



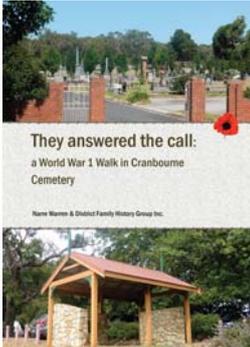
Spreading Branches

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

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Another successful cemetery walk—Cranbourne 22 April 2018



This year's Military Walk was the fourth time we have ventured into a local cemetery to unearth the stories of our local soldiers and their families. It was the largest number of soldiers we have found so far with one hundred and eleven men and one woman. The result was a book with one hundred and forty

pages, and a ninety minute walk among the graves, trying to capture a snapshot of the impact of war on twenty-four local families.

We had perfect weather to walk around the neat and tidy cemetery and everyone enjoyed the experience. Once again Southern Advanced Plants of Dromana provided the pots of rosemary that marked the graves. Phyllis Bould donated her hand knitted poppies that added colour to each grave, and the groundkeepers had the cemetery looking well cared for as usual. We had more than thirty visitors join us on this walk, including Cr Rex Flannery and our loyal supporters who have been coming to our cemetery walks since 2011. It is so pleasing to hear everyone talking and sharing family stories after the walk. We do appreciate the feedback and we appreciate the help and support we have had from the Cemetery Trust and the local RSL very much.

Thanks to the research team for the many interesting stories: Anne Blair, Lynne Bradley, Di Christensen, Moreyn Dimsey, John Elliot, Wendy Eldridge, Wendy Goodwin, Kerryn Maxwell, Fay McCoubrie, Lyne McGregor, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Marianne Roche, Steven Smith and Laurie Stephenson. Most of the research team also helped out on the day along with Rex McFarlane, Eileen Durdin, Mary McGrath, John Uren and our newest member to the team Barbara Sharp.

Thank you to the Star Newspaper group for their support over the past five years, special thanks to David and Darryl and all the other family members who support our great cemetery team while we write stories, make trips to various places and many times to the cemetery while producing our books and walks. A special big thank you to Anne for doing the fact checking of all the stories, to Lynne for fixing the gremlins that infiltrated the book, and thank you to our other Lyne who keeps us to the deadline for getting to the printers and ensures the book is on time for the walk.



Our next walk is already in preparation. Please think about joining us at Lang Lang Cemetery in October when we will remember another local community and the young men and women who answered the call to serve for their King and Country.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

For photos of the walk see pages 3 and 4.

General Meeting Saturday, 12 May 2018 • 2 pm

A woman's story—finding information about female ancestors

We invite you to come along and listen to Jane, Lyne and Kerryn talk about the interesting and sad lives of women they found while researching stories for the local cemetery walks. Often what started out as a man's story became the story of their wife or their mother.

They will also share with you the places where they found unexpected information that enlightened the research, and give you hints to help you discover a woman's place in your family story.

Cranbourne Complex Meeting Room, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne



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Family History Research Room

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

Location

Cranbourne Library,
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne.

Opening Hours for Research

Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm

Meetings

Cranbourne Complex Meeting Room,
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne

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.

Membership

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

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

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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
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President's Report

I never quite understood the saying about not throwing the baby out with the bathwater. But the other week I threw the rubbish bin cage key out with the rubbish and I thought about that saying. What made it worse was that I'd put the chain back on the gate and locked the padlock before I'd realised it. Not to worry, I had a good laugh with the lovely people at U3A when I borrowed their key to the rubbish bin cage to get ours back!

Why would I embarrass myself and tell you this? Because this is the last newsletter before our Annual General Meeting in August and I wouldn't want any one thinking that they can't possibly be a committee member because every now and then they don't know it all or they do something silly. It really has been an honour and a privilege to work with this committee, but I know some of them will want to retire and give someone else a turn. That might be you; please consider taking your turn as a committee member. Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday night of the month in the Research Room and you wouldn't have to come to each one, just one in three if need be. At the moment, most of our committee members attend each meeting to make decisions on your behalf. They also have a chat and more than a few laughs while sharing their knowledge and skills.

