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Away Day to Ballarat

This was a fifty fifty day – half good and half bad.

Eleven members departed Narre Warren at 8.00 am on Sunday November 7, 2010 on the 12 seater council hire bus to attend the Central Highlands Historical Association Family & Local History Expo at Ballarat, stopping for morning tea along the way. Three more members arrived by car. One of those members was Lynne Bradley who spotted 2 books that our group had to have, so we purchased them.

Unfortunately, there were not as many exhibitors attending as there was last year, and for some reason there were not a lot of visitors either. After lunch we looked at the Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial at the Botanical Gardens then followed the road along Lake Wendouree to the Ballarat Old Cemetery where we were all trying to locate graves for 2 of our members. We weren't having any luck at all in our search when one of our group realised we should have been at the Ballarat New Cemetery (that was part of the bad). So, without hesitation, off we went, and in no time success was achieved.

We then decided to go to Buninyong Cemetery, stopping for afternoon tea first. Whilst

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Standing at back – Judy Megehan, Fay McCoubrie, Lynne Bradley
Standing at front – Lina Butler, Joyce Masters, Wendy Eldridge, Jenny Hayes, Wendy Brock, Paul Stevenson
Seated – Rona Gibson, Val Bennett, Greta Bain, Claire Stevenson, Cheyenne Stevenson



General Meetings

Wednesday 13 April at 8 pm

→ Members will demonstrate their favourite family history websites

In house



Wednesday 11 May at 8 pm

→ Re-enacting history and family history

Jenny and Gary Baker



Saturday 11 June at 2 pm

→ Casey Cardinia Local History Officer

Heather Arnold

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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

November - May: 8 pm

2nd Wednesday of the month
(except January)

June - October: 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

Publications for Sale

Microfiche:

Berwick Cemetery -
Register & Headstones
1867 to 1999 = \$22.00

Harkaway Cemetery -
Register & Headstones
1863 to 1999 = \$6.00

Pakenham Cemetery -
Register & Headstones
c1850 to 1999 = \$22.00

Postage & Packing

+ \$2.50 for up to 3 sets of fiche

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.

continued from page 1 quenching our thirsts Fay McCoubrie received a phone call and was informed that Cheyenne Stevenson, the 11 year old daughter of 2 of our members, had won first prize in the raffle back at the Expo. So back we went to collect it. Cheyenne proudly showed all the members the contents (including a bottle of wine) as we drove away. By this time it had started to rain, so the decision was made to head for home. We drove up the road to Kryal Castle for a look-see, which hasn't changed at all over the years. As daylight saving time was with us, we didn't have to clean the bus in the dark upon our return. I'll conclude with the other "bad" parts of the day. I had collected the keys for the bus from the council offices on the Friday afternoon and they

had to be returned to the police station, which is normal practice for after hours return. The key I had for the compound where the bus is housed would not open the padlock – not good. I went to the police station hoping they had other keys which had been handed in, and they did. A very nice, understanding young constable gave me one of those keys, which, thankfully, opened the lock. The last "bad" thing was the step on the bus which automatically extends and retracts when the passenger sliding door is opened and closed, was not working properly. Paul Stevenson and Wendy Eldridge made sure everyone was kept safe while hopping in, or alighting.

Jenny Hayes

Christmas Around the World "Australia" at the Christmas House

I am a very proud member of the Narre Warren & District Family Group to be reporting to you on a fabulous Christmas Party.

On Saturday December 4, 2010 the Group had its party at our Christmas house. My husband Bill and I decorate the outside every year, but only decorate the inside every second year. It was when we decorated 2 years ago that I thought it would be nice to have Christmas Around the World at our place in 2010 – and that is exactly what happened.

Long time member Diana Wheeler always organises our Christmas meetings and outings. So for 2 years she and I kept the secret.

Between Diana and myself we organised all the food and drinks, and at one stage there were 38 people on the list to attend, but, as it turned out, we had 28 members and 2 spouses



attend and we all sat down to eat. The food was great, the company was great, there was

lots of laughter and the weather was good. We all wore name tags with appropriate Christmas names on e.g. Santa Claus and Mrs Claus. We had a 3 question

quiz with prizes for the correct answers.

The 3½ or so hours went very quickly, and, even if I do say so myself – the day was a great success.

