



# Spreading Branches

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## 100 men, 100 years.



Time: 9.30 am Sunday 19th April 2015 - Will anyone visit?

Cemetery by Trevor Thompson, Secretary of the Berwick and Harkaway Cemeteries Trust. The tour then started in the Roman Catholic section of the cemetery visiting Hugh McNaughton. Hugh was one of many soldiers who returned home wounded, but he was also one of three we identified who died of those wounds once back home. We had soldiers who returned from WW1 who had previously fought at the Boer war or went on to be involved in WW2. We had two who enlisted at 16 years of age and at least five who had enlisted in their 40's. Eight war brides came to Australia with their soldier husbands. Our walk outlined each denomination of the cemetery, where we spoke briefly about those interred or whose family was interred in that section. The whole basis of our walk was these servicemen had a link to the cemetery. We had men with consecutive service numbers, fathers and sons fighting together on the same battlefields and of the 100 men, 27 didn't get to return home. Some received medals, but all were ANZACs who fought or served in the AIF.

Lyne McGregor



Time: 10.45 am Sunday 19th April 2015 - Sun's out, umbrellas down

When I arrived at the Berwick cemetery this morning, wishing for the rain clouds to finish and move on towards Gippsland, little did I know I was going to see all 4 seasons in the space of 4 hours. The drizzle that started the day became hail an hour after arriving. Our visitors armed with umbrellas and smiles started the tour with an introduction to Berwick

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### General Meetings:

Saturday 11th July 2015 @ 2.00 pm - Bring & Brag  
- Bring along your military memorabilia for a show and tell.

Saturday 8th August 2015 @ 2.00 pm AGM

Saturday 12th September 2015 @ 2.00 pm  
- Ann Major - Lesser known English records.

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

May - September: 2.00 pm 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. **Please email a copy** of your renewal form to the Membership Officer.

### **Opening Hours for Research:**

Tuesday 11am to 3pm, Saturday 11.00 am to 3.00 pm, (Room closes at 1.45pm on Saturdays of our General Meeting)

Thursday 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm (From October to April), Sunday 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm (From May to September).

We have a large collection of books, maps, microfiche, CDs and journals from all over the world available to our members and visitors.

### **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 postal address or email: [research.officer@nwfhg.org.au](mailto: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.

**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

At the start of my term as president, we held a meeting asking for suggestions as to what you would like to do or be involved in as a member of this group. The committee took on board your suggestions, and we mentioned we were not going to be able to fulfil every suggestion, but just look at what has been achieved so far this month; away days, workshops and informative general meetings.

Our March workshop led by Lynne Bradley educated the very new and some very long time members on the use of the internet. It was one of the best information sessions I have ever attended. The attendance of these workshops has been excellent and we appreciate the interest. Remember you can attend any of the workshops as they are all individual topics. Our Web site carries full details, so please visit [www.nwfhg.org.au](http://www.nwfhg.org.au)

The feedback from our two away days was so positive. It was wonderful to meet the West Gippsland Family History group for our trip to Williamstown. At Williamstown our tour guide was Ada Ackerly. Her knowledge of the history of Williamstown was a special treat for the day. Ada enlightened us at the Williamstown Historical Museum and Williamstown cemetery as we travelled around Williamstown seeing the sights. Alan Mawdsley gave us some time to glimpse the vast array of resources at St John Ambulance Museum, a place many of us want more time to explore. The day was relaxing, educational and left many of us eager to return to explore so many other places of interest. The reports from the Springvale cemetery tour were just as wonderful, the visitors were treated to a very interesting experience finished off by a nice lunch. Thank you to the organisers and to all who supported both trips.

This year we have been able to participate in so many WW1 events to honour our military people. Lynne Bradley and I were invited by the Beaconsfield Progress Association to attend the Beaconsfield Avenue of Honour new plaques opening. This experience gave me a great sense of pride and privilege to be in attendance. That same feeling was at its highest when I participated at the Dedication of the Headstone for Brigadier Cecil Henry Foott at Berwick Cemetery. What started as a discovery by Lynne Bradley, was embraced by the Cemetery Group as a project that joined the Berwick RSL, Berwick and Harkaway Cemeteries Trust and Cameo Memorials to ensure a headstone was erected in time for ANZAC day 2015. Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

From all the activity we have been engaged in, the publicity trail has followed and I was delighted to be asked to appear with Rita Hartney and Kate Welk on Casey Community Radio. The ladies made me feel so welcome and it gave me the opportunity to talk about so many aspects of what we do as a group.

