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Seventy years at Melbourne General Cemetery The Clowes family

Norfolk solicitor Edward Clowes and his wife Rebecca had nine children, eight sons and a daughter. In June 1840 three of the sons, Thomas, Robert and Obadiah Henry Clowes boarded the *London* disembarking in Melbourne on 18 October 1840.

In 1846, the youngest of the Clowes brothers, Joseph, accompanied Miss Louisa Tubbs to Melbourne on the *Achilles* disembarking on 21 November. Five days later Louisa married her fiancé, Thomas Clowes, in the first recorded wedding at the Baptist Chapel, Collins Street.¹

Thomas, in partnership with his brothers, took up a large property, 'Woodside', in the Mount Macedon area. While all four brothers resided there at different times, Robert and Obadiah later returned to live in England, while Joseph went on to lead a very different life in Melbourne.

The Melbourne Hospital opened on 15 March 1848 in a two-storey building on the corner of Lonsdale and Swanston Street with ten beds.² Later that year Joseph was appointed resident apothecary. He also had the role of hospital secretary. Every week, the secretary supplied a report to the local papers detailing admissions and discharges. He supervised



The Melbourne Hospital

Image: State Library of Victoria H16995

tenders for supplies, and was sometimes called on to give evidence at coroners' inquests.³

In February 1849 Marion Allingham commenced duty as matron. Both the matron and the apothecary lived at the hospital and romance soon blossomed. On 17 July 1849 the couple married at the Wesleyan Church, one block east of the hospital in Lonsdale Street.⁴

In June 1850 *The Argus* reported that Joseph

³ *The Argus* 6 December 1849, p 2
Melbourne Daily News, 1 January 1850, p 2

⁴ Wade, Chris. (29 August 2013). Love and larceny at the Melbourne Hospital. *State Library Victoria*. <https://blogs.slv.vic.gov.au/such-was-life/love-and-larceny-at-the-melbourne-hospital/>

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Save the dates!

**We are celebrating
our 35th birthday
on Saturday,
18 May 2024**

**Fun Researching Family
& Local Histories:**

Visit the Lorraine Taylor Research
Room for free 13 to 17 May 2024



11 am
to 2 pm



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Lorraine Taylor 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 (entry through Cranbourne Library).

Opening Hours for Research

Tuesday and Saturday 11 am to 2 pm

Casual visitors \$5 per day

Research room phone number: (03) 5995 3032

NW&DFHG is a member of:

Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group	The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledge the assistance and support of Connected Libraries and the City of Casey.
Genealogical Society of Victoria	
South Eastern Historical Association Inc.	
Royal Historical Society of Victoria	

Meetings

October - April: 7.30 pm
3rd Wednesday of the month
(no meeting in January)

May - September: 2.00 pm
3rd Saturday of the month.

Membership

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

Membership Renewal

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

Bank: National Australia Bank

Branch: Fountain Gate

BSB: 083 802

Account No: 539450013

Please don't forget to use your name as a reference.

Please email a copy of your renewal form to the Membership Officer.

Research Queries

We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Research Room personally, but please note that we can only research our own holdings and those of the local municipal libraries. The cost for this service is \$20 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

NW&DFHG Catch-ups



Meet with other members and friends for a social chat and a bite on the last Sunday of the month at 10 am

next catch-up

*25 Feb 2024 – Butler's Kitchen –
55 Victor Crescent, Narre Warren*

31 Mar 2024 – No catch-up – Easter Sunday

*28 Apr 2024 – Matilda's –
121 Grices Road, Clyde North*

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President's report

2023 was a great year; we welcomed new members and had many interesting speakers. We finished on a high with Kerry the Christmas Elf taking us all on a trip down memory lane back to our childhood of games, toys and laughter. She also sent each of us home with a Christmas plant. My Christmas miracle is that the plant is still alive, I'm known to have a black thumb.

The project team have been meeting on Wednesdays for the past twelve months and they love their work so much they continued to meet through January. If you would like to help out this fabulous team talk to Eileen Durdin or Lynne Bradley, it's a great way to learn new skills.

The cemetery tour team had their first meeting for the next walk last November and have started the preliminary work towards a walk at Emerald Cemetery in October 2024. If you're interested in joining this team and working on your research skills at the same time talk to Lyne McGregor or Lynne Bradley.

In 2023 Bob Neal and the sausage sizzling team, held two very successful sausage sizzle days at Bunnings Clyde North. Bob has confirmed we will be at Bunnings on Saturday 23 March 2024. Fund raising is important for our group so please consider helping for two hours on the day. Any funds raised go towards keeping our group financial and buying new resources for the room.

