other organisations that might like to hold an “Ask Granny”© session for their members. All participants leave with a folder containing the notes and information documented during the session as well as a list of groups, websites and organisations that may be able to assist with any additional research required. Please contact us if you are in the Casey Cardinia area and belong to a group you think would like to know more about “Ask Granny”©. All materials, including publicity flyers and booking forms are included in the program materials and all are free of charge to the participating group.

Lynne Bradley

Ageing Positively Workshop Monday 26 October 2015

Along with other members and quite a few visitors, I attended the Ageing Positively day in the Narre Warren Library in a very comfortable and friendly atmosphere. This event was hosted by NWDFHG.



Blogging

presented by Lynne Bradley

Lynne suggested that blogs are a great way of publishing your family history, a travel diary or any other activity in which you are involved. They are a relatively cheap way to publish your work, and for

people to find you.

Blogging set up sites can be found at www.blogger.com or www.wordpress.com

One blog Lynne showed was “Diary of An Australian Genealogist” belonging to Shauna Hicks—diaryofanaustraliangenealogist.blogspot.com.au

Shauna has a great deal of information in this diary, which also links to her website. You could spend many hours reading her blog and following her links.

Another blog is our own Casey Cardinia Remembers www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au

Photos and stories of many monuments, places, honour boards in the municipalities in Casey and Cardinia (see article about Nar Nar Goon North Hall on page 7).

Tags, categories can all be used to assist people to find information

Lynne also recommended two books as ‘must haves’ for writers. They are the Style Manual (available in



CCLC) and Yahoo Style Guide.

And a website www.grammarly.com, where you can either upload some text or download an add-on if you are using 'Word'. This will assist with spelling and other corrections.

How to start writing your family history

presented by Jane Rivett-Carnac

Jane suggested that we need to think about the chronology of our book. Where to start and where to finish.

Who or what are we writing about? One person, one place, paternal or maternal side of our family or include both sides. Perhaps one particular event stands out, or a piece of furniture, jewellery or family memorabilia.

Is the book intended for immediate family, the public, or for a family reunion. Who will read it?

What is the deadline? Organise a time line and work towards the finishing date.

Be careful with some facts, as they may distress living people, especially if they are not aware of them or do not wish a fact to be publicised.

Keep the tense the same throughout the book, and use just the one name for the one person. It will confuse readers if the same person is referred to with aliases or nicknames.

Member Profile	
Lyn Olney	
<i>Place of birth</i>	Melbourne
<i>Profession</i>	Switchboard/Teleprinter Operator
<i>Family</i>	Three siblings, two children
<i>Interests</i>	Gardening, Family history
<i>Names researching</i>	Walker, Olney
<i>How long researching</i>	20 years
<i>Most interesting find</i>	18 children in one family

It is very important to include a table of contents, a list of photographs and maps, sources, a bibliography, and an index. List the abbreviations for sources e.g. PROV, SLV, NLA, NAA.

You will also need a proofreader and a review person—maybe a family historian—as well as someone not a genealogist. A book needs to appeal to all kinds of people.

You need to Read-Revise-Rest.

Printing my story

presented by Wendy Eldridge

Wendy told us of some very important questions to ask before going to a publisher or printer.

Look at other books in libraries to decide what format you would like for your book, e.g. hard or soft cover; A4 size or smaller; spiral binding, bound or saddle-stitched; paper quality. You want to choose a layout that is easy to read, and use a consistent font style and size.

Wendy told us to do some research into printers and publishers before writing a book. Options include Officeworks, Snap, online or overseas printers or specialised publishing houses.

When looking for a printer, find out what questions to ask relating to costings, and how to present your print file. Printers DO NOT proofread or fix layouts.

All speakers showed examples of good and not so good publications, pointing out the positive and negative aspects of each one.

Legal deposit; copyright—yours and others and plagiarism were also touched on briefly

The workshop was attended by City of Casey staff photographing and also thanking us for our contribution to the Ageing Positively month.

Thanks to Lynne, Wendy and Jane for their very professional and informative presentations.

It is impossible to include all that was discussed, those who attended had a wonderful day.

Di Christensen

Can you help?

