

Spreading Branches

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

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The Project Team

What we do?

The Project Team is a very generic name, and it suits our small team as we do a wide range of things to keep the group moving along. We meet every Wednesday from 1 to 4 pm in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room (LTRR).

We started out digitising, transcribing and cataloguing our collections so members and visitors can find and view them to assist with their family and local history research. Our collections include Berwick Ladies Probus Club photo books, Narre Warren North Red Cross Minute Books, Lorraine Taylor Collection, Max Thomson Collection, Oscar Wanke Collection, and the Peter Watson Collection. Our expertise ranges from very little to qualified archivist, but we all pride ourselves in learning and giving everything a go. Most of our work is done on Wednesday afternoons, but we have Lori Barker transcribing the Narre Warren North Red Cross Minute Book 1964 to September 1973 when she comes into the LTRR.

Some of the other things the Project Team have done include putting up all the honour boards in the LTRR at Berwick, a stocktake of our sausage sizzle equipment, and binding cemetery tour books while having heaps of laughs.

Friends of Wilson Botanical Park, Berwick (FWBPB) Digitising Project

In August, the Project Team met with the FWBPB History Group as they were looking for help to digitise their records. At first, we were sceptical if our small group could do such a big project, but after assessing the skills of our team, the equipment we had, and the people who could assist, we decided to give it a go. So, an agreement was drawn up between the two groups, and on 16 October the Project Team started scanning documents and earning money for the group.

The more we met with the FWBPB the more documents and photos they seemed to find, and we realised the enormity of work both groups had to do to complete the project. We were able to digitise all the documents and photos that we were given within the set timeframes. We have enjoyed doing the work and have built up a good rapport between the two groups. We have shared our knowledge on

digitising and cataloguing documents and photos with the FWBPB History Group and we have learnt heaps about doing projects like this.

The first stage of the project is finished and will be starting the next stage shortly. The plan is to have it all completed by 30 June.

Working over the break

By the end of 2024 we had a long list of things that we wanted to achieve for the group, so we all agreed to set aside time in the week of 13 January 2025 to see what we could get done. Some of the things we completed were:

- A stocktake and reorganisation of our books.
- The binding machine was moved to a practical position – the table fitted in between the microfiche drawers and shelving with only one millimetre to spare on either side.
- The cupboards in the storerooms and kitchen were sorted and cleared out.
- Covering and repairing books – this was very challenging as our books are so different in sizes and binding material.

Also, over the Christmas break:

- Marianne Rocke digitised all the Oscar Wanke diaries. There are 14 diaries, covering the years of 1909, 1910, 1917-1928. As they were all written in pencil, the digitising of them was necessary so that we could keep reading them for years to come.
- Lynne Bradley with the help of husband David Allen spent lots of hours working on our network and computers after changing our ISP from Telstra to Aussie Broadband. Fortunately for members and visitors, we will not notice much difference to the internet service, but the switch will save the group money.

Who we are?

The core members of the Project Team are Lynne Bradley, Fay McCoubrie, Moreyn Dimsey, Barbara Sharp, Anne Blair, Marianne Rocke, and Eileen Durdin. We are learning new skills all the time and having lots of fun. Now you know a little bit about us, we welcome you to join us on Wednesday afternoons or maybe you can assist in other ways.

Eileen Durdin



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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.

Opening Hours for Research

Tuesday and Saturday 11 am to 2 pm

Casual visitors \$5 per day

Research room phone number: (03) 8905 4239

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

Coffee Catch-ups

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

Our next few Coffee Catch Ups will be:

Sunday, 30 March

**Matilda's Cafe Woodfired Kitchen & Bar -
121 Grices Road, Clyde North**

Sunday, 27 April

Robby's Cafe - 26 Woods Street, Beaconsfield

Sunday, 25 May

Coffee Bean Café - Strathlea Drive (off Evans Road), Cranbourne West



Disclaimer: Contributions made to this newsletter are accepted in good faith and the Committee does not accept responsibility for accuracy of information of submitted articles nor opinions expressed.

President's report

Since our last newsletter we held a successful sausage sizzle (see page 4) and a few days later we were entertained by Kerryn Maxwell at our Christmas meeting (see page 8) before taking a break over Christmas and New Year.

While some of us relaxed during the holidays, our project team were hard at work reorganising our library shelves, covering books, and tidying up loose ends from our move to Berwick. Our treasurer and technology wiz Lynne saved us some dollars by finetuning our communications and computer network.