I would also like to say welcome all our new members who have joined us so far this year. So, until the next newsletter I wish everybody a happy journey along your roads of research.

Wendy Eldridge  
President

***A big hello and welcome to our new members David Marsham, Joseph and Liseby Fereday, Phillip Taylor, Jamie Baron, John Elliot, Susan Arlove Bel Sheilds and Elizabeth Espenszid.***

## Brighton Southern Cross

The submission for a grant from the Public Record Office Victoria Local History Grants Program 2014-2015 by the Bayside Libraries on behalf of the Bayside History Network, was successful. As a result of this, the digitisation of the *Brighton Southern Cross* newspapers from 1896 - 1913 has been completed and is now available on the National Library of Australia website "Trove". This information is an extremely valuable addition for all researchers and anyone interested in the early history of the Bayside area.

Our thanks go to Olivia Abbay, the SDHS representative on this committee for her work on this project.

Jeanette Angee

Source: April 2015 Newsletter Sandringham & District Historical Society Inc

## Publications for Sale

### Microfiche

Berwick Cemetery Register & 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.

### Cemetery Tour booklets

Pakenham Cemetery booklet \$10.00

Cranbourne Cemetery booklet \$10.00

Lang Lang Cemetery booklet \$10.00

Berwick Cemetery booklet \$15.00

Postage & packaging add \$5.00 for up to 2 booklets.

### Books

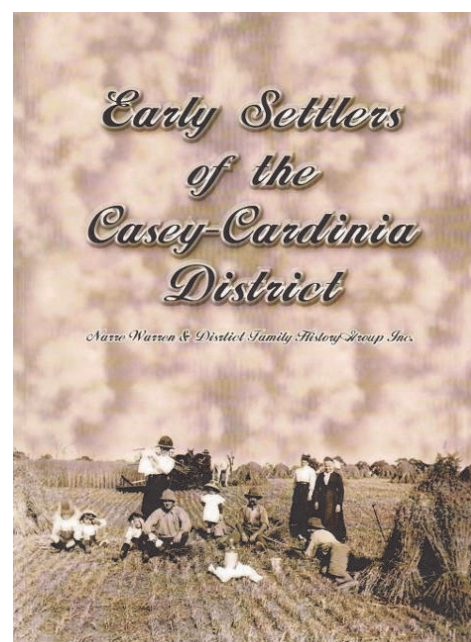
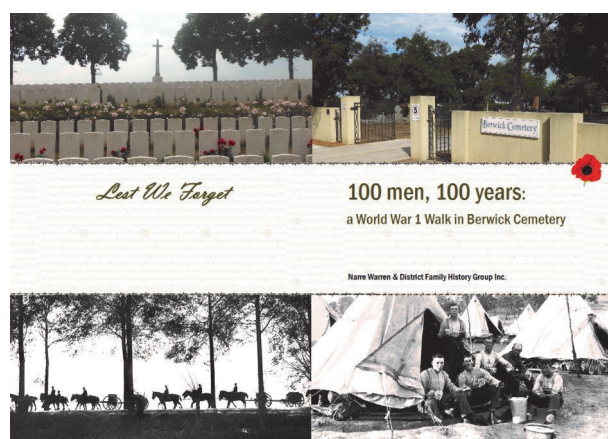
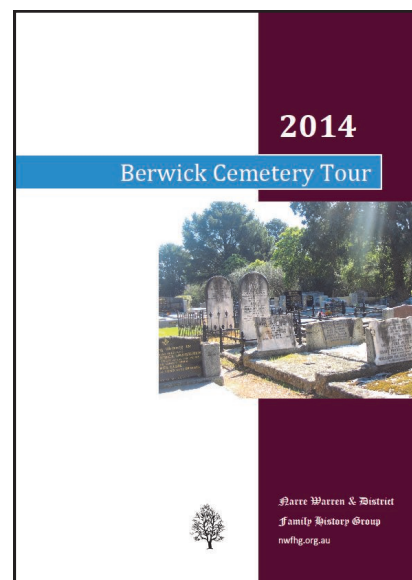
Kindred Spirits -20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989 – 2009. \$25 + \$8.25 (Postage + Packaging)

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District \$30 + \$15.00 (Postage + Packaging)

100 men, 100 years a walk through Berwick Cemetery \$20 +\$5 (Postage and Packaging) - Order forms available from the Research room or download from our web site.

