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Grave Secrets

October 20th to 27th in Victoria is History Week. Will you travel back in time and visit some of our public buildings? Will you go on a memorable walk through the Chocolate History of Fitzroy and Collingwood? You might be joining us on Sunday 27th October at Lang Lang Cemetery. There are a few cemetery tours being held during this week. Which brings me to the question - What does that symbol on my ancestors' grave mean?

A headstone, tombstone or gravestone is a marker placed over a grave which can indicate the name, person's birth date, date of death and possible connection to others in the grave.



Occasionally the stone is inscribed with a symbol. The symbol can offer clues to the religion or level of mourning and hopes for the afterlife. They can provide clues to the life of the ancestor.

Lambs represent children. A lamb on a grave denotes a child whilst a vacant chair also signifies the death of a child.

An owl represents wisdom and watchfulness and has become a symbol of status, intelligence and wealth.

A rabbit can represent humility, gentleness and self sacrifice. The symbol of a rabbit is also strongly tied to the cycle of life, fertility, death and resurrection.

An ox was a sacrificial animal in ancient times and became a symbol of patience and strength.

A lion can also be seen as an icon of self control, nobility, fairness, courage and patience. Lions marked on a grave is a true compliment to the deceased.

A dog is a symbol of loyalty, fidelity, watchfulness and vigilance. Dogs have long been known as man's best friend and they denote companionship, loyalty and protection.

A butterfly symbolises the soul leaving the body and symbolises a short life.

An Easter lily indicates purity and chastity while the Calla lily represents the resurrection.

Roses are very symbolic used in heraldry and coats of arms. Roses act as a metaphor for life, after overcoming much hardship, one will find inner peace, harmony and happiness.

Oak leaves indicate longevity and strength. The oak is a powerful life affirming symbol.

A wheat motif on a gravestone celebrates a long life lived in abundance.

A weeping angel symbolises grief, especially mourning an untimely death.

An angel with a trumpet or two is symbolic of the day of judgement. The angel with a horn is a representation of the archangel Gabriel.

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General Meetings:

December 14th @
7.30pm Christmas Meeting

February 12th 2014 @
7.30pm Guest Speaker - Bob Flavell - The History of Edrington

March 12th 2014 @
7.30m Guest Speaker - Francis Bakker - Dandenong Cemetery

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Family History Research Room

Location:

Narre Warren Branch Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate Vic 3805.

Meetings:

Narre Warren Library Meeting Room. Entry Cost \$3

October - April: 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday of the month (except January).

May - September: 2pm 2nd Saturday of the month.

Membership:

Single \$30 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$45 + \$5 joining fee. Payable 1st July each year. Casual visitors \$5 per day.

Membership Renewal

You are welcome to renew your Membership by Direct Deposit into our bank account. Details are - **Bank:** National Australia Bank **BSB:** 083 802 **Branch:** Fountain Gate **Account No:** 539450013, but **please** don't forget to use your name as a reference. 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 11am to 3pm, Saturday 11am to 3pm, (Room closes at 1.45pm on Saturdays of our General Meeting)

Thursday 7pm to 9pm (From October to April), Sunday 2pm to 4pm (From May to September).

Research Queries:

We offer a research service for those unable to visit our Research Room personally, but please note that we can only research our own holdings and those of the local municipal libraries. The cost for this service is \$15 per hour plus photocopying expenses. All research queries can be sent to the Research Officer at the above address or email: research.officer@nwfhg.org.au

The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Casey – Cardinia Library Corporation and City of Casey in allowing us the use of facilities at the Narre Warren Library.

President's Report

I am very thrilled and relieved to be able to tell you that our new Constitution was approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria and now governs how we operate. I'd like to thank all members who took the time to look at the draft document and vote in person or by proxy. It was wonderful to have your support.

I am surrounded by Lang Lang Cemetery tour information as I sit here and I am again astounded by what our researchers have found while investigating their persons of interest. I can almost feel some of our persons of interest watching over my shoulder as their stories are prepared for the tour book and I hope they approve. I am reminded that every life has a story and of the importance of telling it and I feel privileged to be able to do that in our cemetery tours and I think all of us who work on one feel the same way.

