

# Spreading Branches

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## Dr and Mrs Elliot Drake

In my local history research I am drawn to people who had no descendants, as their stories are more likely to be forgotten. One such couple was Dr William Elliot Drake and his wife Christine Maybelle nee Harris.

William Elliot Drake was born on 6 June 1867 at Stratford, Essex, the eldest of four children. His mother died soon after the birth of the youngest child, when William was four years old.

William followed in his father's footsteps and studied medicine. For a while he worked at St Thomas' Hospital in London. Afflicted with tuberculosis he decided to migrate to Australia in 1900. Like many other sufferers he hoped that it would improve his condition.

A few months later, William returned to marry Christine Maybelle Harris, born 8 May 1870 in Bromley, Kent. I write this on the 117th anniversary of their wedding, which took place on 21 January 1902 at the Parish Church of Halwill in Devon. Christine's father was Lord of Halwill Manor. The Drake and Harris families appear to have had a long association. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon at Sidmouth, then sailed for Melbourne on 31 January.

The couple settled at Black Rock, where Christine

gave birth to a stillborn daughter in August. They didn't have any further children. When exactly they came to Upper Beaconsfield has not been recorded, but their names start appearing in 1903. They probably rented *Rosemont* in A'Beckett Road at some time. There is an obscure reference to a Dr Drake's sanatorium at Beaconsfield, offering 'fresh-air' treatments for lung complaints.

The Drakes, usually referred to as Dr and Mrs Elliot Drake, were a well-to-do couple, both inheriting large sums from their families. They travelled regularly back to England while William's health allowed it, and later holidayed more locally.

In 1909 they purchased *Killara* a house on a large block on St Georges Road, believed to have been built c1890. Over the following years they also bought the neighbouring properties: *Fernacre*; some land on the village side of their holding; as well as the land on the opposite side of the road, now the area around Harpfield Road. In January 1910 the architect Rodney Alsop designed their new house, to be called *Woonda Mia*. He had designed *Edrington* in Berwick a few years prior.

*Woonda Mia* was built of oiled jarrah, and contained 11 rooms with conveniences and 12ft verandahs, had hot and cold water, and an air gas plant. There were 50 acres in flower and vegetable garden, glasshouses, shrubberies, orchard, paddocks, and a gardener's cottage. Many exotic and native trees and shrubs had been planted.

Both Dr and Mrs Drake were community minded people. Dr Drake established a men's social club in Upper Beaconsfield, was a trustee of the assembly hall, and probably a member of the progress association. He also took an active part in the raising of the war memorial. Mrs Drake was a member of the tennis and croquet clubs.

*Woonda Mia* was a home regularly visited by friends  
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Woonda Mia (later Amesfield) in 1975

## General Meeting Wednesday, 13 February 2019 • 7.30 pm

### Ned Kelly: the man behind the myth.

Former site manager for the Pentridge Prison redevelopment, Viv Paine, discovered that Ned Kelly had been buried in the gaol grounds. He will tell us about the fascinating research to locate Ned's remains and the history of both the prison and its infamous prisoner.

Cranbourne Complex Meeting Room, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne. Use Casey Radio entrance.



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Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm

Thursdays 7 pm to 9 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

3rd Saturday of the month.

## Membership

Single \$35, Joint \$50. Payable 1 July each year.  
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**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)

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledge the assistance and support of Casey Cardinia Libraries and the City of Casey.

## 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.

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## President's Report

Our Christmas/New Year break is drawing to a close as I write this. The Research Room will be open for business in no time at all. For the first time in a few years, some of us have had a welcome break. No cemetery tour stories to write and no publishing deadline hanging over our heads. But we didn't manage to disappear off the radar entirely. We've been answering the odd call and email from the general public and trying to be helpful.

I suppose in many ways this year will be one of looking back and looking forward as we approach our 30th birthday in May.

2019 is already looking busy with our 'Writing your life story' classes each Sunday in February, a sausage sizzle in March, the April general meeting with the 1st Cranbourne Scouts, our birthday party in May at the Cranbourne RSL, and our Volunteers' Morning Tea. Later on in the year we'll be at the VAFHO Expo in Hamilton on 1 June, and at the Berwick Church of Christ's 150th anniversary event. Of course, we've also got the Heritage Festival in May, National Family History Month in August and the Seniors and Ageing Positively Festivals in October together with History Week when we'll do our normal cemetery tour. And, don't forget, we're expanding our Research Room hours to Thursday nights during summer session times.