**100 men, 100 years** a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery, another publication by the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc. tells some of the story, behind 100 men who had a direct connection to Berwick Cemetery. They or an immediate family member was interred at this cemetery. Two servicemen enlisted when aged 16 years and five enlisted when over 40 years of age. Eight men returned to Australia with English wives.

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.



# Our tour of Springvale Botanical Cemetery

On Thursday the 12th of March, 10 members of our group had a sight seeing tour of the Springvale Botanical Cemetery. The City of Casey bus was hired for the occasion and driven by our very capable driver, Jenny Hayes.

When we arrived at the cemetery we made our way to the very new cafeteria for a cuppa. We then met up with our guide for the tour around the cemetery, a young man, Will. He had only been in this job for 6 months, but was already very knowledgeable about the cemetery and the places of interest there.

He jumped on our little bus and we drove all around the different areas, Will pointing out different areas. We were all glad about the fact that we were driving and not walking!

Will showed us where the first grave was, that of a 7 month old child, in the Church of England section.

We saw the place where the railway station used to be, there was a branch line to there. It was opened in 1904 and closed in 1951, not many of us would have known of the station.

We saw the Garden of No Distant Place and nearby the Books of Remembrance where people can enter their loved ones names. The huge Mausoleum was very impressive with its great height and embellishments and was a little bit overawing.

We were told of quite a few well known individuals who have been interred in the grounds; some being former Premier Sir Albert Arthur Dunstan, jockey Scobie Breasley, former Prime Minister Sir John McEwen, Politician Sir Billy Sneddon, Footballer Jack Dyer and murdered Policeman Steven Tynan amongst many others. Then Will directed us to the Asian section Song He Yuan and the Di Zhang Wang temple were both very impressive as were the many graves in this area.

On heading back to the main centre we were then shown a video about this cemetery, a grade 1 cemetery and all the others under the care of the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust; Brighton General Cemetery, Bunurong Memorial Park, Cheltenham Memorial Park and Pioneer Cemetery, Dandenong Community Cemetery, Melbourne General Cemetery, Springvale Botanical Cemetery and St Kilda Cemetery. We were then provided with a light lunch and those who wanted more information were able to ask questions.

It was a very enjoyable day and I encourage others to join us for any forth coming trips.

Valerie Holland

# Casey Cardinia Remembers and Mother's Day

Many of our monuments and memorials wait patiently for us to stop and notice them properly as we go about our busy lives. The Mary Loveridge Memorial Garden and clock tower is one of them. Now, because it's May and we're celebrating past and present mothers it's good to be able to highlight a memorial to a local mum.

Mary Stuart Loveridge (1900-1989) used to live where the Berwick Marketplace undercover car park entrance is now situated.

She was described as *a fine Berwick woman who involved herself in many local organisations including Red Cross, Victorian Institute for the Blind, Country Women's Association, Berwick Library, Berwick Pre-school and health centre* by the *Berwick News* in a souvenir edition of the paper celebrating the opening of the marketplace. Mary was also a wife and a mother of two sons.

Mary's clock tower and garden plus many other monuments and memorials are depicted on the Casey Cardinia Remembers website. [www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au](http://www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au)