Congratulations to John Uren for another fabulous day at Bunnings. I have heard nothing but good reports about the day from those who supported John at the sausage sizzle which is fabulous. The total for the day wasn't too bad either.

We're just a few days away from the Cranbourne Cemetery Tour at the time of writing this. It's hard to type with your fingers crossed for good weather on the day. But, whatever happens, I'd like to give the cemetery tours group a huge pat on the back. They've worked hard to produce another book and tour that we can be very proud of.

Lynne Bradley

Phyllis Bould's magnificent poppies



On ANZAC Day Phyllis Bould transformed the roundabout at Pakenham Cemetery with a stunning display of handmade poppies (top). We had a sneak preview of her poppies at the Cranbourne cemetery tour last Sunday (middle and bottom). She'd like to fill the roundabout in November for Remembrance Day but she's run out of knitting needles to mount them on. Phyllis is a very dear friend and supporter of our family history group and our cemetery tours, so if you have any knitting needles you don't want, we'd be happy to accept them on her behalf.



The purple poppies represent the animals killed in wars, and the white poppies a symbol of peace, while the knitting needles remember the women supporting the war effort.



Cranbourne Cemetery walk in pictures 22 April 2018





Victoria and Its Metropolis: past and present contains some beautiful illustrations

The Research Room: on the computers

A lot of us head for Ancestry when we're trying to get a foot in the door with a new family or trying to put some meat on the bones of bare facts. But there's other things we could look at too; there are a number of books that have been republished in PDF format and are on our computers. Here are two of my favourites:

Victoria and Its Metropolis: past and present, first published in 1888, it contains a lot of historical information and illustrations of people and places throughout Victoria. It also has

the first female resident in Drouin, and has a family of seven children.

Carson, Joseph, jun., Yannathan, was born in Sydney, N.S.W., in 1849, and coming over to Victoria, settled at his present residence, Myrtlewood farm. He has 213 acres of land, 100 head of cattle, and 8 horses for the work of the farm, and is engaged principally in the manufacture of cheese, of which he turns out an average of 10 per day. Mr. Carson was married in 1884 to Miss E. Smethurst, of Cranbourne, and has one child.

Cathcart, George, Longwarry, born in Ballymena, Ireland, in 1863, came

hundreds of biographical entries for people living in Victoria at the time. The entries were obtained by subscription, so, unlike a lot of other publications of its type, many entries came from ordinary people. It gave them a chance to have a brag about how well they'd done, how many cows they have,

agitate for a reserve for the present township of Thoona.

Coyle, Robert Joseph, Naringaningalook, was born in Dublin, Ireland, and served a four years' apprenticeship to the business of chemist and druggist there. Joining the Imperial army, it was his lot to be drafted to the Crimean war with the Enniskillen dragoons. After the war he retired and went back to his business for a time, but again joined the army as a recruit in the ninth battalion of artillery at Woolwich, and from there was drafted to the 8th Brigade field artillery, stationed at Shorncliff. Before his retirement, by purchase, in 1867, he had gained the rank of serjeant, and in 1869 he came out to this colony, where, joining the Permanent Artillery formed in 1870, he worked himself up to the position of serjeant and drill-instructor at Sandhurst, a position which he occupied for fifteen years. Mr. Coyle took a great interest in drilling the militia in the new system, and eighteen months ago retired on compensation. He thereupon went to the Lower Goulburn district, and selected his present holding of 320 acres near Numurkah, where he carries on farming.

Craven, Thomas, Heathcote, is a native of Northumberland, England.

how much they paid for their land and when, and what it was worth in 1888. Of course, the more prominent citizens are also portrayed, and there are many portraits of these men amongst the pages. Not every entry is gold, the information varies from scant as in that of Joseph Carson Jnr of Yannathan to the wonderful detail contained in the submission for Robert Joseph Coyle of Naringaningalook.

