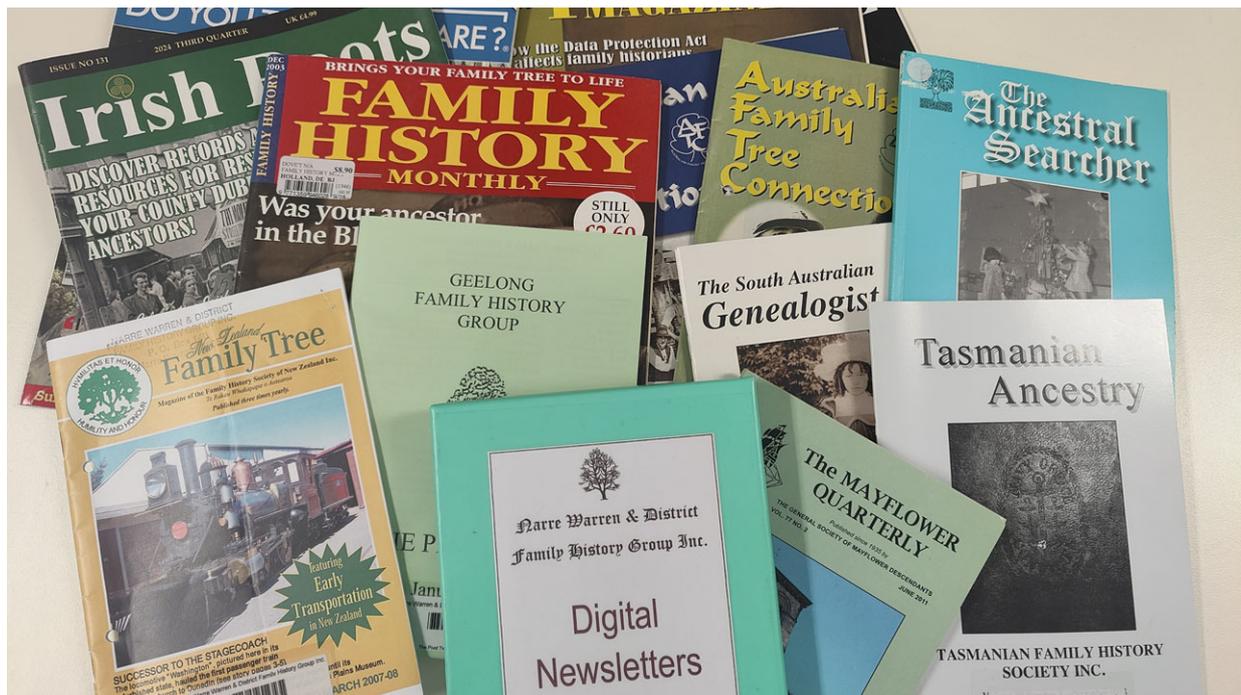


Spreading Branches

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Old magazines and newsletters

Most of us love a good story, especially ones with happy endings. We have thousands of great stories about people and places just waiting to inform or entertain you. Some of them even do both! I was lucky enough to be given forty-five minutes to bring our old magazines and newsletters into the light at our recent Discovery Day.

The shelves in the Research Room have 2 bays dedicated to paper magazines and journals. Thirty-three titles, of which Victoria has the biggest share, with 8 different titles. Our newsletter portable hard drive has a whopping 109 titles, fifty-one of which are Victorian with other Australian states, England, Scotland, New Zealand and the USA. That's 142 different titles waiting to share their wisdom and wit, and help you research your family tree.

I know that some of these magazines and newsletters are old, some are very old. Nonetheless, the information contained in their stories is still relevant. All too often we see everyone in the Research Room head straight to Ancestry for a quick fix. But, if you're like most of us and have

your share of problematic ancestors, you're going to need to understand what you're looking at on Ancestry or Find My Past to be able to determine if what you're looking at is correct or useful, or not.

Kill them off is certainly a headline that might grab your attention, it grabbed mine in *Family Tree Magazine* (Vol 15, No. 10, August 1999). It advised that *because people work from the baptisms of their ancestors to the marriages of their parents, and then to their baptisms, as they search backwards in time, many pedigrees include people who seem never to have died. It is highly important to 'kill everybody off' and to find their deaths and/or burials. In this way many presumed ancestors are found to have died as children. A death or burial may lead to additional knowledge of the occupation of the deceased, the place of residence of relatives who were informants, and provide some indication of age and thus of date of birth or baptism. If the death of a widow cannot be found, she is likely to have married again. Wise words indeed!*

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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, 28 September

The Goodwill Café, 57A Heatherton Road, Endeavour Hills

Sunday, 26 October

Cemetery tour at Lang Lang

Sunday, 30 November

Margo's Fine Chocolates and Coffee, 215-225 Shop, 18 Parkhill Drive, Berwick



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

Our first year here at our new home in Berwick has been a success in many ways and it is mainly due to the work of the committee, the volunteers and support of our members who just worked so well together.

However, it is principally due to the guidance of two amazing women, our secretary Eileen and treasurer Lynne. Regardless of what is happening in their home lives, there is nothing that they cannot cope with for our group, they are the glue that keeps us focused and moving forward at all times.

Thanks to Fay for organising our guest speakers this year. Speakers included Patrick Ferry, Peter Bakker, Gerard Cunningham, Neil Lucas, Patricia Dennis, Heather Arnold, and two of our members Jan Whitaker and Maureen Abbott who gave talks for the first time. The subjects covered aspects of research and connections to our local community. So impressive was our first time speaker Maureen that she was awarded this year's Shirley Award for being 'Out of her comfort zone'.

The project team spent January doing a stock take of our resources, and fine tuning the room. They have also started a large digitisation project for the Friends of Wilson Botanic Park.

Our presence in the digital world, from our website, Facebook page, the Casey Cardinia Remembers website, to our contribution to Victorian Collections and becoming a Content Contributor Partner with TROVE is under the guidance of Lynne, who also



Jane presents Maureen with the Shirley Award

finds time to be our research officer.

Fundraising is important for our group and thanks to thirteen volunteers, we held a sausage sizzle at Bunnings just ten days before Christmas. In October at Emerald Cemetery and in May at Pakenham Cemetery more volunteers helped at our two cemetery walks. They are now working towards our next cemetery walk at Lang Lang Cemetery this October.

We celebrated and thanked all our volunteers with morning tea at Aveo Edrington Park in May and heard a wonderful talk from Bob Flavell on the history of the property. Many of our volunteers are involved in more than one role, they are sausage sizzlers; project team members, cemetery tours team members, contributors to our newsletter Spreading Branches, Lorraine Taylor

Research Room volunteers, Casey Cardinia Combined Indexers, Monuments and Memorials team members, or are Very Important People (VIPs), including a couple of husbands who along with the committee, have ensured we had a great first year here at Berwick.

We welcomed thirteen new members to our group this year. On a sad note, this year one of our life members Rex McFarlane, lost his health battle; he is missed by all who knew him.