I'd have to be honest and say that I am looking forward to winding down for the Christmas break. We've tried to fit a lot into this year and next year will be no less exciting with our 25th Anniversary to celebrate and perhaps another cemetery tour to research and prepare for, more workshops and who knows what else?

It looks like the Group will be participating in the Australia Day festivities next year at Pioneer Park in Berwick - perhaps we'll see you there. On behalf of the committee, I'd like to wish all members a safe and very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Lynne Bradley

President

Residents of Upper Beaconsfield Website

What do you do when researching your family just gets too hard? You've gone through all the available church records, copied photographs kept by aunts and uncles, and pestered them for memories of their forebears. But my uncle, one of the last links to my parents' generation, refuses to tell me any stories about my grandparents, because he says that these stories were passed down orally, and if written down they would be treated as historical truths, and he could not be part of that. That sealed off that avenue of research. There are also a very limited number of relatives who are somewhat interested in my research, but at least they are kind enough to pass on the arrivals of their latest grandchildren.

So I had to find something else to do. I had to find a new family! Or better still more than one! Upper Beaconsfield has had a number of historians, from John Milligan, through Roy Harris to Charles Wilson. Each of them has done valuable research, and some of it has been published, either in the Village Bell or in books. But there is always more, as each historian has their own special interest. What sparked my interest to carry on this tradition was my curiosity to find out more about the former residents of Upper Beaconsfield, who in the early history books (e.g. From Bullock tracks to Bitumen), never had their first names mentioned. I wanted to put flesh back onto their bones, or at least document what the records of their days had said about them.

For this I trawl through various records. There were the Digger indices, wills and probate, land records, parish maps, government gazettes, rate books, military records, honour boards, electoral rolls, and of course the digitised newspapers on Trove. Each of these sources would reveal further people who once called Upper Beaconsfield home. And slowly I was able to piece some of their stories together.

My website, www.upperbeac.rocke.id.au, currently only shows a selection of these residents, but the database behind it numbers over 8400 people to date. So far I have researched the men on the war memorial and the people on the honour boards. I have trawled through the electoral rolls up to 1934, and recently completed the land selectors of about 375 crown allotments, listed on the various versions of the parish maps of Gembrook and Pakenham. Some of these people may never have lived here, and only owned these blocks of land for a short period, but they nevertheless had a vision to farm or to build a house in this locality. Perhaps they were property speculators; perhaps they cleared and fenced the land as was requested of them, only to lose, because they ran out of money. But even if their names were listed on records only briefly, they still had a connection to Upper Beaconsfield.

The website also features histories of some well-known houses of Upper Beaconsfield, many of which have since disappeared. So far I have completed a timeline of Beaconsfield House, a large sanatorium, destroyed by fire in the 1890s, and site of the first post and telegraph office in Upper Beaconsfield and Glenbrae guesthouse, which had to give way to the Cardinia Reservoir. More house histories will be added in due course.

Since I have uploaded the website I have made a few interesting contacts, and have received sketches and photographs of long lost houses.

Have you or any of your ancestors ever lived in Upper Beaconsfield? I would love to hear from you if you have anything to add to the Upper Beaconsfield History Collection. Contact me:

upperbeac-history@rocke.id.au

Marianne Rocke

Research Room News

Hello fellow Genies,

Well, a big thank you to all the past fundraising as our healthy bank balance meant the purchasing committee have been busy and could take advantage of a half price sale. As you will see by the list of new resources we have had a fun but busy time since they arrived getting them catalogued and then to Paul for all the CDs to be installed.

We have also had a donation from Lorraine Taylor of eighteen months of the magazine Who Do You Think You Are? These magazines are in two boxes on the lowest shelf of the English bookcase.

More Cemetery news; I'm looking forward to joining members on an away day to Burwood, Box Hill, St Kilda and Cheltenham Cemeteries in November. I had a good time researching my allotted name for the Lang Lang Cemetery Walk in October.