We reopened our research room on 1 February, and

had a full house on the first day.

Our plans for 2025 include monthly family history talks and workshops. President of the Koo Wee Rup Historical Society, Heather Arnold, and I will help you every third Thursday of the month with various topics of your choosing (see below). You don't need to be a member to attend these talks, so bring along a friend or a neighbour. We just ask for a gold coin donation or save five dollars off our membership if you join on the day.

We have plans for two cemetery walks this year. The first is a return visit to Pakenham Cemetery on 18 May (see page 5). We are also exploring another walk at Lang Lang in October. If you would like to help out with research, writing, or being a speaker for a cemetery walk you will find it is a great way to work on your skills.

There is always something new to explore in family and local history, so make a list of your brick walls and dead ends and see if you can resolve at least one of them this year. The 1921 England Census is now available on Ancestry and Find My Past. We are an affiliated library with FamilySearch, so make the most of the records you can access at our Lorraine Taylor Research Room.

I'm looking forward to many chats, laughter and joy in 2025.

Happy hunting.

Jane Rivett-Carnac



Getting to know your family history talks & workshops

What topics would you like to find out more about?

All talks and workshops start with a presentation, followed by a short break (BYO lunch; tea and coffee will be provided). After lunch we have time to put into practice what we have learnt.

The topics for each workshop will be guided by your suggestions – for example:

- Researching a specific type of record – for example, shipping records, educational records, land records, service records.
- Researching certain areas – for example, Casey Cardinia area, Tasmania, England.
- Photos and documents – for example, how to store, how to digitise.
- How to use computers – for example, various family history software, using Microsoft and Office software.
- Writing your family history
- Brick walls – anything else to do with genealogy, researching family and local history.

Email your ideas and requests to Jane Rivett-Carnac - president@nwfhg.org.au

Special deal:

Sign up as a member of our group on the day and

membership fees will be discounted by \$5.

Where:

Lorraine Taylor Research Room,
110 High Street,
Berwick

When:

Third Thursday
of the month

at 11 am,

beginning

on 20 February

with 'Discovering your family history through newspapers'

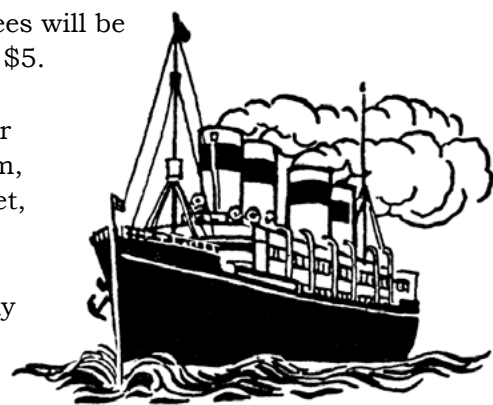
Then Thursday, 20 March, 17 April, 15 May,
19 June, 17 July, 21 August, 18 September,
16 October, and 20 November.

Cost:

Gold coin donation

Bookings:

Jane Rivett-Carnac - president@nwfhg.org.au





Sausage sizzle success

We had another successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Clyde North on Sunday, 15 December 2024. Our profit was \$1,685.82. After a slow start we were inundated with customers during the middle two sessions of the day, and when the weather warmed up the customers slowed down again. We did have a few sausages left over, but they were purchased by guests at our Christmas meeting.

We want to thank the businesses who assisted in our success: Bunnings Clyde North for the opportunity to hold the sausage sizzle; Coles Berwick Central, Coles Eden Rise, Woolworths Casey Central, Woolworths Cranbourne North for vouchers to purchase supplies; Woolworths Selandra Rise for five packs of sausages; and Bakers Delight Stud Park Rowville for 25 loaves of bread at ½ price and 10 loaves free.

A big thank you to Russell Durdin who became our purchasing officer and found all the bargains for our supplies. Thanks to those who made donations to the group to assist in our purchases. Thanks to Val Barnett, Lynne Bradley, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Tracey Roberts, and Eileen Durdin who distributed letters to various Coles and Woolworths stores asking for donations to purchase sausages and

condiments. Thanks to Lynne Bradley, Moreyn Dimsey, Jane Rivett-Carnac, and Eileen Durdin who allowed us to use their eskies to keep sausages and onions at the right temperature, sorry to Moreyn as she was left with the onion smelling esky. Thanks to Kerryn Maxwell, Tracey Roberts, Robyn Jones, Lori Barker, David Allen, Lynne Bradley, Moreyn Dimsey, Grace de Visser, Jenny Bramich, Fay McCoubrie, Marianne Rocke, Jane Rivett-Carnac, and Eileen Durdin who helped on the day. And last, but not least, thank you to Lynne Bradley for taking care of all of the money throughout the whole process.

