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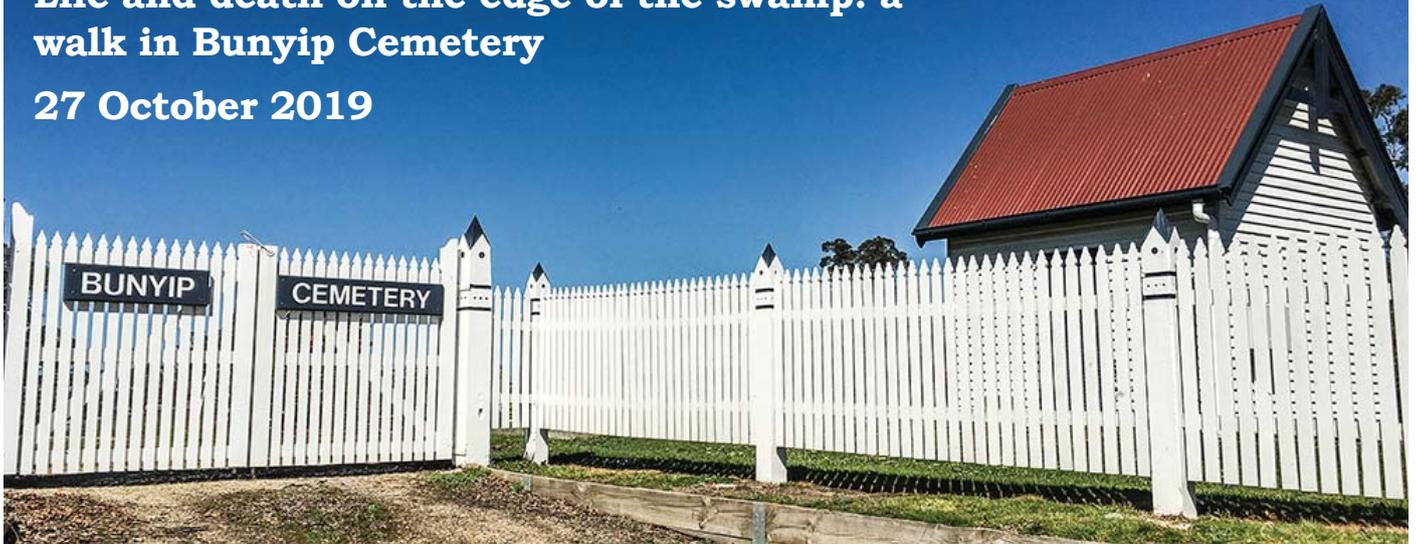
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Life and death on the edge of the swamp: a walk in Bunyip Cemetery

27 October 2019



Our twelfth cemetery walk was held on Sunday 27 October. We had ninety-two people booked and hoped that Saturday's wind, rain and hail had blown away overnight. With so many people booked we had six speakers ready and waiting. Thanks to Lynne Bradley's inspired idea, Rex and Barbara on taking the money also handed out coloured dots to keep each group to a manageable number. The red dot people were the first group to be welcomed by our President Lynne and Gerard Cunningham on behalf of the Bunyip Historical Society.

While the weather kept some people away, by 10.20 am close to a hundred people were spread out in the cemetery. With seventy-five adults and two children doing the walk and those from our group and the historical society looking after them, there were people everywhere.

Our cemetery team and helpers on the day were Kerryn Maxwell, Moreyn Dimsey, Fay McCoubrie, Lyne McGregor, Anne Blair and Jane Rivett-Carnac, with Rex McFarlane and Barbara Sharp at the gate, Wendy Goodwin and Mary McGrath selling our books, Lynne Bradley marshalling, welcoming and organising us and David Allen taking photos. We welcomed Judy Owen as a new member to the team. With her L plate on, she observed the role of speaker and spotter. And with her husband Russell she jumped in to help with setting up and then packing up.

Anne Greene, secretary of the Bunyip Cemetery Trust was seen early in the morning doing a quick tidy up around a couple of the graves before helping the Bunyip Historical Society team set up the

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NW&DFHG Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, 7 December 2019 at 12 noon

Trios Sports Club, 30 Grant Street, Cranbourne

RSVP Eileen Durdin

on secretary@nwfhg.org.au or 0439 720 447

by Saturday, 30 November

ALL WELCOME





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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.