As a group we belong to the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group, the South Eastern Historical Association, the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, and the Genealogical Society of Victoria. We are an affiliated library for FamilySearch and are grateful for the ongoing support from Kate Davis at Connected Libraries. Thanks to Paula Mountford-Hall and the team at the City of Casey who enabled the smooth transition from Cranbourne to Berwick.

The feedback from visitors to our room or cemetery walks, and from those who attend the monthly history talks is always positive and reflects well on all of us, as being a welcoming and supportive group, be it for family history or local history. Thank you one and all for another great year.

*Jane Rivett-Carnac
President*

Save the date!

**Sunday,
23 November**

Volunteers required



Contact Eileen Durdin
at secretary@nwfhg.org.au or 0439 720 557
if you can support the group on the day.



BROWSE THE SHELVES



Old magazines and newsletters

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Of course you could open any *Family Tree Magazine* just for the pictures sent in by readers and used to fill white space on the page. We have digitised our early issues from 1986 to 1999, so it's possible to search the stories and photograph captions. Paper issues from 2000 are on the shelves and can be borrowed by members.

Ancestor is the quarterly journal of the Genealogical Society of Victoria (GSV) and is another magazine that we have digital issues of for 1948 to Dec/Jan/Feb 2012 and paper issues from then on.

The Genealogist is the journal of the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies (AIGS) or now known as Family History Connections. We have 1974 to 1979 as digital files, and paper copies from then on.

Besides Melbourne, there's possibly three other main areas of Victoria that many of our ancestors may have travelled through or to, even if they never lived there. We have *Golden Links* from Bendigo from 1987, *Ballarat Link* from October 1989 and *The Pivot Tree* from Geelong from 1989.

James William Henry Veitch: an early settler and early resident of Bendigo area not perhaps a title to grab your attention in *Golden Links* (April 1992), unless of course, he's part of your family tree. None the less, it's a lovely article on his life. He was born in Devon, trained as a doctor and arrived in Port Phillip aboard the *Ticonderoga* in 1852. He married in Melbourne and practiced in Brighton but went to the goldfields. He mined at White Hill and Eaglehawk long enough to decide that mining was not for him so bought land at Mandurang where he farmed, ran a store and made cordial. You never know when you're going to strike gold and if you stick with the article for the whole five pages you hit

the motherlode in the last paragraph: *James and Anne's youngest child Henry Veitch was my great grandfather. Just to confuse the issue James and Anne's 8th child, Helen Julia Ann became my loving grandmother when she and her husband adopted my father (their great nephew) when a small baby, because of his natural mother's untimely death.*

Best prepared for the end was the title of a small piece in *The Pivot Tree* (No. 27, October 1990) and told of Thomas Best of Braxholme who when he had to make a coffin and rode to Lyne Station carrying a plank home on horseback decided that no one would have the same trouble when he died. He had a coffin made in Portland and subsequently lent it about a dozen times for inquests, sudden deaths, accidents, storing cakes and drinks etc... That coffin remained in the family and was used to store blankets and never put to the use it was intended for when Thomas died at Braxholme in 1888. Thomas Best is not in my family tree, but I still enjoyed reading about him and his family. I read many digital and paper newsletters while preparing this talk. I love the small quirky pieces that make you smile – I'm saving the best one for the end!

Sometimes you just get interested in a great story like the one in *Tasmanian Ancestry* (Vol 20, No. 1, June 1999). **Was my great-great grandfather framed?** is a fabulous piece about Isaac Iles (Eyles/Isles) who was among two hundred farmers and labourers charged with rioting at Kimpton in Hampshire. Arrested and brought to trial at Winchester, he was initially sentenced to death. A few days later his sentence was commuted to transportation for seven years. A letter from the local Rector refuted the claim that Isaac was

involved and cast doubt about the witness who claimed that he was. Apparently, there had been 'enmity' between them caused by a young woman who ultimately married the son of the witness. So, according to the author, there's reason to believe that Isaac was falsely accused by the family of his rival for this young woman's affections. I find myself hoping that karma made a swift delivery to this family! I am happy to read on and find that when Isaac arrived in Tasmania he married, and was pardoned. He had ten children, nine of whom reached adulthood. He worked hard and bought several blocks of land and had a good life before dying at Brandy Bottom in 1896.

Shelf space is always at a premium, where possible we've bought sets of journals on disk and disposed of the paper copies. Other titles have been digitised by our librarian to save space. There's good and bad in this, the digital issues can't be borrowed, but we've been able to keep them all. Most of our exchange newsletters come in by email these days, earlier issues of these titles have been digitised to keep them together and make them searchable. We continue to subscribe to the main journals and magazines in paper form to allow them to be borrowed by members.

All our digital newsletters and magazines are on the portable hard drive in the green box that usually lives on the same table as the Epson scanner and Canon printer. The top level of organisation is by country. In Australia's case, this is further organised by states and territories. Each title has a folder which shows the catalogue number, title and publishing organisation, making it easy to browse for a geographical location and they're all searchable.

But stories don't care for geographical boundaries. They're often born from a researcher's interests and submitted to a publication the researcher is a member of, or subscribes to. Our newsletter often reflects our members' interests in the stories of the people and places they're researching or have visited. It's certainly not restricted to articles about Casey or Cardinia. So, don't forget that you can check the Casey Cardinia Combined Index available in the Research Room and most of our newsletters are available to download from our website.

So how do you increase your chances of 'getting lucky'? I wish I knew the answer to that. The articles highlighted here were chosen from randomly selected issues. So random, in fact, that I made a mistake and grabbed a bunch of new *Irish Roots* instead of old ones. But perhaps it was meant to be because issues 129-132 have a 4-part series on using the Irish naming convention to discover the family of one Thomas Delaney in mid-nineteenth century Ireland. It's written by Susan McKee, a genealogist who specialises in Irish family history and it's really worth a look if you're stuck in Ireland around this time.

Indexes can help or hinder your efforts. Family History Connections have a partial index on their website for *The Genealogist*, and you can search the GSV's online catalogue for *Ancestor*. But sometimes you have to think with the same terminology the indexer did, and that can be difficult.

Have you ever tried Persi? It's the Allen County Public Library's Periodical Source Index and although it's an American resource they index quite a few Australian and English resources too. It's definitely worth getting to know. Among the Australian resources are *The Genealogist*, *Ancestor*,



**Our digital
magazines
and
newsletters
live on a
portable
hard drive**

Descent, and my all-time favourite magazine – *Australian Family Tree Connections* (AFTC) and my favourite newsletter – *Spreading Branches*. You can find Persi at: www.genealogycenter.info/persi

Australian Family Tree Connections was an independent monthly magazine published between 1993 to 2017 for Australia and New Zealand. Stories and photos were sent in by readers. It's a paper magazine but because they're hard to find, we've made them Reference Only, so they're only available to read in the Research Room. Quite a few of our members have had their stories published over the years and it's a fabulous resource. We have printed indexes for 1993-1996, 1997 and 1998.