What can you do as a member to help? You can sizzle a sausage at Bunnings – John and his crew are fabulous and will ease you into it if you haven't done it before. You can come and help us talk to the general public at events like the Heritage Festival

and Expo. It can be a long day when you're trapped behind the table. We're going to have to come up with some ideas for National Family History Month and the Ageing Positively Festival. If you've got an idea, please let someone on the committee know, or tell us about it at a general meeting. And of course there's the old standbys – you can do Research Room duty, index a book, research for the cemetery tour or Casey Cardinia Remembers and dare I say it, write an article for the newsletter.

Here's to a great 2019 for us all, I hope to see many of you in the Research Room or at a meeting soon.

*Lynne Bradley*

## Sausage Sizzle 11 March 2019

A reminder that our next Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Narre Warren, will be held on Monday 11 March (Labour Day). As usual, volunteers are required to operate the stall. A volunteer list has been posted at the Research Room. We require a minimum of 4 people in each time slot to make the event a success. Time slots are 8-10 am, 10-12 noon, 12 noon-2 pm and 2-4 pm (plus clean up).

Members who wish to help but don't go to the Research Room may phone Coordinator John Uren on 8790 5824.

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle is our group's major fund raiser for the year. Apart from its importance as a fund raiser, the event provides a good opportunity for members to socialise and 'catch up' on matters of common interest.

*John Uren*

## 2019 Holt Australia Day Awards

Twenty-three individuals gathered with representatives of eight local community groups on Australia Day at the Cranbourne Community Theatre to accept their 2019 Holt Australia Day Awards. These awards give the local community of Holt an opportunity to recognise people who contribute time and energy doing valuable volunteer work. Fay, Lynne and I listened as Anthony Byrne MP, our Federal Member for Holt, told the audience of the wonderful things that Holt's individuals and community groups are doing and we were very proud to have the family history group counted among those whose efforts have been seen to contribute towards a stronger local community.

We'd like to thank the person who nominated the group for the award. We'd also like to thank our members, many of whom sizzle sausages, write cemetery tour stories, take photos of M&Ms, and generally help to preserve our local history while researching their own family histories. What a way to start 2019!

*Lynne Bradley*



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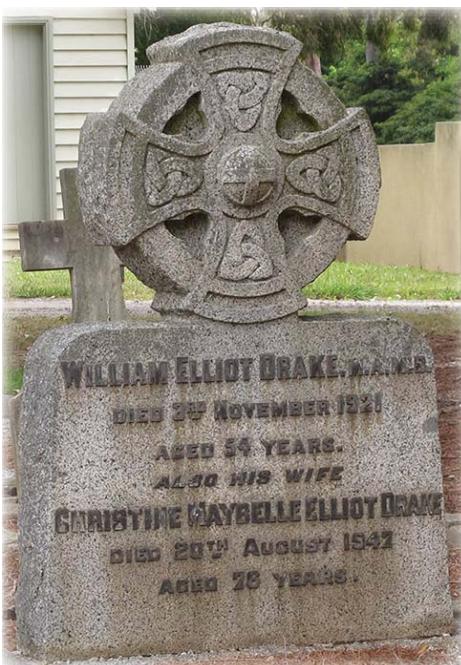
and relatives. In 1913 the Drakes brought their nephew Edward William Harris back with them. He served in WW1, and stayed in Upper Beac on his return. In 1919 his sister Victoria came to look after him. What was intended to be a six month stay turned into sixty years. She married George Hodges Knox, and later became Lady Knox. They lived at Fern Tree Gully.

From Victoria's memories we learn a bit more about Christine Drake. She describes *Woonda Mia* as a beautiful house which was a source of pride and joy to its owners. It had a wide verandah looking down the hill toward the sea. "When I arrived at Beaconsfield Station on a cold wet winter's evening, my aunt driving a buggy with the horses, Glitter and Silver, pulled us up the hilly bush road to her home. We went everywhere on horses in those days and the big occasion of the day was the meeting each morning at the post office. Everyone turned up on ponies to collect their mail, and to discuss yesterday's happenings."

The Drakes regularly exhibited flowers at the local shows, and donated their prize monies to the patriotic funds. One of their other past times was collecting butterflies, and their large collection was donated to the Melbourne Museum after Dr Drake's death on 3 Nov 1921, aged 54. The death certificate states that he died of exhaustion after suffering from phthisis for 20 years. The following day he was buried at the Berwick cemetery.

