



Harre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT

2018 / 2019



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20 AUGUST 2019

AGENDA

2.00 pm Welcome

2.05 pm Guest Speaker - Carol Rosenhain

The Man Who Carried the Nation's Grief

2.50 pm Afternoon Tea

3.10 pm Annual General Meeting

- Apologies
- Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
- 2018 - 2019 Financial Report
- 2018 - 2019 Reports
- Presentations
- Election of Committee Members 2019 - 2020
- Appointment of any vacant VIP Positions 2019 - 2020
- General Business



REPORTS

President's Report

Lynne Bradley read the President's Report from the 2017-2018 Annual Report.

Other reports were included in the Annual Report and were taken as read:

- Vice President's Report	Fay McCoubrie
- Correspondence Secretary's Report	Lyne McGregor
- Research Room Manager's Report	Anne Blair
- Sausage Sizzle Report	John Uren
- Research Officer's Report	Lynne Bradley
- Treasurer's Report	Jane Rivett-Carnac
- Casey Cardinia Report	Eileen Durdin
- Newsletter Editor's Report	Marianne Rocke
- Membership Officer's Report	Kerryn Maxwell
- Librarian's Report	Lorraine Taylor
- Publicity Officer's Report	Wendy Goodwin
- Cemetery Tours Report	Jane Rivett-Carnac & Lyne McGregor

Reports Moved: Mary McGrath

Seconded: Lorraine Taylor Carried

PRESENTATIONS

Retiring Committee Members

Thanks to our retiring committee members, Anne Blair and Lorraine Taylor, for their time they spent on the Committee.

Anne Blair joined the committee in 2003, only two years after she joined the group. Anne has filled various roles on the committee over the years and has earned a rest after the tireless work that she has done in setting up our new Research Room.

Since the group was formed nearly 30 years ago, Lorraine Taylor has filled most of the committee positions, including being the first Chairman/President of the group. Lorraine's last role was Librarian, and she definitely deserves a break from the committee.

Member of the Year

The Member of the Year is nominated by the Committee and awarded to someone who has been an outstanding contributor to the Group over the year. The President and previous year winner are ineligible to win the award. Only the President is aware of the winner until the award is presented.

This year there have been four nominations and they are Anne Blair, Lyne McGregor, Mary McGrath, and Jane Rivett-Carnac. Thanks to each nominee for their contribution to the group over the year. The winner of this year's Member of the Year is Jane Rivett-Carnac.

Telephone Task Award

In December 2017 the committee agreed that we needed a telephone land line for our new Research Room. Lynne Bradley as President was given the task to set up the telephone. Since then Lynne has spent endless hours negotiating with Telstra to connect a line. Lynne told the committee of the difficulties that she has had with Telstra and we all understood her frustrations but had to laugh at the fiasco that a simple task had become. Kerryn Maxwell put together a calming thank you present for Lynne, plus wrote a little ditty. Jane Rivett-Carnac, Lyne McGregor and Kerryn sang the ditty to the tune of the Abba song Ring Ring. Those attending the meeting were now aware of the efforts that Lynne put into the Telephone Task and had a good laugh.



ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

Lynne Bradley declared all the committee positions vacant and introduced Di Christensen to chair the elections.

Di Christensen thanked the committee, volunteers, and family members who were pertinent in transferring the group into our new Research Room. The room looks great! Di recognised the efforts and thanked the committee for setting up the Annual General Meeting in the Casey Cardinia Library's old HQ.

In accordance with Rule 51 point 3 if insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominated/Elected Committee Members were:

Position	Nominees	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Lynne Bradley	Wendy Goodwin	Bev Lambie
Vice President	Fay McCoubrie	Lynne Bradley	Eileen Durdin
Treasurer	Jane Rivett-Carnac	Lyne McGregor	Kerryn Maxwell
Secretary	Eileen Durdin	Lorraine Taylor	Wendy Goodwin
Correspondence Secretary	Lyne McGregor	Jane Rivett-Carnac	Kerryn Maxwell
Librarian	Moreyn Dimsey	Anne Blair	Robyn Jones
Membership Officer	Kerryn Maxwell	Trevor Shingles	Jane Rivett-Carnac
Newsletter Editor	Marianne Rocke	Jane Rivett-Carnac	Mary McGrath
Publicity Officer	Wendy Goodwin	Bev Lambie	Lynne Bradley
Research Room Manager	Pam Tumath	Lynne Bradley	Rex McFarlane