Last month I had an enjoyable break in Sydney with my friend Carole as we walked in her family's footsteps; we visited the old 1826 cemetery of St Anne's Anglican Church Ryde and I found the well maintained grave of one of my Sapsford ancestors. We went to Palmdale Cemetery just out of Ourimbah and found graves of Carole's family. We did all our travel by public transport, however we should have had a car to visit Palmdale as it was quite a walk from the bus stop and only one bus an hour. We had a day of military research starting first with an excellent guided walk at Victoria Barracks and a visit to their museum. Lunch at the Paddington RSL with a very good memorabilia display, then Hyde Park and the ANZAC Memorial and display where I had a catch-up chat with Brad Manera. He was the historian on my trip to Darwin in 2012. He insisted we should go to the 1824 St James Anglican Church in King Street and see the memorials inside and he was spot on. Very interesting and lots of history plus a nice walk through Hyde Park to the Church, then pop across the road to Hyde Park Barracks, an excellent day.

Happy Reading

Jane Rivett-Carnac



Christmas Lunch

NW&DFHG Christmas Lunch details:

Cranbourne RSL, 1475 South Gippsland Highway, Cranbourne.

Saturday 30th November at 12 noon

RSVPs to Anne Blair please by 21st November. 9702 6088 or publicity.officer@nwfhg.org.au

Publications for Sale

Microfiche

Berwick Cemetery Register and Headstones 1867-1999.

\$22 + Postage & Packaging

Harkaway Cemetery Register and Headstones 1863-1999.

\$6 + Postage & Packaging

Pakenham Cemetery Register and Headstones 1850-1999

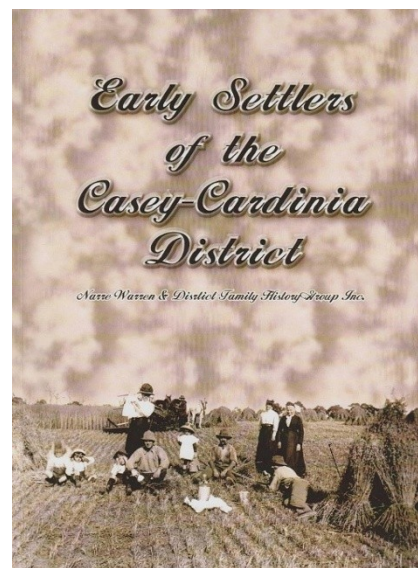
\$22 + Postage & Packaging

Postage + Packaging add \$2.50 for up to 3 sets of fiche.

Books

Kindred Spirits -20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989 – 2009. \$25 + \$8.25 (Postage + Packaging)

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District \$30 + \$13.40 (Postage + Packaging) -Order forms available from the Research room or download from our web site.



The **Early Settlers of the Casey Cardinia District** (published 2010 by the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.) is a 274 page book complete with index to people, properties and ships; plus a bibliography. There are 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. In many cases detailed biographies have been written by descendants or compiled by the family history group, giving an insight into the early days of many Casey Cardinia families and individuals.

New to the Research Room

Books

Go For Gold History of Ballarat & Rotary
The Changing Face of Geelong
Birregura Primary School No 723
Twelve Decades Apollo Bay 1850-1969
Maitland 1863-1963
The Age 125 Years of Age

Donated J Rivett-Carnac

Casey Cardinia Books

Journey with a stranger
A School Of Our Own: Macclesfield

Donated J Rivett-Carnac
Purchased for the group

CDs

Kith n Kin 1988-2010
QLD Police Gazette 20th C.1901-1945
NSW Police Gazettes 1911-1938
VIC Police Gazettes 1877-1879,1881,1882,1884
VIC Police Gazettes 1906-1924
Glance at Australia in 1880
Armidale 1863-1938
Aussie; Australian Soldiers' Magazine
Australasian Medical Directory
Australian Pastoral Directory
All Australia Memorial: Victoria
Ballarat Compendium 1
Baptist Missionary Record
Barrier Miner Business Directory 1891
Bendigo Compendium 1
Birdwood High School Magazine 1931-2006
Book of Remembrance Uni. of Sydney 1914-18
SA Brands Directory 1901
SA Brands Directory 1936 Sheep
SA Brands Directory 1938 Sheep
Cairns Historical Society Bulletins 1-55
Calendar of Uni. Tasmania 1916-17
Centenary History Presbyterian Church NSW
Concord Jubilee 1883-1933