The Biographical Index of South Australians 1836-1885

is a great little resource if you have South Australian research interests. It was originally published in four volumes in 1986 and compiled by the South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society. It's a little harder to negotiate than 'Victoria and Its Metropolis' but there are eight pages of introductory notes that are easy to understand and should really be looked at first. The information contained in each entry varies greatly as can be seen in looking at a couple of entries for the surname Barker. Albert's entry has limited information - a birthdate, date of death and burial location with his wife's name and birth and death dates.

Alfred Barker's entry, however, names his parents, John and Mary, tells us his birth year and place and his date of death as well as his place of burial. It also tells us when he arrived in South Australia and lists his occupations and where he lived, as well as his religion. It then tells us that he married Priscilla Chambers and informs us of her parents, her birth year and place as well as her date and place of death and year of arrival in South Australia. The last part of the entry lists Alfred and Priscilla's children in chronological order.

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CITE: JAS THOS DONALDSON (1801-7)

BARKER Albt John b: 3.7.1869 SA d: 22.3.1944

bd: Hindmarsh SA

m: Emily Bertha b: c1873 d: 2.3.1953

BARKER Alfred par: John and Mary nee HEATH
b: 1812 Chichester Ssx ENG d: 24.1.1880 St Johns
Wood SA bd: Nth Rd SA arr: 1836 RAPID occ: Sailor,
Pastoralist, Whaler, Hotelier res: Yankalilla, Burra,
Baldina, Prospect rel: C/E

m: 2.6.1842 Adelaide SA Priscilla nee CHAMBERS
par: Wm and Eliz Anne nee WILSON b: c1817 NFK
ENG d: 31.12.1900 St Johns Wood SA arr: 1837 JOHN
RENWICK ch: Mary MacLEAN (1843-1890), Wm Pitt
(1845-1914), John (1847-1925), Alfred (1849-1857),
Priscilla von RIEBEN (1853-1919), Alfred Jas
(1858-1923)

BARKER Alfred Ernest b: c1851 ENG arr: 1879

and head injuries but died a few days after being admitted to hospital according to The Age of the 9 November 1899.

EMIGR (1801-1800)

STANES Fredk Pearson par: Henry Jas and Anne
fmly THOMAS nee SMITH b: 18.2.1851 Norwood SA
d: 6.11.1889 Pakenham VIC arr: dep VIC after 1884
occ: Mixed Farmer res: Gladstone rel: Cong
m: 8.1.1878 Nth Adelaide SA Bertha nee GRAFE
par: Ed Heinrich and Louise Caroline E. nee BOCKE
b: 13.4.1851 Adelaide SA d: 13.2.1935 Perth WA
other: Rem A HARRIS ch: Bertha Clarice (1879-19?),
Ethel Irene ELLIS (1881-19?), Arthur Roy
(1884-1959), Fredk Lionel Pearson (1887-1965), Eric
Dudley (1889-19?)
STANES G arr: by 1878 occ: Carpenter

Of course, not everyone who was in South Australia between 1836 and 1885 stayed there. Frederick Pearson Stanes left South Australia for Victoria sometime after 1884. According to his entry he died in 1889 in Pakenham. So I checked the Victorian BDMs for confirmation and discovered that the death index entry agreed with everything but the year of death. According to our indexes, Frederick died in 1899. So then I did what we all do, went to Trove and found that Frederick Stanes had indeed died in 1899. He was a grazier, living in Pakenham and was thrown from his horse while out riding. He was taken to hospital with a fractured right thigh

I'm not sure if I just got lucky and happened to stumble on the only mistake in hundreds of pages, but I think not. Just ask anyone who is working on the cemetery tours how easy it is for typos and other annoying errors to creep into your text. It brings us back to the golden rule of research which is – if you find a 'fact' try to find at least one, preferably two, corroborating pieces of information somewhere else.