Lynne Bradley



## What's on the Web?

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| <a href="http://remote.jerseyheritage.org/">http://remote.jerseyheritage.org/</a>                                                                               | The Jersey Heritage catalogue allows you to search the collections, descriptions of these items, view those collections held in storage and start your research into Jersey's history or your own family history. |
| <a href="http://rmhh.co.uk/mariners.html">http://rmhh.co.uk/mariners.html</a>                                                                                   | Rodney Hall's mariners database                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="http://www.medicalpioneers.com/">http://www.medicalpioneers.com/</a>                                                                                   | Searchable online biographical database on over 4500 doctors who lived in Australia or visited Australian shores in a medical capacity in colonial days.                                                          |
| <a href="http://in360degrees.co.uk/oxfordshirechurches/">http://in360degrees.co.uk/oxfordshirechurches/</a>                                                     | Churches in Oxfordshire England                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="http://archives.govt.nz/world-war-one">http://archives.govt.nz/world-war-one</a>                                                                       | Database of all known New Zealanders that served in World War 1                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="http://guides.slv.vic.gov.au/familyhistoryguides">http://guides.slv.vic.gov.au/familyhistoryguides</a>                                                 | Research guides from the State library of Victoria                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/search-discover/family-history-tools-resources">http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/search-discover/family-history-tools-resources</a> | Family History tools and resources.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="http://en.geneanet.org/pays/research-genealogy-ancestry-Mauritius-MUS">http://en.geneanet.org/pays/research-genealogy-ancestry-Mauritius-MUS</a>       | Mauritius Genealogy like Ancestry                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="http://www.genealogie.mu/en/?lng=en">http://www.genealogie.mu/en/?lng=en</a>                                                                           | Mauritian Genealogy Association                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="http://vcampus.uom.ac.mu/slavemap/">http://vcampus.uom.ac.mu/slavemap/</a>                                                                             | Research and reflect on the impact slavery has had in Mauritius                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="http://www.mauritiomag.com/?cat=7">http://www.mauritiomag.com/?cat=7</a>                                                                               | Articles about Mauritius                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="http://museumvictoria.com.au/origins/history.aspx?pid=40">http://museumvictoria.com.au/origins/history.aspx?pid=40</a>                                 | History of Immigration from Mauritius                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="http://surnames.meaning-of-names.com/genealogy/mauritus/">http://surnames.meaning-of-names.com/genealogy/mauritus/</a>                                 | Mauritius resources                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="http://www.genopro.com/genealogy-links/?country=MU&amp;t=Mauritius">http://www.genopro.com/genealogy-links/?country=MU&amp;t=Mauritius</a>             | Mauritius resources                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <a href="http://www.sctbdm.com/index.php">http://www.sctbdm.com/index.php</a>                                                                                   | Scottish BDM exchange                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="http://www.geograph.org.uk/">http://www.geograph.org.uk/</a>                                                                                           | Photographs of Britain and Ireland                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="https://www.deceasedonline.com/servlet/GSDOSearch">https://www.deceasedonline.com/servlet/GSDOSearch</a>                                               | Database of UK burials & cremation                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/index.html">http://www.irish-genealogy-toolkit.com/index.html</a>                                               | Irish Genealogical resources                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="http://www.ancestryireland.com/">http://www.ancestryireland.com/</a>                                                                                   | Ulster Historical Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <a href="http://www.rootsireland.ie/">http://www.rootsireland.ie/</a>                                                                                           | Irish Family History Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <a href="http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/">http://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/</a>                                                                                 | Explore your Irish family history                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="http://scottishmining.co.uk/index.html">http://scottishmining.co.uk/index.html</a>                                                                     | History of Scottish mining                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <a href="http://www.askaboutireland.ie/">http://www.askaboutireland.ie/</a>                                                                                     | Ask about Ireland                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="http://www.irelandxo.com/home">http://www.irelandxo.com/home</a>                                                                                       | Ireland resources                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="http://www.highcountryheritage.com.au/">http://www.highcountryheritage.com.au/</a>                                                                     | History of the High country from Albury to Omeo and surrounding areas                                                                                                                                             |
| <a href="http://www.bunnyvillage.org.uk/">http://www.bunnyvillage.org.uk/</a>                                                                                   | Resources in Bunny Village UK                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <a href="http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Search/indexp.html">http://www.lan-opc.org.uk/Search/indexp.html</a>                                                         | Lancashire Parish Clerks                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <a href="http://www.igp-web.com/">http://www.igp-web.com/</a>                                                                                                   | Irish Genealogy Projects by county                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <a href="http://www.pbenyon.plus.com/Den/Woolpit/Index.html">http://www.pbenyon.plus.com/Den/Woolpit/Index.html</a>                                             | Transcript of parish registers of Woolpit Suffolk                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <a href="http://issuu.com/churchofireland/docs/kilrush_ferns">http://issuu.com/churchofireland/docs/kilrush_ferns</a>                                           | Parish registers of St Brigids Church Clonegal                                                                                                                                                                    |

# To the Editor of “Spreading Branches”

15 March, 2015

Hi,

Our tour to Williamstown began with an overcast morning but good spirits between the trekkers who gathered near the Society's rooms at Narre Warren. A lot of effort had been put into our trip as we were each handed a plastic pocket containing a map of Williamstown, a list of places of interest, a book mark, a suggestion of where we might buy lunch, and most importantly, the President's phone number in case any of us managed to get lost. The bus arrived in good time with the ladies from the West Gippsland Genealogical Society, already aboard and off we went.