You can browse our magazines and newsletters from home at TinyCat (www.librarycat.org/lib/NarreWarrenFHG). If you can't remember the URL, it's on the front page of our website or just search for – narre warren tiny cat. You can search by location, for instance if I type England in the search field, I'll get a list of results. A list of options appears on the right of the screen, if I was specifically looking for magazines and newsletters I would click on that option under Collections. If you look hard enough you will also notice a small box on top of this list. It's telling you how it has sorted your results. You can click on this box to see the other options.

Our librarian and research officer will be walking through TinyCat and Victorian Collections at our October meeting. And, of course, they'd be happy to help you with them while they're on duty in the Research Room.

Many of our resources on TinyCat have very limited information, we'd like to expand this to include

Vale Audrey Dodson

Anyone being involved in the local history of Pakenham and surrounds would have met or heard of Audrey Dodson, who died on 21 August, aged 93. Audrey first came to the area to teach at Pakenham Consolidated School in 1952. After marrying Graeme Dodson of Officer in 1957 she paused teaching to bring up their children and work on the family farm.

She later taught at Beaconsfield and Koo Wee Rup Primary Schools, and was a school librarian at Cranbourne North and Hampton Park East.

Audrey was a foundation member of the Berwick-Pakenham Historical Society in 1961, and has been its secretary since 1988. She published the history *Beaconsfield P.S. 1890-1990* and more recently *Pakenham: Then and Now a pictorial history*. Many visitors to the museum at Pakenham would have met Audrey and learnt from her deep knowledge of local history.

main articles and surnames for each magazine. If you'd like to borrow a magazine and jot down the article titles and main surnames in them, we'd be very grateful. Please talk to our librarian, research officer or one of the project team.

I passed around many newsletters and magazines that were highlighted during the talk and asked if anyone could tell me what they all had in common. Sadly, it was that none of them had ever been borrowed. Such a waste!

And now for the last (and my favourite) snippet from the magazines and newsletters with A sorrowful widower from the *Queensland Family Historian* (Vol 32 No. 2, May 2011)



A Sorrowful Widower

Syd Ryder

From: *The Public Advisor* - Cambridge - Monday 21 September 1767

"Last week died the wife of one Goodwin a labouring man, at Little Shelford in Cambridgeshire. The sorrowful widow unable to bear the thoughts of a single state, set off next morning and was married to a woman at Linton. At their return in the evening to Shelford, the dead wife was removed from his bed into a coffin, to give way to the new-married couple to celebrate their Nuptials. The coffin continued in the room all night."

Lynne Bradley



Audrey Dodson was awarded Cardinia Shire Senior Citizen of the Year 2023.

A memorial to celebrate Audrey Dodson's life will be held at the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham on Sunday 14 September 2025.

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.

September General Meeting

Saturday, 20 September – 2 pm

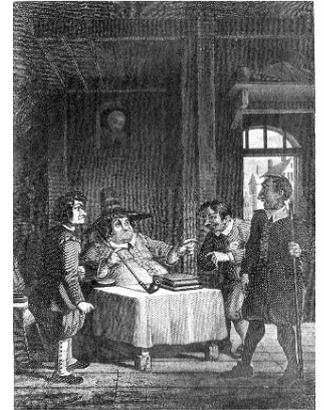
The Dutch Connection – From Putten to New Amsterdam and Beyond! – Jan Whitaker



The Manatus Map of 1639



PEARL STREET IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY



Wouter Van Twiller, Director of New Amsterdam

When searching for your earliest ancestors arriving somewhere in the world, it's sometimes worth looking for a branch you may not have considered. Jan will be sharing the story of her earliest ancestor in the Americas, Cosyn Gerritsen van Putten, a very early Dutch settler in New Amsterdam, known today as New York City.

October General Meeting

Wednesday, 15 October – 7.30 pm

TinyCat and Victorian Collections: what are they and how do we use them?

– Lynne Bradley & Moreyn Dimsey



Our librarian and research officer will be demonstrating how to use TinyCat to find books and magazines and Victorian Collections for everything else in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room.

November General Meeting Wednesday, 19 November – 7.30 pm

**Ellis Rowan, flower hunter – Paula Taylor, History Group Coordinator,
Friends of Wilson Botanic Park**

Ellis Rowan was a famous, multi-award winning and prolific Australian botanical illustrator who also painted birds, butterflies and insects. She was an intrepid traveller who ventured into extreme environments to capture the subjects of her work. She was the aunt of Baroness Casey and so, by marriage, aunt also to Lord Casey. Her story is extraordinary.



Member of the year 2025

The criteria for member of the year is that they contribute to most of the activities of the group, have gone out of their way to assist fellow members and visitors, assist with fundraising and fundraising ideas, and regularly attend meetings.

This year we again had six different nominations come in, three had been nominated last year and it was pleasing to see that the nominations equally split between the committee and our terrific volunteers.

The nominations were:-

Val Barnett attended most general meetings and coffee catch ups. She is a valued member of the cemetery tours team, contributing stories and welcoming people to the tours. Since joining the group, Val has supported our fundraising efforts and attended many of our events. She always has a warm smile and greeting for everyone in the research room and at every other gathering.

Tracey Roberts has been an active member of the group this year. She is always putting her hand up to assist in many varied tasks, from writing stories and assisting at the cemetery walks, supper hostess, a sausage sizzler, enjoys the coffee catch ups and volunteers in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room.

Moreyn Dimsey is an enthusiastic librarian, always looking at how our holdings can be improved. She has been diligently scanning old newsletters, adding them to Victorian Collections, so that more people can find out about what we have available in our research room. She is a volunteer in the research room, a speaker and researcher for our cemetery walks, along with her work with the project team she also attends most meetings and events.

Robyn Jones is a regular volunteer in the room, she is a researcher and a member of the cemetery tours team. Robyn sizzles sausages, and attends meetings and events. She jumps in and helps when she sees that something needs to be done and regularly brings home-made muffins and carrot cake to a meeting.

Marianne Roche was nominated for the consistently high standard and production of our quarterly newsletter Spreading Branches and her skills and dedication to the production of the cemetery walk books. A valued member of the project team she also did many hours of photo scanning at home and helped with transfer of records to Victorian Collections. She assists people with research of land records at PROV. She helps at sausage sizzle days, supports the monthly Coffee & Chat regularly, and attends meetings whenever she can.

The final nomination was our Vice President **Fay McCoubrie**. She is part of the project team working

with the archives, she is a competent and helpful volunteer in the room, she is the contact person for our guest speakers, a researcher and speaker at cemetery walks. She often brings members to the room who can no longer drive. Fay has written for our newsletter, and attends most meetings and events.

From the president's perspective all our committee and volunteers are worthy of recognition especially this year with the extra work undertaken with the relocation here to Berwick. I'm grateful for every little and not so little things that these six nominees have done in the past twelve months.