In 2023 Heather Arnold and I held monthly family history talks at the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical

Society Museum. They were popular and enjoyable. This year the history talks will be held at a new venue – we will be hosted by the Berwick Pakenham Historical Society in the old Berwick Shire Hall at 85 Princes Highway (enter via service road at James Street) Pakenham. They are on the third Thursday every month at 11 am. The first talk, 'Beginning Family History', is on Thursday 15 February. The second, 'Local History Societies, RHSV, SLV and more for family and local history' is on Thursday 21 March.

Over four consecutive Wednesdays in March I will be presenting a series of talks relating to beginning family history. They are for an hour at 11 am, in the Cranbourne Library meeting room. Hosted by Kate Davis our local history librarian and Connected Libraries, it's free but you need to book online via the library webpage. See page 4.

On Sunday 21 April from 10 am to 2 pm we will participate along with other groups from the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group and our local history librarians from Cranbourne and Pakenham in the National Trust Heritage Festival as we showcase Casey Cardinia Connections at the Senior Citizens Centre, High Street Berwick.

On Saturday 18 May we will celebrate our thirty-fifth birthday and in conjunction with the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival the Lorraine Taylor Research Room will be open for free for five days Monday 13 May to Friday 17 May 11 am to 2 pm. Visitors, members and past members most welcome.

I hope you all had a restful break and I look forward to another great year of laughter, friendships and success in researching.

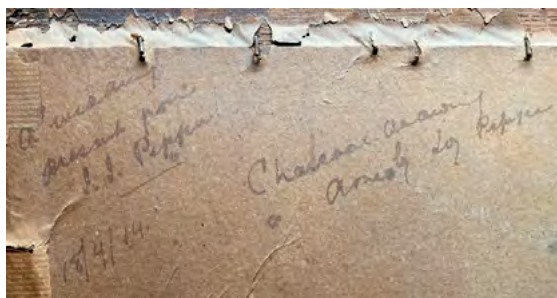
Jane Rivett-Carnac

Two “100 year coincidences” for the Dougherty Clan

Coincidence No 1

While enjoying a meal with friends in our home in Cranbourne, there was a loud bang, so I went to investigate. An old charcoal drawing, in a large wooden frame, had fallen down the wall and came to rest on the floor. It could not fall any further so I went back to the table and continued to enjoy the evening.

When our friends were leaving, my girlfriend (in a wheelchair) asked me to show her the drawing that had fallen earlier. I held it up for her to see, which meant that I was looking at the back of the frame for the first time ever.



Written on the back cover were:

A wedding present from I. I. Pepper 18/4/1914

Charcoal drawing done by Ivy Pepper

What the amazing coincidence was that the drawing had fallen off the wall on 18 April 2014 – exactly 100 years from the date of my grandmother's wedding. Ivy Pepper had given the drawing to her sister – my grandmother – for a wedding present, 100 years earlier.

And one hundred years to the day, it fell from the wall!!!

An amazing coincidence!!!

Coincidence No 2

The Dougherty Clan holds a gathering on Melbourne Cup Day – a tradition that has been going on for at least 45 years. At the Annual Dougherty Cup Day Gathering last year – 2023 – yet another 100 year coincidence happened.



Robert had made up copies of a small booklet titled “Mick Dougherty” for distribution to family members of the Dougherty Clan. He was telling the group that he had copies for everybody to distribute to their families. This began a discussion and sharing of knowledge about Mick Dougherty, the great-grandfather or the great-great-grandfather of many at the gathering.

Mick was a stagecoach driver who travelled from Wangaratta to Omeo via Mt Hotham. Emma, one of the great-great-grandchildren, knew that Mick had died 100 years ago in 1923. When she read this book, she recalled that he had died of pneumonia just a few short days after the 1923 Melbourne Cup. He had been very keen to go to the Melbourne Cup so he travelled down from Wangaratta to Melbourne, went to the cup, developed pneumonia and died in Melbourne. He was then buried in the Fawkner Cemetery.

It soon became clear to us all gathered for the 2023 Melbourne Cup Day, that it was 100 years since Mick came to the 1923 Melbourne Cup and we had 30 of his direct descendants gathered together and talking about Mick Dougherty exactly 100 years later on Melbourne Cup Day 2023.

What a coincidence!!

