



# Spreading Branches

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Would you like to jump on a horse and cart and take a ride down Burwood Rd, Hawthorn in 1906? I did just a few days ago! I also spent some time at the 1896 Melbourne cup. No I haven't lost my mind (although others may not agree!) and I don't have a time machine in the spare room. So beside's a bit of Jules Verne, Australian Screen has some great titles to make us feel like we're actually there.

There were a few titles that held particular interest for me but one category containing two short films, titled "Boots and Shoes" caught my eye instantly. These were filmed in 1924. I found these films fascinating because my grandmother was a boot machinist. The only thing I knew about her job was what my mother told me. It was supposed to be exceedingly hard work and only the toughest women could last very long in the job. It was a real experience to watch it and imagine my nana sitting at the sewing machine.

From a family history perspective it is a wonderful treat to actually see the streets as our ancestors went about their day. Titles go back to the 1890s. Some of the categories of titles include: Features, Documentaries, Television programs, Short films, Home movies, Newsreels, Advertisements, Historical footage and Short features.

I found this website while looking for something completely different, as always. It is a truly wonderful website and I am sure you will spend hours browsing just like I did. This is a true Australian treasure.

I hope you enjoy it as much as I have!

Pam Lowther

Australian Screen  
<http://aso.gov.au/titles/>

## General Meetings

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8 pm

### Christmas Meeting

*Family History Fun and Games!*



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 8 pm

### Customised Heritage Tours

*Liz Doyle*



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm

### Old Cheese Factory the Clarke & Chirnside Family Rivalry

*Paul Knapp*

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***Family History Research Room***

***Location:*** Casey Cardinia Library Corporation, Narre Warren Branch; Overland Drive, Fountain Gate.

***Research Room:*** Within the Narre Warren Library. ***Meetings:*** Narre Warren Library Meeting Room.

***Opening Hours:***

***Tuesday 11 am to 3 pm***

***Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm***

*(From November to May)*

***Saturday 11 am to 3 pm***

***Sunday 2 pm to 4 pm***

*(From June to October)*

***Membership***

Single \$25 + \$5 joining fee

Joint \$40 + \$5 joining fee

Payable 1st July each year.

Casual Visitors \$5 per day

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

***Meetings***

***Nov - May: 8 pm***

2nd Wednesday of the month  
(except January)

***Jun - Oct: 2 pm***

2nd Saturday of the month

Entry Cost: \$3

***Research Queries***

We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Family History Room personally but please note that we can only research our own holdings and those of the local municipal libraries.

The cost for this service is \$10 per hour plus photocopying expenses. All research queries can be sent to the Research Officer at the above address or Email:  
[research.officer@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:research.officer@nwfhg.org.au)

***Publications for Sale***

***Microfiche:***

Berwick Cemetery -

Register & Headstones

1867 to 1999 = \$22.00

Harkaway Cemetery -

Register & Headstones

1863 to 1999 = \$6.00

Pakenham Cemetery -

Register & Headstones

c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00

***Books:***

Kindred Spirits

*20 Years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989-2009*

\$25(+\$6.00 postage & packing)

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District

\$30(+\$10.30 postage & packing)

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

*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

On November 14<sup>th</sup> I will be attending a South Eastern Historical Association meeting at Phillip Island and I will be up dating the groups about the results of our Expo. And also next month I have a Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group meeting where once again I will inform everyone about the Expo success. Although Lynne could not make the meeting on Wednesday night she sent three proposals for us to consider and vote on. One was to make the position of IT Officer a Committee position instead of a VIP position and to make Paul the IT Officer. Paul has agreed to do this, so when anyone has a problem with our IT equipment either write a note in the blue book or contact Paul.

The second proposal was for the Group to take on an organisational membership with the Prahran Mechanics' Institute for \$30 a year. The PMI will give us membership cards for our members to fill in and send them in.

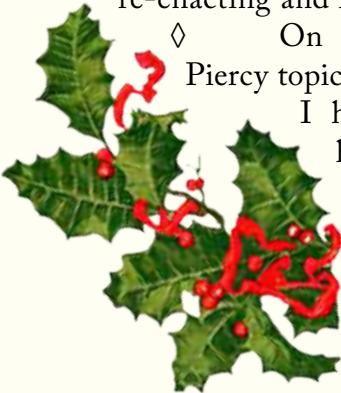
It was also decided to send a copy of our Early Settlers book to the Australian Family Tree Connections for review in their products column this will mean more publicity for the Group.