The 2025 Member of the Year is Marianne Roche, for the record she has been the guiding hand behind Spreading Branches for the last ten years and the next issue will be her number forty.

Congratulations Marianne.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

Getting to know your family history talks & workshops

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.

Thursday, 18 September

Jane presents:- Researching convicts and those who travelled with them

Thursday, 16 October

Heather presents:- Ancestry.com – an eclectic look at some of the interesting databases that are useful in both family and local history research

Thursday, 20 November

Jane presents:- Researching military ancestors with emphasis on World War 2

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,

Cost:

Gold coin donation

Bookings:

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

Lang Lang Cemetery Walk



26 October 2025

McDonald's Track, Lang Lang at 10 am

Cost: \$10 per adult
payable on the day
by cash or card.

Bookings are essential:
numbers are limited

cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au
or call Jane on 0412 084 671

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Join us for a walk around this historic cemetery and listen to our stories of people and families in times past. A light morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the tour which is expected to be approx. 90 minutes.



Casey Cardinia Combined Index

Happy 21st birthday

In 2004:

- 'Crocodile Hunter' Steve Irwin feeds a crocodile at his famous Australia Zoo while holding his one-month-old baby son, Robert Irwin. The incident generates a great deal of criticism both nationally and internationally over the next few days.
- The first Ghan passenger train across Australia from Adelaide to Darwin sets off on its three-day journey.
- John Howard joins Australian troops in Baghdad for ceremonies honouring the country's war dead.
- Hobart woman Mary Donaldson marries Frederick, Crown Prince of Denmark, in Copenhagen to become Mary, Crown Princess of Denmark.
- Australian Jennifer Hawkins wins the Miss Universe contest, held in Quito, Ecuador.
- Numerous Australians visit Kuta, Bali, to commemorate the second anniversary of the October 2002 Bali bombing, with services being held across the nation.
- 26 Australians are among the victims of the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, including the Australian football player Troy Broadbridge.
- And at the Annual General Meeting of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, Eileen Durdin announces the launch of the Casey/ Cardinia Book Index, with 6,000 searchable records from their Casey Cardinia resources.



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Casey/Cardinia book index

At our AGM Eileen Durdin announced the launch of the Casey/Cardinia Book Index. This is an index of the contents of books relating to the history of the Casey/Cardinia area. We are indexing many of the older books that do not have an index, and we are scanning the index of those that already have a printed index. We have over 6,000 entries to date and we plan to have the index available for public use in some format. However the project is still in its infancy and we need volunteers who can carefully read through a



*** General Meeting**
Sat Aug 14th 2 p.m.
Anne Burrows, State Library
of Victoria, Genealogy
Librarian.

Congratulations to the
Casey Cardinia Combined Index (CCCI)
coming of age.

We want to thank all the indexers who have spent many hours indexing Casey Cardinia resources. Without you the CCCI would not have grown over the years or reach this milestone. The CCCI now has 257,691 searchable records, 340 resources have been indexed, and it is the best tool to use

when researching people and places within the Casey Cardinia area. The CCCI is integral in assisting researchers of our cemetery tours. The CCCI helps our research officer, Lynne Bradley, to answer the many Casey Cardinia enquiries the group receives.

Narre Warren and District Family History Group Inc

Casey Cardinia Combined Index

[Search Index](#)

Click on box and type in the name you are searching for

[Casey Cardinia Place List](#)

[Books Indexed](#)

Click here for reference material on chosen town/suburb

Click on down arrow and choose a town/suburb in the Casey or Cardinia Area

Click here for reference material on chosen Category

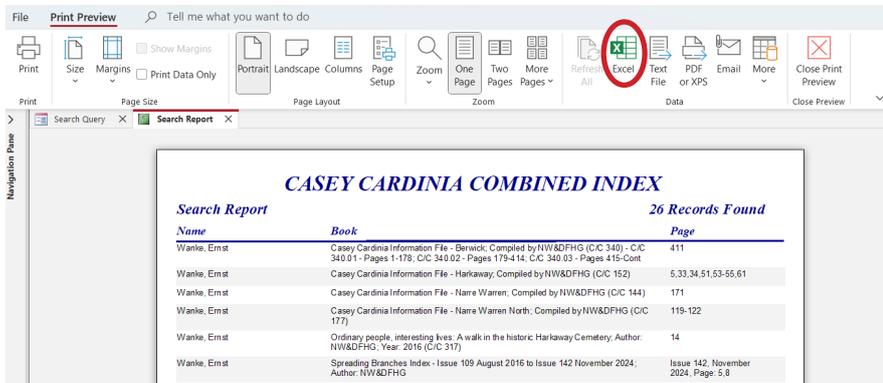
Click on down arrow and choose a Category

[Close Index Database](#)

You may not have seen the look of the CCCI change much over the years, but in the background, there are many changes to assist in the administration of the CCCI. We are always looking at ways to enhance the features of the CCCI and welcome any ideas that would make it easier for you to use.

One of the features of the CCCI that you may not

be aware of, is the ability to export the search report to an Excel spreadsheet. This allows you to sort the records, highlight them, or add your own comments. It also means that you don't have to print out the report, so we are saving on printing and paper costs.



Click on the Excel icon; follow the prompts; click on **browse** and choose where to send your spreadsheet (best to put it on your USB) and what to call it; click **OK**; click **close**.

Name	Book	Page
Wanke, Ernst	Casey Cardinia Information File - Berwick; Compiled by NW&DFHG (C/C 340) - C/C 340.01 - Pages 1-178; C/C 340.02 - Pages 179-414; C/C 340.03 - Pages 415-Cont	411
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When you open the Excel spreadsheet, delete the first row. Then you are able to sort the columns, highlight the records, and add notes.

Remember our CCCI is growing all the time, so whether you print your records or put them into an Excel spreadsheet, keep checking the CCCI for any

new records on your person or place of interest.

Eileen Durdin

The Oscar Wanke Diaries – 1918

Continued from *Spreading Branches* May 2025

The Great War

Any war is horrific for those who fight in them, so soldiers were always pleased to hear from home. There would have been very emotional times for those who remained home, waiting to hear news of loved ones.

There were lots of exchanges of mail and parcels between Artie, Fred, and Dick and Oscar and Min. Artie and Fred (aka Fritz) were Oscar's younger brothers, and Dick was Min's brother. Oscar and Min wrote many letters and sent parcels. They sent a letter to Artie, Fred & Dick containing photos of Ron & our house. You get an idea of the size of the parcels, on 22 April they packed a hamper for Fred, Artie & Dick, and on 23 April they sent hampers to Dick, Fred & Artie 7 lbs cash 2/- postage. Some of the letters they received from the boys were asking for money, and others with news that they were well. On 18 June they received a photo of Artie & Fred which they had taken together in England. They would have been happy on 10 May – Artie sent Ronnie a game of dominos which he won as second prize in a game of crib in France. There were days when all letters came at once, as on 30 January. We got a lot of post cards from the boys – Two letters from Dick, 2 from Artie & 4 from Fred.