VIP Positions

Away Days Coordinator	Vacant
Casey Cardinia Officer	Eileen Durdin
Casey-Cardinia Local History Reference Group Representatives	Lynne Bradley, Fay McCoubrie Rex McFarlane
Door Officer	Lynne Bradley
Genealogical Society of Victoria Representative	Steve Brodbeck, John Elliott
IT Support Officer	Lynne Bradley
Research Officer	John Uren
Sausage Sizzle Coordinator	
South Eastern Historical Association Representatives	Lynne Bradley, Lyne McGregor
Supper Host/Hostess	Mary McGrath, Maureen Abbott
Web Master	Lynne Bradley, Laurie Stephenson

Jane Rivett-Carnac thanked Di for her assistance with the election of Office Bearers.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Wendy Goodwin thanked members who brought in notices that they found in the local papers.
- Jane Rivett-Carnac thanked Anne Blair who has checked all the stories for the Cemetery Tours. Thanks to those who have researched and submitted their stories.
- Brenda Wheeler will be an apology for the September general meeting.
- Lynne Bradley welcomed the new committee members and plans to do the change over within the next couple of weeks.

Meeting closed at 3.50 pm

Raffle won by: John Uren



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I guess last year's AGM with BYO chairs and tables in the then-vacant Casey Cardinia Library's old HQ set the pattern for meetings for the rest of the year. You'd have to agree that our general meetings have been a bit of surprise for most of us, including the committee! Let's see; there was the meeting we didn't have in February when we had the asbestos scare and had to cancel the meeting 90 minutes before it was due to start. It turned into the best car park gathering ever, if only we'd had drinks and snacks. Then there was the meeting we had in the Research Room because the library was closed that day and we had not thought to pick up the keys the day before. Just recently there was the meeting where the guest speaker got lost and arrived very late, and of course, the meeting with the 1st Cranbourne Scouts, which was a lot of fun.

We farewelled Di Christensen at our October meeting. Di has been an integral member of the group for a long time, but wherever she is, the internet ensures she is not lost to us completely.

We've enjoyed two fabulous celebrations in the last twelve months, our first anniversary at Cranbourne and our 30th birthday. Eileen and the rest of the committee did a fabulous job putting the day together. The cherry on the top of the cake was the dedication of the Research Room. It is a lasting acknowledgment of Lorraine's leadership and dedication to the group, and it was a privilege to be involved with it. We were privileged to have Cr Graeme Moore, Mayor of Cardinia and Cr Amanda Stapledon, Mayor of the City of Casey both with us on the day. While we did pat ourselves on the back, we also took the opportunity to thank many people who have helped us over the years.



We've done some great things in the past twelve months, John Uren and his sizzlers had a fabulous day at Bunnings, Jane and Lyne headed up another great cemetery tour at Lang Lang, we organised some life writing classes, and we picked up a Holt Australia Day Award. We participated in the VAFHO Expo at Hamilton, the Casey Heritage Festival at Tooradin and attended Local History Reference Group and South Eastern Historical Association meetings as representatives of NW&DFHG.

We're juggling seven Branching Out sessions with Heather Arnold during August for National Family History Month and co-hosting the Cemeteries: bringing history to life seminar in October with the SEHA. Then two weeks later we're at Bunyip Cemetery before we start winding down for the Christmas/New Year break. We will have earned a rest by then.

Thank you to all members who have done duty, sizzled sausages, indexed, networked, researched and written stories plus countless other things. Your contribution over the year was celebrated at our beautiful Volunteers' Morning Tea at the scout park. Congratulations to Barbara Sharp on being awarded "The new kid on the block - Shirley Award".



Thank you to the committee and VIPs who have done all those things on top of their committee and VIP duties. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you. It's a wonderful thing to see hidden talents emerge, we've come to expect a witty poem from Kerryn Maxwell now and then. Now she's composing little songs and ditties, not only that; she's managing to rope in other performers too. I love what doing that brings to meetings and other occasions, I think you do too.

The fact that the Casey Cardinia Combined Index is 15 years old was pointed out to me last week. I can remember when it was just an idea. What a marvellous job Eileen and her indexers have done over the years.