Thank you to all those who came and to those who helped in the kitchen, and I must say, Bill and I were honoured to be able to "show off" our Christmas house.

Jenny Hayes

FARM HAND SHOT. FATALITY AT BERWICK.

Newman Committed for Trial.
As a result of the death on December 1 of Albert McCormack aged 28 years, a farm labourer, of Berwick, Frederick Mervin Newman, aged 16 years and 7 months, a farm labourer, who was known as Wilson, and who was employed at the farm of Messrs. Immanuel Wenke and Sons in Hessel's Road, near Narre Warren where McCormack was also employed, was the same night arrested and charged with having murdered McCormack.

Giving evidence at the inquest at the courthouse Berwick before the city coroner (Mr. Berriman) yesterday, Dr. Crawford Henry Mollison, Spring street, Melbourne, said:-On December 2 I conducted a post-mortem examination of the body of McCormack, and found a small bullet wound two inches below the middle of the left collarbone. In the back of the chest I found a small bruised portion of flesh, which contained a bullet of small calibre. The heart showed a glancing wound, and both lungs, had been perforated by the bullet. Death was due to hemorrhage from a bullet wound in the chest.

Arthur Robert Wenke, farmer, said:- I found McCormack lying on his back in a paddock about 200 or 300 yards from the stables. He was writhing about and groaning, and he said: "Fred shot me through the heart and I am dying; get a doctor quick." I took him to a private hospital in Berwick. That morning I had heard McCormack complain that someone had broken open his trunk, and had taken the bolt of his pearifle and some cartridges.

Later in the evening I found that one of the horses, together with a saddle and bridle, was missing from the farm, and that Newman also had gone.

James Humphris, farm labourer, of Berwick, said:-I knew Newman fairly well being a companion of his. On various occasions he had said that McCormack was "as mad as a snake," and that he did not like him at all.

Mounted constable De La Rue, of Berwick said:-About 6 o'clock on the evening of December 1 I went to the hospital where McCormack was taken. A doctor said that there was no chance of his recovery. With Mr. G. L. Wilson, J.P. I waited McCormack

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continued from page 4 rallied and asked him whether he would make a statement. He said: "Yes, I think I am dying," and then said that when on his way to the chaff-house that afternoon to feed the horses, and when about five yards from the doorway, he saw Newman with a rifle in his hand. He heard a report, and a bullet struck him in the shoulder. Continuing, Constable De La Rue said that about an hour later Newman was brought into the hospital by Senior constable Williamson, of Ferntree Gully, and confronted with McCormack, to whom I said: "Do you know this boy?" He replied "He is the boy who shot me near the chaff-house this afternoon. I said: "Did you do anything to make him do that?" and he replied: "No, I did not do anything to him. About six months ago, when we were cutting maize he stood on the stack and would not get off, so I pushed him off. He said something to me for which I chastised him."

"Meant to Kill Him."

Later that night, said Constable De La Rue, I took Newman to the Berwick police office, where he made a statement in which he said:- "I am a ward of the State, and have been employed at Wanke's farm About six months

ago McCormack hit me and ever since that I have had a spite against him. On the morning of December 1 I went to his trunk and cut off the pad-lock with a hacksaw. I obtained his rifle, which he had left at the head of his bed, and took the bolt of the rifle, a box of cartridges, and a sheath-knife from the trunk. I then went into the stable and climbed into the loft. Loading the rifle I waited for McCormack to come to the stables. Ten minutes later I saw him coming to feed the horses, so putting the rifle to my shoulder took aim at his heart. I saw him look at me, and I then pulled the trigger. He put his hand to his chest and ran away. After I had done that I got a horse, saddle, and bridle and rode to Ferntree Gully, where I gave myself up to the police on the advice of some friends. When I took the rifle from McCormacks room I meant to shoot him with the intention of killing him."

The coroner found that McCormick died from hemorrhage from a bullet wound caused by a shot from a pearifle fired by Newman. He added:- "I find Newman guilty of the murder of McCormick, and direct that he be tried at the sittings of the Supreme Court on February 15.

The Argus, Saturday 19 December 1925, Page 37

Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

Isn't it funny how things can be put in perspective, my problem of where to put a book in our room became so mundane when I watched the news this morning of the devastating floods in Queensland. After calls and emails to cousins and friends and being re-assured that they are well I then watch so many years of memories and collective history washed away and I cried.