They did get some good news on 26 May – Joe Tulau came back from the war today. Joe was a brother-in-

law to Min. On 19 June Dorrie & kids came here from a welcome home for returned soldiers held at Dandenong and the next day Min took Dorrie & kids & Joe Tulau to the station.

It was reported in the local papers that Private Cyril Fleer returned home after two years active service, Oscar recorded that it was 30 May. He had been wounded, but the love from his mother would do wonders for him.¹ When Cyril applied for his service medals in November 1922 it was noted 'I departed on the *Euripides* in September 1916 and arrived home by the *Borda* 29 June 1918'.²

Note: Oscar spells his name as Cyrill in his 1918 diary, in all other records his name is spelt Cyril.

On 22 June, Private Charles Warne passed away in the Caulfield Military Hospital. Private Warne was gassed in France, and this left its deadly effects. *He was welcomed home a month or two ago.* Private Warne wrote to Mr Hogan, secretary of the local football club in May 1916, this letter was printed in the local paper. The letter thanked the football club for their support and a money-belt which he had received as a present before he left for his overseas campaign. He thought that the military suited him and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them

- 1 Dandenong Advertiser and Cranbourne, Berwick and Oakleigh Advocate (Vic.), Thu 2 May 1918, p2
- 2 recordsearch.naa.gov.au, Cyril August Fleer



Queen Addie is central in her crown

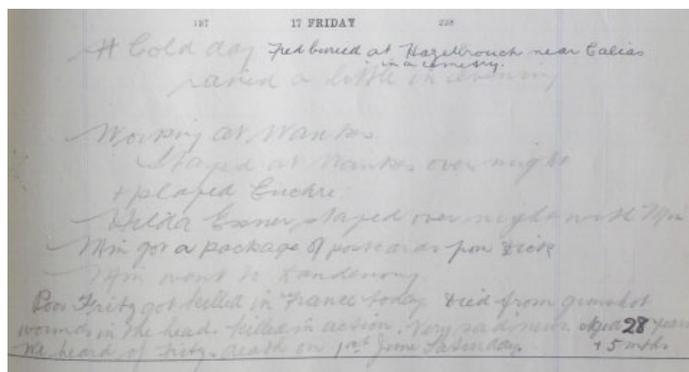
again when the war is a thing of the past.³

Fundraising for various causes was one way to support the troops overseas. On 28 January they had a carnival at the Dandenong show grounds in aid of the Purple Cross Funds. It was an equestrian event and owing to its success they planned to hold a similar carnival at Caulfield from 6 to 13 April, in aid of the Red Cross, the Purple Cross, and the Repatriation funds.⁴

The big fundraising event was the Harkaway Queen Competition arranged by Harkaway Red Cross, and the Coronation Ceremony was held on Friday, 14 June. The program for the night included performances from singers, a solo cellist, and magicians. Everyone was there to witness the crowning of the Queen; the Herald announced Queen of the Navy (Miss Barton), Queen of the Red Cross (Miss Ada Aurisch), Queen of Australia (Miss Drummond), then the Queen of the Soldiers (Miss Coote). A double bugle call was sounded. The Herald announced that the chosen Queen was the Queen of Peace (Miss Adelaide Wanke).⁵

To raise money for Queen Addie, they started selling raffle tickets in January, you knew it was big as often Oscar recorded who purchased what: *I got 15 books of tickets for raffle for wheelbarrow for Red Cross; We gave father 6 books of tickets for wheelbarrow; Min sold 9 tickets today; Hilda got a book of wheelbarrow tickets; I got a donation for 10/- for Addie for Queen competition from Daniel Robertson.* Oscar not only sold tickets, but he also made the wheelbarrow, 27 March *Made a wheelbarrow for Red Cross for Addie Queen Competition* and on 6 April *Finished the wheelbarrow for Red Cross & took it to Browns to get painted.* On 23 May *The wheelbarrow was raffled today & Emma Hansen of Mulgrave won it No 73, Min won the canary that was raffled for Addie,* and the big day on 24 May *The day of the Queen Competition at Harkaway. Addie got crowned the Queen & made £61 & all the Queens together only made £121.*

It would have been devastating, on 1 June *Today we heard the saddest news we ever heard. The minister*



3 South Bourke and Mornington Journal (Richmond, Vic.), Thu 27 Jun 1918, p3

4 The Australasian (Melbourne, Vic.), Sat 2 Feb 1918, p32

5 Dandenong Advertiser and Cranbourne, Berwick and Oakleigh Advocate (Vic.), Thu 6 Jun 1918, p2

came to Wanke's about 5 o'clock & told us that poor Fritz got killed on May 17th. No need to say we all felt very sad moreso Mother & Father. I can't imagine what this would have been like for the family, and unfortunately so many other families. They placed a notice in the paper.⁶ I can tell some of the

impact from the diary entry for the 17 May, as Oscar added a lot more details about Fred's death to it.

On 4 June they got a letter from poor old Fritz & one from Artie he is still in England, and 12 July got a letter from poor old Fred which & think will be the last dated May 7th. They had to wait until 24 December when Mother got Fred's belongings back today all in good order. No one would be surprised, that on 31 December one of the entries is Fred's birthday.

Oscar recorded that *Malcolm Collis died Aug 1918 at Base Hospital. The Age* reported that: Malcolm fought on the Western Front with the 7th Battalion, 23rd Reinforcement, returning to Australia 1 November 1917. Malcolm died at the residence of his sister, Mrs Smith, Corrigan's road, Noble Park, on 12 August, aged 35 years.⁷

Malcolm had been admitted to hospital in England because of recurring abdominal pain. It was thought that he had appendicitis. On the operating table it was discovered that he was suffering from tuberculosis. On his return to Australia it was suggested to keep him in hospital as the wound from the operation was slow to heal. In June 1918 the medical referree board declared that he was permanently unfit, and he was discharged from the army. It was noted that his condition was not caused because of his service, his health had already been affected before the war.

On 20 September 1919, Narre Warren North State School held a service for 'Narre Warren Heroes'. Recognising Herbert Battersby, Malcolm Collis and R W Moore, local volunteers who have paid the supreme sacrifice.⁸ As a researcher, I would be questioning why Malcolm was included in this service.

On 11 September they went to *Mrs Heywood's Gymkhana today & I helped at the produce stall.* This was a large gathering for a Gymkhana (equestrian

6 Dandenong Advertiser and Cranbourne, Berwick and Oakleigh Advocate (Vic.), Thu 13 Jun 1918, p2

7 The Age (Melbourne, Vic.), Wed 14 Aug 1918, p1

8 South Bourke and Mornington Journal (Richmond, Vic.), Thu 25 Sep 1919, p2

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

WANKE, Private Frederick William, aged 28 years 5 months, died on active service, somewhere in France, May 17th, 1918, on active service 1 year 8 months. His heart was good, his spirit brave, His resting place a heroes' grave; To have, to love, and then to part Is the saddest story of a human heart. In our hearts your memory lingers, Tender, fond and true, There's not a day goes past dear Fred, But what we think of you. (Inserted by his sorrowing parents, sisters, and brothers.)

