

# Spreading Branches

*Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.*

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## **Member of the Year 2017-2018 Jane Rivett-Carnac**

You know the family history group has had a great year when there's more than one or two nominations for the Member of the Year Award from the committee.

The Member of the Year is awarded by the Committee to someone who has been a consistent contributor to the operations and atmosphere of the group over the year. The President and previous year's winner are ineligible to win the award. Voting is first past the post and by silent ballot and only the president knows who has won until it is actually presented. The President asks committee members why they have voted for this person on the form. Not that they have to justify their vote - they don't. It just helps to bring it all together on the day. We had four nominees this year and I'd like to congratulate each of them, for their generosity of time and spirit on behalf of us all. This is a summary of what our committee members said about their nominees.

Anne Blair was nominated for her work checking all the cemetery tour stories, opening her home

for the sausage sizzle preparations, going above and beyond her Research Room Manager's job description and her work in organising this year's Volunteers' Morning Tea at Maryknoll.

Lyne McGregor was nominated because of her sustained support of the family history group not just this year, but for many years on the committee, with sausage sizzles, cemetery tours, Research Room duty and SEHA, while juggling full time work and family commitments.

It's really good to see someone who is not on the committee receive a nomination. Mary McGrath was nominated because she attends most events and supports the group at them. She is a long-time volunteer in the Research Room and she's been an excellent Supper Hostess.

Jane Rivett-Carnac was our last nominee. Jane is a regular contributor to Spreading Branches, she has excelled in her work with the cemetery tours and publications. She always has time to help new members and is always there for the group, stepping up and filling in where needed. Jane has a calm and cheerful manner and smile.

I wish we could give an award to all our nominees, they're a very deserving bunch of people. I know they make my job as President a lot easier because they're all doing their jobs so well. But I know why this year's winner received the majority of the votes, I see it myself. Always questioning, always wanting to learn, always willing and able to lend a hand with anything that needs to be done and last but not least, she has a wonderful sense of humour and determination which I personally admire. Congratulations Jane Rivett-Carnac - our 2017-2018 Member of the Year.

*Lynne Bradley*





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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.  
Phone (03) 5995 30 32

### **NWDFHG is a member of:**

Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group  
Genealogical Society of Victoria  
South Eastern Historical Association Inc.  
Royal Historical Society of Victoria  
Victorian Association of Family History Organisations  
Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc.

## Opening Hours for Research

Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm

Research room phone number: (03) 5995 3032

## 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.

## Membership Renewal

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

**Bank:** National Australia Bank

**Branch:** Fountain Gate

**BSB:** 083 802

**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](mailto:research.officer@nwfhg.org.au)

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## President's Report

What a difference a year makes! My last president's report was written with a great deal of uncertainty and sadness thinking about our impending move. It seems so long ago now. I can't believe how quickly Cranbourne has become home. It was a reasonably smooth transition thanks to the initial efforts of Anne Blair, Fay McCoubrie, Jane Rivett-Carnac and John Elliott. It was a joy to be in the trenches with them during those first few weeks after the move. Now that the dust has settled I hope we'd all agree that it was the right move.

I would like to thank the committee for a wonderful year, not only on my own behalf, but yours as well. They've juggled their committee tasks with lots of other jobs, doing everything they could to make our first year at Cranbourne a successful one.

They've been fabulously supported by our VIPs who always just get the job done without fuss or bother. I am so happy to have John Elliott and Steve Brodbeck working with us on the computers as our newest VIPs. Both gentlemen have a lot of experience and knowledge and we're very grateful for their help.

I am sorry to lose Lorraine Taylor (above) and Anne Blair (right, pictured with Kerry Maxwell) from the committee today, but I understand the reasons behind their departure, and I can assure you, and them, that they will be missed.

We've had another busy year, I did a presentation to the Cranbourne Ladies Probus Club and teamed up with Heather Arnold at Evergreen in Pakenham. We've sizzled sausages at Bunnings thanks to John Uren and participated in the Writing the War activities with Cranbourne library as well as in the Heritage Festival at Upper

Beaconsfield. We walked and talked around Cranbourne Cemetery and we had a very enjoyable morning with our volunteers at Maryknoll. We have attended a couple of Casey Complex residents meetings, and meetings of the South Eastern Historical Association and Local History Reference Group. On behalf of the group, I'd like to thank

everyone involved for their help in taking the family history group to our community and representing us in such a positive way. The cemetery tours group continue to shine brightly, I am delighted to have some new cemetery tourers researching the next tour at Lang Lang, it's a very encouraging sign.

We've just begun to open the Research Room to new members only, one morning a month. This is proving to be quite successful, and something I think both the committee members and the new members that have attended have really enjoyed. So much so, that books are being borrowed and new Research Room volunteers are being recruited which is immensely satisfying and I think, a move in the right direction for us.

In closing, there are many people to thank. Firstly, our Research Room volunteers for their dedication and patience, they really are the most important group of people within the family history group.

We'd also like to thank Chris Buckingham and Casey Cardinia Libraries and Sue Flett and the Cranbourne library, and Heather Arnold, as well as the City of Casey for the tremendous support and assistance given to us. We'd like to thank Ron White and the Cranbourne Cemetery Trust for their hospitality, Garry Howe and the Pakenham Gazette and Southern Advanced Plants at Dromana for their continued support of our efforts and events.