We do need to hold at least one sausage sizzle a year to cover our operating costs. As you can see there are a lot of jobs that have to be done for a successful sausage sizzle and currently, we don't have a coordinator to organise all these sausage sizzling people. In the past we have left the coordination to one person but realise that a small team of people might be better to share the load, and they would have the full support of the Committee. Please consider this option and let Eileen Durdin know, at secretary@nwfhg.org.au or 0439 720 557, if you and your friends (they must be members of the group) would like to help.

Eileen Durdin

Upcoming General Meetings

at Lorraine Taylor Research Room, 110 High Street, Berwick. Entry fee is \$5 to cover expenses for tea and coffee, speakers, and other meeting operating costs.

March General Meeting

Wednesday, 19 March 2025 – 7.30 pm

Berwick Show – David Spearings

April General Meeting

Wednesday, 16 April 2025 – 7.30 pm

Koo Wee Rup Swamp and the Cunningham Connection – Gerard Cunningham

May General Meeting

Saturday, 17 May 2025 – 2 pm

Local pioneer – Heather Arnold

Indomitable Women – Pakenham Cemetery Tour

Sunday, 18 May 2025

It has been ten years since we remembered twenty-five women who shaped the local community of Pakenham. Join us on a tour of the Pakenham Cemetery as we retell the stories of these women, who came from all walks of life.

Among the graves we visit are those of Shire Secretary, Beatrice Thomas; Margaret Gordon, who died when her cart capsized; six publicans; Polly Smith, who died aged 107 in 1989; Susannah Thompson, who died in childbirth after being administered too much opium; Alison and Kerry Medwin, who lost their lives in the Ash Wednesday Bushfires at Upper Beaconsfield in 1983; and indigenous woman Lucy Pepper, who was denied her wish to be buried near her father at Lake Tyers, Gippsland.

When: Sunday, 18 May 2025, 10 am

Where: Pakenham Cemetery, Corner of Cemetery Road and Thewlis Road Pakenham



Cost: \$10, Children free

Bookings Required:

cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au

Jane Rivett-Carnac - 0412 084 671

For sale

- Black speaker with two microphones. Only one microphone works
\$80 ONO
- Two stands for our speaker. One for the desk (left) **\$10** and one high one for standing (right) **\$25**.



- Food processor purchased in 2015 for \$229. Probably used 6 times.
\$80 ONO



- Sony dsc-hx90v digital still camera. New, never been used. Purchased in 2020 for \$450.
\$225 ONO

Free to a good home

- Brochure stands (pictured right)

Surplus microfiche –

- Victorian death indexes a-z 1941–1950
- Victorian death indexes a-z 1951–1980
- Victorian marriages 1914–1930 (2 sets)
- Victorian pioneer index 1837–1888



All items, pick up at Berwick. Microfiche by arrangement (p&p)

Directions to Galga

When my father, Ron Wanke, was 15 years old he decided he wanted to leave school. This was in 1930, in the Great Depression, and his parents gave him an ultimatum that if he left school, he would have to spend a year working on his Uncle Harry's wheat farm in Galga, South Australia (pictured).

Ron completed his year on the farm and his parents picked him up and brought him back home. Tough love.

In 1933, Ron must have decided to go back to the farm, whether to work or catch up with his uncle, I have no idea. At this stage in his life, Ron was riding a motorbike, so perhaps he made the journey to Galga on one.