Christine Drake donated, and played, the harmonium at the Anglican Church services in the Assembly Hall. An annual report of the church noted that one day the vicar was very annoyed that the organist left without playing the last two hymns. Below this was written "The Vicar needs to remember that he is no longer in Melbourne. When the organist hears that one of her cows is sick the last two hymns can go to blazes. Signed Organist."

John Milligan wrote in the *History of St. John's Church*: "One Sunday morning when attending service at the Hall, Mrs Drake was shocked to find that Saturday revellers had vandalised



*Dr William Elliot & Christine Maybelle Drake's gravestone at Berwick Cemetery*



*One of the replica church windows at St John's Church Upper Beac dedicated to William Elliot Drake*

the cupboards containing the congregation's religious properties. This determined her to work for the building of a church, and she grew flowers, kept bees and fowls, to supplement the money she contributed to the cause".

"Two stain glass windows were donated by Mrs Drake in memory of her husband. Although the original windows were destroyed on Ash Wednesday, replicas were made. The two Drake windows are of particular interest, as they depict the *Golden Hind*, flagship of his Elizabethan ancestor Admiral Sir Francis Drake, and they commemorate Dr Drake's expert knowledge of butterflies.

Victoria also recalled an incident where when walking around the garden at *Woonda Mia* with her aunt, a swarm of bees came to rest on her garden hat. Victoria was horrified, but her aunt told her to stand still and do nothing. After what seemed an eternity the queen took off and all the swarm followed. She mentioned that her aunt was a woman used to facing emergencies of all kinds and was quite unperturbed.

Christine commenced importing and breeding Irish and Scotch terrier dogs, as well as white leghorn chicken.

Around 1928 Christine Drake sold *Woonda Mia* (asking price probably not less than £4,500. The house was later known as *Amesfield*, but was destroyed in the Ash Wednesday fires.) After a short stint at Blackburn, and a trip to England, in 1931 Mrs Drake bought *Aubépine*, a property on Manuka Road, Berwick, which she renamed *Brendon*.

*The Herald* on 6 Aug 1931 wrote on her return ... "Bringing with her a prize rooster and three valuable Scotch terriers, Mrs W. E. Drake, of Upper Beaconsfield, returned on the *Port Bowen* today after three years' absence ... she stood on the deck with her three dogs—Boy, Briar and Vic—and the rooster, a white leghorn, waiting for her charges to be passed by the authorities." For the next five years Christine Drake was very involved in dog breeding and showing. In 1936 she sold *Brendon* and her belongings and sailed for England. At the time it was probably meant to be her final trip. She settled in Cornwall. Probably unsettled by the war, and

wanting to live out her days with her niece in Fern Tree Gully, Christine, now aged 71, decided to return to Australia. The *Napier Star* was meant to leave Liverpool in a convoy on 10 December 1940 to sail for New Zealand. A minor collision, however, delayed the departure, and the ship sailed unaccompanied. Interestingly, Christine Drake's name was not on the passenger list – she must have boarded as a replacement for another passenger.

On 18 December as they were sailing south of Iceland, a torpedo struck the boat. Lifeboats were deployed immediately. Christine Drake was among 20 passengers and crew in one lifeboat. The lifeboat was left to drift on the rough sea, and five men died on the first day.

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

What makes a monument or memorial good? I've seen a lot of M&Ms in the past eight years or so and I still think the answer is purely subjective. For me, it's when the M&M captures the essence of the person being remembered because I can see and feel it while reading the words on the plaque. So, here's a few of my favourites around Cardinia.

Lynne Bradley



### Koo Wee Rup Secondary School Gates

Two granite pillars guard the entrance to the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College. When they were first unveiled almost 83 years ago, the site was that of the Koo Wee Rup State School. The pillars memorialise William Eason, head teacher of the Koo Wee Rup State School for 22 years. The community wasted no time in erecting a memorial to this man who was not only a highly regarded teacher, but a valued and esteemed member of the community. The first notice of a meeting to organise the memorial was published beside the article announcing his passing on the front page of the Koo Wee Rup Sun. The Memorial Committee initially decided to erect a wall tablet within the building. Thankfully, they changed tack early on and announced they were collecting money for memorial gates. And I think they got it right, what more fitting reminder of a head teacher's dedication, esteem and trust could there be, but on the gates that guard the entrance.

Passengers and crew were continuously baling out the icy water. Hope was fading. Mrs Drake, clad only in a nightdress, became very ill and delirious. After two days they were finally sighted by a Swedish freighter. The rescue effort took over two hours, as those to be rescued were too exhausted to grab the rope thrown to them. The chief officer of the Swedish ship bravely jumped into the water to help hoist them onto the vessel.