Mary Neal nee Dougherty

Family history skills course

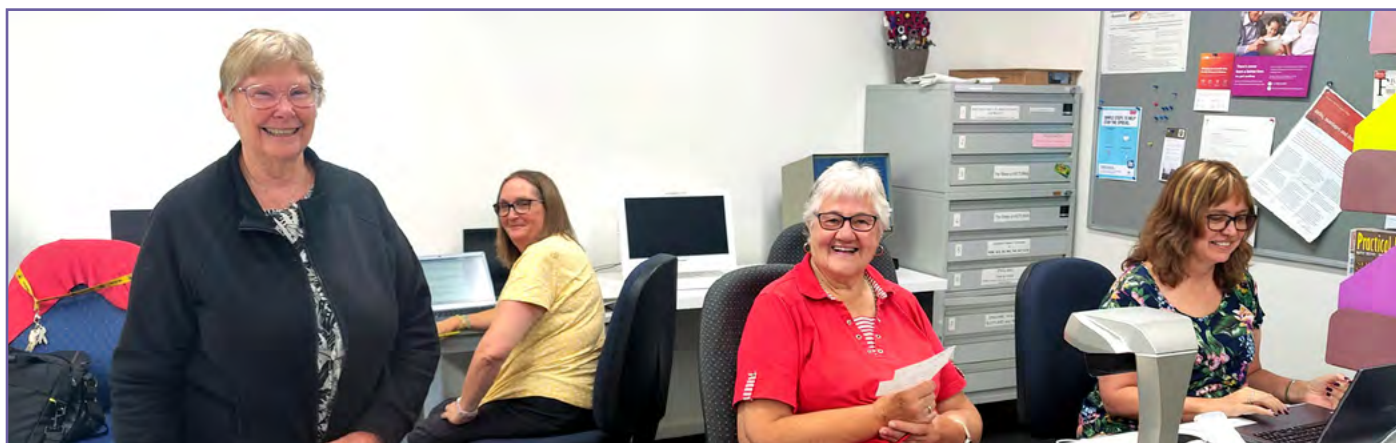
Free family history course for those just starting or as a refresher for those with some experience. Jane Rivett-Carnac, president of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, presents this course over four consecutive Wednesdays: 6, 13, 20, 27 March 2024 at 11 am.

Each session will be held in the Cranbourne Library

meeting room, and lasts an hour, including time for questions.

Topics covered: where to start, record keeping, primary and secondary records, pitfalls and sorting fact from fiction, free resources, it's not all online and where to get help.

Bookings events.ccl.vic.gov.au/event?id=42922



Fun researching family & local histories

We want to celebrate our 35th birthday anniversary and the Australian Heritage Festival by holding open days in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room.

If you are just beginning your family history, maybe you have come up against some brick walls with a certain relative, or you want to research some people in the Casey Cardinia area, come along and

our volunteers will assist you with your research enquiries.

Open Days:

Monday to Friday – 13 to 17 May – 11 am to 2 pm

Bookings required:

Eileen Durdin – secretary@nwfhg.org.au



Mrs George Rae and Mrs Crothers returning from Dandenong Market c1942

The Max Thomson Collection

Over the Christmas break the Project Team have finished the arduous task of processing the Max Thomson Photograph Collection so that the photographs can be viewed by members and visitors to the Lorraine Taylor Research Room. There are nearly 700 photographs, some going



Berwick Water Tower construction 1926

back to the late 19th century of Narre Warren North, Narre Warren, Harkaway, and the Berwick area. It has taken 10 years to complete the project. When you see how many great photos there are and the information about each of them, you will appreciate the time that it has taken.

Eileen Durdin

Some collection facts

Max Thomson signed a collection agreement with the Narre Warren & District Family History Group on 19 March 2013 – on 31 January 2024 the project was completed for display.

There are:

732 photographs in the Max Thomson Collection; the earliest photograph dates from c1888, the latest from c2001

202 photos with all people identified

334 photos with at least one person unidentified

43 photos with a crowd of people in them

117 photos with no people in them



Berwick Shire Road Plant c1914

106 photos contain Scouts, Guides, Cubs, and Brownies

118 photos show pupils from Beaconsfield State School, Berwick State School, Hallam Valley State School, Harkaway State School, Narre Warren North State School, or Narre Warren State School

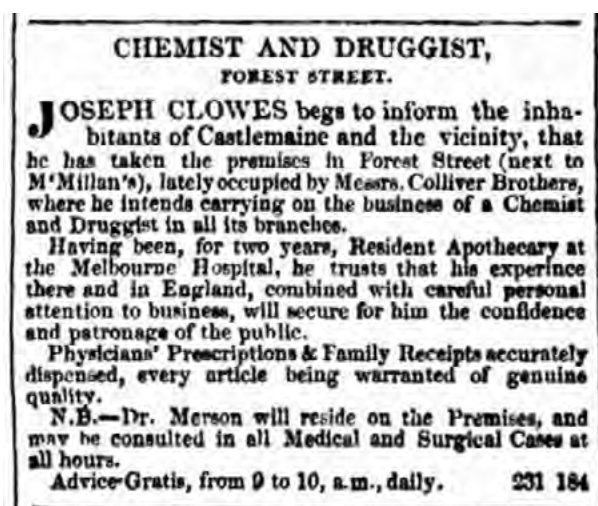
Early photographs include the pioneering families of Rae, a'Beckett, Robinson, Moysey, Edebohls, Aurisch, Meyer, Kirkham, Miles, Montague, Randle, Wanke, Webb