*Lynne Bradley*



♪ ♪ ♪ **Waiting for the phone** ♪ ♪ ♪



*Lynne was waiting on the phone.  
She was waiting all night long.  
She was seeing red and pulling hair in wonder.  
It's not a difficult task.  
Seem like nothing's going right.  
Won't you tell me Telstra,  
how can I get a connection here?  
Yes, she was down, and feeling blue.  
And she got no nails left to chew, oh-oh.  
Ring, ring, why can't I give us a call.  
Ring, ring, cause there's no line to the wall.  
Ring, ring, we stared at the phone in the box.  
And she tried and she tried so patiently.  
Won't you please fix it so-oh we can ring.  
So, ring, ring, why don't you give us a call.  
So ring, ring, it's fixed you can give us a call.  
Oh-Oh ring, ring, happiest sound of them all!  
So, ring, ring, now you can give us a call.*

**Our research room phone number: (03) 5995 3032**

**Peace at last: a World War 1 Walk at Lang Lang Cemetery on 14 October**

Please join us as we commemorate the end of four years of conflict during the Great War. This is the fifth of our local cemeteries and we share with you the stories of 92 servicemen.

**Sunday 14 October 2018**  
in Lang Lang Cemetery, starting at 10 o'clock.

Lang Lang Cemetery is located at 375 McDonalds Track, Lang Lang. Melway map 612 R8

The walk costs \$5 for adults and takes approximately 90 minutes, we conclude with a

cup of tea and the chance to share stories, ask questions and purchase the companion book of the walk.

Bookings preferred via email to [cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au) or you can advise Lynne Bradley or Jane Rivett-Carnac or Lyne McGregor or leave a message at the research room.

We hope the sun shines on the day in any event regardless of the weather we will gather and remember those that left our shores and those that did not return.

**Shirley Award: Bar B King**

At this year's volunteers morning tea we crowned our sausage sizzling VIP, John Uren, as our "Bar B King".



## Writing your life story with Lisa Habermann

There was certainly an air of excitement in the room at last month's meeting. We haven't seen so many visitors come to a meeting in a long time. It was fabulous. Our guest speaker was professional and creative writing specialist Lisa Habermann. Lisa is a freelance screenwriter, writer, co-director and producer. Lisa shares her knowledge and expertise with people like us, who might like to write their life story, at a couple of neighbourhood houses where she runs classes.

I looked around the room and noticed some apprehensive faces when Lisa mentioned that we were going to split into groups to do some practical exercises. But we rearranged ourselves and set to work in small groups brainstorming memories of childhood meal times.

This had unexpected outcomes for some, one lady became quite emotional when she realised that she had always done the same things with her family, as her mother had done with her and her siblings. Everyone's mind seemed to race ahead, and the discussions were quite animated. There was no time left for other practical exercises, but there was a buzz in the room and everyone seemed to enjoy it. So much so, that we asked Lisa if she would be prepared to hold a workshop or series of classes for our members at Cranbourne if we could get the required numbers.

So, we'd like to know if you would be interested in either:

- a) 4 x 1-hour weekly classes at \$10 per person per class each term. \$40 would have to be paid upfront - a minimum of 5 people and a maximum of 10.
- b) 1 x 2-hour Life Writing workshop at \$15 per head - minimum of 13 people.

It's likely that we'd be looking at a Saturday, but we'd need your input to know. Could you please let Lynne know [president@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:president@nwfhg.org.au) or 8787 5558, if you're interested? If we have enough interest from members we could even look at running both options - but it's up to you.

*Lynne Bradley*



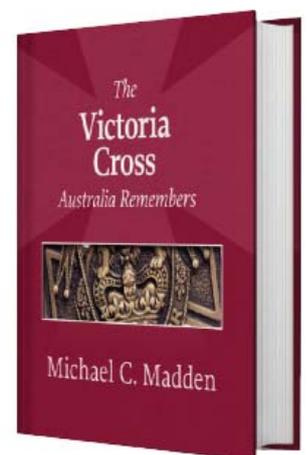
## Guest Speaker on Saturday 8 September is local author Michael Madden

Berwick Military Medals has been part of our local community for more than ten years. This family business has showcased Michael Madden's expertise in the preservation and framing of servicemen and women's medals. Service medals cannot be reissued if they are lost, stolen or damaged after the death of the person they were issued to. You can get expert advice and service from Michael to conserve original medals, or have

replica medals made for you to wear on ANZAC day. That way your father or grand-fathers irreplaceable medals are not lost from your family and future generations.

Michael is also the author of *The Victoria Cross, Australia Remembers* a labour of love, an amazing work that tells the servicemen's stories from personal and family recollections along with the history of the medal and its production. Importantly all profits from the sale of this book go to The TPI Association (Totally and Permanently Disabled Soldiers Association of Victoria).

Three generations of Michael's family have served in times of war, his passion is infectious. Please join us in the community room at Cranbourne Library at 2 pm Saturday 8 September cost is \$3 to members and visitors, all are welcome.



### Lanyards available



We have now lanyards and plastic pockets available to keep your name badges in. They have our group name on them and are available at \$3 each.

## Frances Fitzgerald Elmes (1867–1919)

An interesting aspect of local history research is that you sometimes come across an unexpected treasure. While Dr Thomas Elmes never resided in Upper Beaconsfield, he served the local communities of Berwick, Upper Beaconsfield and further afield from 1870 until his early death in 1893, both as a doctor and a local magistrate. He also selected some land, and was medical super-intendant of the Inebriate Retreats that operated for a short time in Guys Hill.

Thus, when I added Thomas Elmes to my website, and found that his daughter was a journalist, I added Frances Elmes as well. I found out that there was a book “Two Remarkable Women” written about Frances and her daughter. I tried to email one of the authors, Maria De Jong, to find out where I could buy it, but when I didn’t get a reply, I concentrated on other research.