We've had a lucky run with grants, \$830 from the City of Casey for an overhead scanner, \$1,000 from the Dept. of Social Services for desktop publishing and PDF software and \$2,000 from Be Connected, to be put towards three laptops to replace the black computers in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room.

There are challenges for us to overcome in the next twelve months. We're talking to the City of Casey to see if we can secure some storage space within the complex to take the pressure off the Research Room. We will need to purchase, program and load resources onto three new laptops, and purchase the software that will allow the librarian to process the newsletters that come in as PDFs to the computers. We will need to attract new members and new volunteers to the Research Room and possibly start thinking about what we'd like the family history group to be when we're celebrating our 35th birthday and how we're going to get there. But, as volunteers ourselves, it's one step at a time.

*LYNNE BRADLEY
PRESIDENT*

1ST ANNIVERSARY AT CRANBOURNE CELEBRATIONS



e-Record6 Summary of Income and Expenses for 2018 - 2019

Summaries updated:
16 Jul 2019 at 1:13 PM

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Receipts Category Name	Total Receipt Amount	GST Amount	GST-exclusive Amount	Omit from Total*
A1 Interest Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A2 Dividends	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A3 Refunds from suppliers (GST-free)	30.35	0.00	30.35	
A4 Refunds from suppliers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A5 ATO/BAS Refunds Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A6 Loans Received	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A7 Sale of Assets	20.00	0.00	20.00	
A8 Other Capital Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A9 Other Non-Capital Receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A10 Bankings				X
A11 Membership Fees	2,353.00	0.00	2,353.00	
B1 Research Room Sales	653.75	0.00	653.75	
B3 Print-Outs	45.80	0.00	45.80	
B4 Visitors' Fees	110.00	0.00	110.00	
B5 General Meeting - Door	591.00	0.00	591.00	
B6 Fundraising	2,741.95	0.00	2,741.95	
B7 Sundries	3,044.00	0.00	3,044.00	
B8 Donation	1,120.50	0.00	1,120.50	
B9 General Meeting - Raffle	243.60	0.00	243.60	
Total	10,953.95	0.00	10,953.95	

Payments Category Name	Total Payment Amount	GST Amount	Private Use GST-exclusive Amount	Amount Claimable	Omit from Total*
A1 Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
PLUS Other (Deductions from wages/salaries) **	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Gross Wages (Total of A1 and Other)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A2 Private Drawings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A3 Superannuation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A4 ATO/BAS Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A5 Refunds to Customers (GST-free)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A6 Refunds to Customers (Taxable)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A7 Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A8 Interest Paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A9 Loan Repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A10 Purchase of Assets	1,449.73	0.00	0.00	1,449.73	
A11 Asset Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A12 Other Capital Payments	394.78	0.00	0.00	394.78	
A13 Petty Cash Reimbursement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A14 Credit Card Repayment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B1 Purchases - Research Room	685.52	0.00	0.00	685.52	
B2 Membership - Group	447.00	0.00	0.00	447.00	
B3 Subscription - Magazine	134.95	0.00	0.00	134.95	
B4 Meeting Room - Hire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B5 Postage	79.45	0.00	0.00	79.45	
B6 Expenses - Fundraising	606.35	0.00	0.00	606.35	
B7 Sundries	2,536.24	0.00	0.00	2,536.24	
B8 Insurance	1,344.35	0.00	0.00	1,344.35	
B9 General Meeting - Raffle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B10 Newsletter - Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B11 Expenses - Research	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B12 Expenses - Ask Granny	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B13 Stationery	249.34	0.00	0.00	249.34	
B14 Equipment Repairs - Research Room	188.92	0.00	0.00	188.92	
B15 Guest Speaker	675.00	0.00	0.00	675.00	
B16 Gifts/Presentations	277.50	0.00	0.00	277.50	
B17 Expenses - Publishing	876.70	0.00	0.00	876.70	
B18 Expenses - Monument And Memorials	205.69	0.00	0.00	205.69	
B19 Expenses - Sausage Sizzles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
B20 City of Casey Lease/Rent	11.00	0.00	0.00	11.00	X
B21 Transfer to ING Direct Regular Account	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	
B22 Volunteers Morning Tea	119.29	0.00	0.00	119.29	
B23 Printer Cartridges	106.00	0.00	0.00	106.00	
B24 Newsletter - Printing	1,081.45	0.00	0.00	1,081.45	
B25 Telstra Phone					
Total	11,519.26	0.00	0.00	11,519.26	