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event) held in the Dandenong show grounds in aid of the Red Cross, Purple Cross and Prisoners of War funds.⁹

They got some more worrisome news on 27 September *Got word today that Artie is in England in hospital suffering from gunshot wound in left leg (severe).* They did hear from Artie on 13 October *Oscar got a field card from Artie dated 3rd August,* there was news on his injury from Artie on 23 October *Got a letter from Artie today written from hospital in England.*

There was another bazaar that Oscar and Min were involved with. I couldn't find much information on it and presume it was to support the war effort, they would not know how close it was to the end of the war. On 7 October *Oscar stayed home & finished Sweeney's barrow & also started to make box little barrows for bazaar,* 8 October *Finished little barrows tonight,* 9 October *Oscar took six little wheelbarrows up to Hansen's today for the bazaar.* The event was on 2 November *EA (Ella Armstrong) children Ron & I rode to Bazaar & the start in the afternoon & Oscar & I went in the evening.*

And the best good news of all came on 11 November *Great rejoicing as word came through that the war was over & the bells were ringing until four o'clock.* The celebrations in Dandenong continued the next day when they *went to Dandenong & Beattie went with us.* *All the shops were closed & we couldn't buy any groceries.*

Marriages

These marriages were noted in the diary.

5 October 1918 – Jack Hurrey got married today

John S Hurrey married Lilian Hall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Hall.¹⁰ On 7 October *All the lads tinpotted J Hurrey tonight & he gave them ten shillings.* And hopefully they lived happily ever after in the house that was built by Oscar Wanke.

30 November – Eva Aurisch was married today & her mother has only been dead six weeks

Eva Aurisch married Joseph Harding. Eva's mother was Minnie Aurisch, who had died on 6 October.

4 December – Maggie Armstrong was married today

No further information found.

Deaths

These deaths were noted in the diary.

14 May 1918 – Mrs Facey died in Dandenong

Elizabeth Facey, wife of the late JTN Facey, mother of Frank, James, Mrs McLean, Mrs Alford, Edie, Flossie; also loved aunt and mother of Linda, in her 64th year.¹¹

Note: All newspaper articles have Elizabeth Facey passing away on 16 May

27 May 1918 – Louis Hewitt died today

No further information found.

Memoranda

At the end of the year a list was written noting the various events that were of significance to Oscar and Min. It does not always run in date order, so we can presume that it was not written daily. This year the list refers to a lot of deaths within the community and those coming home from the Great War.

Sebert Anderson's wife died in Dandenong on 25 Jan 1918

The Andersons were cousins on the Wanke side of the family. Sebert married Ida Beatrice Winstone in July 1916. They had a daughter, Dorothy Edna on 21 January 1918 and Ida Beatrice died 4 days after the baby was born.

This was mentioned in Oscar's diary for the 25 January *Sebert Anderson wife died today (confinement case).*

Mr Shrimpton died Mar 4 1918

On 4 March, Robert L Shrimpton died suddenly, at Alfred Hospital.

His wife was Ruby, and their children were little Robbie and Noel; and siblings were WR Jarman, Mrs AF Cartwright and Thos. W Gibson.¹²

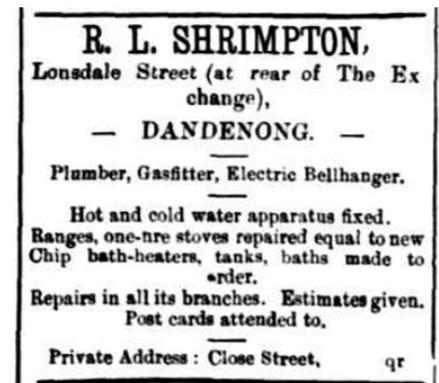
Mr Shrimpton dying was also mentioned in the diary. Robert

Shrimpton was a plumber in Dandenong and would have worked with Oscar at some stage.¹³

Old Jennie Sutherland died Ap 6 1918, 81 years old

On 6 April Hector McKenzie Sutherland, died at his residence, Novar, Dandenong, and was interred privately on 7 April.¹⁴ He was a manager of the Commercial Bank, a justice of the peace for over 40 years and for several years was chairman of the bench of honorary magistrates. He left a widow, two daughters and four sons.¹⁵

He was also a very good friend to Oscar and his



¹² The Age (Melbourne, Vic.), Tue 5 Mar 1918, p1

¹³ South Bourke and Mornington Journal (Richmond, Vic.), Thu 1 Jul 1915, p3

¹⁴ The Dandenong Journal (Vic.), Thu 1 Sep 1932, p7

¹⁵ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.), Tue 9 Apr 1918, p4
Reminiscences of the early days of Dandenong

⁹ Dandenong Advertiser and Cranbourne, Berwick and Oakleigh Advocate (Vic.), Thu 19 Sep 1918, p3

¹⁰ Seaside News (Cheltenham, Vic.), Sat 12 Oct 1918, p1

¹¹ The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.), Fri 17 May 1918, p1

family. On 6 April the diary entry was *Old Sutherland pegged out today 81 years old* and 7 April *We had a hell of a lot of visitors as follow Henry Anna Alice Wanke Willie & Mrs Rennolds & kid & Freda & Mr & Mrs O Nobelius & 2 kids & Emma & George Dobson. Alice Wanke stayed till Tuesday. Old Sutherland got buried today.* All these visitors would have been visiting to celebrate the life of Old Sutherland.

Fred Wanke killed somewhere in France May 17 1918

Charlie Wanke died at Base Hospital June 22 1918

Cyrill Fleer returned home May 30 1918

Malcolm Collis died Aug 1918 at base Hospital

All mentioned above under 'The Great War'

Mrs Grossman died July 1918

On 15 July, Augusta Grossman passed away aged 52. Her husband was William Grossman; children Anita (Mrs Durrant), Dolly (Mrs Barrett), Richard (AIF, abroad), and William (Tasmania); and sister of W and G Hansen (Sassafras).¹⁶

Mrs German Brown died Tues 6th August 1918

Ellen Brown (nee Barry) was the wife of William Martin Brown (known as German Brown), died on 6 August, aged 82. German Brown was a respected builder in the area, and his grandson Walter was Oscar's partner in Wanke Brown Builders. There was also a record in the diary on 6 August *Mrs German Brown died today & buried next day Wednesday.* There is no record that Oscar or Min attended the funeral except that *I stayed home today.*

Walter Tulau killed at Mitcham Tile Works 14th Sept 1918

Walter's accident was reported in the local newspaper with the heading 'Tragic Accident at Mitcham' with his name Frederick Walter Tulau. Walter was 18 years of age and only been working at Monarch Tile Works for two months when the accident happened. He was assisting another workman to put on a belt on an electrical machine when his shirt sleeve was caught in the shafting. His arm was completely torn from its socket, and he was hurled with tremendous force into a concrete pit. One leg was broken, and his back was also fractured. The doctor was immediately sent for, but Walter had died prior to Dr BR Richards' arrival.¹⁷

Walter was the youngest son of the late Elizabeth and Andrew Tulau, brother of Cornelius, Joseph, Mrs Wisby, Mrs Wheldon, Mrs Aurish, Mrs Weist and was Min's nephew.¹⁸ Walter's death was also recorded in the diary on 16 September that *Oscar & I went to Walter Tulau's funeral, he was interred at the Box Hill Cemetery. All the employees of the Monarch Tile Works were marching in his cortège,*

and also a number from the AT Tile Co, who knew and held the deceased lad in the highest respect.¹⁹

It would have been heartbreaking for Walter's family and all his work mates. This accident that may not have occurred with all the occupational health and safety regulations in place today.