So when a retired Melbourne journalist, Steve Foley, researching “trailblazing women journalists”, contacted me a few weeks ago, it was an impetus to try contacting Maria again. This time I had more luck. Maria wrote that she could send us the books from New Zealand. I let Steve handle the transaction, and a few days later he wrote that he had the books. It so happened that Rosalind David (the co-author, and as I had found out by then, the great-granddaughter of Frances), was flying through Melbourne and delivered the books to Steve in person at the airport. A week later I met Steve for a coffee at Berwick to get my copy of the book.

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Frances Fitzgerald Elmes was born at Bishop’s Lydiard, Somerset in 1867 to Thomas and Sarah Elmes. When she was 18 months old, her parents booked a passage to Melbourne, Dr Thomas Elmes being the ship’s surgeon on the voyage. Thomas was probably keen to leave England, as he had just gone through bankruptcy proceedings. For the first year in Australia they lived at Woods Point where Dr Elmes had been appointed public vaccinator. A son was born, who died when he was about a year old. The loss of their son prompted them to leave Woods Point and settle in Berwick. They bought land on the corner of Lyall Road and Brisbane Street.

Frances probably received private schooling, as she is not found in the Berwick Primary School records. She received her secondary education at a private girls’ school, most likely at Miss Robinson’s Berwick Ladies’ School. Miss Adelaide Robinson was the

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### Educational.

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**M**ISS ROBINSON'S LADIES' SCHOOL, Berwick.  
—CLASSES RE-ASSEMBLE 10th April. Vacancies for boarders.

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younger (half-)sister of Emma A’Beckett of the Grange in Harkaway.

Emma A’Beckett and Sarah Elmes were friends and met regularly, so it is not surprising that Frances and Emma’s daughter Ethel, who was just a few months older became close friends too.

The first known published writings of Frances appear in the Weekly Times in of 27 Mar 1886, when Frances was 21 years old. She had just been to the High Country, and reported on her experiences in “A Lady’s Experience Among Victorian Mountains. How we climbed the Buffalo.” Further travel stories followed in the Australasian over the years, including reports about a trip to the South Sea Islands in 1898. By 1891 she was also publishing short stories under various pseudonyms. Luckily Frances kept a scrapbook which contains some of her stories, as otherwise it would be impossible to ascertain what pseudonyms she used. So far I have found over 150 stories, many of them descriptive sketches of town life and according to Rosalind “about love, loveless marriages, and old maids”.<sup>1</sup>

In 1891 Ethel A’Beckett married her 2nd cousin Charles Henry Chomley, and they had four children. They settled in the King River valley at Cheshunt, nicknamed “New Toorak”, due to the many former Toorak residents who had taken up farming at this location. Frances visited her friends occasionally, being fond of their children and enjoying their intellectual debate.

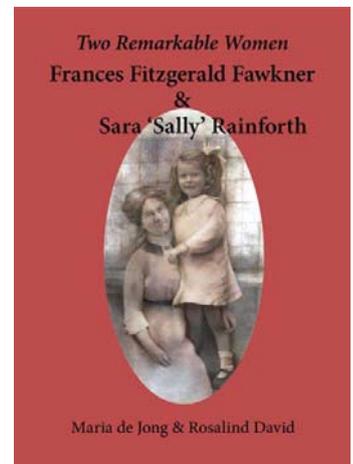
Frances also wrote some farcical plays, and two of them were performed in Berwick, “A new woman”, and “Is marriage a failure?” Unfortunately these scripts didn’t survive.

In October 1900, Frances started to write for The Argus. She was a versatile journalist, and as “Lino” she reported on life of the common person juxtaposed with the wealthy social scene which she was part of. She was not afraid to criticise some of the customs of the society ladies, and showed much empathy to the plight of women during the Mallee drought in 1902. The Argus established a fund to help the drought sufferers.

With Lino we can go to the picnic, do the rounds with the district nurses, celebrate Christmas at the Benevolent Asylum, visit the Children’s

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1 “Two remarkable women” by Maria De Jong and Rosalind David



Hospital and the telephone exchange. We meet the dressmakers, the servants, and learn about women doctors and the custom of flowers at funerals.

About her round with the postman she writes:

*“One finds time only for spasmodic conversation, and except that there is method in his ways, a walk with a postman is rather like a walk with an inquiring terrier. He dashes in here, rushes past there, turns up side streets, doubles on his tracks and in the end is back where he started from.”*<sup>2</sup>

We also go to balls, the races, and learn about the dresses, as well as about women farmers in Gippsland, who are far removed from the glitz and glamour of the city.



In 1903 Frances went on a cycling tour in England. Charles Chomley was in England alone at the same time. They started a romantic relationship during this trip or earlier. Ethel appeared to have accepted Chomley's views on open marriage. Both were back in Melbourne later that year. In 1905, now 38 years old, Frances discovered that she was pregnant. Brenda Niall, the biographer of the Boyd family,<sup>3</sup> writes “As a ‘New Woman’, [Frances] claimed the right to have children outside marriage, and as she had always been in love with Chomley, it was his children she wanted.” Before her pregnancy showed she decided to leave Melbourne and return to England, where she continued to write articles for a number of newspapers. Ultimately she would work at the British-Australasian newspaper, which was edited and owned by Chomley.

Frances' mother Sarah Elmes, after a short stay in Armadale, had returned to live in Berwick. Frances decided that it would be better if she did not know of her pregnancy, and spun a tale that she had met an American journalist on the boat, and that they were getting married. She was only informed of her grandson's birth when he was a few months old, so that it all made sense. Later Frances wrote that her husband was not of strong health and that he left London for a change. Sarah Elmes was not informed of her son-in-law's “death”, in order not to upset her. She was now known Frances Fitzgerald Fawkner.