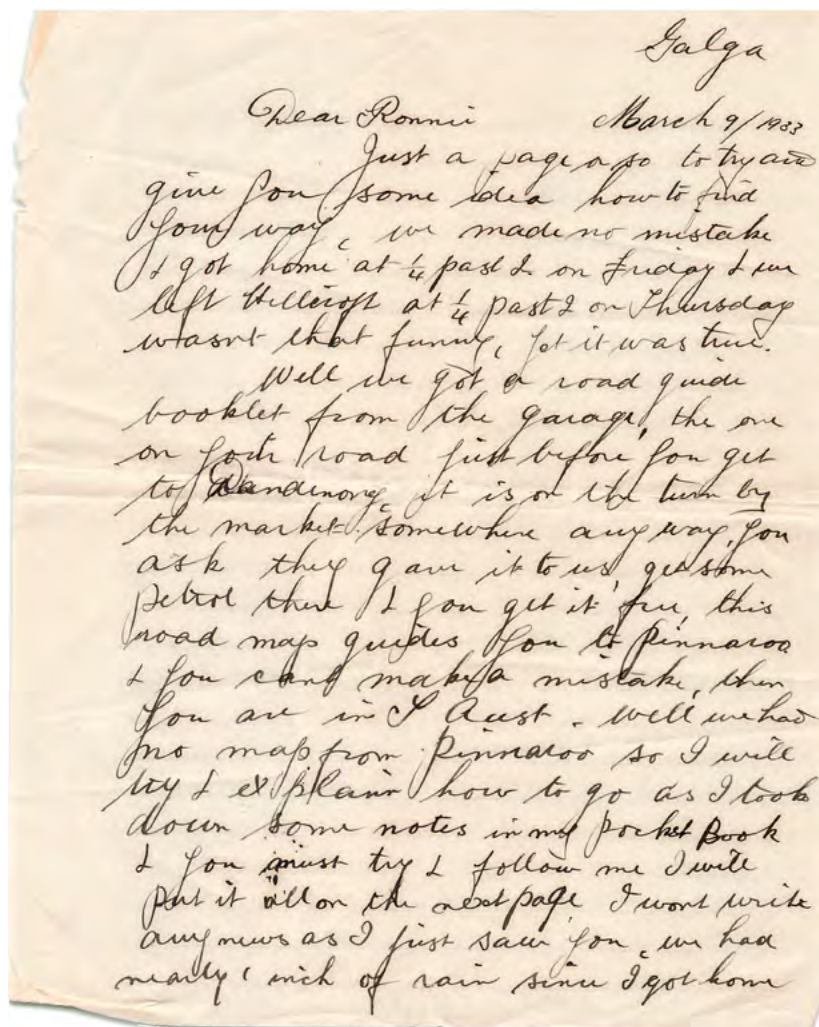
Uncle Harry Wanke, who had made the trip prior, wrote, giving Ron directions in a letter dated 9 March 1933.

"Galga March 9/1933

Just a page or so to try and give you some idea how to find your way. We made no mistake and got home at ¼ past 2 on Friday & we left Hillcroft at ¼ past 2 on Thursday. Wasn't that funny, yet it was true.

Well we got a road guide booklet from the garage, the one on John road just before you get to Dandenong. It is on the turn by the market. Somewhere anyway, you ask they gave it to us. Get some petrol there, you get it free. This road map guides you to Pinnaroo & you can't make a mistake, then you are in S. Aust. Well we had no map from Pinnaroo so I will try to explain how to go as I took down some notes in my pocket book & you must try 2 follow me. I will put it all on the next page. I won't write any news as I shall see you. We had nearly an inch of rain since I got home.

When you get to Pinnaroo you cross over the railway line, east end of the town, take the road to Peebinga. You will see a sign up or ask at some houses when you cross the line if you happen to miss notice. Then you go along about 6 miles, you come to a big Shell Company sign to Peebinga. You then leave the good white road, you then pass town over lines, after a fair distance, the road is not too bad. After you pass the town (little one) you turn to your left and pass a iron hall. Keep on the main track till you come to some pine trees (bush ones) where you will see a funny sort of a well, now don't make a mistake here. You will again see a Shell notice board. Take the road with a short sand hill, past this sign. Keep right on for about 8 miles then turn to the



left by a broken windmill, go about 6 miles, you then come to a good road, cross line & turn left, after about 4 miles you cross line again, then follow the line just the same for 2 miles. You have to cross the line off and on very often, just as the road takes you. You next come to a little town called Mapas? Keep along line again. Next town is called Wanbi, then look at the sign post saying 20 miles to Galga. You get into three roads, leave 2 on the right & take one on the left where telephone line runs along uphill. Continue along, about 10 miles.

When you see another sign post saying 10½ to Galga. I think you will be safe now to find the rest of your way. Anyway you can ask at any house along the road. They will tell you.

I wish you were here now to help with the damn rabbits, they are as thick as bees. Eddie's Dad was pretty wild with him. Never spoke to him for nearly a week after he got home. Ross is going away tomorrow for a bit of a holiday. Carl came home today.

Kind regards to your Mum, Evelyn & Dad from Uncle Harry.