Lynne Bradley

Casey Cardinia Remembers: our stately trees

Having just put up a post for McMorran's Oak (pictured below) made me think about Arbor Day coming up in June, so we might go out on a limb (sorry) and look at some of our historically significant trees.



Alexander McMorran was born in Ireland in 1820; he married his cousin Annie McMorran in Ballarat in 1853. By the early 1860s Alexander and Annie were living on 7 acres at Cranbourne, where the



Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre is now. It's around this time that they are thought to have planted an oak tree in their garden. Today we know this tree as McMorran's Oak and apart from Alexander and Annie's headstone at Cranbourne Cemetery, it's perhaps the last reminder of Cranbourne's first saddler. There's a plaque at the bottom of the tree that tells us that every care has been taken to minimise the impact of the shopping centre's development on the great oak, but you still have to wonder how long it can hold on.

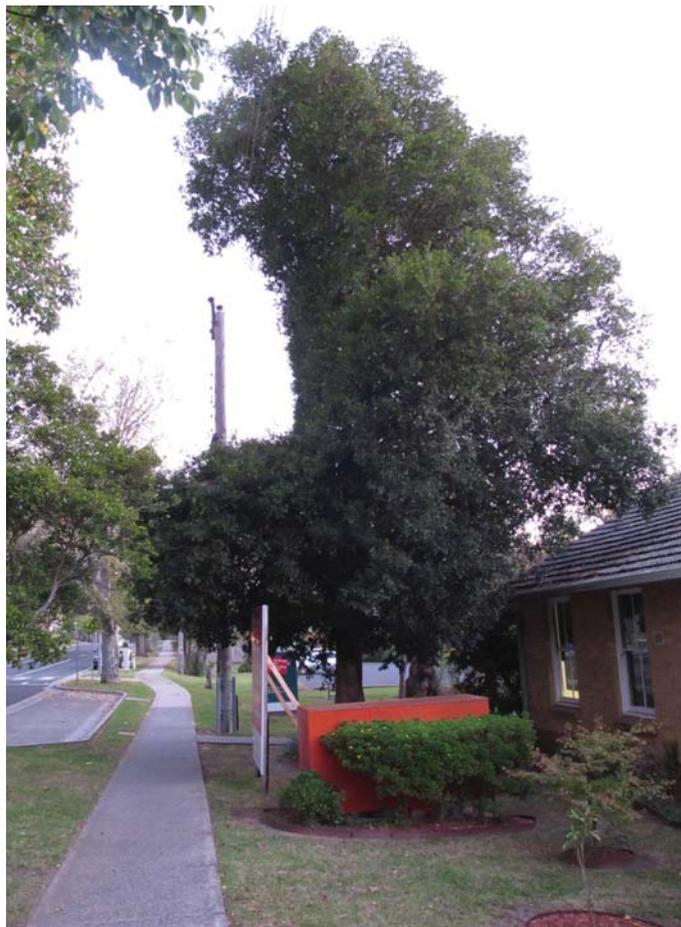
A little plaque at the bottom of a tree at Pioneers Park in Berwick tells us that the tree was planted

on 22 June 1911 to commemorate King George V's coronation. Sadly, it doesn't tell us who planted the tree. Not so far away from King George's Coronation Tree is a large lilly pillly planted in Gloucester Avenue by Mrs L D Beaumont on 2 June 1953 to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. Mrs L D Beaumont was in fact, Elizabeth Catherine (Ellie) Beaumont.