Harry Reedy found dead 23 Sept 1918

Harry's mother knew her son Harry had gone for a walk but was not sure where. What she didn't know was that he met up with friends and had a few too many drinks at the Hallam Road Hotel. His friends drove him home and left him on the footpath outside their house, even though he was staggering they thought he would be OK. When she woke the next morning, she saw that his bed hadn't been slept in and then looked out her window to see a man near their front fence. On closer inspection she found that it was her son, impaled on the fence by his neck, and she got neighbours assistance to remove him from the fence.

The coroner said that Henry Frank Reedy died on 23 September from a broken neck, accidentally caused through becoming hanged on a picket fence. All the testimonies of Norman Laylor, John McKendry, and William Millett were similar, saying that they had been with the deceased the night before, he was drunk, but had no tendency for suicide.²⁰

Harry was 30 years old, his wife and one child had gone to Warragul only a couple of days earlier, returning on the evening of the 23rd to hear the news. This accident must have been devastating for Harry's mother. It was also reported in their diary *Harry Reedy found dead this morning, as most relatives and friends, they would have received a great shock when they heard the sad news as it was disseminated.*

Mrs W Aurisch died 6th October 1918 (heart failure)

Minerva Aurisch (nee Dorsey) died suddenly on 6 October of heart failure, aged 56 years. She was the wife of William and mother to Wilfred and Eva. Mrs Aurisch was well known throughout the district and her death will be regretted by her many friends.²¹ Min recorded this in the diary *Aunt Minnie died today.*

Paulina Wieland (Lin) died Alfred Hospital after an operation. Sunday Dec 15th 1918 buried at Box Hill Cemetery No 402 aged 37 years

Paulina Francesca Wanke married Ernest Ferdinand Wieland in 1911. Ernest already had two children from a previous marriage. Paulina

16 The Argus (Melbourne, Vic.), Wed 17 Jul 1918, p1

17 The Reporter (Box Hill, Vic.), Fri 20 Sep 1918, p4

18 The Age (Melbourne, Vic.), Mon 16 Sep 1918, p1

19 Dandenong Advertiser and Cranbourne, Berwick and Oakleigh Advocate (Vic.), Thu 19 Sep 1918, p2

20 Public Record Office Victoria VPRS 24/P0, 1918/820. Henry Frank Reedy

21 Pakenham Gazette and Berwick Shire News (Pakenham East, Vic.), Fri 11 Oct 1918, p2

and Ernest had a daughter Daisy in 1912 who died within the year, then they had a son Alan Harold who was born in 1914.

Lin was Oscar's eldest sister and he was very distressed knowing that she had died by herself. The diary entries around her death shows how upset he was: On the 5 December *Lin went to Alfred Hospital today; 6 December Lin was operated on & she never let us know till a few days later. She was operated on today; 15 December Poor Lin died today at 11.30 pm & nobody there to see her pass away. It was the 9th day after the operation & she died in an hour nobody expected her to pass away. The shock was great to us all. Min Ron & I were up at Wanke's & Mother made arrangements with Min to go to see Lin on Wednesday; 17 December Min called at Kassells & told me that Lin died on Sunday night & I went home & got on the motor & biked to Ferd's to see about the funeral. I got an awful shock to hear about it; 18 December Min & I drove over to Ferd's place to go to Lins funeral left the house at 10.30 & she was buried at Box Hil Cemetery at 12 o'clock. Mother Father Harry & I were the only ones there out of the family. The number of the grave is 402 very sad day.*

Will Mundy died

William Mundy died 21 June, after a long illness, aged 54 years. William married Florence Clara Nicholas in 1893, they had three daughters and a son. William was plumber who was extensively known in Masonic circles.²²

The Mundys married into the Aurisch family, they

22 The Prahran Telegraph (Vic.), Sat 29 Jun 1918, p5

Vale Frances Brown

For those of us who have been researching our family history at the State Library of Victoria for many years, the name Frances Brown will be familiar.

Sadly, Frances died in late July after a short illness.

She was known to us as the first family and local history librarian at the State Library of Victoria. She was appointed in 1986. A team of other genie librarians joined her over the years. Anne Burrows succeeded Frances when she retired.

Frances introduced the very helpful Genie Guides which were a listing of all resources for a particular area.

Frances was a co-author of *Family and Local History Sources in Victoria*, commonly known as the little red book.

Frances spoke at many conferences and seminars in Victoria and interstate, and in May 1995 convened the First Victorian Family History State Conference.

In November 1996 the second conference was held



would have known each other also through Oscar's building business.

Rhoda Vawdrey died

Robert and Bertha Vawdrey's 4th and youngest child Rhoda, died on 3 October aged 9 years. Rhoda is buried with her grandmother Annie M Bade (nee Aurisch) at the Northcote Cemetery.²³

Annie Hayhow's baby died

William Thomas and Annie Mary (nee Bade) Hayhow's 6th child died on 9 November aged just 8 weeks old. They named him Harry, and he passed away from gastritis in their family home.²⁴

Unusual events

16 September 1918 – *John Eccleston had up in court today for illtreating his wife & he enlisted*

This was the strangest entry I read in Oscar's diary. I will research John Eccleston another day.

Thanks to Oscar for keeping a diary for many years. He would not have known that we would be sharing his life, family, and friends over 100 years later. Our Oscar Wanke Collection has more of these diaries, lots of photos and other documents, and many more stories to tell. Thank you to Barbara Sharp for her research and filling in a lot of the blanks and adding her personal touch to some of Oscar, Min and Ronnie's story.

Eileen Durdin

23 findagrave.com/memorial/171343512
Grave of Rhoda Esmee Vawdrey (1910-1918)

24 The Age (Melbourne, Vic.), Tue 12 Nov 1918, p1

at Maryborough, and it was here that Frances suggested the formation of VAFHO (Victorian Association of Family History Organisations) – bringing family history societies together.

Frances was the first president, and nominated me as the second president. This was a highlight of my genealogical life.

VAFHO introduced the Frances Brown Award – for people who had made a significant contribution to family history in Victoria.