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

3rd Saturday of the month.

Membership

Single \$35, Joint \$50. Payable 1 July each year.
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Research Queries

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our Research Room personally, but please note
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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

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

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accept responsibility for accuracy of information of submitted articles nor opinions expressed.

President's Report

It's been a very busy past few months for committee members. We visited all branches of Casey Cardinia Libraries with Heather Arnold during August for National Family History Month. We've held our Morning Tea and a chance to shop for free during Get Online Week (pictured below) and together with the South Eastern Historical Association held a very successful Cemeteries: bringing history to life seminar. I attended the Berwick Mechanics Institute AGM on behalf of the family history group,



and we have visited Bunyip Historical Society's meetings in the lead up to the cemetery walk. We've also attended a session with the City of Casey regarding the future development of the complex here at Cranbourne East and the coming of the trains. Along with that, committee members have also prepared for and attended committee and general meetings every month, done duty in the Research Room and worked endless hours behind the scenes to prepare for our Bunyip Cemetery walk. And, on your behalf, I applaud them for their dedication to the group and the way in which they and other members of the group who come to help at these events always make an impression on 'outsiders' because of the way they work together to get the job done. It's always nice to be told how good or efficient we are, it's even nicer to be told how friendly and amicable we are, and I'm glad to say, it happens often.

Congratulations to the cemetery tour team for a brilliant effort. It was good to work with another group, and prove yet again that family history groups and historical societies can work together and achieve great things as evidenced by the cemetery seminar and cemetery walk.

We've been negotiating with the City of Casey for the use of the small room (by licence, not lease) beside our Research Room. We plan to use this to store those things that aren't needed on a day to day basis in the Research Room. We're also working on our NBN transition and hope to have these finalised by the end of the year.

I'd like to wish all members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see some of you at our Christmas Lunch or at the next meeting or two. But, if I don't, have a wonderful break, stay happy, healthy and safe during the holiday season and we'll see you in 2020.

Lynne Bradley



November general meeting

What can I do now I have my DNA results?

Wednesday, 13 November 2019 • 7.30 pm

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

Many of us receive our DNA results hoping to break through brick walls in our family research. The ads make it look so easy to find our ancestors. Rachel Cowen has helped quite a few people break through and would like to share some of the tools

she has used to do so.

Everyone is welcome to hear Rachel give us tips on growing our family tree using our DNA results. You may want to share your own experiences whether successful or not. Afterwards join us for a cuppa and our general meeting.

Casey Cardinia Remembers: Daly Waters air disaster memorial

Our Bunyip Cemetery walk brought this memorial to mind as four of the five men listed here were buried at Bunyip Cemetery on the same day.

We see lots of monuments and memorials for lots of people for varying reasons around Casey and Cardinia. We don't often see memorials for air crash victims though. The Bunyip Recreation Reserve is home to many sporting groups. A memorial to five of the district's sportsmen, all mates, who died in a plane crash at Daly Waters in the Northern Territory on 29 December 1967 was erected here by the people of the district.

The plane ran out of fuel just 14 minutes from the Daly Waters airstrip, the wreckage was not found for 4 days. It seems that Michael Breheny survived the crash but died before the rescue party could reach them.¹

Peter Kay, Michael Breheny, Noel Heatley and Don Smith were buried side by side at Bunyip Cemetery



on Monday 8 January 1968. Barry Sullivan had been buried at Springvale the day before. Two services were held that day, the first being a service at the Bunyip Presbyterian Church for Don Smith. A Requiem Mass was held at St. Joseph's, Iona for Peter Kay, Noel Heatley and Michael Breheny in the afternoon.

Both churches were packed, people stood outside to hear the services, and a line of cars over three miles in length carried what was estimated to be 2,000 mourners to the cemetery. All the shops in Bunyip were closed, as was the telephone exchange.²

I recall Jane RC saying that there were people everywhere on our walk on Sunday, and there were. I cannot imagine what that Monday in 1968 was

like and the sadness that would have engulfed this beautiful little cemetery.

Lynne Bradley

² Kooweerup Sun 10 January 1968

¹ Pakenham Gazette 12 October 2016

Proposed writing group



We propose to form a group to meet once a month or bi-monthly to help and support each other with our writing endeavours. It will be for those members who attended the writing classes earlier

this year to continue with their writing, and for any members who would like to join in.