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Clowes had resigned his situation as apothecary. He continued to be involved with the hospital as a member of the Committee of Management until at least the end of 1851.⁵

Joseph and Marion's first child, a daughter named Australia died when she was six months in 1851. Over the following years two sons, Joseph Henry and Edward Norris, and daughter Marian Emily were born in Melbourne. Between 1861 and 1866 the births of three more sons were registered in Castlemaine, George Alfred Gerald, Arthur Le Froy and Ernest William Hill.

From 1856 onwards, Joseph placed advertisements in the *Mount Alexander Mail* declaring that he intended carrying on a business as chemist and druggist in Castlemaine.⁶ His shop also carried vegetable seeds.



In 1861 the Victorian Government Gazette confirmed that Joseph was appointed acting clerk of Petty Sessions at Newstead starting on 13 November 1861,⁷ he resigned this position in May 1866. Joseph was also involved with the Castlemaine Benevolent Asylum, as the honorary secretary, collecting and recording donations, while Marion was employed as a sewing mistress at the local school from 1 December 1861, she resigned in May 1866.⁸

Return to Melbourne

In 1866 Joseph and his family moved back to Melbourne, where Joseph, now forty-six years old, was appointed resident clerk in 1866 at Melbourne General Cemetery in Carlton, a position he would hold for thirty-five years. His salary in his first year was £217/13/4 as recorded in the yearly financials for the cemetery.⁹ In December 1861 it was ruled

that all cemetery employees work a twelve-hour day from 6 am to 6 pm with two hours for meals.

The Melbourne General Cemetery formally opened in June 1853. The Board of Trustees represented the religious denominations and was also directly based on the membership of Victoria's Denominational School Board.¹⁰ When planning for the new cemetery in Carlton began in 1849, it was envisaged that it would combine a burial ground and public garden. The Melbourne Botanical Gardens supplied the ornamental trees, flowers, plants and shrubs. However, it wasn't until the 1860s that the large specimen and perimeter trees were selected and planted under the direction of the Government botanist, Baron Ferdinand von Mueller. In 1873 the head gardener C Hodgkins removed most of von Mueller's trees and by the 1920s most of the cemetery had lost its park like quality.¹¹

The cemetery had four lodges – one each for the resident clerk, the sexton, the gatekeeper and the head gardener. Joseph as clerk was responsible for collecting and accounting for cemetery revenue and keeping the appropriate records. Although it was not part of his job, he also collected clergymen's burial fees and distributed them.¹² In May 1876 the trustees ruled that 'no officer of the trustees could collect minister's fees at the cemetery'.

In 1872 when an undertaker conducted a graveside service and possibly pocketed the clergyman's fee, Joseph, as the resident clerk, was instructed not to allow such occurrences. In 1875 he was told by the trustees to not allow any burials in the Presbyterian portion except those of Presbyterians. This ruling came about because the undertaker who held the government contract for the burial of paupers, lunatics and wards of the state, buried almost all his charges in Presbyterian ground.¹³

The sexton was responsible for the labourers who dug the graves and filled them in, while the gardener was responsible for the upkeep of the grounds. The gatekeeper had the role of excluding unruly members of the public, vehicles other than hearses and mourning coaches, clergymen on horseback, stray cows, women with prams, unsupervised children, undertakers without appropriate death certificates, cab drivers in search of customers and other suspicious characters. He also locked and unlocked the gates at sunset and sunrise and ensured that horses attached to undertakers' vehicles kept to a walk. In the 1870s and 1880s supporters of Carlton football matches at Princes Park caused an issue for staff

5 *The Argus*, 29 January 1852, p 2

6 *Mount Alexander Mail*, 10 October 1856, p 1

7 *Victoria Government Gazette*, 26 November 1861, p 2278

8 Public Record Office Victoria, teacher record M Clowes VPRS 13579/P1

9 *Victoria Government Gazette*, 13 September 1867, p 1728

10 *The Melbourne General Cemetery* by Don Chambers p 13

11 *Cemeteries our heritage* by Celestina Sagazio p 50

12 *The Melbourne General Cemetery* by Don Chambers p 136

13 *The Melbourne General Cemetery* by Don Chambers p 146

and trustees, because of unruly behaviour and people taking shortcuts through the cemetery to attend matches. Their 'wicked ways' caused the gatekeeper to lock the gates as they had been breaking shrubs, scattering flowers, using vile words and wanton vandalism.¹⁴

Joseph, Marion and their six children, aged from one to fourteen, moved into the West Lodge in the cemetery. It wasn't until 1869 that their residence had a bathroom installed.¹⁵

The younger boys had the children of the head gatekeeper Michael Brennan to play with, while their sister was probably expected to help her mother and tend to their small vegetable plot.