Mrs Drake never fully recovered from her ordeal. She died on 20 August 1947 in Exeter, Devon.

Marianne Rocke

### BJ Wallis Gardens



Barry Wallis was Shire Secretary for the Shire of Berwick from 1966 until 1973 and then the Shire of Pakenham from 1973 to 1982. The site of the shire new offices, opened in Henty Way in 1983, were next to the old Henty quarry, a place he'd regularly visited as a child. Barry thought the quarry had potential, he could see beautiful landscapes in its future. And I think he was right. The BJ Wallis Gardens were opened on 30 May 1993. They're a beautiful monument to one man's foresight.

### Koo Wee Rup clocks

Although just a handful of individuals are named here, the Koo Wee Rup clocks were erected to celebrate the entire Koo Wee Rup community during the



Centenary of Federation. What a fabulous way to denote the passage of time. One central clock tower is surrounded by four smaller towers that have panels of text and hand painted illustrations depicting life in Koo Wee Rup.

## 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?

Now that the Australian Tennis Open is over and we have witnessed some of the tennis greats, we can go back to our local tennis clubs and become those champions. Or, for some of us, think about the tennis clubs that were around at the beginning of the twentieth century.

These photos from the Max Thomson Collection are approximately 110 years old and give you an idea of the outfits that were worn by tennis players in those days. Some of you may recognise your ancestors from the Harkaway Tennis Club c1906.



Harkaway Tennis Club c1906. William Warby (back row, 3rd from right), was the Head Teacher of Harkaway Primary School from about 1898 to 1909. His wife Agnes is 2nd from right in the front row. Photograph: Max Thomson Collection.

The new courts were very newsworthy, their completion was reported on page 2 of the South Bourke and Mornington Journal on Wednesday 25 July 1906 (right).

There were inter-township matches played as reported in another article. The South Bourke and Mornington Journal on 13 November 1907 reported: At Harkaway the local club played Nar Nar Goon, and after a good game won by 10 games. Scores : 39 to 29. Berwick were to have played Dandenong, but one of Berwick's leading gentleman players was ill, so the match has been postponed till November 30th. This match will attract much attention, and will be witnessed by a good number of enthusiasts. Cranbourne v Pakenham, match postponed until after shearing.

### Harkaway.

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The tennis court is now completed, and is to be opened on Saturday, Aug. 4th, when Harkaway will do things in its usual style. Refreshments, speeches, to delight the heart of the greatest epicure. The club is prospering financially at a great rate, members from all quarters, and we hope to see this state of things continue.



George Lyon is at far right in back row, Rev Alfred Cole (Church of England Berwick) is 3rd from the right in the back row, George Hill is sitting in middle with hat brim turned up and Olive Hill is the tall lady standing behind her brother, George. Photograph: Max Thomson Collection.



Harkaway Tennis Club members c1908: George Lyon is at the far right, William Warby is 4th from right with cap in 2nd row. Photograph: Max Thomson Collection.

*The club got new courts in 1906 and Mr and Mrs George Lyon were the first to play on them. Photograph: Max Thomson Collection.*



Nowadays you can still play tennis in between the gum trees at Dalton Reserve, Harkaway. There are four courts and if you are keen, they are for hire.

I did get a bit confused and frustrated trying to bring together all the facts that I'd collected in my research for this article (does this sound familiar to any family and/or local history researchers). I had varying dates for the establishment of the club from photos in the Max Thomson Collection, newspaper articles, Facebook and the Tennis Club website. If anyone can clarify any dates re the Harkaway Tennis Club or have any information they would like to share, please let me know by email [secretary@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:secretary@nwfhg.org.au).

*Eileen Durdin*



Resources: Harkaway Primary School – Origins to 1975 – Jennifer Boyer

## The Common Riding

The Borderland situated in the south of Scotland has a long history of dispute. The border over the centuries changed many times. Feuds were frequent, as was cattle rustling. There was a ritual which was necessary to maintain one's lands and this was the riding of the commons or the border of the land to check no one had stolen stock or lands. Incorporated in this tradition has been the addition of many customs.

Each border town still celebrates the Common Riding each year. Hawick is the first town who celebrate in early June and Langholm the last, which is in late July. Each week in this time another town celebrates. As I was born in Hawick I will write about this town but all the other "Ridings" are just as interesting.