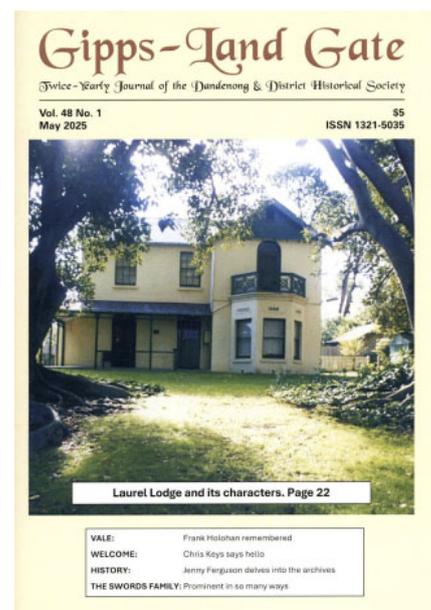
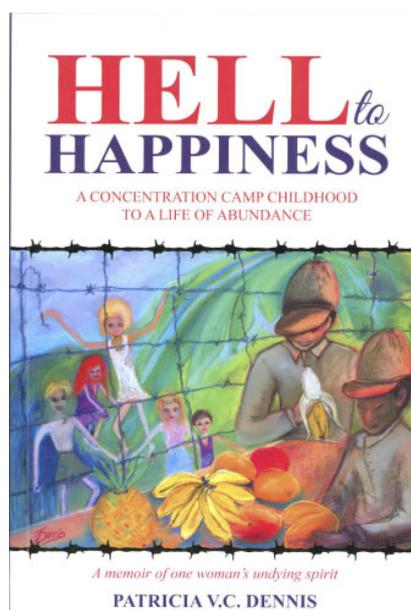
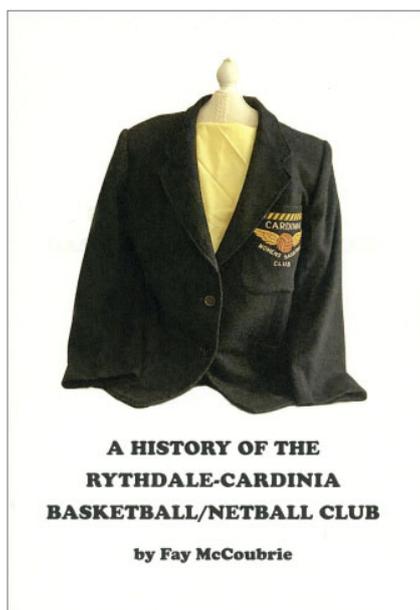
She was also behind the introduction of First Families in 2001, a celebration of the centenary of federation. It was also a forum for all Australians to tell the story of the first arrivals in their families to Australia.

Frances, thank you for your contribution to family history and genealogy in Victoria. We researchers thank you.

Rest in peace.

Di Christensen

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- * Pakenham Cemetery Tour: Celebrating Indomitable Women 160 years of Pakenham Cemetery by Narre Warren & District Family History Group
- * The way it was: My family's affair with the Dandenongs by Joyce V Meldrum
- * A history of the Rythdale-Cardinia Basketball/ Netball Club by Fay McCoubrie
- * 150 years of worship: Berwick Anglican Church by Neil Lucas
- * Hell to happiness by Patricia Dennis

Tasmanian Books

- * Sarah Island Penal Settlements 1822-1833 and 1846-1847 by Ian Brand

Victorian Books

- * Western Port ferries past and present by Arthur E Woodley
- * Recollections of Waratah and the Ten Mile by Mabel Sharrock

Magazines

- * Gipps-Land Gate October 2019
- * Gipps-Land Gate May 2025
- * Family Tree July and August 2025
- * The South Australian Genealogist May 2025
- * Genealogists' Magazine Winter 2025

We recently received a donation of some great magazines, and many of them have been placed on the shelves in the Research Room. However, some of these we already have in our library, and we would like to offer the extra copies to our members. Titles include Tasmanian Ancestry, The Genealogist, Ancestor, English Family Magazine and This England. The dates vary from early on to more recent issues. If you are interested please contact me at librarian@nwfhg.org.au

Happy Reading.

*Moreyn Dimsey
Librarian*

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by 15 October 2025

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2	Barbara Sharp Moreyn Dimsey	6	Tracey Roberts Robyn Jones
9	Jenny Bramich Jane Rivett-Carnac	13	Eileen Durdin Barbara Sharp
16	Fay McCoubrie Lynne Bradley	20 (closing 1.30 pm)	Jane Rivett-Carnac Jan Whitaker
23	Maureen Abbott Eileen Durdin	27	Barbara Sharp Lynne Bradley
30	Moreyn Dimsey Eileen Durdin		

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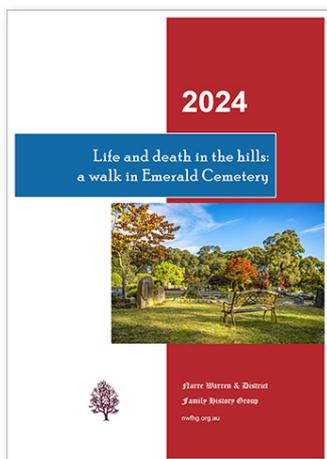
There are always two volunteers on duty, so you would never be alone. Please give it a thought. Contact Barbara Sharp research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au

Publications for sale

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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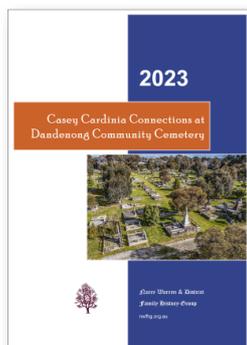


Casey Cardinia Connections at Dandenong Community Cemetery (2023)

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.

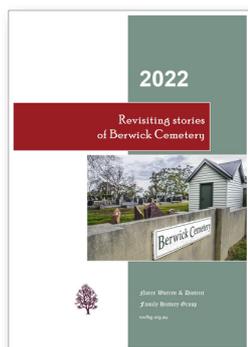
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Revisiting stories of Berwick Cemetery (2022)

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)***

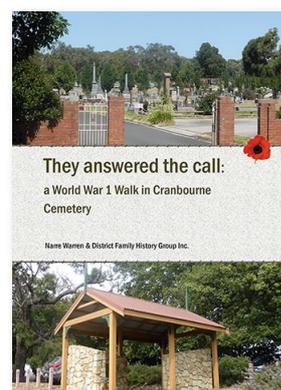
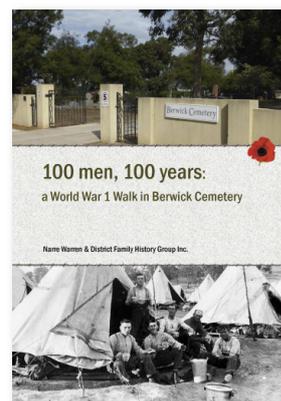
This book \$25 + \$15.30 postage + handling

Cemetery Tour booklets

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

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