The first member of the Clowes family buried in the Melbourne Cemetery was their eldest son Joseph, who accidentally drowned in 1881. He was buried in the Wesleyan section D grave 25-26. Sadly, in 1886 his young son Robert died of burns and was buried with his father.¹⁶ Marion Clowes died at home on 24 January 1890 and was buried with her son and grandson. Joseph applied to administer Marion's estate – she had property in her own right in Mordialloc and Castlemaine that she had purchased with an inheritance from her brother's estate in Ireland.¹⁷ Ten years, on 1 August 1901, later her husband Joseph died in the South Lodge. He was also buried in the family grave. Sadly, their grave has no headstone.¹⁸

In March 1904, when the cemetery closed for sales of new graves, the trustees passed a resolution that the resident clerk, G Clowes, the assistant clerk WE Clowes, as well as the sexton, the head gardener and the head gatekeeper each be granted one family grave allotment free of charge in recognition of service.¹⁹

George Alfred Gerald Clowes, who had taken over his father's position as resident clerk, died on 21 June 1915, leaving a wife and three young daughters. He had been employed by the cemetery more than forty years. The role of resident clerk lapsed in 1915 and the secretary took over much of the work. Marian Clowes manned the front desk and kept routine records and a junior girl was in



*Entrance to Melbourne Cemetery c1870-1890
Image: State Library of Victoria H2005.34/229*

charge of the cash book. After George's death the secretary moved into his residence. It's not clear what happened to George's wife and children. His death led to the trustees bringing electric light into the offices. George could put his hands on anything in the dark storeroom, but his successors could not. In March 1916 electricity came to the various cemetery cottages, the bills being paid by the occupants.

In July 1933, when Ernest William Clowes the youngest of the sons died, he was noted as having lived at the Lodge in Melbourne General Cemetery. He is also buried in the Wesleyan E section 780A, in an unmarked grave.

Miss Marian E Clowes had been employed in the cemetery office from 1889 and became senior clerk, assisted in the office by her niece Miss Alice M Clowes, the second daughter of George Clowes. Marian Clowes suffered a serious accident in August 1932 and did not properly recover. She was relieved of her senior clerk duties in June 1933, continuing in a supervisory capacity for three months.²⁰ She died at the South Lodge on 19 December 1935, and is buried with her parents.

In May 1940, when the secretary WE Pratt died, he was replaced by Miss Alice Clowes. Alice had taken over the senior clerk's role from her aunt Marian. Alice married Richard Wettenhall in 1941, before retiring in 1942. Her resignation ended the relationship between the Melbourne General Cemetery and the Clowes family that spanned three generations and 70 years.

When Alice died in 1995 she was also buried in the Wesleyan section of the Melbourne General Cemetery. The two other sons, Edward and Arthur Clowes and their wives are buried elsewhere.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

14 *Melbourne General Cemetery* by Don Chambers p 156

15 *Melbourne General Cemetery* by Don Chambers p 40

16 Public Record Office Victoria. Inquest deposition files, JH Clowes VPRS 24/P0 1881/547, RH Clowes VPRS 24/P0 1886/768

17 Public Record Office Victoria. Wills and Probate, Grant of Administration M Clowes VPRS 28/P0 41/651

18 *The Argus*, 2 Aug 1901, p 1

19 *Melbourne General Cemetery* by Don Chambers p 177

20 *Melbourne General Cemetery* by Don Chambers p 200

Ballarat Briefings

Buninyong Library

This library is located at 408 Warrenheip Street, Buninyong and opens between 11-2 each day, but not on the 1st or 3rd Saturday of the month. It also operates as the town's visitor information centre.

It is run by about 15 volunteers of the Buninyong Library Trust. The trust is the custodian of the Buninyong Cemetery Trust's records where you can search for the location of graves. Helpful volunteers assisted my second cousin in locating the grave of our ancestor's brother, and it was discovered that another brother was buried in the same grave. He had died in South Melbourne.

Books by local authors are sold here and there is much historical information stored in this building, including family histories.

The volunteers say that it is amazing how many people had relatives who once lived in Buninyong. My great-grandparents were married in the Buninyong Presbyterian church on 27 March 1879 by the Rev Thomas Hastie.