All of these proposals were approved by the Committee.

- ◊ We have some guest speakers already for next year.
- ◊ On the 9th of February there will be Liz Doyle from Customised Heritage Tours.
- ◊ March 9th Paul Knapp from the Old Cheese Factory.
- ◊ May 11th Jenny and Gary Baker topic re-enacting and family history.
  - ◊ On the 9th of July Marlene Piercy topic New Zealand research.

I hope you have a safe and happy Christmas

*Wendy Goodwin*



## SAUSAGE SIZZLE



I am in the process of applying for our next Sizzle. I will let you all know when I am notified of the date.

I would like to form a small sub-committee. I need three or four people who will work with me. I will still be the coordinator but many hands will make light work, I'm sure there are many of you out there that would have some great ideas which would make things run more efficiently.

We could share the work load. For example: picking up bread from Bakers Delight, buying drinks and transporting them on the day, picking up sausages from Tasman Meats, helping the day before to bag sausages and cut onions, (by the way we use food processors to cut onions) cleaning the BBQ, helping do the roster for the day and maybe I can slip in a lunch break on the day! This I'm sure would be a great improvement. This allows me to feel that I have the support of others if I cannot for any reason fulfil all that is needed. By the way does anybody out there have a Food Handlers Certificate or is interested in obtaining one? Please contact me.

Look forward to hearing from my new fellow snags.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone, email or at a general meeting.

Email: [sausage.sizzle@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:sausage.sizzle@nwfhg.org.au)

Phone: 9704 9738

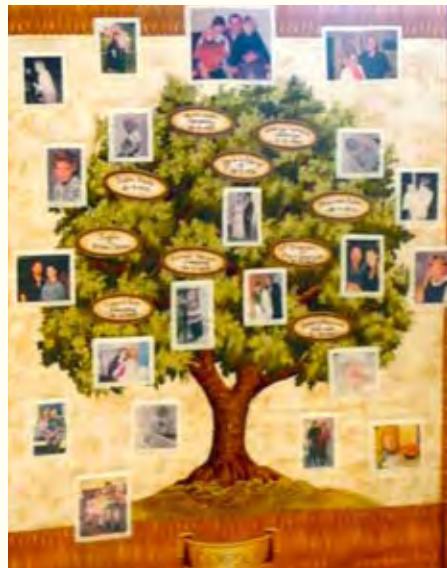
*Sausage Sizzle Coordinator*

*Shirley Peterson*

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*Narre Warren & District*  
*Family History Group*  
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cartridge refill purchase  
back to your group



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# South East Victoria Family & Regional History Expo



The Narre Warren & District Family History Group would like to commend everybody associated with our very successful inaugural Expo at Beaconsfield on Saturday August 28, 2010.



We are proud to report that all exhibitors attended on the day and feedback from them was most encouraging, and we thank all of them for their support.



Our group was pleased to have Mary & Reg Kenealy from the Marysville Historical Society come to draw our Door Prize and Raffle prizes. The lucky winner of the Ancestry.com.au Door Prize was Heather Singleton. Our Raffle winners were Judy Gray, Lynne Bradley and Glenys Pickup. The winners of the Gould Genealogy prizes were Jack Craven, Peter Schofield and Anne Pittard, with Lina Butler winning the GenP prize. Congratulations to all.



Below is a brief summary of the financial aspects of the Expo. The Expo Committee, through their hard work, were very fortunate to have gained much of what was required through donations, leaving our group with a healthy profit.



In summary, the group as a whole was totally delighted with our membership involvement, and are pleased to say that many positive outcomes have evolved from this wonderful event.



<b>Receipts:</b> Visitors, Exhibitor Fees, Sales Table, Donated Cash etc.	\$6579.65
<b>Expenses:</b> Hall Hire, Advertising, Stationery etc.	\$1996.68
<b>Profit</b>	<b><u>\$4582.97</u></b>



# Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

It has been a busy few months since the last Spreading Branches without much time for gadding about, although I did enjoy a quick trip to the Wodonga Family History Group with Wendy Eldridge, visiting other groups and seeing the way they run a meeting, set up their room, what signage and systems they have in-place, it is a good way to pick up hints to improve the way we do things and at the same time give us a pat on the back when we so often get things right.