Depending on the number of interested people we could meet in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room or at another convenient location, eg at the new café D'Arte Central or in a McDonald's party room.

Some of us need the inspiration and encouragement to keep writing, some of us want to start but need a push, and others have become side-tracked and have not finished what we started and need a gentle nudge.

Lisa set us on the path. She showed us that we all have a voice and a story to tell. While some of us

may plan to have our story published for the world to read, others may just want to put our memories to paper to share them with our family or to leave them for our grand children.

If you have years of research just sitting there waiting for that magic time of being finished, it's time to start writing before the next baby is born or the next loved one moves on.

We plan to have two people act as the facilitators, who might suggest exercises for us to do on the day or for homework, books or websites for us to look at, and arrange when and where we are meeting. At a meeting we might like to read aloud to the others what we have written, or we might like another participant to read our work, and jot down a few comments or thoughts. We are not going to edit, correct or be critical of another participant's work; after all it's their voice and story, told and presented how they want to.

The thing we found with Lisa's classes was that it didn't matter what we wrote, it was still interesting

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to someone else. It was helpful when someone else read our story, because if they asked a question, it lead to a new thought. They may have found an emotional connection (that 'me too' moment) that helped them.

Let's face it, while we have enjoyed the hunt for names on our tree, it is unlikely that our grandchildren want any of it. They will probably ignore all the certificates and family trees, delete the stuff on our computers and throw our paper files in

the bin. However, they may like a few photographs with short stories attached. So it is time to start writing those stories.

Please indicate your interest and any comments on day or time to Jane Rivett-Carnac via email treasurer@nwfhg.org.au ideally by 30 November so that we can organise a group to start in 2020. Thank you.

Jane Rivett-Carnac



Bunyip Cemetery tour

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morning tea. Homemade scones and slices and tea and coffee in real china cups. What a treat for visitors after the walk. Anne also had the original cemetery register on display and spent time helping people identify family graves.

Lindy Fitzpatrick from the Bunyip Historical Society and her team enthusiastically made sure that the visitors on the day had a good time. Their group had a display and answered questions about the local area. Their president Sue Neilson had done a great job advertising our walk in the local community; unfortunately she was not able to join us on the day and see the wonderful response from the visitors.

Southern Advanced Plants Dromana provided the pots of lavender to mark the graves while Kerry had again produced an excellent map of the walk. The weather held off with just a light drizzle as the last group was completing their walk. It was great to see Phyllis and Ted Bould who have attended all our cemetery walks to date. It was also nice to have Faye Vandyk from the West Gippsland Genealogical Society and Jean Hayden from the Lang Lang and District Historical Society join us on the day.

Our latest cemetery walk book is available in our room for \$15. We thank Lyne McGregor for donating the printing of forty-five copies of *Life and death on the edge of the swamp: a walk in Bunyip Cemetery*.

Once we have recharged our batteries over summer, we will decide on the venue for our next cemetery walk in October 2020.

Jane Rivett-Carnac



1001 steps backwards

Bayview Park and the 1001 steps walking track in Narre Warren North was officially opened in August 2019.¹ At its highest point there are beautiful views, and on a clear day you can see Western Port Bay, the You Yangs and the city. The site has been extensively landscaped and trees have been planted to enhance the site. A lovely place to take the dog for a walk or actually do the 1001 steps.



Bayview House built in 1867.

I'm going to travel back in time and look at how the property has been used over the years and a bit about the Aurisch family who farmed there in the early days.

Recently the park was used for equestrians who wanted a place to exercise their horses. There was a 2.7 kilometre track that crossed a couple of small, little used roads so was ideal. The track was also used by hikers. Over the years the park was vandalised a bit. Prior to this Bayview was the site of the Berwick tip which opened in 1982. A methane gas power station was built on the site in 1992. The heat produced was used in greenhouses near the site and also in a paper recycling business. The tip closed in 1996.

Before the tip the land had been used as a quarry. In 1915 Aurisch's quarry was supplying crushed rock to the council for road building.² It would have been a noisy business when the crusher was on site.³ According to Minnie Warren Roberts nee Aurisch who lived on the property, the State Rivers and Water Supply needed stone from the quarry

to make a water channel from Beaconsfield to the Narre Warren North retarding basin.⁴ By 1946, Mr Ross took over the quarry under the name Bayview Quarry.⁵ The crushed stone was used for making roads.