In 1908 Ethel Chomley and her children moved to London, Charles having arrived the previous year. Frances and her now two children, Jeff born in 1905 and Sally in 1908, were always welcome in the Chomley household, though the children were not told who their father was.

The British-Australasian was a paper that serviced the needs of Australians and New Zealanders in London. The newspaper offices were known as “The Rendezvous”, and was a meeting point for travellers. A letter writing and mail holding facility catered for them. In the early years it listed where antipodean travellers were staying while they were in England. During the war years the British-Australasian published lists of casualties. Two of Frances' brothers, Oliver and Fred Elmes were both serving, and while Fred had a surveying role, and was thus relatively safe, Oliver was in the midst of the fighting. He served at Gallipoli until he became too ill with dysentery so that he was invalided to Australia. Only six months later he was called up again. Before being sent to the Somme he spent two weeks in England, where he had the chance to see his sister in London. It would be the last time they saw each other. Oliver Elmes was killed near Gueudecourt on 5 November 1916. His death affected Frances deeply.

During the war the Chomley family were busy supporting the war effort. Ethel Chomley was treasurer of the British Australasian Women's War Club, and they organised tea parties and food parcels for soldiers. Their house was a hub of activity “always full of visiting Australians, relatives and soldiers, ranging in rank from generals to privates, and all these visitors needed to be fed.”<sup>4</sup>

In 1916 Frances published a children's book *The children at Kangaroo Creek*, which was said to be inspired by her childhood experiences. She also penned two novels, but they were never published.

The 1918/19 Spanish Flu epidemic hit London hard. Almost 5000 people died in the fortnight before Armistice Day. In early February 1919, Frances was confined to bed with bronchitis. Nursed by her friend Ethel and her brother Fred she succumbed to the disease on 7 February 1919. Her death at 53 affected everyone greatly. Sally and Jeff were brought up in the Chomley household. A memorial fund was established by the British-Australasian to benefit impoverished Australians and New Zealanders in London.

It seems a shame that Frances' memory is not acknowledged in Berwick. Maybe something could be organised on the 100th anniversary of her death next year?

For a list of Frances Fitzgerald Elmes' short stories and newspaper articles, with links to Trove, see <https://upperbeaconsfieldhistory.org.au/elmes.htm>

Marianne Roche

2 “The Postman's Round”, Argus 28 Dec 1904, p5  
<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article10357463>

3 Brenda Niall, *The Boyds*, Melbourne University Press, 2002  
Emma Minnie A'Beckett married Arthur Merric Boyd. This history includes the A'Beckett and Boyd families.

4 “Two remarkable women” by Maria De Jong and Rosalind David

# Casey Cardinia Remembers - the good, the bad and the ugly

If you can hear the theme song in your head, we're sorry. Once there, it's hard to lose, it's just as well

The **McKenzie Trail** in Doveton/Eumemmerring is a favourite of mine. It tells the story of early



Eumemmerring residents Fred and Eileen McKenzie. Fred and Eileen were just ordinary people who strove to make life better for themselves and their neighbours and it's a great tribute to them to have this path between Doveton and Eumemmerring named for them. Life must have been difficult for people in Doveton and Eumemmerring in the 1950s. The trail is marked at both the Eumemmerring and Doveton ends.

Not many people seem to know that there is a plaque at **Henry Joseph Moran Reserve** in Hampton Park.

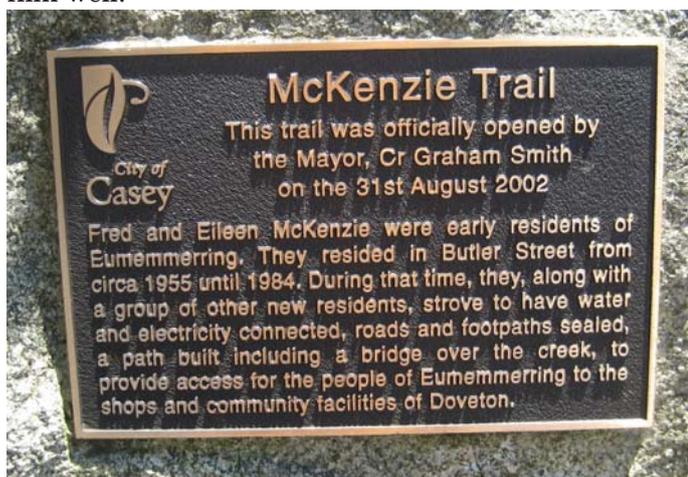
it's such a classic tune. What constitutes a good, bad or ugly monument or memorial? It's always going to a subjective issue relying on personal preferences and prior knowledge or experience. Casey Cardinia is no different to anywhere else, it has its fair share of good, bad and ugly monuments and memorials. So, let's look at some of the good ones in Casey and next time we'll focus on Cardinia. I think a good monument or memorial tells or shows you the story of why they're there. The really good ones make you wish that you had known that person. The City of Casey got it right when they began to install plaques with stories of why a place commemorates a particular person.

Many have seen the beautiful trees and wooden signage but that's all. It's a shame, sometimes you don't notice the plaques, our



I remember the first time I saw Leonard Reid's plaque at **Robinson Reserve**. I hadn't known of Len Reid before the day I read the words on his plaque, but I stood there wishing I'd known him. I also wondered about the author of those words, I find them so moving and passionate. They must have been written by someone who knew him well.

volunteers missed this one the first time around. It tells us about the man and his trees and why they're important to Hampton Park.



Jim Alexander is another man who worked hard to make his community a better place, and today we can enjoy this fabulous recreational space, his story can be read at **James Alexander Reserve** at Endeavour Hills.