In 1513 in the Battle of Flodden, the Scots were beaten by the English. It was the bloodiest battle between the two countries. Scots were massacred. The border towns were very low having lost the working men and only youth and elderly remained.

occurs on Tuesday and Saturday. They are followed by sometimes over 300 horsemen. It is a sight to see.

When the main celebration arrives there are many ceremonies. On the Thursday the Cornet visits the schools and requests that the pupils are allowed two days off. On the Thursday evening there is the ceremony of the buzzing of the colours. This tradition is from the time the women tied the colours on the flag when the men went off to battle. The lasses are dressed in long dresses and picture hats and all the songs of the town are sung. The colours are then tied on the monument in the town.

Over the next few days there are two horse meets with the town picnicking at the racecourse. The flag is dipped in the river to show that is a boundary, the sing songs, re-enact the stealing of the flag and the chase which ensued. The Cornet's Ball is held and at dawn they dance around the moat. The moat is the hillock on which a Norman castle stood. The dawn dance is a Druid custom.



In 1514 the people of Hawick heard that there were English soldiers camped nearby at a place by the river called Horneshole. The youth of the town decided to ride out and capture their flag. They would have been young lads. Some had guns, others had sticks, and according to legend one had his mother's porridge pot. When they arrived they found the soldiers very inebriated. They overpowered them, captured the flag and rode home. This lifted the spirits of the town.

Each year, six weeks before the main weekend, the principal man to represent the flag thief is selected. Then the Cornet, as he is called, and his right and left hand man ride the Common boundaries of the town covering an different area each time. This

*The Hawick Common Riding. Photograph courtesy of ILF Imaging*

The town colours are blue and yellow and everyone wears these colours which are also the colours of the flag. A fairground comes to town and there is an amazing festive air in the town. So if ever you visit Scotland, please remember that Scotland is not just the cities and the Highlands and Islands. The border towns have much to offer in history and tradition, not to forget the wonderful rivers such as the Tweed and Teviot, the beautiful scenery, ancient abbeys, and of course The Common Ridings.

*Meg Hunter*

## Ballarat briefings

Well, we are almost settled in our new abode in Ballarat but there is still much to do with boxes to unpack and rejoice at treasures unseen for over 12 months.

I thought I would update you on happenings here in the Golden City as so many people had at least one ancestor settle here.

Ballarat Mechanics Institute is holding an exhibition *Talking Shop: Ballarat in business and city life* which is running from 2 January until the end of April and will include ephemera and imagery of local shops and businesses, contemporary images of favourite Ballarat businesses and give opportunities for the community to contribute their own memories, knowledge and images.

Some of the businesses shown are Ewins Booksellers in Sturt street, Coltmans in Creswick road, George Farmer's factory in Eureka street, the Wattle Tea Rooms in Lydiard street North (many wedding receptions were held here), the Block Arcade, Red Shop Tea Rooms, Harry Davies, Crockers and many others. However, many businesses are not included as there were so many hundreds of them. There are also display cabinets with signs and letterheads from private companies, directories and books. Many photos of streets, shops and crowds from the Max Harris Collection.

Max Harris' books Recollections 1 & 2 include wonderful photos and articles on Ballarat identities,



photograph Ballarat BMI

together with information from Peter Butters, historian.

Some great films were shown, giving us much food for thought and bringing back many memories, and also questions. It is strange that two sisters remember things differently—and are so positive that they are correct! It is worth visiting this exhibition to awaken your memories, even if you have no connection with Ballarat.

Ballarat Mechanics Institute, 117 Sturt Street, Ballarat <https://ballaratmi.org.au>

*Advance Notices*

Clunes Booktown Festival: 4 and 5 May 2019

Ballarat Heritage Weekend: 25 and 26 May 2019

*Di Christensen*

## The enumerated cat

The Rigby family of Birkenhead included their cat in their 1911 census return. Tobit Crackit was listed as being an 8-year old 'Tom Cat' who was married with 16 'children' still living. His occupation was mouse-catcher, soloist and thief. His birthplace was noted as Cheshire and he was described as 'speechless'!

On the census form was also noted: All the above mentioned have breakfast, dinner, tea and supper. Eat standard bread. Drink sterilized milk. Sleep with the windows open. Wash our sheets once a week, etc. God Save the King. R.S.V.P. Rest in peace.

The adult women in his household, sisters-in-law Ethel Clara Hetherington and Maid Jessie Isherwood were listed as suffragettes.

*from Free UK Genealogy Facebook*

## GSV writing prize

This year the Genealogical Society of Victoria is inviting members of their member societies to enter their writing prize for an article on a family history/genealogy theme.