NAB Account	
Balance carried forward from June 30, 2018	\$ 2,936.15
Less Cheque 833 not presented in June 2018	-\$ 30.00
Receipts July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$ 10,953.95
Sub Total	\$ 13,860.10
Payments July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$ 11,519.26
Sub Total	\$ 2,340.84
Plus ING Transactions July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$ 1,880.00
Sub Total	\$ 4,220.84
Less ING Transactions July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	-\$ 3,200.00
Balance at NAB account June 30, 2019	\$ 1,020.84





Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Appendix 1

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019



NAB Account	
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Less ING Transactions July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$ 3,200.00
Balance at NAB account June 30, 2019	\$ 1,020.84

ING Direct Regular Account	
Balance at June 30, 2018	\$ 17,665.15
Transfers from NAB account	\$ 2,200.00
Transfers from ING M and M Grant account	\$ 205.69
Sub Total	\$ 20,070.84
Transfers to NAB Account	\$ 1,880.00
Sub Total	\$ 18,190.84
Plus Interest July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$ 277.47
Balance at June 30, 2019	\$ 18,468.31

Cemetery Tours Receipts	
Participants October 2018	\$ 180.00
Book Sales October 2018	\$ 510.00
Total	\$ 690.00
Cemetery Tours Expenses	
Printing October 2018	\$ 876.70
Total	\$ 876.70

Sausage Sizzle March 2019	
Takings on the day	\$ 2,118.25
Expenses	\$ 606.35
Total	\$ 1,511.90

ING Direct Monuments & Memorials Account	
Balance at June 30, 2018	\$ 1,202.48
Transfers to ING Direct regular account	-\$ 205.69
Sub Total	\$ 996.79
Plus Interest July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$ 16.84
Balance at 30 June, 2019	\$ 1,013.63

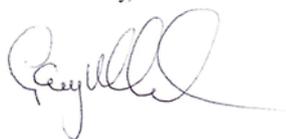
ING Direct Publishing Grants Account	
Balance at June 30, 2018	\$ 0.47
Transfers from NAB Account	\$ 1,000.00
Sub Total	\$ 1,000.47
Plus Interest July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019	\$ 1.07
Balance at 30 June, 2019	\$ 1,001.54

Costs for installation/connection Telstra business phone \$872.38

We received 2 Grants \$830 Casey small equip, \$1,000 DSS

I can confirm that the financial information provided to me outlines a true and fair view of the financial position of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc as at the end of June 2019.
No material mis-statements were noted.

Yours faithfully,



Gary McCoubrie
CPA [1730076](#)

Schedule 1
Regulation 15
Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Sections 94 (2)(b), 97 (2)(b) and 100 (2)(b)

Annual statements give a true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association

We Lynne Bradley and Eileen Durdin being members of the committee of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group certify that:

"The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the above named association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending 30 June 2019."

Signed: Eileen Durdin SECRETARY

Date: 18 July 2019

Signed: Lynne A. Bradley President

Date: 18 July 2019



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Again this year has been an interesting year for the group. Our celebration of our 30th birthday was the highlight for me. Seeing past and present members reminiscing was just a wonderful part of the day. The naming of our room the Lorraine Taylor Research Room was a magical moment celebrating with her family.

I also thought our volunteers thank you day was a wonderful day out. The highlight for me was seeing some of our members dressed up like astronauts going to see the bee hives. This type of activity should encourage any one of our members to become volunteers.



Once again this group has a wonderful group of members and I would encourage anyone to become a part of the group who volunteer in any capacity within our group. You would find it a very rewarding past time.

Thank you to all the members and committee who are very special people. I would ask for any members to please take on positions within our group. Your knowledge can only make us better.

FAY McCOUBRIE
VICE PRESIDENT

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY'S REPORT

I have mentioned at many of our meetings that our correspondence has been on the decline for a while. Some of the reduction would be due to some of the groups we corresponded with reducing the number of newsletters they produce. A couple of the groups have combined. And many now send their reports and newsletters by email, rather than as hard copy.