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Email bunlibtrust@gmail.com

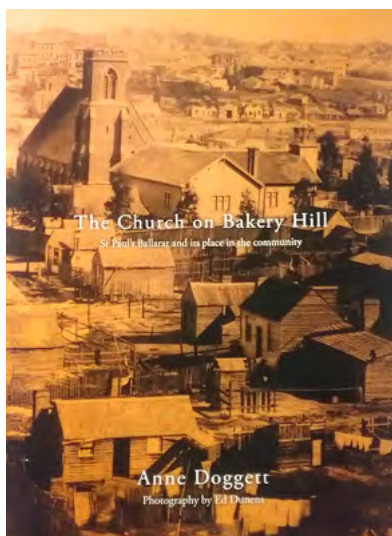
St Paul's Church, Bakery Hill

On Sunday evening at 5 pm on 11 February, St Paul's church is celebrating its 170th year.

The first full time incumbent, Rev'd James Thackeray was appointed in 1854. The first services were held under a tree or in a small wooden canvas structure.

Many Cornish families attended

St Paul's for baptisms, weddings and funerals. I have lost count of how many of my families were connected to St Paul's; I was baptised there. The history of the church was written several years ago by Anne Doggett *The Church on Bakery Hill – St Paul's Ballarat and its place in the community*.



Ballarat Gold Museum

There has been much talk on Facebook this week about the Ballarat Gold Museum, adjacent to Sovereign Hill. Many millions of tourists have visited the Gold Museum since it was opened by the Hon RJ Hamer, E.D MP on Sunday 3 December 1978.



Image: www.sovereignhill.com.au

Visitors to the Gold Museum have recently discovered that it is no longer open to casual visitors. If there is a specific historical item you wish to look at, you need to apply in writing to do so. Their website states:

The Gold Museum is closed and has transformed into the Australian Centre for Gold Rush Collections and the Australian Centre for Rare Arts & Forgotten Trades.'

It is not good that the public no longer has access to the items and photos donated by the public in the past. It is extremely sad that Ballarat, founded on gold, and the most historical city in Australia, has no historical museum like we had in the years before the Gold Museum opened to such promise.

www.sovereignhill.com.au/experiences/australian-centre-for-gold-rush-collections/

www.raretradescentre.com.au/

Di Christensen

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Please help!

Saturday, 23 March 2024

Bunnings Clyde North Store, 46S Hamersley Drive, Clyde North (near corner of Thompsons Road & Berwick-Cranbourne Road)

This event is an important fundraising activity for the group. Members are encouraged to volunteer for either 2 hours or 4 hours to assist with the activities on the day.

In the past, the event has been a fun day for members to contribute to a successful fundraising event for the group.

Please consider volunteering for either a two or a four hour session by contacting Bob Neal on 0419 103 889.

General Meetings

Conference Room, enter via Casey Radio Entrance,
1/65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne

Change of meeting schedule

As of February 2024 our summer meetings (October to April, except January)
will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

It's not all online

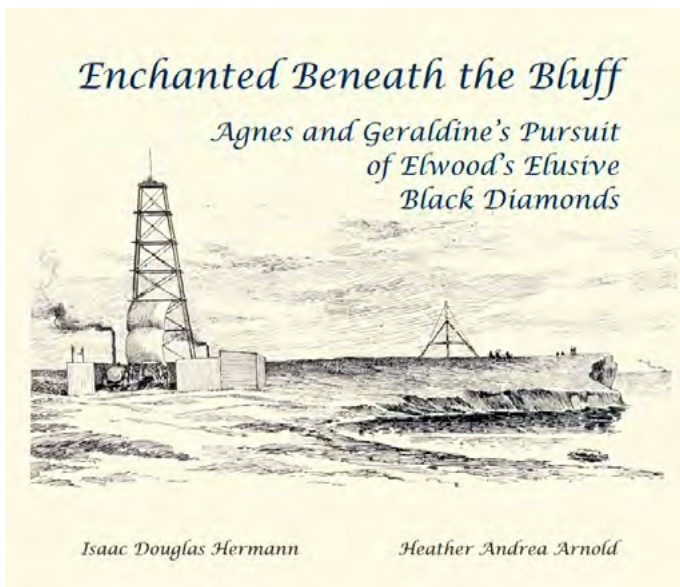
**Wednesday, 21 February 2024, 7.30 pm –
General Meeting**

Our president Jane will share the many avenues of research that are in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room. Learn how to begin your family history and local history research, without using Ancestry or Find My Past, and knock down those brick walls.

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Heather Arnold: Enchanted Beneath the Bluff

**Wednesday, 20 March 2024, 7.30 pm –
General Meeting**



Join us when Heather tells us about the publication of her first book, *Enchanted Beneath the Bluff*. The beautifully illustrated book tells the stories of some very interesting Melbourne women, who lived their lives on their own terms. She will recount some events of the lives of Agnes, Geraldine, and their friends.