Barbara Sharp



Bleary eyes wide open – unexpected finds

Tip:

Some indices, such as tax and census records are yearly lists of names. When paging through such lists looking for a family of interest, keep an eye out for related people in the same location.

I was paging through hundreds of pages of 1860s tax records in Clark County, Illinois, the period that President Lincoln introduced the first national taxes to pay for the Civil War, starting in 1863. My eyes and brain were looking for the surname of my great great grandfather, Zachariah Whitaker, always only for the W names. I wanted to find evidence of their life in Clark County. Did he own a buggy or a piano, items that were taxed. Cigars? Income? Did he hold a license for something? Own a race horse or a donkey?

After hours of visual scanning these FamilySearch records, my eye caught the name Samuel Stuck because the S names happened to be near the W names on a few pages. I ignored it. Yes, Stuck is the birth name of Zachariah's wife Cassander, and I thought, that's probably one of her relatives. But I let it pass, continuing on my slog looking for Whitaker.

Two days later, after close to 800 pages of scanning and still going, bleary-eyed, disappointed, still no sign of Zach. Where is he? [At this point, I think he just didn't own property that would have attracted the federal tax, or he just didn't file. Oops] But there's Samuel again. OK, Jan, go look him up. Maybe there is a story there. Guess what – I think there was.

Samuel Stuck appears in those tax records in 1864 paying \$16.67 for a Peddler license and \$1.25 for

three slaughtered cattle and one sheep. I can see that this was in Melrose Township, Clark County, the same place the Whitakers were living in the 1860 census. Then by looking in the Family Tree, I found him to be Cassander's uncle, living in Melrose, Clark County. Bingo.

I often wondered why these Whitakers relocated to Melrose Township. The answer could be that Samuel Stuck was already there raising his family. He had married into the Prevo family – Rhoda Prevo in Clark County in 1843. This is likely a case of chain migration away from Sullivan County by both the Stuck sisters with their husbands. I say both because Zach and his brother Nicholas married the Stuck sisters, Cassander (m. 1858) and Sophie (m. 1860), in nearby Sullivan County, Indiana, and both young families moved across the Wabash River to Clark County Illinois, showing up on the 1860 census. It was also about this time that Zach and Nicholas's father Elijah died.

By noticing the presence of someone with a related name and following it up in a reasonably well documented family tree on FamilySearch, I was able to add a hypothesis to answer a why question about two families of my direct ancestors who moved to a new location where three generations lived for almost the next 50 years.

Lesson:

While spending time searching page by page for one name, consider keeping connected names in mind as well.

Jan Whitaker

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.									
LISTED LIST of Persons in the 11th Collection District of the State of Illinois from whom returns have been received, and taxes collected, under the Excise Laws of the United States, including all assessments returned on a special list, and previous thereof as received by R. D. Tolman, Collector, and by him returned to the Assessor of said District, for the month of November, 1864, together with all collections made after allowance, and all allowances received after collection, during the same period.									
Collectors must be particular to fill all the blanks in this form, and number all articles and occupations to correspond with the entry in the Abstract.									
NAME	LOCATION.	ARTICLE OR OCCUPATION.	No. IN ABSTRACT.	QUANTITY.	VALUATION.	RATE OF TAX.	AMOUNT OF TAX UPON PARTICULAR ARTICLE.	TOTAL.	
Stuck Samuel	Melrose	Peddler class 2	225			825	16.67	16.67	
Same	"	Cattle slaughtered	152	3 Head	408		1.20		
Same	"	Sheep	134	1 "	85		.05		

Source: United States, Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-1874

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-L9WS-WRLJ>

Christmas General Meeting

18 December 2024



We held a quick general meeting before getting into the Christmas spirit with fun activities organised by Kerry Maxwell.

Once upon a time why were there always big bad wolves? Kerry gave us a very interesting history lesson about wolves and how they featured in some of our classic fairy tales.



We were given red serviettes and asked to make them into hoods, just like Little Red Riding Hood. I'm not sure who won the best red hood competition, but it did give us a chance to laugh at all the fantastic styles. Then we learnt about the wolf (alias Jane) who scared Little Red Riding Hood, and why the wolf had big eyes to see her with, big ears to hear her with, and big teeth to eat her with.

Kerry recited her own version of the classic fairy tale 'The Wolf and the Seven Little Kids'. The story came to life as Kerry had made a mini forest where the wolf lived. There were toy goats, and real stones that the mother put into the stomach of the sleeping wolf replacing her kids.