The family history community in Victoria and around the country dug deep and donated to Marysville Historical Society after the Black Saturday fires and you wonder how many small history groups and local museums in Queensland have been washed away. How many families have lost the photos, books and memorabilia of past generations so important to each of us, the things that connect us to our past and our children's future.

If I had warning what would I pack, what to leave, yes I have scanned my photos and I could grab the computer and run but should I make more of an effort to have the original albums packed in a box ready to go? I remember a fire at Ferntree Gully in the 1960s when my Mum took a family in that had to run. A young mother who grabbed her baby and a few nappies while her mother picked up a teapot and that was it, all they had. You think you are prepared and know what you would do, but if the time comes and you have to go would you be able to put your plans into action?

Now as I sit here I'm planning and I'm writing an action plan for myself and pondering what we need to do as a Group. We have insurance but we need to identify our must grab bag and establish our action plan. Our wonderful Christmas lunch at the Hayes' North Pole House seems so long ago, we are halfway through January, next week it is our stock-take, then in a blink it will be February, our volunteers will be back, the room will be open and another year begins.

Happy reading,

Jane Rivett-Carnac

One hundred years on ...

A FEW STATISTICS FROM ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A CENTURY MAKES!

- » The average life expectancy was 47 years
- » Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub
- » Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone
- » The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph
- » The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- » The average worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year
- » More than 95 percent of all births took place at home
- » Sugar cost four cents a pound
- » Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen
- » Coffee was fifteen cents a pound
- » There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day
- » The five leading causes of death were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke
- » Crossword puzzles and canned beer hadn't been invented yet
- » Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write
- » Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

TRY TO IMAGINE WHAT IT MAY BE LIKE IN ANOTHER 100 YEARS!

New in the Research Room

	Don (Ripper) Reid: Story of an Upper Yarra Valley Sawmiller
	Life Memories Fred Weston
	Warburton Ways
	Capturing the Essence of Diamond Creek
	Natures Plenty: A History of the City of Whittlesea
	A History of Braemar House Woodend
	Braemar House Woodend
	The Dandenongs
	Donated via Wendy Eldridge

	The Book of Hampstead
	Pioneers of the Echuca & Moama District Pre 1925
	East Anglia: Norfolk Suffolk Cambridge
	Donated Anonymously

	Yallourn Power Station 1919-1989
	Ghost Ports of Australia
	Through The Rip: Ships & Seamen of old Port Philip
	Port of Melbourne 1835-1976
	Donated Wendy Goodwin

	Heraldic Scroll of England and Wales
	Historical map of England and Wales
	Clan map Scotland of Old
	Historical map of Ireland
	Irish Heraldic Scroll
	Arkansas Oklahoma Louisiana Texas Map
	New York New Jersey Pennsylvania Map
	Donated Shirley Peterson

	Melbourne Then & Now
	Donated N Smith

	The Wilson Family Vol 1 & 2
	The Wanganean Family
	Donated Gerry Sweeting

	Family History Research in the Central Goldfields Victoria
	Words From William
	Reflections of a Country Priest
	History of Shelly Memorial Hospital A'Beckett Rd Bunyip
	You Are What You Make Yourself To Be
	When I Was Young
	Researching Scottish Family History

	Aborigines of Victoria 1878
	1841 Glamorgan Census Index
	Mulwala Cemetery Photographic Register
	Northern Territory Deaths 1824-2004 Pt1
	Indexes to Irish Wills 1536-1858
	Index to Prerogative Wills of Ireland 1536-1810
	Index to Irish Wills 1484-1858
	Ireland's Memorial Records: World War 1 1914-1918

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Timeline Fair

Old Cheese Factory, Berwick

November 20 & 21, 2010

Temperatures of around 22° were just perfect for this 2 day event in the picturesque gardens of the Old Cheese Factory at Berwick. I hadn't been there since my son and daughter-in-law were married there in November 2000.

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group was one of the merchants with our stall being located in the Function Room, with plenty of room for us to display our sale items and operate a microfiche reader and Wendy Eldridge's laptop computer.

Unfortunately visitor numbers were well below expectations, but some valuable "networking" was achieved. Time will tell if good things will come from it.