At the same time as the quarry was operating Sam Ehrgott Aurisch (1871-1955) owned and farmed the property. He had previously rented it from his parents, John (Johann) Gottlob Aurisch (1817-

1898) and Dorothea Caroline nee Sholtz (1834-1908) who had bought the subdivided block off Ernst Gottlob Wanke and built two wattle and daub cottages there. Bayview House was built in 1867. Samuel married Alice Maud Webb in November 1898 a month before his father's death.⁶ They had three children, Ada (1900-1988), George (1902-1975) and Minnie (1904-1984).

John Aurisch was born in Luben, Silesia, Prussia in 1817. John Gottlob Aurisch was thirty-two years old when he left Hamburg aboard the *Pribislaw* bound for Australia. His parents, George Ernst and Maria Rosina nee Sholtz and his younger brother Johann Frederick (Wilhelm) Aurisch were also on board.⁷ It would have been hard for George and Rosina to leave their homeland and undertake such a daunting sea voyage as they were both in their sixties. Probably they hoped for a better life for their sons. (Another son, Carl Friedrich and his wife Johanna Christine nee Woolf arrived in 1853 aboard the *Wilhelmsburg*.) The *Pribislaw*

1 <https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/news/bayview-park-1001-steps-officially-opens>

2 Berwick Shire News and Pakenham and Cranbourne Gazette. 24 Feb 1915 pg.3

3 Berwick Shire News and Pakenham and Cranbourne Gazette. 20 Oct 1915 pg.2

4 *Bayview House* by Minnie Warren Roberts located at Dandenong Historical Society, (also a copy in NWFHG, Lorraine Taylor reading room).

5 The Dandenong Journal 10 Jul 1946 pg.2

6 *Bayview House* by Minnie Warren Roberts

7 *From Hamburg to Hobsons Bay* by Thomas A Darragh & Robert N Wuchatsch pg.306



The Pribislaw. Photo courtesy Shetland Museum.

left Hamburg on 23 August 1849. There were 229 passengers aboard.

Conditions on the ship were not good and two adults and ten children died before the ship arrived at Rio de Janeiro. The passengers blamed the food and water and a group signed a petition of complaint. Authorities in Rio de Janeiro boarded the ship and examined the provisions. They declared that all but the meat was “not fit for animal food” and threw it overboard.⁸ A letter was written and signed by most of the passengers while the ship was docked. This letter was published in a Hamburg newspaper to warn others who might want to emigrate. Some of the complaints were that the flour was as hard as stone, mouldy and interspersed with worms. The drinking water had been held in barrels that had previously carried fish

⁸ *From Hamburg to Hobsons Bay* by Thomas A Darragh & Robert N Wuchatsch pg.66

oil which made it just about undrinkable. There were worms in the vegetables and maggots in the butter.⁹ The *Pribislaw* finally left Rio de Janeiro a month later with new provisions and arrived in Port Phillip Bay on 2 January 1850.

John Aurisch met Dorothea Caroline Sholtz and between the years 1854 and 1879 they produced sixteen children, Samuel Ehr Gott was the fourteenth.

Minnie Warren Roberts nee Aurisch, the youngest daughter of Samuel and Alice, reminisced about Bayview House in a piece she wrote in 1984.

The house was two storeys high with balconies and comprised of thirteen rooms. It was built on the side of the hill. There was a cheese house near the dairy, also an orchard with pear, quince, apricot, cherry, fig, plum and apple trees. There was a walnut tree near the house. Grapes and gooseberries were also grown. Unfortunately the house was demolished in 1959 so more rock could be quarried.

Minnie wrote, *“I hope when the garbage tip is filled, the hill will be made into gardens or a park, something nice again, as it was once a lovely place.”*

Barbara Sharp

⁹ *From Hamburg to Hobsons Bay* by Thomas A Darragh & Robert N Wuchatsch pg 314-315



L-R. Samuel Aurisch, Snooker (the dog), Artie Wanke, Willie Reynolds & EP Hillbrich. Samuel Aurisch had to have his leg amputated after a cow kicked him.

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?*

The making of our road network



1910



1976



2001



2019

In discussions road construction is usually a heated topic. Delays in getting to our destination because of roadworks has annoyed us for years. Do you ever think of who built these roads or what life was like prior to our reliance on cars?