During the 2017-2018 year we received a total of 702 pieces of mail. We had two cemetery tours during this time period. For the 2018-2019 year we have received a total of 697 pieces. Some of this mail related to correspondence for our 30th birthday with invitations and responses and there have also been the membership renewals and sending out Spreading Branches. We have received 264 emailed pieces and there were a couple of occasions when there was no mail activity for a couple of weeks.

It looks like the change of technology has had an impact.

LYNE MCGREGOR
CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY



TREASURER'S REPORT

This year we successfully applied for two grants. In April a small equipment grant of \$800 from City of Casey enabled us to purchase a Fujitsu scanner. Then in May we received a grant for a thousand dollars from DSS (Department Social Service) to go towards publishing software.

Thanks to John Uren's sizzler team, the Cemetery Tour team, and our ongoing book sales we raised more than \$3,400 this financial year. This money enabled the library team to add new resources worth over \$600, including \$195 for the Casey Cardinia Collection. It also covered the eight magazines we subscribe to, the cost of the lapel microphone kit and the expenses involved for our thirty year celebration. Our fundraising is very important for our financial stability. Combined with the income from memberships, we can cover most of the yearly costs without raising the membership fee.

This year we had the added expense of getting a phone line into the room and establishing the phone connection. All up this cost us just under \$1,000. While we no longer pay for the room hire, we now have to cover the monthly phone bills, which cost more than \$650 a year.

Thank you to Anne Blair for always being there to answer any questions. Thanks to Fay and Robin McCoubrie who ran a dual system to see if it would give us a better option for record keeping. At the end of the trial the committee agreed we would stay with the current system.

Thank you to Gary McCoubrie who checked the t's have been crossed and the i's have been dotted and the paperwork balances.

*JANE RIVETT-CARNAC
TREASURER*

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The year has flown, and it seems like yesterday that I was elected to the committee. Stepping into the role of librarian was challenging and I am still learning new things all the time. There are many people who have assisted me during the year, and I would like to thank Lynne Bradley for her patience in teaching me the library catalogue system. Many thanks to Lorraine Taylor who continues to catalogue magazines and her assistance and willingness to help is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their support and encouragement and to all the members who have donated material to the library. Our library items are increasing and this year we added a total of 98 books and 227 magazines and journals.

One of the advantages of being the librarian is that everything comes to me to be catalogued, I am amazed at the diversity of the resources that are available in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room and I would encourage all members to come in and peruse the shelves.

*MOREYN DIMSEY
LIBRARIAN*



NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT

I was pleased to see that more members have been contributing to Spreading Branches over the last twelve months, even after the writing competition finished. It is so much more pleasant to compile the newsletter when there is plenty of material to choose from. Keep up your good work. I hope that those who are attending the writing course will be keen to share their stories. Thank you to the proofreaders and the contributors.

*MARIANNE ROCKE
NEWSLETTER EDITOR*

SAUSAGE SIZZLE REPORT

The sausage sizzle held at Bunnings, Fountain Gate, on Monday, 11 March 2019 (Monday of Labour Day long weekend) was quite successful – although the overall profit was below what was anticipated. A profit of \$1,465 was realised on the day whereas a profit in the order of \$1,700 was made on our two previous Sausage Sizzles. Contributing to the profit reduction on this occasion was a significant drop off in drink sales because of the day was cool, and our inability to fully cope for a short while with the demand for sausages in the lunch time period. Not having quite enough volunteers during one period was a problem, although this did not impinge on sales in a major way.



Once again, a special thanks to all the members that took part in the sausage sizzle, and ensured the event was a success. It is still recognised that some members are unhappy at having the event on a public holiday, associated with a long weekend, as it precludes them from participating, because of their commitment to other events. As said in earlier reports, the day will come when we will be allocated a non-long weekend day.

I am aware that not all members are convinced that holding an annual sausage sizzle at Bunnings is really necessary. My answer is that while it involves a lot of work on the day, it is certainly easier than trying to make the equivalent amount of money with other potential fundraisers. So, the plan is to continue with the Bunnings sausage sizzle. We have already been allocated a date for 2020. It is Easter Monday, 13 April 2020. We had the Easter Monday slot in year 2018, and as mentioned above approximately \$1,700 was raised.