Sophie Kuzakov, President of Berwick Pakenham Historical Society: The Usatov Family – From Russia to Australia

**Wednesday, 17 April 2024, 7.30 pm –
General Meeting**

Sophie has a keen interest in family history as a personal hobby. Sophie's talk is about the remarkable story of the Usatov family and their courageous migration from Russia to Australia during the tumultuous era of communism. It will transport you through the historical landscape, tracing the perilous routes taken by the family through Kazakhstan, China, and Hong Kong before finally finding a new home in present-day Australia.

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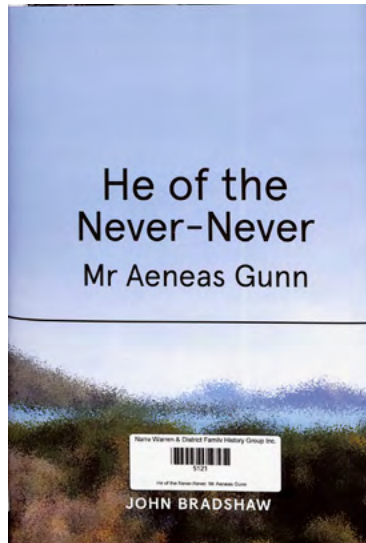
Saturday 18 May 2024 – Our 35th birthday celebrations



New in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room

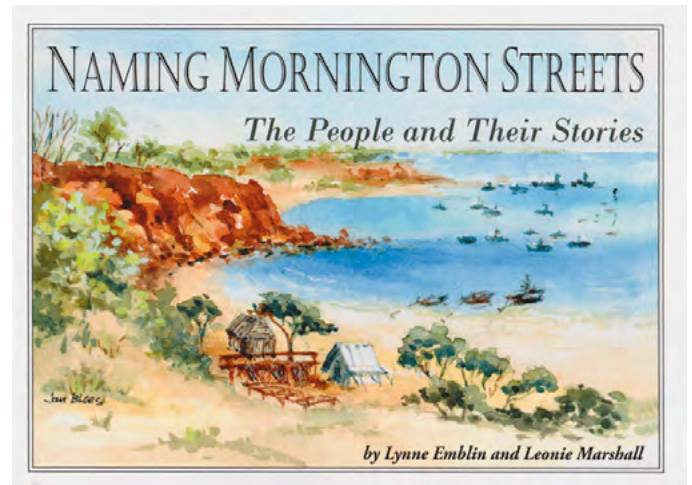
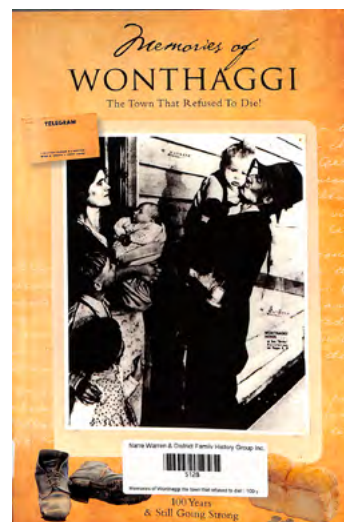
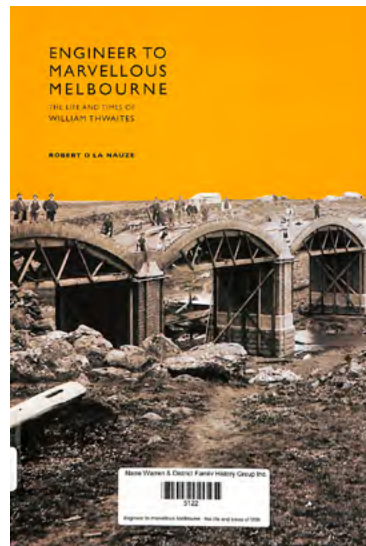
Casey Cardinia Books

- * He of the Never-Never: Aeneas Gunn by John Bradshaw
- * Engineer to marvellous Melbourne: the life and times of William Thwaites by Robert D. LaNauze



Victorian Books

- * Victorian Municipal Directory 1962
- * Secondhand and solid: the story of the building of Wollangarra by Ian Stapleton
- * Social conditions & political life: the colonial experience, Port Phillip district by Peter Frauenfelder
- * Hard to go Bung: World War II soldier settlement in Victoria 1945 – 1962 by Rosalind Smallwood
- * Early pioneer families of Victoria and Riverina by Alexander Henderson
- * Memories of Wonthaggi: the town that refused to die! 100 years and still going strong
- * Out to the Wreck by Joe Chambers



- * Naming Mornington Streets: The people and their stories by Lynne Emblin and Leonie Marshall



Magazines

- * Ancestor Volume 36, No 8 / Dec 2023
- * Family Tree Nov 2023
- * Irish Roots No 128 / Issue 4 2023
- * Tasmanian Ancestry Volume 44 No 3
- * Traces: Uncovering the Past No 25 2023
- * Western Ancestor Volume 15 No 9 2023

Happy Reading

Moreyn Dimsey
Librarian

Spreading Branches May 2024 We would like to read your articles or stories.
Please submit your contributions by 15 April 2024

Lorraine Taylor Research Room Roster

Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am–2 pm

Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.