The City of Casey and Shire of Cardinia are in the growth corridor of the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne. It wasn't long ago when these suburbs were newly settled country towns. To learn more about the development of roads and how people commuted around the Casey Cardinia area I found some interesting stories in our Casey Cardinia Collection.

The photos show the road heading east towards the Fountain Gate Shopping complex. It once was a dirt road known as the Gippsland Road and has developed into the Princes Highway (M1). Today it is a six-lane highway with service roads and is a major part of our national road network. It is interesting to see the various types of cars that we have driven over the years.

In the 1910 photo you can see "Holly Green" on the brow of the hill in the distance. The property was once owned by Sidney Webb.

In 1890, Sidney Webb planted the beautiful row of oak trees along the Princes Highway at Narre Warren which stand as a living symbol of his contribution to the development of the district. The seedlings came from the Nobelius nursery in Emerald.

A memorial was unveiled to honour the memory of

Sidney Webb at the intersection of Narre Warren North Road and the Princes Highway in February 1955.

Sidney Webb passed away on 31 May 1920, and the Holly Green Estate was sold. By then, much of the original property had been sold for orchards and it consisted of 409 acres.¹

There are more details of Holly Green and Sidney Webb on the Casey Cardinia Remembers website <http://www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au/sidney-webb>

The communication of yesteryear would have been minimal between neighbours let alone between townships.

It is hard now for people to realise the remoteness and difficulties for travel and communication experienced in that district in those early days of settlement.

Only horse drawn vehicles and bad dark roads. They were happy times nevertheless and the surroundings made one feel happy and thankful.²

Pioneers would have found it difficult to clear land in the Casey Cardinia area.

Arthur Henry recalls in his memoirs "How the early settlers ever hoped to clear the bush has always puzzled me, together with the fact of being sixty odd miles from Melbourne, connected by a dray track and of course no doctor accessible nearer than that. For the most part they were men in early middle life, with young families,

1 Forerunners: Life Stories of the Hart, Webb and Moran Families (C/C 260) – P18

2 Gembrook 1909 (C/C 248) – P5

others older had sons up to about twenty-five years of age; but even these had never been accustomed to handling this heavy timber".³

It is hard to believe that original roads were not built for the motor car.

*During this period there was no motorised transport in the district. Transport was limited to horses, and horse carriages in the form of jinkers, gigs, wagons and buggies. Buggy rides were undertaken when roads were in good repair. The Sedgmans for instance used to travel to church at Modella School every Sunday in their back-to-back seater buggy.*⁴

There were many pioneers who were making these roads. Imagine how the work for these pioneers differed from the work of a "highway maintenance worker" today.

*In the 1900's the Modella-Longwarry road was built by a Mr. Fisher of Longwarry. At the time soil was "borrowed" from certain sites to build up the road level. Some of the soil for the road was taken from a borrow pit located on the property now owned by Mr. Graham Kennedy.*⁵

Ron Ellett wrote about his dad, John Ellett:

*Dad seemed to earn enough for our simple needs working, with other settlers, making roads, these were for the most part, just bush tracks, meandering amongst the trees and around hills, but much later they built corduroy roads. I seem to remember they were paid seven shillings a day to work on the roads and their day finished when it got dark.*⁶

Corduroy roads were made of timber and got their names because of the resemblance to the linear fabric. Logs were laid parallel to each other and perpendicular to the road. Variations in their construction would depend on the types of trees and shrubs in the area. The logs were tied together or secured together by wooden pins.

A description from memories as a young child gives an idea of what travelling on the roads were like.

*But perhaps the most important was being given responsible jobs on Dolly. I soon knew how to catch her and put the bridle on. There were trips to the township for mail and odd shopping, bringing cows in to be milked or moving sheep. We had no shearing shed and our sheep were driven two miles along the road to 'The Springs' owned by Mr. Greaves (now where the Old Cheese Factory is). This was always done after milking at night. The road was just a grassy lane and Dad and I with the dogs drove the sheep and yarded them when we reached the property. Most times there were only stars to light us. Other times sheep had to be taken to Narre Warren railway station to be loaded into trucks for sale.*⁷

Muddy roads would have made moving livestock and goods tough. The construction of the railway did make things easier.