*JOHN UREN
SAUSAGE SIZZLE COORDINATOR*



MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT

I can't believe another year is over, they seem to go faster each year. So I have to report again. I have scoured my membership records to find some interesting facts to share. I know many of you can't wait to get your hands on these so let's get straight to them.

Most popular middle name listed:

1st Ann/e a total of 6 - 1 less than last year.

2nd Patricia with a total of 5 - sorry this again is the same as last year.

The most popular house/unit no:

1st We have a three way tie No's. 2, 4 and 10 - all with 5 members each.

2nd No's. 5, 6 and 12 - all with 4 members.

In the next category there was no change from the winner of last year although the numbers varied for each.

The most popular suburb listed:

1st Narre Warren with a total of 13 - 2 less than last year

2nd Berwick with a total of 9 - 5 less than last year

3rd Narre Warren South with a total of 8 - 1 less than last year

Again in the postcode category there was no order change from last year except to the numbers of members.

The most lived in postcode:

1st 3977 with 24 members

2nd 3805 with 21 members

3rd 3806 with 9 members

The furthest away member's postcode is: 5167 being Seaford, South Australia.

Interestingly, we only have 4 members without an email address listed so..... .

The most popular email provider address is: @bigpond with a massive 28, followed by @gmail with 18.

And finally the missing alphabet letters for surnames. This is nearly like the scrabble tiles of the letters with the highest score so really no surprise..... (Drum roll).....I, Q, V, X, Y, and Z

There is a challenge for us in the coming year to find fellow family historians whose names begin with those letters to become a member so we can collect the whole alphabet. ha-ha

So that's me for another year here's hoping you are in one of the winning categories. Happy researching to you all.

KERRY MAXWELL
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER



CEMETERY TOURS REPORT

In October 2018 we held our fifth and final military walk remembering those who gave so much during the years of conflict during World War 1 and their connection to Lang Lang Cemetery.

The research team of Maureen Abbott, Anne Blair, Lynne Bradley, Moreyn Dimsey, John Elliott, Wendy Goodwin, Kerryn Maxwell, Fay McCoubrie, Lyne McGregor, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Barbara Sharp, and John Uren uncovered many interesting stories.

Once again Kerryn, through her work at Southern Advanced Plants, provided pots of rosemary for the graves as a point of reference on our way round the cemetery. Each grave had handmade poppies that Phyllis Bould donated to us and that we have used each April. Kerryn and Lyne again produced a cemetery map for us that showed the graves and the order for the walk. We had regular supporters come along as well as new visitors including descendants of the Cardell, Wiltshire, Dale, Ridgway and Leeson soldiers. We had good feedback from those who attended the walk and we launched our new book, *Peace at last: a World War 1 walk in Lang Lang Cemetery*.

On Sunday, 14 October 2018 we gathered in the Lang Lang cemetery with Mr Kruizinger President of the Lang Lang Cemetery Trust and his wife, representatives from the Lang Lang RSL and Cranbourne-Dandenong RSL, Cr Graeme Moore, Mayor of Cardinia, a photographer from the Star Newspaper group, and members of the public.

The walk visited twenty-three graves that we felt best represented the many aspects of service and the effect on those at home. Once again we had support and publicity from Garry Howe at the Star Newspaper Group, our president Lynne welcomed everyone, our speakers for the day Kerryn, Fay, Eileen, Lyne, Jane, and Moreyn guided our visitors, we had our great team of helpers on the day led by Rex including Anne, Mary, Eileen, Barbara, Pat, Wendy and David. Thanks go to the ever patient husbands and family members who put up with our distraction and absence while we become engrossed in our local cemeteries.

We had invaluable help and support from Karen Brown, secretary of the Lang Lang Cemetery, and members of the Cemetery Trust. The Lang Lang Historical Group gave permission for us to use some of their photographs and helped provide the morning tea on the day, and the Lang Lang RSL opened their rooms after the walk for us. We thank them all for their help.



This year the cemetery team have been researching and working towards our next walk in October 2019 at Bunyip Cemetery. A walk that will share the stories of hardship, struggle, survival and success the men, women and families had creating homes and businesses on the edge of the Kooweerup swamp, while establishing a community.

JANE RIVETT-CARNAC & LYNE MCGREGOR
CEMETERY TOURS



RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT

We've carried out one research task this past year, on the Toner family at Garfield. A lot of this time was spent retrieving rate book records - not the most exciting work, but some people really seem to like having them.