Ellie Beaumont would have had some wonderful stories to tell her children and grandchildren around the table or fire. She was the daughter of The Hon. James Buchanan and in her early twenties accompanied her father on an island tour in 1889. It was on board the SS Fijian that she met

and fell in love with the ship's purser, Llewellyn Beaumont. But the excitement didn't end there, the ship ran onto a reef off the coast of Tanna Island,



at the time inhabited by cannibals. It seems that a missionary living on the island was able to keep the passengers safe until they were rescued by a passing ship on route to Sydney. Llewellyn and Ellie eventually married, settled in Berwick and raised a family.

When we first surveyed the site of the Coronation Tree in 2012, the little plaque was on a wooden post, in 2013 it was placed on a new commemorative stone together with a second plaque marking the 60th anniversary of the tree's planting. The tree looks great with the new stone and plaques from the front now - but from the side you can see the impact we, as a community, have had on the tree.

Lynne Bradley



Heritage Festival • 6 May 2018 Upper Beaconsfield

celebrates the diversity of cultures that have shaped our shared heritage
at the Assembly Hall in Upper Beaconsfield

10 am-3 pm

An unconventional family

Writing Competition entry



On my father's birth certificate his father was recorded as a leather worker residing in Toronto, Canada. My dad was born in Edinburgh on February 11th 1923. He never met his father and died early, aged 55 years. I set out to find out more about this elusive grandfather.

I had a small photo from a locket (below) and knew he was born in England. I soon retrieved the marriage certificate from *ScotlandsPeople* and they married in Glasgow in 1919. He was in the Royal Navy. After the marriage he went frequently AWOL to Glasgow and finally deserted. The Navy was after him so he joined the Merchant Navy and jumped ship in the USA. This I obtained from Royal Navy records and Merchant seaman's records.

I could not find him in the USA or Canada. Finally I got a contact through an Ancestry post and I hit a few surprises. My second cousin lived in Western Australia. I found that my grandfather Fred had jumped ship in Australia, in Albany WA. He remarried there and had two children. He died and was buried in Albany Historical Cemetery. I have since been to see him and I had a few questions but too late for his answers. I met and remain in touch with my aunt and have heard much family history.

Fred grew up in a large family in Great Yarmouth and lived in "The Rows". On the 1911 census he is a cooper aged 14. The rows were a slum area and a wonderful detailed history is written by Mark Rumble who states they lived in Row 25.

Fred's father was a bricklayer and belonged to a family named Hunter who lived in Norfolk for hundreds of years. His mother was Ada Louise Codman. The

Codman family had come to Norfolk in the 1600s and were Hungarian Gypsies. One of the family, Maria Codman, owned Proctors Circus after the death of her husband, and that is where Ada, my grandmother, began work as a trapeze artist and tight rope walker. I have not inherited her skills!



The censuses are interesting to read. Ada's father is recorded as a musician on the 1891 record and my gr gr gr grandmother's death is recorded as "Caravan opposite The Angel," St. Clements Norwich. "The Angel," I might explain, is a pub.

Ada's uncle, Richard Codman, was en route with the circus when his horse died in Llandudno, Wales. He could not afford to replace the animal. He walked along the foreshore and found some driftwood, which he decided to carve into puppets. This began Professor Codman's Punch and Judy Show. The show continues to this day on the foreshore and is still run by family member Jason Millman Codman. It has been established for 153 years. It was featured on the TV show 'Coast.'

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Narre Warren & District Family History Group 2018 Writing Competition Terms & Conditions

- The Competition is open to financial members of NW&DFHG only.
- The Competition will run during 2018.
- Topic to be family history related and be fresh unpublished work.
- Article or story should be between 300 to 600 words (+ or - 10%) and clearly identified as a writing competition entry.
- Entries should be appropriately referenced.
- Articles or stories should be submitted by email to the newsletter editor.
- Entries may be accompanied by no more than two photos of suitable size and quality for publication (high resolution, .jpg files, emailed separate to text).
- Members may submit no more than one entry per edition.
- The stories in each edition will be judged by Heather Arnold (Local History Librarian for Casey Cardinia Libraries) before publication, and a small prize will be awarded to the winner.
- Minor copy edits may be done after judging, before the story is printed in Spreading Branches.
- At the end of the year Heather will select the best story of the quarterly winners to award the major prize, a 1 year Ancestry UK+ subscription.