A Chorus line of helpers

Above - Left to Right: Wendy Brock, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Fay McCoubrie, Jenny Hayes, Wendy Eldridge, Judi Harris, Mary McGrath, Claire Stevenson and Cheyenne Stevenson



Left: Eileen Durdin and Wendy Eldridge; Right: Wendy Goodwin, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Stephen Smith and Rachelle Smith



All our volunteers who had written their name on the roster came in the group's new polo shirts or aprons which made our group look very professional. Some of our members will go in costume next time we participate at this fair.

We all enjoyed what was there to be seen – Greek warriors, Knights in armour, Vikings, historical re-enactments, birds of prey, arts and crafts, medieval artifacts and lots more entertained the visitors and merchants.

Jenny Hayes



Above: Life Member Jenny Baker at the Inkle Loom

Top Right: Jenny and Gary Baker in period costume

Centre Right: Jenny Hayes with the Timmins Family Crest

Bottom Right: Diana Wheeler and Donald Connop



The AIF Project

AUSTRALIAN ANZACS IN THE GREAT WAR
1914-1918

The major activity of the AIF Project is the construction of a database that draws on a wide range of sources to provide details on the 330,000 men and women who served overseas in the (First) Australian Imperial Force, 1914-1918.

<http://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/search>

Member Profile	
Name	Pamela Irene Lowther (nee Tumath)
Born	East Melbourne
Siblings	Heather Elizabeth
Education	Certificated Gardener (Oakleigh Technical School)
Profession	Ornamental Horticulturist
Married	Separated
Children	No
Time in the District	21 years
Researching	Tumath, McMulkin, Sellick, Dominey, Griffiths, Woods, Mitchell, Speer, Effick
Reason for Starting	To find any family on my mum's side because I grew up with no grandparents, aunties, uncles, cousins, etc.
Time Researching	12 years
Most Interesting Find	Discovering my dad's grandfather in the 1911 Ireland census still living and reported to be 100 years of age!



**Spreading Branches
Deadline**
*The Deadline for the May 2011
edition of Spreading Branches is 15 April 2011*

On
the
Web

Census of Ireland 1901/1911
<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

Invercargill City Council (NZ) - Cemeteries Database
<http://www.icc.govt.nz/ServicesA-Z/Cemeteries/CemeterySearch.aspx>

KiwiCelts - New Zealand Cemetery Database and Map
http://fhr.kiwicelts.com/Cemeteries/NZ_Cemetery_Map.html

Genlighten
<http://genlighten.com/>

19th Century Poor Law Union and Workhouse Records
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/workhouse.asp>

ukpressonline - The best British newspaper archive on the web
<http://www.ukpressonline.co.uk/ukpressonline/>

The Convict Stockade
<http://www.historyaustralia.org.au/twconvictiki-index.php>

Irish Convicts to New South Wales 1788-1849
<http://www.historyaustralia.org.au/twconvictiki-index.php>

Shaw's Dublin City Directory 1850
<http://www.dublin1850.com/dublin1850/index.html>

Nick Reddan's Newspaper Extracts
<http://members.iinet.net.au/~nickred/newspaper/Ireland-PlacenamesandtheirMeaning>
<http://www.n-ireland.co.uk/genealogy/placenames/index.htm>

Trove
National Library of Australia Portal
(Australian Newspaper beta is now part of this treasure trove of information)
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Research Room Roster

	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday
March	1 Mary McGrath Anne Blair	3 Wendy Eldridge Judi Harris	5 Wendy Goodwin Val Bennett
	8 Lynne Bradley Greta Bain	10 Eileen Durdin Valma Newson	12 Steven Smith Robyn Jones
	15 Rona Gibson Anne Blair	17 Donald Connop Nowella Ahlgren	19 Shirley Peterson Val Holland
	22 Bev Lambie Val Bennett	24 Claire Stevenson Di Christensen	26 Wendy Brock Jan Reynolds
	29 Fay McCoubrie Mary McGrath	31 Wendy Eldridge Volunteer Needed	2 Robyn Jones Wendy Goodwin
April	5 Fay McCoubrie Greta Bain	7 Eileen Durdin Judi Harris	9 Shirley Peterson Val Bennett
	12 Anne Blair Rona Gibson	14 Nowella Ahlgren Valma Newson	16 Wendy Brock Jan Reynolds
	19 Lynne Bradley Bev Lambie	21 Claire Stevenson Wendy Eldridge	23 Easter Saturday Closed 
	26 ANZAC Day Closed 	28 Donald Connop Di Christensen	30 Steven Smith Val Holland
May	3 Val Bennett Fay McCoubrie	5 Valma Newson Claire Stevenson	7 Robyn Jones Shirley Peterson
	10 Lynne Bradley Greta Bain	12 Judi Harris Wendy Eldridge	14 Jan Reynolds Wendy Brock
	17 Rona Gibson Val Bennett	19 Di Christensen Valma Newson	21 Val Holland Claire Stevenson
	24 Mary McGrath Bev Lambie	26 Eileen Durdin Donald Connop	28 Steve Smith Wendy Goodwin
	31 Lynne Bradley Volunteer Needed		