Do we have any members descended from the Fagan family of Lyndhurst? Niel Gunson's great grandmother Agnes (Fagan) Nelson had one brother Michael Fagan who took his family to Boulder City, WA at the end of the 19th century but no one seems to know if he ever came back or maintained contact with anyone in the district.

niel.gunson@anu.edu.au

Casey Cardinia Combined Index

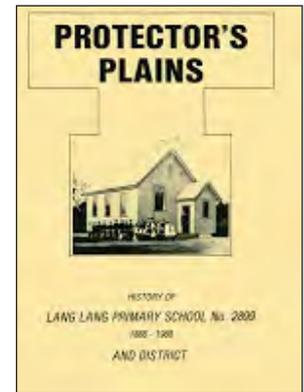
In 2004 we created the Casey Cardinia Combined Index (CCCI) so that members and visitors could easily search a database and find resources that contain the search term together with the page number of the book it appears on.

We now have over 110 Casey Cardinia resources that have been indexed which includes over 100000 searchable records. The last book added to the index was *Protector's Plains: History of Lang Lang Primary School No 2899 1888–1988 and District*, thanks to Moreyn Dimsey.

We thank all those who have indexed over the years and made the CCCI the most useful tool for anyone researching within the Casey Cardinia area. There

are plenty more resources that require indexing. If you would like to volunteer to do some indexing for the CCCI please contact Eileen Durdin, Secretary by emailing secretary@nwfhg.org.au or phoning 9705 0599. Indexing can be done at your own leisure and is a great way to learn about history of the Casey Cardinia area.

Eileen Durdin



Let your halloween skeletons out to dance

A very interesting October meeting. So many bigamists or trigamists. Many coincidences and connections to other members.

* We heard about a headstone found abandoned miles from where it should have been, then replaced in the correct country cemetery.

* A dad born illegitimately in 1908. His mother tried to keep him but without family support had to put him into foster care with the Dean family where he stayed for 14 years. He was then put to work in a farming community, absconding twice with clothing, a pea rifle and a cheque. He was arrested and placed into a Boys Home.

All this was discovered when looking through his wardship papers. He married twice—his first wife tricking him into marriage by saying the baby was his when it wasn't. How often did this happen? When he married his second wife, he told her he was divorced when he wasn't; he was a bigamist. He lived his life under three different names, his

first marriage was under his birth name; when he was arrested he went under a different name and when he married his second wife he went under his foster name, then dying under his foster name of George John Dean in 1968.



* An email attachment—a memorial card for a Victorian ancestor who died in 1909, sent by an unknown New Zealand relative. His ancestor had emigrated to New Zealand, and her brother to Victoria and they had kept in touch.

* The trigamist married his first wife in Sydney, then he married his second wife in the South Island of New Zealand who “divorced” him when she found out about the third wife. The third wife was a native New Zealander in the North Island (he lived out the remainder of his life with her and it was one of this family’s descendants that our researcher has been in contact with). Along the way he also had two girlfriends that he had children with and a 4th wife in Brisbane. Imagine being confronted at the door “can I speak to daddy please?” and having no knowledge of this family.

* A discussion with members of another family history group in regard to the Land Army brought to light some photos featuring a mother and aunt.

* A great-great-grandfather, Joseph Ostler, came to

Member Profile Lyn Rowler (nee Bowles)	
Place of birth	Dandenong, Victoria
Profession	Admin Assistant
Family	2 children
Time in district	1 year
Interests	Gardening, Opera, Theatre
Names researching	Sarah Constant, Bowles
Reason for starting research	Inherited family records and research, To learn how to research

Australia in 1852 from England. He settled in East Brighton as a butcher, where he became a member of the Moorabbin Roads Board and took on the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and Toll Manager. In 1868 he embezzled money from the Roads Board and fled the country, leaving behind a wife and five children. He settled in America under an assumed name, became an author of arithmetic text books and married. He returned to Australia twenty years later after repaying the monies owing.

* A German great-grandfather, a second in charge sea captain, spent all his life at sea until he came to Australia and settled in Stawell in 1870. His company was the Stawell Wine and Brandy company and it was closed due to his deafness and voted against as well as being undercapitalised. Why would a seafarer settle in what would have been the bush in 1870, and open a general store? Why indeed? So many questions we would like to ask.

* An ancestor being made a Knight of the St John of Jerusalem, with letters from Queen Elizabeth to prove this, and also the page from the London Gazette showing this award.

* An ancestor who no one spoke about. The paternal grandfather's youngest brother wasn't spoken of and sadly died alone and unnoticed. Some stories don't have happy endings and leave you with unanswered questions.

* Two courageous and severely wounded soldiers

Did you know?

Some of our volunteers were surprised to learn we had a few resources in the cupboard that they didn't know about.