"An unconventional family" was chosen as the winner this time, as it illustrates what can be one of the great things about family history—discovering previously unknown relatives. Some people dismiss family history as all being about 'dead people' but like Margaret, what you sometimes discover is a whole new living family. As Margaret writes, she 'had the thrill of meeting her many WA cousins a few years ago' from her grandfather's second family, that she had been unaware of. So let's celebrate the great hobby (or obsession) of family history where you never know what family members you might discover next—both the dead and the living!

I had the great thrill of meeting my many WA cousins a few years ago. My Aunt Shirley is a story in herself with four marriages and 12 children and is a true character. My grandfather's nephews also have stories as their father was sent to Fairbridge in WA as a child migrant. Wilfred Hunter was the child and was told his mum was dead. He drowned in Windy Harbour before he knew his mother had been searching for him. She had



hit hard times, and with help from my grandfather Fred and my great grandparents, they had adopted him to a family in Stirling where he was abused. The authorities then shipped him off to WA.

We had a family get together in Mandurah. My mother who was then 85 travelled from Scotland to meet her sister-in-law 35 years after my dad died. My dad was raised by his grandmother and always felt he was rejected by family. What a pity he never found what a really crazy bunch he is connected with. He would have loved it.

Margaret Hunter

Midwives and Nurses

Do you have any nurses or midwives in your family? Would you like to find out where they trained, when they were registered and where they lived. You can find all this information in the Victorian Government Gazettes. While the gazettes are available online and are partially indexed (<http://gazette.slv.vic.gov.au>), they are not searchable. Susie Zada has identified the issues of the gazette where lists of midwives and nurses were published (<https://justlovehistory.com/2016/03/29/nurses-and-midwives-in-victoria>), and made them searchable. Now VAFHO has made them available via their blog. See <https://vafho.com/2018/04/18/midwives-and-nurses-a-gift-from-vafho>

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Annual General Meeting

2 pm, Saturday 11 August 2018

Cranbourne Complex Meeting Room
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne

Agenda

1. The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2017 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2018-2019.
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2018-2019.
 - 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. As detailed in Clauses 34.6 and 34.7 of our Constitution, Proxy Forms sent by mail or email must be received by the President at least 24 hours prior to the AGM and members holding Proxy Forms must lodge them with the President prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Completed nomination forms need to be lodged with the Secretary by **3 August 2018**. Forms may be left in the "nomination box" in the Research Room or posted to 1/65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne Vic 3977.

Nomination forms are also available in this edition of Spreading Branches or from the Secretary secretary@nwfhg.org.au

** Please note that only financial members may vote at the AGM. Membership fees are due **1 July**. Please arrive by 1.30 pm if you wish to pay your membership fees on the day.*

She was always nice to me

Writing Competition entry



The classic novel *Black Beauty* begins

with the line 'The first place that I can well remember...'. That line has stayed with me since

I first read it as a child. It makes me think of the very first thing and place that I remember in my life. I would have been about two, perhaps three and it's clouded by a young child's limited understandings of adult lives and problems.

It was daytime, the sun was shining, and my dad and I set out from his family home at Cunningham Court, Ascot Vale to my mum's family home at John Street, Flemington. I remember dad carrying me most of the way, all the time reassuring me that when nanny yelled when we got there, she'd be yelling at him and not me. He was so sure he was going to get the benefit of her thoughts about why my mum wasn't living with us at the time and which would probably be his fault. We finally got there and knocked on the door and after a while she appeared. She did yell, but she yelled 'Hello love, come in and have a cup of tea' and promptly turned around heading down the hallway. Dad looked down at me with a look of pure surprise and whispered 'My God, your nanny's being nice to me' and we followed. That time at least, it appears that it wasn't his fault!