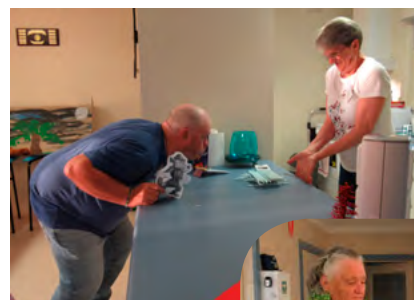


All of us remembered the fairy tale of Three Little Pigs. The first little pig (alias Grace) made a house of straw, the second little pig (alias Tracey) made a house of sticks, and the third little pig (alias Fay) made a house of bricks. And then came along the big bad wolf (alias Scott) and blew down the houses of straw and sticks but couldn't blow down the house of bricks.

Then we all enjoyed a tasty Christmas supper. And before we left, Kerry gave us plants to take home, they were lovely Christmas gifts.

Thank you Kerry for organising another great Christmas meeting that we all enjoyed.

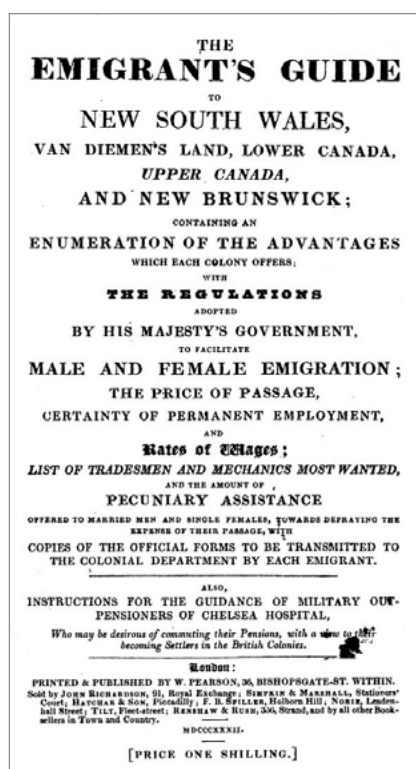
Eileen Durdin



Rabbit holes – again

I was looking for something totally different in the Internet Archive (archive.org), a great place for old books of all sorts] when I merely changed the date range and up pops this:

The emigrant's guide to New South Wales, Van Diemen's Land, Lower Canada, Upper Canada, and New Brunswick : containing an enumeration of the advantages which each colony offers ; with the regulations adopted by His Majesty's Government to facilitate male and female emigration ; the price of passage, certainty of permanent employment, and rates of wages ; list of tradesmen and mechanics most wanted, and the pecuniary assistance offered to married men and single females, towards defraying the expense of their passage, with copies of the official forms to be transmitted to the Colonial Department by each emigrant ; also, instructions for the guidance of military out-pensioners of Chelsea Hospital, who may be desirous of commuting their pensions, with a view to their becoming settlers



in the British colonies by Great Britain. Colonial Land and Emigration Commission

That is the title. Here's the link: <https://archive.org/details/emigrantsguideto00grea/>

One of the beauties of doing family history is the history part—not just of one's family but also of a place, from all sorts of perspectives. This is a very short piece, only 46 images including covers and blank fill pages.

This is the sort of pamphlet that governments issued to attract people to colonise their territories, so expect rose coloured glasses. But if you had ancestors who were early colonists of this fine place, publications such as this might have been something they read at the time and decided their move. The original assisted passage. Possibly not even 10 pounds! [can you find the actual amount? Hint: It wasn't 10 and it wasn't zero]

Jan Whitaker

FamilySearch new records for Australia

Australia Deaths and Burials, 1816-1980, expanded collection, ID 1770857, number 1431
Queensland, Immigration indexes 1864-1940, expanded collection, ID 2727733, number 30,456
South Australia. Probate Case Files, 1849-1935, expanded collection, ID 5000064, number 2,646
Victoria Wills, Probate and Administration Files, expanded collection, ID 2207846, number 5,727

FamilySearch/labs; Full Text Search

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/labs/>

An expanding collection of records containing:

Australia: Biographies; Births; Deaths; Employment; Legal; Medical; Migrations; Military Service; Others; Properties

Australian Capital Territory: Biographies; Legal; Military Service; Others

New South Wales: Biographies; Births; Deaths; Divorces; Education; Employment; Legal; Marriages; Medical; Memberships; Migrations; Military Service; Others; Probate Records; Properties; Religious; Residences