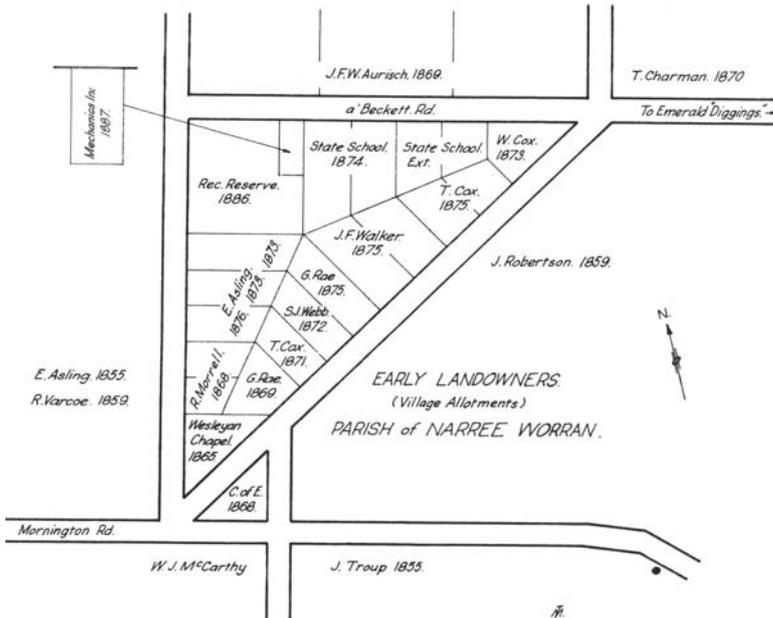
**The Soldier Settler Memorial Garden** in Narre Warren North is a fabulous tribute to our returned soldiers and their families because it recognises not just the men but their wives too. These women must have needed to be as courageous as their husbands in so many ways, and I think they deserve to have their names memorialised with their husbands.

*Lynne Bradley*

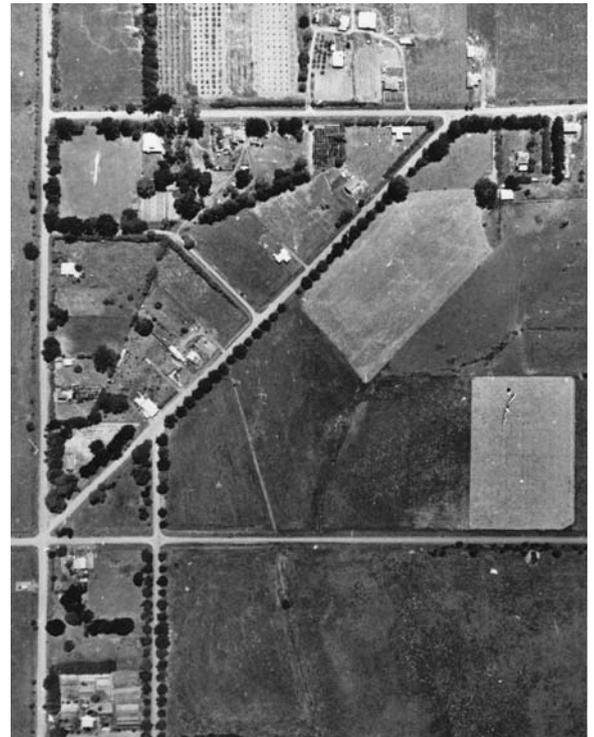
# Then And Now

## The Max Thomson Collection

We all enjoy looking at old photos and try to put stories to them. Have you ever wondered what their story would be in today's world?



**Village allotments and early land owners.  
Parish of Narree Worrana c1870**



**Aerial photo of Narree Warren North  
c1958**



**Aerial photo of Narree Warren North  
c1976**



**a'Beckett Road, Narree Warren North  
15 July 2018 ([www.google.com.au/maps](http://www.google.com.au/maps))**

From Narree Worrana (stopover township on the way to the goldfields) to Narree Warren North (south eastern suburb of Melbourne).

The landowners of 1870 are pioneering families of the area.

# Joachim Popp

## Writing Competition entry No 1

This is the story of my great grandfather Joachim Popp, I hope you like reading it, as I think he was an interesting and versatile man. Joachim was born on 18 July 1843 in Finkenwerder, Germany. He died in Stawell, Victoria, Australia on 21 July 1931. At the time of Joachim's birth Finkenwerder was an island on the river Elbe, its main industry was North Sea fishing. It is now a part of Hamburg on the mainland and Aerospace is its main industry employing many hundreds of people.

Joachim was the sixth child of seven to Hans Jacob Popp and Margarethe Wriede. Joachim's father owned two boats, his mother's family were boat builders. Joachim didn't follow his father but was still connected to the sea by going to college to become a seafarer. He was an excellent student, finishing the course in record time with very good results. His first sea voyage was on the "Brilliant" as a boy of fifteen, from October 1858 to October 1860. On 11 September 1865 he passed his final exams in Hamburg to become a Mate and a Master. He sailed on many ships all over the world.

On 19 June 1870 he was the Chief Mate on the "Figaro," a German immigrant ship sailing from Hamburg and arriving in Hobart Town on 26 October 1870, where he was discharged on 1 November 1870. Catharina Cassuben was on the same ship and was coming out to join her two brothers. Joachim and Catharina met and fell in love, but whether he intended to leave the ship one can only wonder, as Stawell is nowhere near the sea. They sailed to Victoria a couple of weeks later

and married in Trinity Lutheran Church in East Melbourne on 26 November 1870.