During seniors week Wendy and I went to The Shrine of Remembrance and a very informative talk on researching Defence Service Records. The talk was by an officer from the Victorian office of the National Archives, World War 1 and 2 records are now all held in Canberra. In short if you are looking for World War 1 records and have access to the internet go to [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au) and view the thousands of digitised records or [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au) and search the Australian War Memorial records or go to Canberra and the archives and War Memorial reading rooms. Some World War 2 records have been digitised and more are being added as people order and pay for them they are then added to the online records, [www.ww2.gov.au](http://www.ww2.gov.au) is a starting point. If you are looking for service records outside of the two major wars there is a 1300 886 881 toll free number that can give you an answer to short questions or you can email questions to [ref@naa.gov.au](mailto:ref@naa.gov.au) the more details you can give for an enquiry the more chance of a good result. Army records post World War 2 are held here in Melbourne, there is a 30 year rule, you can apply through Soldiers Careers Management PO Box 393 D Melbourne 3001 if you are next of kin or you can make an enquiry through the National Archives, Korea and Vietnam records are now being made available.

It seemed to take forever for our day to arrive but the Expo has been and gone in a flash, what a wonderful day, apart from the fun and comradeship working before hand putting sample bags together, setting up the night before, welcoming exhibitors and people on the day, even the clean up was fun, but nothing can beat being able

to walk around the exhibits with our treasurer and cheque book in tow and shop for the Group. I do hope you will all find a hidden treasure in our new resources.

Once again many books and magazines have been generously donated to the group in the past few months and dare I say it but the shelves are again bursting at the seams, we need a kind fairy to wave a wand and make our room double in size. After much thought it has been decided that the only way to create some space is to put older magazines and newsletters in the storeroom, there will be a list on the wall when this is done and on the odd occasion when we can't get into the store room we will have an order book and you will be able to pick up the magazine or newsletter next time you're in the room.

Happy reading,

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*



## DEATHS.

ANDERSON.-On the 20th September, at her residence, Storra Veena, Cranbourne (late of Harkaway), Mary, beloved wife of Rudolph Anderson, in her 80th year.

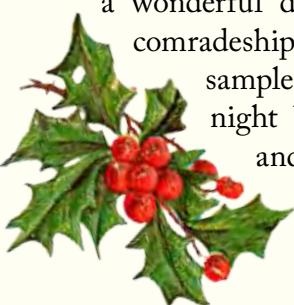
## FUNERAL NOTICES.

ANDERSON. - The Friends of Mr. RUDOLPH ANDERSON are respectfully invited to follow the remains of his late beloved wife to the place of interment. Harkaway Cemetery.

Funeral will leave his residence. Cranbourne, THIS DAY (Saturday. September 22). at 2 o'clock

JOHN GRANT, Undertaker, Berwick. Tel. 25.

*The Argus, Saturday, 22 December 1928*





# New in the Research Room

	The Dunera Boys
	Stanley Melbourne Bruce Prime Minister & Statesman
	National Archives of Australia collections
	A Guide to donating Wartime Memorabilia
	A Guide to caring for Veterans Heritage Collections
	Mooroolbark
	<i>Donated by Wendy Eldridge</i>
	Re-Connections & Re-Collections
	<i>Donated by Fay McCoubrie</i>
	Tracing your Mayo Ancestors
	<i>Donated by Lorraine Taylor</i>
	Saint Peters
	Map of the Catholic Churches of London
	Historic Houses of Great Britain & Ireland 1961
	The Shell Book of English Villages
	<i>Donated Robyn Jones</i>
	Pioneers Register 1839-1900 Warrnambool Vol 1 & Vol 2
	The Changing Role of Cemeteries
	<i>Donated by Anonymous</i>
	Nilon Family
	The Clan Chisholm
	<i>Donated Margaret Chisholm</i>
	From England to Australia The Stephenson Family
	<i>Donated by the Stephenson Family</i>
	28 small books for North East Scotland Kirk yard transcriptions for The Kirk yards of Aboyne, Cairnie, Crathie, Culsalmond, Daviot, Dipple, Drumblade, Dyce, Echt, Fettercairn, Foveran, Fyvie, Keig, Kincardine O'Neil, Marnoch, Methlick, Midmar, Newmachar, Vale of Pluscarren Moray, Rhynie, Kirkton of Skene, Tarland, Tough, Towie, Tullich, Turriff, Udny
	<i>Donated by Jane Rivett-Carnac</i>