(Purchased for the group)
From Settlement to City: TTG 1836-1993
Gippsland Directory 1884-85
Glenelg Historic Guide & Directory 1883
Greater Brisbane Area Atlases set
Growth in 50 years: Presbyterian Church
Gympie in its Cradle Days
Historical Records of Australia V,1-26
HMS Buffalo
HMAS
HMAS MK 11
HMAS MK 111
HMAS MK 1V
In the Early Days: Pioneer Queensland
John's Notable Australians 1905
Journal of the SAG 1933-2008
Jubilee History of Ipswich 1910
Jubilee History of Parramatta 1861-1911
Memoirs of a Stockman
NSW Calendar & P.O. Directory 1833
Cook's Interstate Business Directory 1937
Crown Land Licenses Vic. 1853 & 1856
Cyclopaedia of SA 1907-09
Cyclopaedia of Tasmania 1900

Spreading Branches Deadline

The deadline for the February 2014 edition of Spreading Branches is January 15th 2014.

New to the Research Room cont'd

Past & Present: Donald Times Souvenir

Purchased for the group

Pastoral Pioneers of SA

Pastoral Possessions of NSW

Pastures New: Pastoral Occupation Port Phillip

Pinnaroo: Miracle of the Mallee

Pioneers of North-West SA 1856-1914

Pugh's Almanac & QLD Directory 1859-1900

Queensland & Queenslanders 1936

Queensland Baptist 1890-1930

Queensland Brands Directory 1920-21

Queensland Brands Directory 1945-48

Queensland Brands Directory 1949-1952

Queensland Family Historian 1979-2010

Queenslanders as we see'em

Queensland's First Free Settlement 1838-1948

Queenslanders who fought in Great War

Early History of Warwick District

Employee Register for Kalguril Mine

Gladstone Colony

History & Topo. of Glen Osmond

History of Maryborough, QLD.

They Sowed the Seeds: Cudlee Creek

Torrens Valley History Journal

Truth & Progress Compendium 1858-1894

Voters Roll 1953 Cranbourne Riding

War Service of Old Melbournians 1914-18

Who's Who: SA Centenary 1936

Willoughby's Fifty Years 1865-1915

Yewen's Directory of Landholders NSW 1900

Message Board

A big hello and welcome to our new members.

Our sympathies to those members we know are suffering recent bereavements.

Get well soon to a couple more of our members with recent illnesses.

Lastly, to those members who have recently returned from holidays we're glad to see you back!

AWAY DAYS

CHELTENHAM, ST KILDA, BOX HILL & BURWOOD CEMETERIES

- Date:** Saturday, 9 November 2013
- Time:** 9.00 am (bus departs)
Meet prior to 9.00 am at car park of the Percy Trewin Annexe, 1-9 Regency Drive, Narre Warren (Melways 110 F6)
- Event:** Visit all of these cemeteries in one day. You will need to do your homework, to find the location of the graves that you want to visit before you go. The latter three cemeteries are online, but you will need to phone Cheltenham to obtain your locations for that cemetery. At each cemetery we will all help each other locate grave sites.
- Costs:** Bus Fee will be approx. \$10.00
- Bookings:** Place your name on the Booking Sheet on notice board in the Research Room \$10 deposit (non refundable) will have to be paid when you make a booking

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

St Kilda Road, Melbourne

- Date:** Saturday, 23 November 2013
- Time:** 9.30 am (bus departs)
Meet prior to 9.30 am at car park of the Percy Trewin Annexe, 1-9 Regency Drive, Narre Warren (Melways 110 F6)
11.00 am Tour Commences
- Event:** Guided tour of Shire of Remembrance
Then wander around the Shrine at your leisure
- Costs:** Tour of Shrine is free and donations are always welcome
Bus Fee will be approx. \$10.00
- Duration:** Tour is for 1 hour
- Bookings:** Place your name on the Booking Sheet on notice board in the Research Room \$10 deposit (non refundable) will have to be paid when you make a booking

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (GSV)

Level B1, 257 Collins Street, Melbourne

- Date:** Thursday, 20 February 2014
- Time:** 8.15 am - meet at Narre Warren Station
We will travel by train to Flinders Street Station (travelling in the last carriage of the train) and then walk to the GSV
10.00 am arrive at GSV
- Event:** We will be given an "Introductory Talk" and then we can use the GSV library
We are welcome to attend the 12.30 pm Thursday Talk
- Costs:** \$10, GSV members are free
- Bookings:** Place your name on the Booking Sheet on notice board in the Research Room or email minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au

AWAY DAYS

AWAY DAYS REPORT

On 9 September a small group of us went to the PROV. Some of us had success and some not so lucky. I am still amazed at the various types of records you can find here and I am learning all the time about how to access them.