Eileen Mary Benney was born in 1907 in West Melbourne. She went to school at St. Aloysius College in North Melbourne. She wanted to be a veterinarian, but her father didn't think that university was any place for 'nice girls' so she didn't. She worked at the millinery shop at Flinders Street Station before marrying Percy Evans in 1930. Eileen and Percy had eight children, their eldest daughter Loretta was my mother.

I don't remember anything about the specifics of the situation but the fact that I went to kindergarten at St. Brendan's in Flemington indicates that I must have spent quite a bit of time with her that year.



Eileen Evans with daughter Glynis and son Lloyd

I remember walking to kinder in my blue and white checked uniform. Eileen's youngest daughter was only 11 years older than me, and like all of Eileen's children attended school at St. Brendan's. I'd walk there with my aunt and her friend.

By the time I was in grade 3 Eileen and Percy had moved to Prince Street, Essendon North. I spent a lot of time there and went to school at Essendon North in grades three and four. I remember staying there before this though, only because it still strikes me as odd. This must have been a time when my mum and dad were united in not talking to mum's family as I remember they drove me there and I got out of the car with some clothes in a bag and I knocked on the front door

alone while they watched from the car. The uncle in the photograph opened the door and lifted me high above his head. My grandmother came waddling out and told him to be careful, she didn't want him starting the visit by hitting my head on the ceiling and knocking me out. Such was the trust my parents had that I would be loved and cared for - and I was.

I was only eight years old when Eileen died in 1966. A devout catholic, she confessed to mum just before she died that she'd secretly had me baptised as an infant because she couldn't bear the thought that if I should die, I might not go to heaven. Fifty years after her death I still think of her often, the fact that I was an adopted grandchild and shared no DNA seems to have been irrelevant to her - she always was and always will be my grandmother. DNA doesn't bind families together, only love can do that.



Eileen and daughter Loretta on her wedding day. 1955.

Lynne Bradley

Member Profile: Margaret Hunter

<i>Place of birth</i>	Hawick, Scotland
<i>Education/Profession</i>	Registered nurse, midwife, pastoral care & counselling, frontline management
<i>Family</i>	2 children
<i>Time in district</i>	3 years
<i>Interests</i>	Genealogy, writing, card making, folk art, knitting, sewing
<i>Names researching</i>	Hunter, Clark, Doherty, Darling, Codman, Robertson
<i>Researching for</i>	10 years
<i>Reason for starting</i>	Being the only child
<i>Most interesting find:</i>	Finding family in Australia, including my aunt, and my grandfather's grave. Also finding I have two Gypsy lines.

Research Room Roster:

Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.

June 2018			
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
		2	Eileen Durdin Anne Blair
5	Moreyn Dimsey Wendy Goodwin	9	Robyn Jones Wendy Goodwin
12	Jane Rivett-Carnac Maureen Stagg	16	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan
19	Anne Blair Lorraine Taylor	23	Kerryn Maxwell Lyne McGregor
26	Maureen Abbott Bev Lambie	30	Wendy Goodwin Brenda Wheeler

July 2018			
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
3	Anne Blair Barbara Sharp	7	Robyn Jones Kerryn Maxwell
10	Wendy Goodwin Moreyn Dimsey	14	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan
17	Jane Rivett-Carnac Bev Lambie	21	Lyne McGregor Anne Blair
24	Mary McGrath Maureen Abbott	28	Eileen Durdin Wendy Goodwin
31	Moreyn Dimsey Maureen Stagg		

August 2018			
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
		4	Lyne McGregor Robyn Jones
7	Maureen Abbott Jane Rivett-Carnac	11	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan
14	Wendy Goodwin Maureen Stagg	18	Kerryn Maxwell Anne Blair
21	Lorraine Taylor Anne Blair	25	Wendy Goodwin Brenda Wheeler
28	Bev Lambie Moreyn Dimsey		

**Welcome
to our new
members:**

**Beth Cox
Ann Madgin
Margaret Hunter
Maureen Upston
Keith & Joan Wright
Glenise Young
Colleen Robinson
Joan Grinlaw
Susan Latchford
Grace de Visser**

Thank you

After several years of volunteering in our Research Room Shirley Peterson and Wendy Eldridge have resigned and we say thank you to them for the time and effort they have put into helping our members. Best wishes to you both in your 'retirement'.