Northern Territory: Biographies; Deaths; Legal; Others

Queensland: Biographies; Births; Deaths; Education; Employment; Legal; Marriages; Medical; Migrations; Military Service; Others; Probate Records; Properties; Religious; Residences; Residences, Census; Residences

South Australia: Biographies; Deaths; Education; Employment; Legal; Medical; Migrations; Military Service; Others; Poor Relief; Properties; Residences; Will and Probate Records

Tasmania / Van Diemen's Land: Biographies; Deaths; Education; Employment; Legal; Medical; Migrations; Military Service; Others; Poor Relief; Probate Records; Properties; Residences

Victoria: Biographies; Births; Deaths; Education; Employment; Legal; Marriages; Medical; Migrations; Military Service; Others; Properties; Religious; Residences; Wills, Probate and Administration Files

Western Australia: Biographies; Births; Deaths; Education; Employment; Legal; Marriages; Medical; Migrations; Others; Probate Records; Properties; Religious; Residences

Compiled by Penny Harris Jennings

FamilySearch digital library

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/family-history-library/digital-library>

Another source of information are the books that FamilySearch has digitised. Some books – if they are no longer in copyright – can be downloaded or

viewed online. For copyrighted books excerpts are shown, to give you an idea if it is worth trying to find the book elsewhere.

New records at Ancestry

- 1921 UK census
- Recently added electoral rolls. For our local area they are 1939, 1941, and 1946.

New in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room

Casey Cardinia Books

- * On the swamp by Jim Mynard
- * 70 years of the Tooradin Dalmore Netball Club
- * Life and death in the hills: a walk in the Emerald Cemetery by NW&DFHG
- * Emerald at Play 2025 Calendar by Emerald & District Museum
- * John Duff & Co Calendar 2025 by John Duff & Co Koo Wee Rup

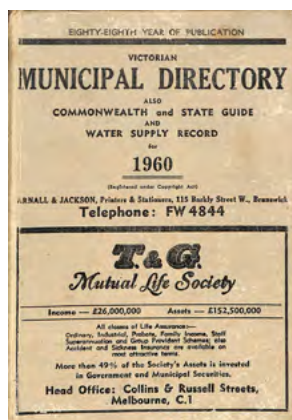


Australian Books

- * Recognising a warrior: Jack Alick Bond by Peter Bakker
- * For valour: Australian's Victorian Cross heroes by Nicolas Brasch

Victorian Books

- * If these walls could talk: history of the Noble Park Public Hall by Dorothy Dickson
- * Women of Chelsea and district by Chelsea and District Historical Society
- * Fish Creek revisited by Maudi Thomson
- * Kyabram 1892 – 1992: 100 years of gleanings by Don Anderson
- * Visionary lives: five hundred biographies from the Brighton Cemetery by Jane May Carolan
- * Victorian Municipal Directory 1960
- * Victorian Municipal Directory 1895



Ireland Books

- * Handbook on Irish genealogy by Donal F Begley

Magazines

- * Family Tree Jul 2024, Aug 2024, Nov 2024, Dec 2024 and Jan 2025
- * The South Australian Genealogist Nov 2024
- * Traces: Uncovering the Past Issue 28
- * Western Ancestor Vol 15 No 12
- * Australia the story of us Issues 1 - 3



Missing books

We recently carried out a stocktake of the books in our library. There were some books that we could not find:

- * **VIC 304** - The establishment and development of engraving and lithography in Melbourne to the time of the gold rush by Thomas Alwyn Darragh
- * **VIC 312** - Castlemaine Petitions: petitioners for a Castlemaine municipality and petitioners against the Chinese Residence license by Clare Gervasoni
- * **HOW2 010** – British & Irish Newspapers Unlock the past by Chris Paton
- * **HOW2 134** – Welsh Genealogy by Bruce Durie
- * **USA 002** – America by Nigel Buxton
- * **NZ 001** – New Zealand Expeditionary Force Reserve. Roll of men in First Division of Reserve for No 21 (West Coast) Recruiting District, comprising the counties of Westland, Grey, Inangahua, Buller and Murchinson
- * **NZ 004** – New Zealand official year book 1997
- * **NZ 006** – Selected New Zealand War Medal Rolls by Jeffrey Hopkins

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Librarian

Spreading Branches May 2025

We would like to read your articles or stories.
Please submit your contributions
by 15 April 2025

Member Profile: Sandra Jackson

Place of birth	Ocean Island (Banaba) Kiribati
Current occupation	Retired
Family	One sibling, three children
Time in district	Many years
Interests	Reading, movies, swimming
Names researching	McSweeney
Reason for starting	Documents came to me

The Lorraine Taylor Research Room is at 110 High Street, Berwick

Roster Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am–2 pm

Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.