In brief, articles should be between 1200 and 2400 words; be the author's own original work; not have been previously published in any format; have a family history/genealogy theme; and contain appropriate citations to documents and other works.

The winner's work will be published in the December issue of Ancestor and the winner is awarded a prize (to be announced in March).

Full details and an entry form will be on the GSV website (<https://www.gsv.org.au/ancestor-news>) in early March. The closing date for entries is 31 August 2019.

## Research Room Roster:

*Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.*

### March 2019

Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Thursday	7 pm-9 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
				2	Judy Mehegan Pat Sherwell
5	Mary McGrath Bev Lambie	7	Hellen Kemp Barbara Sharp	9	Di Brodbeck Robyn Jones
12	Fay McCoubrie Maureen Abbott	14	Lynne Bradley Hellen Kemp	16	Eileen Durdin Wendy Goodwin
19	Barbara Sharp Brenda Wheeler	21	Eileen Durdin Lyne McGregor	23	Lynne Bradley Pam Tumath
26	Wendy Goodwin Jane Rivett-Carnac	28	Pam Tumath Jane Rivett-Carnac	30	Pat Sherwell Judy Mehegan

### April 2019

Tuesday	11 am-3 pm	Thursday	7 pm-9 pm	Saturday	11 am-3 pm
2	Maureen Stagg Moreyn Dimsey	4	Lyne McGregor Kerryn Maxwell	6	Robyn Jones Eileen Durdin
9	Brenda Wheeler Fay McCoubrie	11	Barbara Sharp Wendy Goodwin	13	Wendy Goodwin Di Brodbeck
16	Jane Rivett-Carnac Mary McGrath	18	Lynne Bradley Jane Rivett-Carnac	20	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
23	Barbara Sharp Maureen Abbott	25	ANZAC DAY	27	Lynne Bradley Kerryn Maxwell
30	Moreyn Dimsey Maureen Stagg				

### May 2019

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by 15 April 2019

### Congratulations

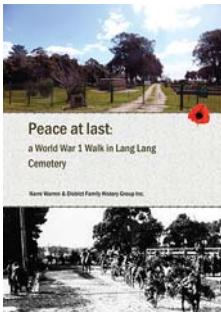
to Casey Cardinia Heritage facebook page for their 8,000 likes. You are doing a great job, entertaining us with so many interesting images of our local past.

## **Publications for sale**

### **Peace at last: a World War 1 walk in Lang Lang Cemetery (2018)**

We uncover the stories of 98 soldiers from the Lang Lang district and the 48 families who waved goodbye to them and prayed for their safe return. Just over half of these families sent two sons or more. Not everyone's prayers were answered in the way they'd hoped for, prayers for the return of 24 fathers, sons, husbands and brothers were not answered at all.

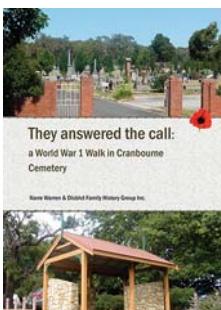
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### **They answered the call: a World War 1 walk in Cranbourne Cemetery (2018)**

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.

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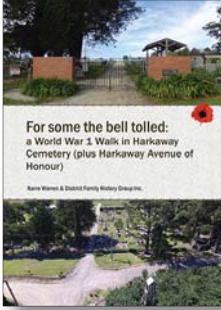


### **For some the bell tolled: a World War 1 Walk in Harkaway Cemetery (plus Avenue of Honour) (2017)**

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 Military Medal, one was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, and one a Distinguished Service Order. Others were mentioned in dispatches.

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### **Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery (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.

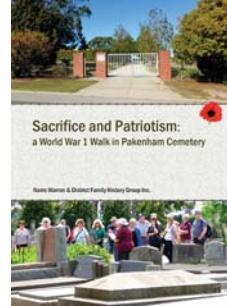
Our volunteers researched and wrote the stories of families that travelled thousands of miles to a country on the other side of the world. A country with people who didn't necessarily speak the same language or held the same beliefs.

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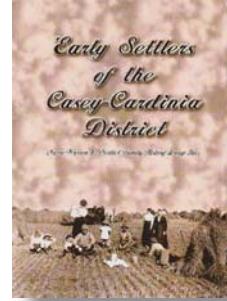
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examines the cemetery's connections with the Great War. Our stories embrace 100 men from over 70 families – all linked to Berwick Cemetery and the community it served. Twenty-eight men did not return; they are still in France, Gallipoli, Belgium, Malta, Palestine, at sea and 6 have no known grave.

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