In the early "horse and buggy" days, transport was not easy, particularly as roads were poor and the stamina of the average horse in such conditions restricted travel to around 20 miles.

The coming of the railway to South Gippsland in 1891 made fattening cattle a more viable activity for the farmers and certainly helped develop dairying, but alas, it arrived at the same time as a world-wide depression hit.

*Yet the construction of the Great Southern Railway helped Alex Scott cover his firm's wide territory. He had a yearly ticket on the Port Albert, Yarram and Wonthaggi sections from the date each was progressively completed-right up until his death. He had horses at Korumburra, Loch and other centres ready for his personal use when he arrived by train. How different today when the company has a fleet of cars for the speedy transport of its man agents, staff and auctioneers.*⁸

As the roads were in poor condition letters to the Council were an option to try to get improvements: The state of the roads seems to have been an ongoing problem. A petition was sent in to the Berwick Shire Council requesting that a culvert be constructed at Breakneck.

*The clerk of works promised to provide pipes and £10 towards the work if the residents made a similar contribution. Mr Towt was present at the meeting and contributed £3. James Towt had drawn the Berwick Shire Council's attention to the dangerous state of the road from Petty's to the Breakneck. He later reported to them that owing to the rut in the road near his place his daughter was thrown out of a gig and injured. Agnes Towt wrote frequently to the Berwick Shire Council requesting them to provide an outlet from her property because she had to go through private property to leave her selection.*⁹

The Country Roads Board (CRB) was formed in 1913 to take care of maintenance and construction of our main roads. Joyce Mowat (nee Crowley) wrote about her father Norris Crowley who worked for the CRB.

Dad worked for many years for the CRB with many awards for safe driving as a grader driver. His work involved grading the shoulders of the Princes Highway between Warragul and Harrisfield. He collected many bicycles hidden in the bushes and after weeks at the police station we then collected and rode them. It was many years before I had a "girls" bike.

I also remember going with him and water the highway on the Berwick hill, before it was sealed. [ie the road out of Berwick to the west.]¹⁰

These are just a few of the stories of our pioneers constructing roads and commuting around the Casey Cardinia area. Give them a thought next time you curse the state of the roads or are stuck in traffic because of roadworks.

Eileen Durdin

3 1886 - 2006 Alex Scott & Staff Pty Ltd 120 Years A cause for celebration (C/C 240) - P5

4 Modella - A Brief History (C/C 129) - P22

5 Modella - A Brief History (C/C 129) - P21

6 Ellett Story (C/C 297) - P76

7 Forerunners: Life Stories of the Hart, Webb and Moran Families (C/C 260) - P71

8 1886 - 2006 Alex Scott & Staff Pty Ltd 120 Years A cause for celebration (C/C 240) - P8

9 The School on the small plateau: The history of the Garfield North State School No 3849 (C/C 267) - P3

10 William and Edith Crowley (C/C 161) - P16

Ballarat Briefings

The Ballarat Branch of the Cornish Association of Victoria is planning activities for St Piran's Day 2020. St Piran is the Patron Saint of Cornwall and St Piran's Day is traditionally celebrated worldwide on 5 March each year.

Thu 5 March: Cornish flag raising ceremony at Victoria Square in front of the Town Hall followed by a Cornish Pasty lunch, speaker and displays at Skipton Street UC Hall

Fri 6 March: Bus tour to Creswick

Sat 7 March: Afternoon – Assembly of Australian Bards will gather for a Bardic Ceremony conducted in Cornish. Evening – St Piran's Day Dinner at Barkly's Restaurant, corner Barkly Street and Main Road, Ballarat

Sun 8 March: Morning – Heritage Church Service at Skipton Street UC followed by morning tea.

Afternoon – Walking/driving tour of Mt Pleasant

For more info contact robyncoates@hotmail.com

The Ballarat Begonia Festival is held on the same weekend, so if you intend to attend, you will need to book accommodation soon.

Visitors

Since moving to Ballarat we have greeted many visitors from interstate. More than we would have had in Narre Warren. In mid July my fourth cousin from Perth and his wife assisted in finding a grave that Geoff wished to see. We had a lovely morning tea and discussed the Goldsmith family for several hours. Geoff is very interested in DNA and he and

his wife travelled to the 3-day DNA conference in Sydney. Another fourth cousin from the UK plans to visit Melbourne later this year, which is exciting.