BUS DRIVERS WANTED

We need volunteers who are willing to drive the 12 seater Council Bus for our Away Days. You must have a full current drivers licence and be happy to be drive us to our destination and return us to Narre Warren for that Away Day.

If you are interested in becoming a bus driver for the Group please advise Eileen Durdin on 9705 0599 or minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Family & Local History Expo - Bendigo

16 March 2014

For more information go to their website: bendigofamilyhistory.org/familyhistoryexpo2014

Please let Eileen Durdin know if you are interested in attending. We will either arrange to go as a Group by bus or car.

MORE AWAY DAYS

We need more suggestions for Away Days. Let me know where you would like to be able to do some research or feel it is worthwhile the Group visiting. It is always better to go to family history places/events with someone rather than by yourself. I will try to arrange for an Away Day to that destination.

If you want further information, have any ideas or suggestions for Away Days contact Eileen Durdin, Away Days Coordinator on 9705 0599 or minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au.



REMEMBER THIS?

If you have a brother or a son who has an interest in making model aeroplanes you would have heard of 'Hearn's Hobbies'. The main shop used to be situated in 'Banana Alley' at Flinders Street Station in Melbourne. There were two other branches as shown on the catalogue. I know my older brother was a very keen enthusiast as a boy. What I didn't know then was that the company was partly owned by Keith Edward Hearn who married my mother's cousin. I became enthralled in the details surrounding the founding of the Hearn business and am using my Family Tree Maker research notes to make a story of it.



The story begins in Uxbridge, Middlesex, England when in 1897 John Charles William Hearn was born to a saddler John Charles Hearn and his wife Martha Beck. John Charles or Charles John as was recorded on his World War 1 enlistment papers joined the Royal Flying Corp, number 20915 West Yorkshire regiment at the age of eighteen years. This was the commencement of a dynasty that has been devoted to aviation - particularly models - for better than 70 years.

After being invalided out of the service he married Laura Isobel Perry in Wolverhampton, England in 1918 and by November 1920 the 23 year olds embarked on the ship the "Miltiades" in London with their baby son Jack Douglas and arrived in Victoria in January 1921. One year old Jack was to become the first of the three famous Hearn Brothers in Australian aviation, whom you will learn about in the following story. Their second son Keith Edward was born in 1922 in Clifton Hill, Victoria and third son in 1925 in Alphington. By 1924 their father John Charles was a commercial traveller living in 34 Dolly Street in Clifton Hill close to his parents John and Martha, and his brothers Augustus and George, and sister Edith who had all arrived in Melbourne in 1922 on the ship called the "Hobsons Bay".

By 1931 the family had moved to Grey Street, East Melbourne and finally to Surrey Hills. As the boys reached voting age they were recorded in the electoral rolls with their parents living in Canterbury Road, Surrey Hills until the time when all three enlisted to serve in World War 2. Their father John Charles died in Surrey Hills in 1962. Their mother Laura Isobel survived to the age of eighty- four dying in Balwyn in 1982.

This photograph of the Hearn Bros was recently shown at Narre Warren & District Family History Group during a talk by Jennie Davies about the history of Flinders Street Station and its future restoration. I would like to tell you a bit about each of the brothers.



Jack Douglas Hearn: WW2 enlisted in Melbourne 24 April 1942 RAAF 410978, NOK father John Hearn. Jack was discharged 11 April 1946 as a Flight Lieutenant 5th Squadron. Jack was a flying instructor in the same unit where his two brothers trained. He later was to become the commanding officer of a fighter squadron at Bougainville in the Pacific Islands. Jack was married in February 1947 to Patricia June Taylor at the Toorak Presbyterian Church. Patricia was known as June Jessie and the couple lived in Surrey Hills, Victoria where Jack was recorded as a business partner, manufacturer, and representative, then by 1968 they had moved to Balwyn where Jack was a director.