Sausage Sizzle Report

Everyone is saying happy New Year at this time of year so I will just say I wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and successful time through this year and may it be full of new and exciting discoveries.

Most of you know that we have a sausage sizzle on Sunday 29th May 2011. So this is to remind you to write it in your diaries. Before you know it, it will be here!

A big thank you to the people who put their hands up to form a sub-committee this will be of great help and make it easier all round.

I will be in touch with you all at a later date.

Thanks fellow snags.

Shirley Peterson

Sausage Sizzle Coordinator

Member Profiles

Have you submitted a Member Profile? I, like so many of you, had never quite got around to submitting my profile. I have only had one profile submitted in the last two years, so as I didn't have one to put into this newsletter I have taken the opportunity of including my own profile.

So is it really worth bothering? Yes I think it is well worth the few minutes it will take to fill out the form. Each edition of Spreading Branches is sent to all of our members as well as being kept in our research room for members to reference in the future. It is also swapped with family history and historical groups all over the state and even some interstate. In all we send our little newsletter out to around 150 members and groups/societies four times a year.

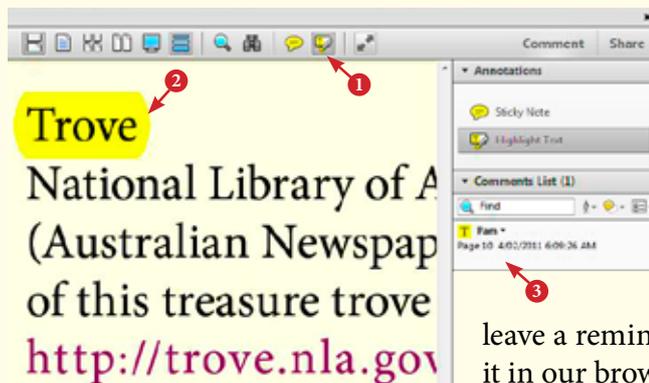
You can obtain "Member Profile" forms from the research room, I can email you a copy or just write your details down and either hand them to one of the volunteers in the research room, mail them to the groups postal address or email them to me.

So what are you waiting for? Whether you are new and want to submit your first profile or you have been a member for years and would like to submit a profile with your updated details, I would be happy to include your profile in a future issue of Spreading Branches.

Pam Lowther

Newsletter Editor

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR NEWSLETTER



"Comments"

The commenting feature can be used to keep track of important articles, websites, etc.

Suppose that we want to make sure we can come back to find this website in the future and we also want to

leave a reminder for ourselves to bookmark it in our browser.

1. Select the Highlight Tool
2. Highlight the relevant text
3. Your comment is now listed in the "Comment" panel
4. Save the document to retain the change

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To get the most out of this great feature packed, interactive Spreading Branches you may want to consider updating to the newest version of Adobe Reader. It's easy just click the button .

Where did I come from?

When my granddaughter, Ann, was 9-years-old, she was given an assignment by her teacher to write a story on "Where my family came from." The purpose was to understand your genealogy.

I was not aware of her assignment when she asked me at the dining room table one night, "Grandma, where did I come from?"

I responded quite nervously because my son and daughter-in-law were out of town and I was stalling until they returned home, "Well, honey, the stork brought you."

"Where did Mom come from then?"

"The stork brought her, too."

"OK, then.... where did you come from?"

"The stork brought me too, dear."

"Okay, thanks, Grandma."

I did not think anything more about it until two days later when I was cleaning Ann's room and read the first sentence of her paper... "For three generations there have been no natural births in our family."