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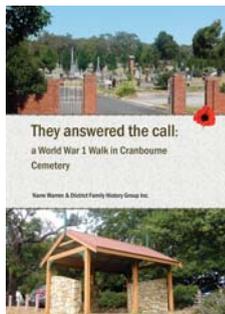
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Publications for Sale

They answered the call: a World War 1 walk in Cranbourne Cemetery

Stories of the courage and sacrifice of 111 men and 1 woman with connections to Cranbourne Cemetery or the Cranbourne area through their families, are told in this book. Sixty-five families waited for their return, also with courage and sacrifice and for some there was a happy ending. But, for others, there was not. Seventeen men did not return, 9 died on French battlefields, 6 died in Belgium, 1 at Gallipoli and 1 at Mudros. Two unfortunate soldiers died in training camp, never leaving Australian shores.

\$20 + \$6 postage + handling



For some the bell tolled: a World War 1 Walk in Harkaway Cemetery (plus Avenue of Honour)

This book tells the stories of 36 families of Harkaway who watched, waited and pined for the 66 men and 2 women who enlisted and tried to make it safely back to home. Ten did not return.

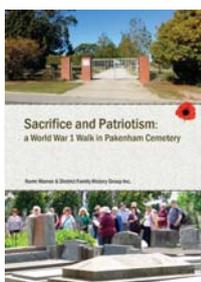
Most of the men served in the infantry across 18 battalions predominately in the 14th, 21st, 24th and the 59th. Four local lads served in the Light Horse, 3 in the Pioneers, 3 in the 4th Field Ambulance, 6 in the Machine Gun or artillery units. 1 soldier served with the Tropical Force in New Guinea until 1920. Two were awarded the MM (Military Medal) and 1 was awarded the MSM (Meritorious Service Medal) and 1 the DSO (Distinguished Service Order). Others were mentioned in dispatches.

\$20 + \$6 postage + handling



Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery

(published 2016) abounds with people who, once arrived, had to create a roof over their heads, people who needed to grow crops or nurture their livestock to be able to eat, neighbours who no longer remained strangers, faces who became familiar at church or school or the general store or railway station.



Our volunteers researched and wrote the stories of families that travelled thousands of miles to a country on the other side of the world. A country with people who didn't necessarily speak the same language or held the same beliefs.

\$15 + \$4 postage + handling

Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery (2016)

This book tells the stories of 64 families who watched and supported 120 men and one woman as they enlisted. They include stories of sets of brothers, a father and his son, a nurse and a sailor along with two Indigenous soldiers. Soldiers who received awards, soldiers who served as troopers, gunners, sappers, drivers, and signallers; in the Light Horse, Pioneers, Railway Unit, Anzac Police and Provost Corps and in the Cyclist Battalion.

\$20 + \$6 postage + handling

100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery (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. Twenty-eight men did not return; they are still in France, Gallipoli, Belgium, Malta, Palestine, at sea and 6 have no known grave.

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Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District (published 2010 by the NWDFHG)

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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Kindred Spirits. 20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989 – 2009

\$25 + \$11 postage + handling

Cemetery Tour booklets

Pakenham Cemetery (2011)	\$10
Cranbourne Cemetery (2012)	\$10
Lang Lang Cemetery (2013)	\$10
Berwick Cemetery (2014)	\$15
Pakenham Cemetery (2015)	\$15

Add \$4 for postage + handling.

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