In Australia he was known as George. They settled at "Tucker Hill," Deep Lead a few miles from Stawell. Joachim hawked drapery from there down through the Western District bringing back butter to sell. Later they moved into Stawell and opened a general store called "Clifton Rock" at

95 Newington Road where they also lived.

They had four children: Jacob Christian Hugo and Detlef Carl Heinnick both died in infancy, Trina Margaretha Emelie, my grandmother and Anna Maria Emma. Catharina died on 28 March 1888.



Joachim was naturalised on 19 December 1872, his occupation was listed as a miner, the general store came later.

In 1884 Joachim purchased 560 acres of land about 6 miles from Stawell, with capital of £4000 in 40 shares. Six years later, 230 acres had been planted with 74,000 vines and 1650 fruit trees—cherry, apple, pear, apricot and plum. Later more exotic trees were added—Spanish chestnuts, walnuts, olives, oranges lemons, Zante currants, limes, almonds, persimmons, loquats and figs.

Land was cleared and fenced, 100,000 bricks were made on site and buildings and dams were erected. Expenses were heavy, a locust plague seriously damaged the vines. 1600 gallons of wine were produced in 1890. Joachim was Managing Director, there were 7 other directors. The Stawell Vineyard Company was in operation.

In 1893 a small still was purchased to make brandy so the company became the Stawell Winery and Brandy Company, officially opening in 1896. £14,000 had now been spent with 3 immense cement underground tanks, 1 for



*What I liked about Story 2 was how it reflects what I call the serendipitous nature of research – you are looking for something and then you get sent off on a tangent by one little piece of information.*

*Story 3 was a sobering illustration of how hard life was for our ancestors – with work*

*place accidents and the sad reality of maternal deaths in childbirth and high infant mortality. But Story 1 is my winner this time as it was an interesting picture of Joachim Popp's life – enough dates to give us a time frame but with lots of local 'colour' about his life in Germany and his life in Stawell, with his wife Catharina. I can just imagine the large orchard with 1650 different fruit trees, the 74,000 vines – that's a farm that would have been worth seeing! Great little story.*

water and 2 capable of storing 7000 gallons of wine. The capacity of the cellars was over 80,000 gallons. Some 5 years later after continued poor returns the property was offered for sale as a going concern (in liquidation) in August 1903. The venture was probably undercapitalised and too close to vineyards with established markets.

In 1905, the day after he saw his daughter

Catharina marry Percival Evans (my grandfather), Joachim went back to Germany for eighteen months to visit family, He wrote a daily diary of events.

In 2015 I went to Germany and stayed with distant family in a house that had been in the family for over 200 years.

*Brenda Wheeler nee Evans*

## Getting sidetracked while researching a soldier



### *Writing Competition entry No 2*

Godwin George Crespin (pictured right) can be found in the New South Wales births register index. He was born in the Port Philip District in 1842, the early Church records of baptisms, burials and marriages from September 1836 to 1 July 1851 came under the jurisdiction of the Colony of New South Wales. On the 18 January 1853 the new Colony of Victoria established the requirement that all births, deaths and marriages had to be registered from 1 July 1853.<sup>1</sup> While a number of internet pages record the birth of Godwin as 19 September 1842 this is more likely the date of his baptism.

His father George Henry Legassicke Crespin arrived on the Strathfieldsaye on the 30 August 1841.<sup>2</sup> George a storekeeper in Melbourne purchased a number of blocks in the new town.<sup>3</sup> I have not found when George married Ann Elizabeth Spencer she died in Victoria in 1864 aged forty-four, depending on who gave the information when her death was registered it may give the answer to if she was born in Australia or married in England.

George died in 1847 aged thirty leaving Ann who would have been about twenty-three with toddlers Godwin aged five and his sister Elizabeth Lavinia aged three. As Ann did not remarry we assume the income from her husband's will enabled her to raise the children on her own.

In November 1864 Godwin was living at Richmond when his sister Elizabeth married John Bond.<sup>4</sup> Godwin married Susan Jane Lamble on 18 August 1864<sup>5</sup> they had twelve children, one daughter died as a baby the rest reached adulthood. Susan died 28 September 1889 aged forty-five. In 1895 Godwin married Eliza Jane Kitchen, they had a son Rupert, who died in 1918, and a daughter Irene, who became an eminent geologist and micro-palaeontologist Irene did not marry and died in 1980.<sup>6</sup> Eliza died in 1902. Godwin was seventy-

eight when he died on 5 March 1920 at his home Sharlands Studley Park Road Kew. Godwin's estate was valued at almost twenty-five thousand pounds. Godwin had worked hard and certainly prospered he had been an auctioneer, a sugar broker, a tea merchant and a commission agent. He had traded as GG Crespin and Sons from a substantial building at 66 Market Street,<sup>7</sup> an office in Queen Street and he also had an office in Sydney. He had been a councillor in Collingwood and Kew and for seventeen years he had been a Melbourne councillor.

The reason I stopped what I was looking at and researched further into this family was my interest in part of the obituary for Godwin. Godwin was supposedly related to Admiral John Jervis, 1st Lord of St Vincent and Baldwin Crespin, Earl of Devon and Earl Marshall of Normandy.<sup>8</sup> I was fascinated that this family with three soldiers may be related to a naval hero that Jervis Bay, New South Wales was named for.

John Jervis was born 9 January 1735, he married Martha Parker who died in 1816 John died 13 March 1823 without children.<sup>9</sup> His sister's son Edward Jervis Ricketts took the name Jervis and became the 2nd Viscount St Vincent.<sup>10</sup>

From what I can see the connection may be through Godwin's grandmother Elizabeth Gervis (Jervis) she married George Henry Leggassicke Crespin son of Abraham Crespin who was a captain in the Royal Navy. This George attended Blundell's School No. 589 Tiverton, Devon in 1796 and was later listed as Lord of the Manor and Borough of Modbury, Devon in the 1830 edition of Pigott's Directory of Devonshire.