	Nation Builders St Kilda General Cemetery
	Sale & District Pioneer Index 1838-1900
	West Limerick Families Abroad
	Bibliography for research Irish Family History Victorian State Library
	Spuds Rabbits & Flour Bags
	Early Settlers of Casey Cardinia District
	1841 Census Street Index London Middlesex
	1841 Census Street Index London Surrey
	<i>Donated by Jenny Hayes</i>
	West Gippsland Pioneers & Settlers Pre 1900 Vol 1
	West Gippsland Pioneers & Settlers Pre 1900 Vol 2
	West Gippsland Early Settlers 1900-1925
	Sale Newspaper Notices and Index
	Headstones Briagalong, Maffra, Glen Maggie, Rosedale, Stratford, Dargo
	Heyfield Cemetery
	Dargo Cemetery
	Gormandale Cemetery
	Stratford Cemetery
	Glen Maggie Cemetery
	Briagalong Cemetery
	Toongabbie Cemetery
	The Border & Beyond 7th Victorian Family History Conference
	Old Gippstown Options for Family reunions
	Tribute to those employees of the Metro Gas Company in the Great War
	Northbridge History Project

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# A Story of a Tasmanian Founder and Survivor

Copy of the original letter of Thomas Harrison to his family from Tenriffe  
(Canary Islands) April 25th 1841

Dear Father and Mother,

It is with the greatest pleasure that I have gained this opportunity of writing these few lines to you and hoping to find you in good health as it leans me at this present time thank god for it and I hope that my Brothers and Sisters and my Grandmother and my Hunkel and Ant and my cusions are well and you must give my kind love to them and tell them that I hope I shall live to com and see them all again and I shall try to get my time shortened for we have got a very good Master and he has promised to do the best he can to them that dos leave themselves and I am sure that I shall and he said that he would do the best that he could for us when we got over to our distenation and I hope that I shall get as good a Master when I get there and them I shall soon be in the bosom of my tender mother and never to part again till death dos us part and that we have to trust our Master for there is no other that we can put our trust in and we have to look to him in all shapes and I am doing my best for we have got a scoul master and I try all that lies in my power and I hope that I shall leann to read my bible and take no notice of nobody but my self and if I had have taken your advice I should not have been heare for it is with keeping bad company and I shall keep non but my own for time to com for I see my heannon now ..... it is to late but it is not to late to mend and I am sure that I shall if god spares my life and you must give my best respect to talyon and to thomas nelson and ned denany (?) williamson and tell him that I thank him for that money that he sent me and Dear Father and Mother we are about two thousand miles from England and this is the last time that I shall write till I get to my Distennation and then I shall write to you as soon as we get settled so no more from your undutiful Son Thomas Hannison.

No pen can write not tongue can tel the aching heart that Bids fear well when this you see remember me and speak of me as you ..... ?(Fin)  
wilest I am in a fearing land shall I forgot you no wilest I am at the Lords command the Rose shall sease to blow.

For Thomas Hannison Benton Road, Britanen Street No. 9 Deanby  
England.

*This letter has been typed as written (spelling mistakes included).*

At our August meeting we had an enthralling talk by Professor Janet McCalman from Founders & Survivors. We were also treated to a visit from a woman with a very special story.

The story goes... Thomas Harrison was Mag Reed's Great Great Uncle.

Thomas Harrison was aged 18 years (approx) when he wrote this letter.



Mag Reed's Grandma was born in England and when Mag's Grandma went back to England her family handed this letter to her. With the passing of the female line of Mag Reed this was eventually passed on to her. In Mag's words "When Gran died it was passed on to Mum and when she died it was passed on to me".