- 1881 Canadian Census
- 1891 London Census
- 1881 British Census
- Passenger and Immigration lists: Irish to America 1846-1865
- Passenger and Immigrations lists: New York 1820-1850
- Passenger and Immigration lists: Philadelphia 1800-1850
- Passenger and Immigration lists: Boston 1821-1850
- Irish Immigrants to North America 1803-1871

These CDs have to be accessed using the original disks on Computer D only. Step by step instructions are on the notice board next to the computer. The disks are on the top shelf of the grey cupboard.

Member Profile Laurence Stephenson

<i>Place of birth</i>	Murrumbidgee, Victoria
<i>Profession</i>	Baker
<i>Family</i>	Married, 3 children
<i>Time in district</i>	40 years
<i>Interests</i>	Genealogy (researching for thirty years), Ham Radio
<i>Names researching</i>	Stephenson, Butcher, Ritchie, Payne, Garlick, Mee, Wittick, Christian, Buttigieg
<i>Most interesting find</i>	John and Walter Wittick were convicts

on the Kokoda track, assisting each other down the mountain to safety. One of these brave men was injured in the leg and hip and the other the arm and shoulder, and they walked all along the track like a three-legged person, helping each other all the way. This story is repeated by those who tackle the track today.

* A paternal grandfather arriving in Australia, settling and marrying near Ballarat. Later remarrying after his first wife died. This Major left no will, so it was left to descendants to sort out his affairs.

* Searching in the Geelong Heritage Centre, years before Trove. One ancestor charged with indecent behaviour in front of women; another found guilty of assaulting himself with an axe, then he died.

Many many years later members of these two families married, and later adopted a beautiful young girl.

* Make sure you follow the correct family when trying to add meat to the bones. Don't forget to check and recheck all details.

* An ancestor and his wife settling in the Victorian countryside, having four children, then four more. The mother died of an overdose of laudanum-postnatal depression.

* A husband, who only 14 years ago was found by his brother, sister, and brother-in-law; he did not know of these siblings till they found him.

Thanks to Lynne, Di, Jan, Moreyn, John, Jenny, Fay, Lyne, Mary, Shirley, Cheyenne, Jane, Lorraine, and Brenda for their contributions.

Hopefully they may write a longer story for Spreading Branches. There is certainly much material to use.

Di Christensen

Publications for Sale

100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery

(published 2015) examines the cemetery's connections with the Great War. Our stories embrace 100 men from over 70 families – all linked to Berwick Cemetery and the community it served.



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Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.



Twenty-eight men did not return, they are still in France, Gallipoli, Belgium, Malta, Palestine, at sea and 6 have no known grave. For over 70 years Brigadier General Cecil

Henry Foott has lain in an unmarked grave at Berwick Cemetery until the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, the Berwick RSL, the Berwick and Harkaway Cemeteries Trust and Cameo Memorials of Dandenong joined forces to place a headstone at the grave.

Men of all ages enlisted, the youngest were two 16 year olds, the oldest was 56 year old Private Pringle who told the Army he was 44 and got away with it. Twenty-seven sets of brothers, one father and his two sons and men who enlisted on the same day with consecutive service numbers all have fascinating stories to be told.

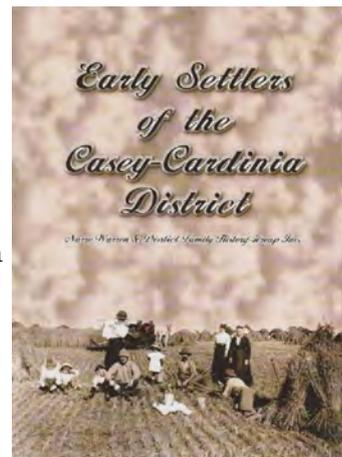
Our soldiers were mentioned in despatches and received awards and medals. They served as troopers, gunners, sappers, drivers, bombardiers, signallers and shoeing smiths. Eight of the soldiers married overseas and brought wives home with them. Those who returned led varied lives and fortune smiled more favourably on some than it did on others.

100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery \$20 + \$5 postage + handling

Order forms are available from the Research room or download from nwfhg.org.au/publications/

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.



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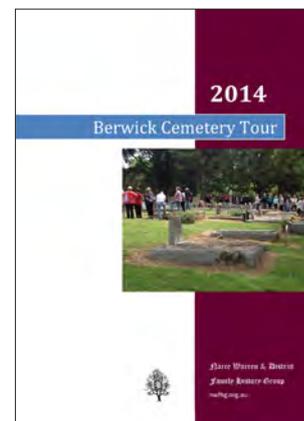
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2015 \$15

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