March 2025			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
		1	Jane Rivett-Carnac Tracey Roberts
4	Maureen Abbott Fay McCoubrie	8	Jenny Bramich Lynne Bradley
11	Moreyn Dimsey Barbara Sharp	15	Robyn Jones Barbara Sharp
18	Barbara Sharp Eileen Durdin	22	Barbara Sharp Tracey Roberts
25	Lynne Bradley Jane Rivett-Carnac	29	Jane Rivett-Carnac Jan Whitaker

April 2025			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
1	Barbara Sharp Tracey Roberts	5	Barbara Sharp Eileen Durdin
8	Fay McCoubrie Jane Rivett-Carnac	12	Tracey Roberts Jan Whitaker
15	Barbara Sharp Eileen Durdin	19	Closed Easter Saturday
22	Moreyn Dimsey Tracey Roberts	26	Barbara Sharp Robyn Jones
29	Barbara Sharp Maureen Abbott		

May 2025			
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>11 am–2 pm</i>
		3	Lynne Bradley Barbara Sharp
6	Jan Whitaker Maureen Abbott	10	Barbara Sharp Jane Rivett-Carnac
13	Fay McCoubrie Barbara Sharp	17	Lynne Bradley Tracey Roberts
20	Jane Rivett-Carnac Eileen Durdin	24	Robyn Jones Jane Rivett-Carnac
27	Moreyn Dimsey Tracey Roberts	31	Eileen Durdin Barbara Sharp

We need more volunteers. We 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.

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

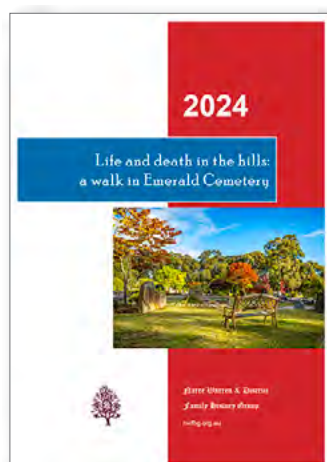
Publications for sale

NEW!

Life and death in the hills: a walk in Emerald Cemetery (2024)

On our first visit to Emerald Cemetery we explored the lives of an Indigenous artist, a socialite, a co-founder of Amnesty International Australia, a writer and poet, and many ordinary people.

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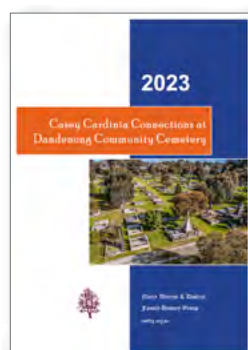


Casey Cardinia Connections at Dandenong Community Cemetery (2023)

We explore a cemetery a bit further afield at

Dandenong. Many people with Casey Cardinia connections are buried at Dandenong. The cemetery has a fascinating early history. We researched the lives of residents, who after living in Narre Warren, Lyndhurst, Hallam, Lang Lang and other places, were buried at Dandenong.

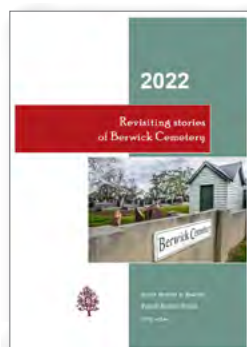
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Revisiting stories of Berwick Cemetery (2022)

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)

This book 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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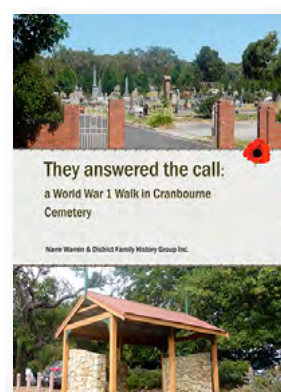
World War 1 walk cemetery books

- ***100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery (2015)***
- ***Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery (2016)***
- ***For some the bell tolled: a World War 1 Walk in Harkaway Cemetery (plus Harkaway Avenue of Honour) (2017)***
- ***Peace at last: a World War 1 walk in Lang Lang Cemetery (2018)***

Each book \$25 + \$8.50 postage + handling

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

This book \$25 + \$15.30 postage + handling



Cemetery Tour booklets

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

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

Add \$5.50 for postage + handling

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