March 2024			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
		2	Jane Rivett-Carnac Robyn Jones
5	Barbara Sharp John Byrne	9	Lynne Bradley Tracey Roberts
12	Barbara Sharp Eileen Durdin	16	Barbara Sharp
19	Moreyn Dimsey Jane Rivett-Carnac	23	Barbara Sharp Eileen Durdin
26	John Byrne Lynne Bradley	30	Easter Saturday

April 2024			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
2	Fay McCoubrie Eileen Durdin	6	Barbara Sharp Tracey Roberts
9	John Byrne Barbara Sharp	13	Jane Rivett-Carnac Lynne Bradley
16	Moreyn Dimsey Maureen Abbott	20	Robyn Jones Barbara Sharp
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May 2023			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
		4	Tracey Roberts Jane Rivett-Carnac
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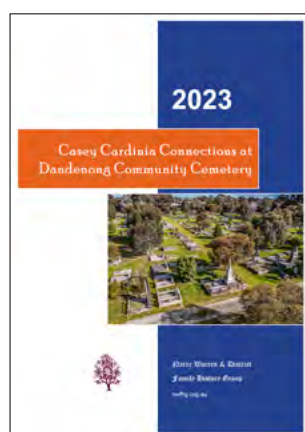
Still more volunteers needed. Welcome to our two new research room volunteers, Tracey Roberts and John Byrne. We still need more volunteers to help out in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room. The times would be once a month on a Tuesday or a Saturday from 11 am – 2 pm.

The volunteers do a great job helping others with their research and at the same time learn where everything is in the room. It is also a good place to meet other members.

There are always two volunteers on duty, so you would never be alone. Please give it a thought. Contact Barbara Sharp research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au

Publications for sale

NEW! Casey Cardinia Connections at Dandenong Community Cemetery (2023)



This year we explored a cemetery a bit further afield at Dandenong. Many people with Casey Cardinia connections are buried at Dandenong. We explored the cemetery's fascinating early history, and the lives of residents, who after living in Narre Warren, Lyndhurst, Hallam, Lang Lang and other places, were buried at Dandenong.

\$20 + \$10.60 postage + handling

Revisiting stories of Berwick Cemetery (2022)

We re-visit fifteen graves at Berwick Cemetery to find out more about the people buried here. They include the families of a publican, a doctor, a policeman and many other pioneers. Some died in tragic circumstances, others after long and fulfilled lives.

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No time to say goodbye: a walk in Cranbourne Cemetery (2022)

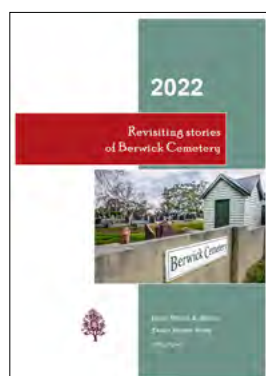
This book tells the stories of twenty-six people who died suddenly, without giving them or their families a chance to say goodbye. Some died in accidents at work or on the road. Others' deaths were caused by unexpected illness, murder or by their own hands.

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

The official burial register of Bunyip Cemetery didn't begin until 1894 when six-year-old William Henry Barnes was buried. Nineteen of the first twenty recorded burials were of children.

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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.

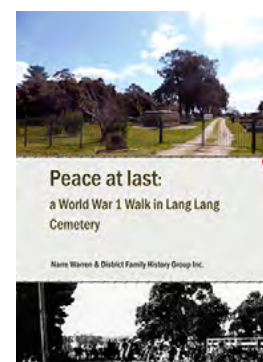
Our volunteers researched and wrote the stories of families that travelled thousands of miles to a country on the other side of the world. A country with people who didn't necessarily speak the same language or held the same beliefs.

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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.



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.

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.

Each book \$25 + \$14.50 postage + handling



Cemetery Tour booklets

Pakenham (2011), Cranbourne (2012), Lang Lang (2013) \$15 each

Berwick (2014), Pakenham (2015) \$20 each

Add \$10.60 for postage + handling.

Other books

Kindred Spirits. NW&DFHG 1989 – 2009

\$25 + \$14.50 postage + handling

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District (2010) \$30 + \$14.50 postage + handling (last copy)

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