Keith Edward Hearn: WW2 enlisted in Melbourne 24 Sep 1943 RAAF 438312, NOK father John Hearn, Keith was discharged 10 Oct 1945 as a Flying Officer at 7 recruit centre. Keith did his tour of duty in bombers. He was married on 9 July 1945 at Holy Trinity Church, Surrey Hills to Betty Olinda, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Herrick of Surrey Hills.

REMEMBER THIS? cont'd

In the 1949 electoral roll Keith was recorded as manufacturer and Betty was a supervisor both living at 7 Howell Ave Surrey Hills. They had a son Bruce Martin and a daughter Anita Louise who in turn were recorded at that address in 1968, Bruce as an engineer and 1972, Anita a secretary. Keith Hearn died in 1981. Betty is still very much alive and we met her and her son Bruce Martin and daughter Anita Louise on 7 October 2007 at the commemoration of a new headstone erected at Inverleigh cemetery for my 2nd great grandmother Bridget Herrick. Bridget with her husband and family were pioneers of the area after arriving in Victoria in 1851.

Bruce George Hearn: WW2 enlisted Melbourne 8 Oct 1943 RAAF 438392, NOK Valda Hearn, who he possibly married that same year as not on marriage index 1921-1942. Bruce was discharged 24 April 1947 as a Flying Officer 82 Squadron. Bruce was a P51 Mustang fighter pilot. He also did a tour of duty in Japan at the end of hostilities. From 1954 until 1972 electoral rolls recorded Bruce a manufacturer living Balwyn Rd, with wife Valda Ethel, home duties. In 1977 he was a retailer and then retired to Endeavour Hills.

After the war all three brothers began the business called Hearn's Hobbies. Their knowledge gained through their flying careers during the war extended to this manufacturing business. For example this 1949 newspaper article revealed that they also showed their talents at various shows and fairs around Melbourne: 'Petrol-driven model aircraft thrilled the crowd as they looped, banked, dived, and flew at 40 mph in demonstrations in the Exhibition Building on Saturday.' The article described how the jet-engine fighter was controlled by wires and capable of speeds of well over 100 mph, the jets operated on the same principle which powered the German V1 rocket and several scale models of well-known aircraft, with either petrol or jet engines, were also shown in the model plane arena.'

The article continued that 'the model aircraft were designed and produced by the Hearn brothers, three ex-RAAF pilots who continued their love of flying by establishing Hearn's Hobbies in Melbourne.

Mr. Jack Hearn said that many of his customers were ex-RAAF men. "Model plane flying is very

interesting," he added. "It is not a game for kids. I still do a bit of real flying, but I get a lot of pleasure out of this." The star of the show was a boomerang glider which Jack could make loop and return to his hand nine times out of ten. In the late 1930s Jack won the first Wakefield trophy in Victoria. Later he won the first Radio Control contest ever held at the Nationals at Adelaide in 1950.'

Another article in 1956 had the three brothers at the Box Hill Mardi Gras flying model planes on the Box Hill oval as part of the Eastern Suburbs Model Aero Club demonstration. A procession through the Box Hill streets and a Davy Crockett competition for the best dressed frontier man was included in the festival events. The RSL marching girls and the crowning of the Queen of the carnival completed the event and proceeds were distributed between Box Hill Hospital, the RSL, Box Hill Spastic centre and Princess Elizabeth Kindergarten for the Deaf.

According to John Marquette who created a website in December 2002 entitled "Aero modellers", 'Keith Hearn was no slouch when it came to making and breaking records. He was the greatest modelling

pioneer we have seen in this country and possibly are ever likely to see. Among his achievements was the World Height Record for Radio Control Aircraft, certificated by the F.A.I. He was the first to fly a Dynajet powered radio control aircraft. His "Across the Bay" flights and his epic re-enactment of

Kingsford Smith's flight, from Point Cook to Berwick were but a few of his many marvellous achievements.