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*



1 [www.bdm.vic.gov.au](http://www.bdm.vic.gov.au)

2 [www.portphillippioneersgroup.org.au](http://www.portphillippioneersgroup.org.au)

3 Public Records of Victoria: Wills VPRS 7592 P1 2

4 The Argus 14 November 1864

5 The Argus 24 August 1864

6 [www.adb.anu.edu.au](http://www.adb.anu.edu.au) Australian Biographies

7 State Library Victoria Melbourne photographs via TROVE

8 The Argus 6 March 1920

9 <http://www.thepeerage.com/p21707.htm#i217068>

10 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Jervis,\\_1st\\_Earl\\_of\\_St\\_Vincent](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Jervis,_1st_Earl_of_St_Vincent)

## Hard life, hard times

Writing Competition entry No 3



William Doherty was born in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, in 1858. His family was Catholic. The famine had passed, but average people had not recovered and there was an insurgence—The

Irish Republican Brotherhood against Catholics. It is not surprising that young William left his home for Scotland aged 13 years.

He found work in his new environment as an agricultural labourer as did many other Irish arriving in Scotland. By the age of 20 in 1879 he married Margaret McGlein in Ladhope Roman Catholic church in the Scottish borders.

As was normal in those times, the couple had many moves to different farms through the years, and no doubt had to stand in hiring fairs each year being looked over by prospective landowners looking for cheap labour.

William and Margaret appeared to have a good marriage and produced a large family of ten children. William was a hard worker and he managed to get a job on the railway as a lines maintenance man, this was quite an improvement.

One day when he was walking home from work with another worker his mate confined to him that he thought he had left tools on the rail line. William was horrified, and raced back to clear the line and prevent derailment. Unfortunately he did not have enough time to complete the task and he lost his right leg below the knee when it was run over by the train.



He was fitted with a wooden leg which was no more than a wooden round peg with a hollow carved in it for his stump and two leather straps to hold it on. These straps were attached to the wooden leg and pulled up over his shoulder. No more working on the railway.

William got a new job as a drainer, digging drains in the fields. He must have been a tough man. His wife died of heart failure in 1915 and he moved to his eldest daughter's home in Galashiels. Agnes had a large family so there would have been little peace.

Three months after the death of his wife William lost one of his sons at Gallipoli with the British army. His body was never found.

His favourite daughter Catherine died in childbirth aged 33. The child died and she had lost two other children in infancy and left behind three orphans as her husband had died of Spanish Flu in 1918.

William lived till 1946 so he lived through both world wars. His great granddaughter who is still alive, recalls Grampa Doherty as a lovely old man who enjoyed his family, especially his grandchildren. Sadly William developed dementia and during that process became aggressive and had to be placed in a nursing home where he ended his days dying of senility and heart failure.

*Margaret Hunter*

### 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.

<b>Member Profile: Ronald Alexander Hansen</b>	
Place of birth	East Brunswick, Victoria
Education/Profession	Tertiary education, now retired
Family	9 siblings, married to Pamela, 2 children
Time in district	6 years
Hobbies	Railways, Aviation, Gardening
Names researching	Hansen, Boik, Cowan
Researching for	2 years
Reason for starting	Looking for father's war record
Most interesting find:	Skeletons

<b>Member Profile: Grace de Visser</b>	
Place of birth	Melbourne, Victoria
Education/Profession	Diploma of Early Childhood Education, Early Childhood Educator (long day care) now retired
Family	3 brothers and one sister, married to Huih, 2 children
Time in district	less than 2 years
Hobbies	Grandchildren, Family History
Names researching	Parker, Watson, Silk, Jocelyn
Researching since	Started in the 1980s, restarted many times, now that I am retired I have time to put it all together
Most interesting find:	Tasmanian connection (still to explore); old newspapers and how much they can tell us

**Spreading  
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We would like to read  
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Please submit your  
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by 15 October 2018

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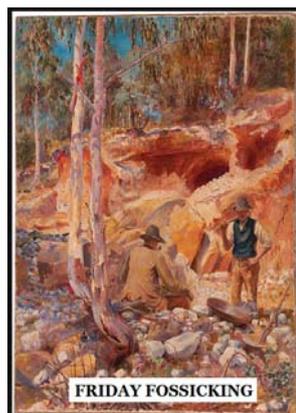
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Linda O'Brien;  
Russell Owen;  
Judy Perkins;  
Jane Poulton;  
Lois Roy;  
John Shanahan;  
Pat Sherwell

## That moment in time

A website containing excerpts from blogs, newspapers and genealogical websites.

I am unsure of how I came across this, but it contains some very interesting information and reading, not always genealogy related. Friday Fossicking appears most Fridays, going back to December 2011. Here is a selection I found in the edition of 17 August 2018.