We received a message from Tony early in May. He was trying to locate a Bill Vieusseux. Tony's ninety-two year old father Albert, now living in London, used to visit Bill and his family somewhere near Narre Warren in the 1950s. Could we help? To be honest, Tony realised this was a long shot, but we like a challenge, so we looked at a few things and found Albert's friend Bill living at Longwarry on the 1949 electoral roll. A quick look at the Ryerson Index confirmed that Bill had passed away in 2001. A few more emails back and forwards and phone calls from Tony in Sydney, to Albert in London and we had indeed confirmed that we had the right man and managed to fill in some details for Albert who used to sell Hoovers around the district in the 1950s.

I answer many questions throughout the year that come in by email, Facebook, or one of our two websites and either direct people to the Research Room or tell them we don't have what they're looking for and suggest who else they might contact. I suspect that some of them end up in the Research Room, but I don't know. I always send a search report from the Casey Cardinia Combined Index for the surname they're looking for too. Thanks to Eileen and her team of indexers for this wonderful resource.

LYNNE BRADLEY
RESEARCH OFFICER

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

Notices for the General Meetings were in most editions of the Cranbourne Star News and Berwick Star News. Unfortunately, there were not many notices in the Pakenham Gazette. An article was in Cranbourne Star News re our March General Meeting with a photo of Viv Paine, our speaker and two of our members.

Notices about the Lang Lang Cemetery Tour were in the three local papers leading up to the tour. We also got a mention in Ancestor and RHSV What's On.

Thank you to those who find notices and articles about the group in the local papers and pass them on to me.

WENDY GOODWIN
PUBLICITY OFFICER



CASEY CARDINIA REPORT

We have had another busy and fun year working on all of the Casey Cardinia projects.

There have been additions to the Max Thomson Photo Collection folders. There are photos of the opening of the Nola Garvin Community Centre at the Fountain Gate Primary School on 21 October 2000; and photos of students who attended the Narre Warren State School in 1904, 1920, 1946, and 1953. We also got to see photos of the debutantes and patrons of the Debutante Ball held in Narre Warren North in 1946.



Debutante Ball c1946



Narre Warren State School c1920

Thanks to Lynne Bradley who has been updating our Casey Cardinia Remembers website. The most recent monuments and memorials to be posted were the Nar Nar Goon War Memorial; Ash Wednesday Memorial, Fountain Gate; Eddie Lowen Memorial, Cockatoo; Scott Park, Hampton Park; and the McMorrans' Oak in Cranbourne. The website not only records names that are on the monuments and memorials within the Casey Cardinia area, it also includes interesting stories of those people.

Our collection of Casey Cardinia resources is also increasing. Thanks to those who have donated books on the Casey Cardinia area. Thanks also to Lynne Bradley for using her detective skills to purchase some rare out of print books.

Patrick Ferry wrote *A Century After the Guns Fell Silent - Remembering the Pakenham District's WWI Diggers 1914-1918*. Patrick asked the group if we could assist with the launch of the book on 11 November 2018. Even though we were not given much notice we agreed to help. Patrick and the Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society had invited descendants of the Diggers to the launch. We sold some of our cemetery books, talked to descendants of soldiers, found graves of soldiers for attendees, and did a tour of the cemetery highlighting soldiers in the book. As a thank you for those who helped on the day, on behalf of the Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society, Patrick presented a copy of the book to Kerryn Maxwell, Anne Blair, Fay McCoubrie, Lyne McGregor, Wendy Goodwin, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Moreyn Dimsey, and Lynne Bradley at the November General Meeting. Patrick also donated a copy of the book to the group.

Celebrating 30 years of our group is great and we are also celebrating another big milestone. It has been 15 years since the creation of the Casey Cardinia Combined Index (CCCI). There are over 140 books that have been indexed with over 134,000 names that can be researched. Thanks to all those who have indexed Casey Cardinia resources over the years. A special thank you to Bev Lambie and Barbara Sharp who have indexed 12 books between them over the last year. The CCCI is a great tool for anyone researching the Casey Cardinia area and it is good to see it continue to grow.

EILEEN DURDIN
CASEY CARDINIA COORDINATOR