The three brothers had far too much knowledge and experience for it not to be put to good use. The R.A.A.F. placed them on the reserve list of Officers to teach aero modelling to the A.T.C. Cadets. A great deal of fine work was done here in moulding the youth and guiding them into worth-while careers in aviation. Many of our current airline pilots owe their start in aviation to the Hearn brothers.

A 1952 article tells about the three brothers and their love for glider planes and their membership of GCV (Gliding Club Victoria) which began in 1938 when Keith and brother Jack joined the club,

followed shortly after by their brother Bruce. During World War 2, Jack flew Boomerangs and Kitty hawks, Keith flew Cessna Cranes and Avro Ansons, while Bruce flew Mustangs. Another article in 1985 reporting a change in direction procedures for powered aircraft operating from Benalla

aerodrome and showed the sons of the Hearn Bros., following in their footsteps. A son of each and a grandson are pictured standing in front of GCV Kestral. The above and much more, including family photographs back in England, is available on the website www.ctie.monash.edu.au/hargrave/hearn.html

Jeanette Angee

Research Room Roster

December 2013					
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
3	Maureen Stagg Lynne Bradley	5	Eileen Durdin Jane Rivett-Carnac	7	Wendy Goodwin Lorraine Taylor
10	Bev Lambie Fay McCoubrie				
	Research	Room	Closed		
January 2014					
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
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February 2014					
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
				1	Room Closed
4	Jeanette Angee Lynne Bradley	6	Nowella Ahlgren Claire Stevenson	8	Wendy Goodwin Lyne McGregor
11	Lina Butler Val Bennett	13	Eileen Durdin Wendy Eldridge	15	Shirley Peterson Val Holland
18	Rona Gibson Mary McGrath	20	Kerryn Maxwell Jane Rivett-Carnac	22	Steven Smith Judy Mehegan
25	Joyce Masters Maureen Abbott	27	Lynne Bradley Nowella Ahlgren		

Can members please return all borrowed items to the research room prior to closing for Christmas break on 10 December, including any Casey Cardinia items on loan for indexing, in readiness for the January stocktake.

If for any reason you are unable to do your rostered duty, it is your responsibility to make arrangements for a replacement volunteer for your particular day.

Grave Secrets cont'd

An angel with a child in its arms is a sign of an escort to heaven. Messengers of God are often shown escorting the deceased to heaven.

An angel with open wings is representing the flight of the soul to heaven.

An angel with a sword depicts the angel Michael representing truth and justice.

An anvil indicates forging the universe and most often can be found on graves of blacksmiths.

The wheel can be a symbol of life with the belief that life revolves in a circular motion but a break in the wheel symbolises the end of life.

The urn represents the return of the body back to ashes and dust leading to the souls' rebirth into the next realm. When shown draped with a cloth the cloth represents death.

An anchor on a gravestone can be found on the grave of a sailor and indicates the steadfast hope that life goes on beyond death.

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A common object engraved on gravestones is two clasped hands, or two hands engaged in a handshake. This can have several meanings depending on the exact positioning of the hands and if there are any other engraved images present. Clasped hands often represent an enduring marriage, especially if there are two graves near the monument. Additionally, one may be able to tell which hand belongs to the husband and which hand belongs to the wife. If one hand has a shirt cuff or jacket cuff that is plaid or tweed, then that is likely the husband's hand. If the shirt cuff has flower designs or lace, then that is most likely the wife's hand. Sometimes, this indicates which spouse is buried where. This meaning is especially apparent if there is text, such as "Goodbye," on the tombstone. This farewell may emphasize that the couple will find each other in heaven.

Additionally, since clasped hands can relate to Christian prayer, this image may represent piety.

The positioning of the hands can alter the meaning. For example, hands on a neck represent "sacrifice", according to an architecture authority. But, an engraving that shows hands on a chest represents "wisdom" and hands that point upwards can represent "voice and song."

Hands can even indicate the deceased's profession. If text is engraved on hands, then the individual buried there may have been a writer. However, writing on a hand can also be a religious symbol: writing names into the book of life. If the hand is holding a tool, such as a hammer, then maybe the deceased was a carpenter.

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