- \* The beautiful Icelandic tradition of giving books on Christmas Eve
- \* Australian Medical Pioneers Index (AMPI)
- \* Free Irish genealogy websites. The best free sites for Irish family history
- \* London City Directories
- \* The fate of parish registers
- \* Cluster genealogy (explores research not only into ancestors and their immediate family, but also about their friends, neighbours and associates)



- \* Titanic survivor Lawrence Beesley: the Day of the Disaster. Several days after the disaster this survivor wrote a small book about the tragedy.
- \* National Family History Month 2018. A review of talks attended by Shauna Hicks
- \* Bristol's steepest street
- \* Why searching for your ancestors by full name can be the worst way to find them

The above are just a few of the topics in this blog, there are many many more

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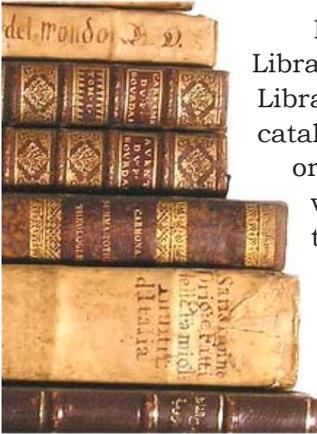
*Di Christensen*

## Moran-McLellan-Duncan Reunion

Calling all descendants and relatives, direct and in-direct of Henry Joseph Moran, Helen Anne McLellan and James Duncan families of the Hallam and Lyndhurst area. A reunion of interested family members will be held in Hallam on Sunday 14 Oct 2018, venue to be confirmed. Please register your interest with Pete Dutneall at [dutneall@dcsi.net.au](mailto:dutneall@dcsi.net.au) All welcome!



# The Research Room: This thing called LibraryThing



Have you heard about LibraryThing? No? Well, LibraryThing is a social cataloguing platform for organisations and individuals who have books and want to keep track of them. We've been a member since 2011. If you haven't heard about LibraryThing then you wouldn't know that you and the rest of the world can easily search our holdings

(books, magazines, CDs and papers) from home or anywhere else for that matter at LibraryThing.

We're there because non-professional cataloguers like us can quickly and easily catalogue books (or other things) with it. We initially catalogue our resources with LibraryThing because it pulls cataloguing information from other libraries in Australia and the rest of the world. In short, we utilise the vast experience of other cataloguers on LibraryThing to make our own catalogue as free from mistakes as we can. We then export a batch of new resources from LibraryThing in an Excel format and import it straight into our Research Room catalogue. We know that might sound like

double handling and in some ways, it is, but we think that the positives of doing it this way far outweigh the negatives and so we're happy with the way it's turning out. Some of the positive aspects of us cataloguing this way are:

- LibraryThing is an online backup of our holdings
- The librarians can catalogue at home. In fact, while we were in the process of switching from the old catalogue to the new, the three librarians would often be cataloguing at home alone, but together on LibraryThing because it can handle input from more than one person at a time on their collections.
- LibraryThing has an app for mobile phones, so the librarians can put the catalogue in their pocket when they're on their way to an event or second hand book shop and check on the spot if we've already got a book they're thinking of buying (very handy)! In fact, if the librarian was really keen, she could add the book to our catalogue using the app while still in the shop.

Our LibraryThing profile can be found at <https://www.librarything.com/profile/NarreWarrenFHG>

From here you can see our list of resource categories, clicking on any one of the blue

hyperlinks will take you to a list of those resources. You can also see a few other things about us, like the most recent resources we've added and who else has some of the things we have.

You can go straight to our catalogue using <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/NarreWarrenFHG>

The 'other call numbers' correspond to our Research Room call numbers making it pretty easy to find something in the Research Room. You can switch between collections using the drop down menu in the upper left corner of the screen.

Why don't you give it a try next time you're wondering if we have something? If you're having trouble with LibraryThing let us know, we can give you a demo in the Research Room.

Lynne Bradley

**Member: NarreWarrenFHG**

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# Research Room Roster:

Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.

September 2018			
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
		1	Lynne Bradley & Hellen Kemp
4	Maureen Abbott & Pam Tumath	8	Wendy Goodwin & Pat Sherwell
11	Fay McCoubrie & Maureen Stagg	15	Robyn Jones & Lyne McGregor
18	Moreyn Dimsey & Bev Lambie	22	Di Brodbeck & Judy Mehegan
25	Wendy Goodwin & Barbara Sharp	29	<b>CLOSED AFL Grand Final</b>

October 2018			
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
2	Fay McCoubrie & Maureen Stagg	6	Lyne McGregor & Pat Sherwell
9	Pam Tumath & Moreyn Dimsey	13	Kerryn Maxwell & Robyn Jones
16	Bev Lambie & Mary McGrath	20	Eileen Durdin & Hellen Kemp
23	Maureen Abbott & Barbara Sharp	27	Di Brodbeck & Judy Mehegan
30	Jane Rivett-Carnac & Brenda Wheeler		

November 2018			
Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
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20	Moreyn Dimsey & Jane Rivett-Carnac	24	Di Brodbeck & Judy Mehegan
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## State Library of Victoria

Temporary closure of  
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The Family History and Newspapers and Arts  
reading rooms will close  
on **24 August** to allow collection material to  
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For more information, visit  
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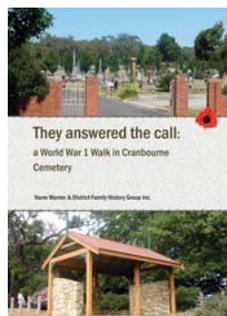


## Publications for Sale

### ***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 + \$13.80 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.

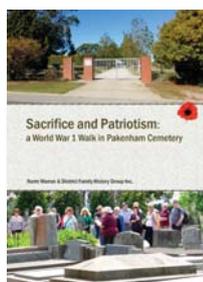
Most of the men served in the infantry across 18 battalions predominately in the 14th, 21st, 24th and the 59th. Four local lads served in the Light Horse, 3 in the Pioneers, 3 in the 4th Field Ambulance, 6 in the Machine Gun or artillery units. 1 soldier served with the Tropical Force in New Guinea until 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 + \$13.80 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 + \$8 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.

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### ***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***

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### **Cemetery Tour booklets**

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

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