In late July my 3rd cousin once removed, Jan and her husband, David, travelled from Adelaide with their daughter. Years ago David had spent many hours transcribing the diary of our first ancestor who arrived in Melbourne in 1849. The diary covers the first few years of the life of Thomas Barnett and his family in Melbourne. David handed the diary to me for safe keeping and sometime in the future it will go to the State Library of Victoria where other family documents are located.

Another friend from Adelaide arrived in late August. Great to see Trevor, an old friend from our Gippsland days. However, Robert, in helping him push his car off the side of the road after it broke down, tripped and fell, and chipped a bone in his wrist. The plaster has just been removed today, six weeks later.

In early October our son Marcus and his wife Channelle arrived from Fiji to celebrate my birthday.

During the same week two second cousins once removed and their families came to Ballarat to walk in the footsteps of our Eddy-Lovell ancestors. This was a great morning and we wished we had more time to spend with them.

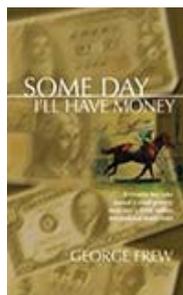
We have lovely photos from all the visits to add to our family album.

Di Christensen

New in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room

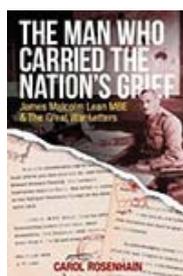
Casey Cardinia books

- * 150 Years Faith Journey Berwick Church of Christ
- * Lest we forget: marking the centenary of the armistice in Pakenham
- * Some day I'll have money: The story of George Frew



Other books

- * Cohuna district: the war years 1939-1945
- * Cohuna and district pioneers pre 1900 Volume 1
- * Tyntynder homestead: a short history
- * The man who carried the nations grief: James Malcolm Lean MBE
- * Ballarat: the formative years
- * The Hempen collar: executions in South Australia 1838-1964



Magazines and journals

- * *Who Do You Think You Are* Apr 2019
- * *The South Australian Genealogist* May 2019
- * *The Genealogist* June 2019
- * *Irish Roots* No 110 Issue 2 2019
- * *Tasmania Ancestry* Volume 40 No 1
- * *Western Australian Journal* Volume 14 No 6
- * *The Pivot Tree* No 140 & No 142 July 2019
- * *Ancestor* Volume 34
- * *Genealogists' Magazine* June 2019
- * *Victorian Historical Journal* 291 Volume 90
- * *Family Tree* April 2018 & August 2018
- * *Gipps-Land Gate* Volume 47 April 2019
- * *Family History Monthly* 1996 to 2012

Moreyn Dimsey

News from the Lorraine Taylor Research Room

Thank you

Over the past months we have said goodbye to two of our volunteers – Bev Lambie and Brenda Wheeler. On behalf of the committee I wish to thank them for their years of volunteering, always ready to greet members and visitors with a smile and some useful tips for researching. Best wishes for the future.

Research Room volunteers' morning tea

In late January all research room volunteers are invited to attend a morning tea. The purpose of the morning is to discuss procedures in the research room and to answer any queries volunteers may have. You can choose which day suits you.

The information sessions will be held in Lorraine Taylor Research Room 10.30 am to 12 noon on

Tuesday 21 January 2020

Saturday 25 January 2020

Tuesday 28 January 2020

We would welcome any of our members who would like to become a volunteer in the research room as 'many hands make light work'. Please contact the research room manager for further details.

Anne Blair

Welcome to our new members

Gillian Day, Judy Grant, Jude Harris, Ellen Uren, Sue and Kerry Zimmerman

Research Room Roster

Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.

December 2019	
11 am-3 pm	
Tue 3	Moreyn Dimsey Wendy Goodwin
Sat 7	CLOSED Christmas Lunch
Tue 10	Anne Blair Jane Rivett-Carnac
Research Room closed until 4 February 2020	

February 2020	
11 am-3 pm	
Tue 4	Fay McCoubrie Wendy Goodwin
Sat 8	Kerryn Maxwell Pat Sherwell
Tue 11	Anne Blair Maureen Abbott
Sat 15	Eileen Durdin Robyn Jones
Tue 18	Moreyn Dimsey Barbara Sharp
Sat 22	Lyne McGregor Hellen Kemp
Tue 25	Jane Rivett-Carnac Maureen Stagg
Sat 29	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan

Many family history resources are free

Here is a selection of mainly English and Irish sites.