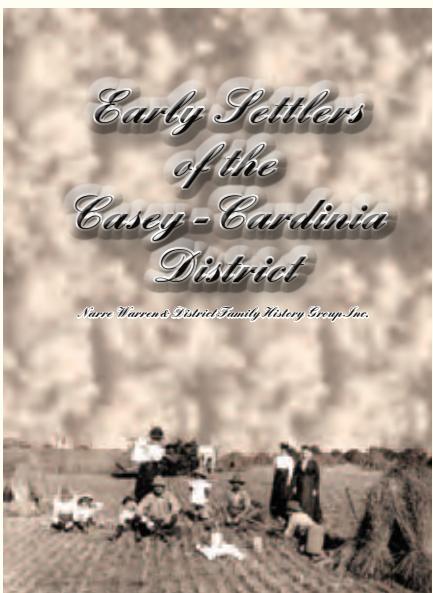
The letter was hidden at the back of a drawer and at some time Mag's brother and sisters scribbled on it. The letter even has the Dearby post mark on it!

Mag Reed has had the letter framed and will be taking it to the Archives in Hobart, Tasmania.

Founders & Survivors

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

*Left to right: Professor Janet McCalman and Mag Reed proudly showing her convict ancestor's letter home*



## *Early Settlers of the Casey - Cardinia District*

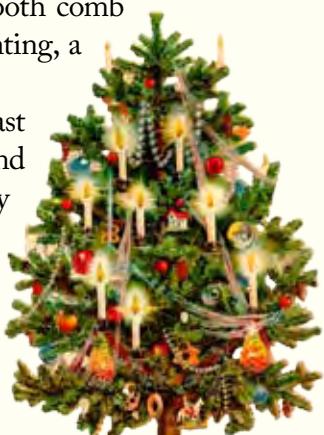
It's been a long road but we're there – and we've learnt a lot on the journey. *The Early Settlers of the Casey Cardinia District* is finally a reality. This publication owes its existence to many past and present members of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, too many in fact to mention individually, and we thank all those who helped research and proof read entries in the book. We also thank the 70 people who contributed submissions; the feedback so far has been very encouraging. There are however, a few people who need to be recognised for their unique contribution in getting this project over the line, so we'd like to thank them here.

Lorraine Taylor put an enormous amount of work into getting this project off the ground, she researched entries and coordinated submissions and proof reading. Jenny Coates alerted us to the fact that there might be problems with some of our work and contributed a lot

of her own research to the book and Anne Blair researched many families for us. I can't imagine how many hours Pam Lowther has spent turning the separate entries into a book, but the time was well spent because the finished product has far exceeded my expectations. Jenny Hayes and Wendy Brock helped with the final proof reading which was a big job because they went over the copy with a fine tooth comb and Wendy Eldridge's experience and connections made the final process - the printing, a painless and extremely economical one for us.

So, while I get the pats on the back, I haven't done it alone, which brings me to the last people to thank - my family, who've heard about this book and put up with the highs and the lows (and there have been some) throughout the life of the project. I am extremely grateful to everyone who didn't give up on the book because it seemed to get too hard at times, persistence is wonderful thing. We really do have a book to be proud of.

*Lynne Bradley*



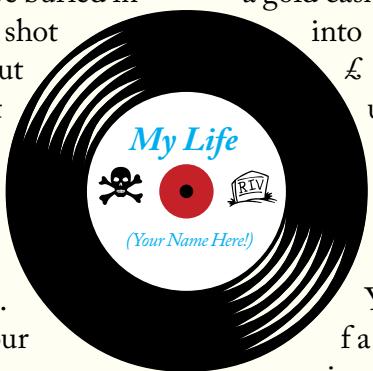


## Welcome New Members

Alison Williams	John Rash
Andrew Davies	Joyce Masters
Annie O'Riley	Judith Mehegan
Greta Bain	Karen Carlson
Barry Stagg	Lina Butler
Bobbi O'Riley	Lisabeth Davies
Carol Elmer	Lynette Edwards
Claudia O'Rourke	Malcolm Brooks
Emily Wickham	Margaret Symonds
Gerry Singleton	Maureen Stagg
Heather Abbley	Natalie Smith
Heather Singleton	Olive Crawford
Janice Carlson	Pauline Delaney
Jill Genoe	Val Stephenson

## *Looking for a different way to spend eternity?*

You can now have your cremated remains pressed into a vinyl record! Let's face it not all of us can afford to be buried in a gold casket or have our ashes shot into space. For about £ 3 0 0 0 up to 30 including and of you can your favourite voice or for an additional fee you can have an original piece of music composed for you record.