Family Search Covers baptisms, marriages, some deaths and some census <https://www.familysearch.org> Click on 'search', boxes will appear, type in name, country, county.

<https://www.freeukgenealogy.org.uk/> has the following sites:

Free BMD <https://www.freebmd.org.uk/> Covers births, marriages and deaths. Click 'search', boxes will appear, select either birth, death, marriage. Narrow your search by selecting individual counties.

To find mother's maiden name or age at death for earlier records go to <https://www.gro.gov.uk>

Free CEN <https://www.freecen.org.uk/> covers census years 1841 to 1891.

Free REG <https://www.freereg.org.uk/> provides free baptism, marriage, and burial records extracted

from parish registers or non-conformist records.

Burials <http://www.interment.net> has burials from many places. Hope that your area of interest is there.

Parish Records To find county parish records, you need to know which county your parish is in. Search directly e.g. parish records minehead somerset england.

<https://www.genuki.org.uk/big/OPC> has a list of counties where "online parish clerks" have been transcribing parish registers.

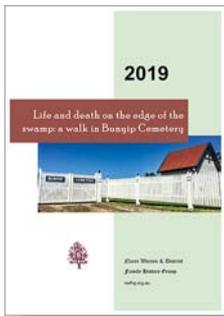
Irish BMD are available at <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie> Many of the records on this site have an accompanying image.

All these sites will often have several choices click on each till you find the one that suits you best.

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Publications for sale

Life and death on the edge of the swamp: a walk in Bunyip Cemetery (2019)



It is one hundred and thirty-three years since ten acres were set aside for a cemetery at Bunyip, however, the official burial register didn't begin until 1894 when six year old William Henry Barnes was buried. Nineteen of the first twenty recorded burials were of children. We believe the first actual burial to take place here was of Henry Manley in August 1886 – his story is featured in this book.

Thirty-one more stories of life and death on the swamp are also told in the book. Elisha Grose, winner of the second Stawell Gift is buried here in an unmarked grave, as is Mary Clifford, a poor deserted child of fourteen years of age who met a cruel and untimely death. As did Catherine O'Donohue while out collecting for charity and Elizabeth Gallaher who died while pregnant with her eighth child. Maria Little's life was cut short while on a bus tour, and Joseph Henderson lost his life at Garfield railway station in 1915.

We also have stories of triumph over tragedy and adversity like returned soldier Edwin Hobson, or the incredible story of how John Mannix overcame a horrific childhood and ultimate desertion by his mother to make a better life for himself and his family at Iona. William Rogers also had a rough start in life, sent to Canada as a Home Child at ten years of age with his seven year old brother Augustus. William eventually came to Australia as an adult and made a wonderful life for himself and his family.

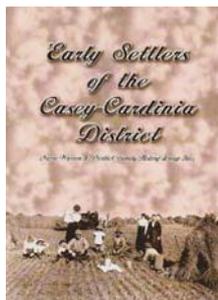
There is an eclectic mix of stories about well-known identities who appear in published histories and are fortunate to have headstones marking their final resting place and stories of people long forgotten, whose only trace is an entry in the register.

\$15 + \$8 postage + handling

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District (2010)

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. Detailed biographies give an insight into the early days of many Casey Cardinia families and individuals.

\$30 + \$13.80 postage + handling



World War 1 walk cemetery books

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

Stories of 98 soldiers from the Lang Lang district and the 48 families who waved goodbye to them and prayed for their safe return. 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.

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

We tell the stories of courage and sacrifice of 111 men and one woman with Cranbourne area connections.

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

This book contains 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.

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

Includes stories of sets of brothers, a father and his son, a nurse and a sailor along with two Indigenous soldiers. Soldiers who received awards, 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.

100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery (2015)

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.

each book \$20 + \$13.80 postage + handling

Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery (2016)

Abounds with 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

Kindred Spirits. NW&DFHG 1989 – 2009

\$25 + \$13.80 postage + handling

Cemetery Tour booklets

Pakenham (2011), Cranbourne (2012), Lang Lang (2013) \$10 each

Berwick (2014), Pakenham (2015) \$15 each

Add \$8 for postage + handling.

More details, order forms and indexes are available on our website at nwfhg.org.au/publications-2/