The one thing that worries me about being immortalised in this way... turning up in the local op-shop when you go out of fashion!

AndVinyl <http://www.andvinyl.com/>

*Pam Lowther*



## Spreading Branches Deadline

The Deadline for the February 2011 edition of Spreading Branches is 15 January 2011

# On the Web



The Commonwealth Games Federation - Athlete Search (from 1930)

<http://www.thecgf.com/search/search.asp>

Defending Victoria

<http://users.netconnect.com.au/~ianmac/index.html>

eMelbourne - The Encyclopedia of Melbourne Online  
<http://www.emelbourne.net.au/home.html>

The Sands Sydney Directory Collection

<http://www3.photosau.com/CoSSands/scripts/home.asp>

History & Archives - City of Sydney

<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/AboutSydney/HistoryAndArchives/Default.asp>

South Australia's British Farm Apprentices 1913-14  
<http://www.safarmapprentices.net/>

On Their Own - Britain's Child Migrants

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

Child Migrants to Australia

<http://child-migrants-to-australia.beep.com/index.htm>

Merseyside Maritime Museum

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/maritime/>

Nelson City Council (NZ) - Early Settlers Database  
<http://ww1.applications.nelsoncitycouncil.co.nz/early-settlers/>

New Zealand Maritime Index

<http://nzmaritimeindex.org.nz/index.htm>

Christchurch City Council (NZ) - Cemeteries Database

<http://librarydata.christchurch.org.nz/Cemeteries/>

Origins network

<http://www.originsnetwork.com/Welcome.aspx>

# Research Room Roster



December	Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
			2	Wendy Eldridge Volunteer Needed	4	Rooms Closed
7	Fay McCoubrie Bev Lambie					

## Closed for Christmas

February	1	Fay McCoubrie Ann Blair	3	Wendy Eldridge Valma Newson	5	Shirley Peterson Val Holland
	8	Mary McGrath Val Bennett	10	Eileen Durdin Nowella Ahlgren	12	Robyn Jones Wendy Brock
	15	Bev Lambie Lynne Bradley	17	Volunteer Needed Wendy Eldridge	19	Steven Smith Wendy Goodwin
	22	Shirley Dwyer Volunteer Needed	24	Di Christensen Donald Connop	26	Claire Stevenson Wendy Goodwin

We would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for their help throughout the year, Merry Christmas!

*Members and Partners are cordially invited to*

**“Christmas Around The World”**

*in*  
**Australia’**

Place: at the Christmas House for Lunch at  
9 Middlesex Court, Cranbourne North

Date: Saturday, 4 December 2010

Time: 12 noon

BYO: alcohol

Please sign the sheet on the notice board in the Research Room by  
20 November 2010 if you will be attending



# Timeline Fair



Saturday 20 November and Sunday 21 November 2010

Old Cheese Factory  
Homestead Road, Berwick  
10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Adults \$10  
Children \$5  
Families \$25

Experience a complete timeline of history with a Viking Village, Danish Jousters and the Froel Museum (arguably the largest private collection of Viking artefacts in the Southern Hemisphere).

Take a moment to imagine a timeline of encampments, stretching from about World War Two through the Medieval and Viking ages, right back to the time of Legends and Heroes in ancient Greece and Rome. Imagine walking through that history, watching it come alive. Imagine being able to talk to people, 'living history'. Add minstrels, jugglers, heralds, trumpeters, dancers and combat displays from all the ages. There will be displays, happenings and entertainers as well as club and history displays.

<http://www.timelinefair.org.au/>

## Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!



Date: Saturday, 11 December 2010  
Time: 8.30 pm onwards  
Place: 9 Middlesex Court,  
Cranbourne North

Christmas House  
◎ Open Night ◎

for family  
and friends

Bring the children,  
bring the grandchildren,  
there's lots to see both  
inside and out!