Our first port of call was the Williamstown Historical Society Museum housed in the old Mechanics Institute rooms where we were greeted by Ada Ackerly and her colleagues. Whilst we enjoyed our morning tea, Ada gave us a brief explanation of the main room and the many honour boards on display. Of particular interest were the boards from the Druids Association – something not often seen these days.

We were then invited to tour the museum which included a room decorated as a late 19<sup>th</sup> century dining/sitting room, and then another area which housed wonderful memorabilia of Williamstown's history since settlement. There were many large scale models of ships and other nautical paraphernalia giving testament to Williamstown's important role as a port in the early days of Victoria's development. Upstairs was another room which contained all manner of silverware, books, paintings, and other historical collections. Curiously, there was also an early sound effects machine but we were forbidden from testing it out!

After leaving the museum we headed to the St John Ambulance Museum which was a wonderful tribute to the people who pioneered and served in St John Ambulance. Based on the 11<sup>th</sup> century founding of the St John of Jerusalem Hospital, the museum, although small, gives an insight into the people who began the ambulance service in Victoria and the equipment, etc. that has evolved into current day service.

Our next excursion was a bus tour of Williamstown. Ada rejoined the group and demonstrated her knowledge of Williamstown as she pointed out buildings and places of interest. Williamstown is a melding of small worker cottages and larger middle to upper class homes. Many have no doubt been restored and extended, but still retain their original charm. And because of its history as a port, it still shows signs of former industries and businesses important to Victoria's early days.

By now the sun was shining and it was time to pause for lunch and to get the legs moving for a while. Many of us chose to stroll through the craft market in Nelson Park and make a purchase or two, whilst others enjoyed a meal in the sunshine and watched the passing parade.

After lunch we journeyed to the Williamstown Cemetery established in 1858. In addition to the graves of citizens of Williamstown itself, it provides a link to Melbourne's maritime history through its memorials to lives lost at sea and to those connected with maritime services. At this point, some of our group continued on for a guided tour, whilst some set off in search of family grave sites. Unfortunately, the ravages of time, drought, and countless rabbit burrows, have had an effect on the condition of many of the older burial sites. It appears that some graves had no headstone or other identifier which made it difficult to locate a particular grave but it served as a reminder that probably not all of our ancestors could afford the cost of gravestones. Or maybe it was left until the grave was filled at some future date which never came about. It all makes for an interesting search and some fascinating speculation.

We returned home tired but happy following a splendid day out with good company, excellent guides, and a journey to a place of significant importance to Victoria's beginnings.

Special thanks to Wendy Eldridge, Fay Van Dyk from West Gippsland Genealogical Society, Ada Ackerly, and all the others involved in putting together a great event. Can't wait for the next one!

Sincerely,  
Judy Mehegan, Dianne Brodbeck, Bronwyn Hopkins



# New to the Research Room

## Books

The following have been donated to the group by the family of Mrs M Williams

Web Sites for Everyone, England Research Online, Wales Research Online, Friends Reunited, Tracing Your Railway Ancestors, Tracing Your Pauper Ancestors, Tracing Your Army Ancestors, Tracing Your Air force Ancestors, Your Survival Guide, A-Z of Genealogy Websites, Website Directory 2008, Family History Directory of the UK 2009, Through Routes of Leeds, Family Search on the Internet, Web Publishing for Genealogy, English Genealogy a Bibliography 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Marriage Licences Abstracts & Indexes, Castles and Mansions of Warwickshire, Hampshire, District Register Offices of England and Wales, My Ancestor was a Policeman, My Ancestors moved in England and Wales, Before 1837 the essential guide, Wales fiche and Film at AIGS, Belbroughton Miscellany, An Album of Belbroughton, Early History of Shut Mill Valley, Victorian sources for British Ancestry 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition,

Kettle on the Hob Donated S & R Smith

Pack of Thieves

Bell Clock & Cross Luther College

Muscle and Pluck Forever

Ruyton Remembers 1878-1978

The Montefiore Homes 150 Years of Care

The Small Archives Companion Donated D Christenson

Tracing Missing Persons

Celtica Wales

1915 Diary Corporal L G Hazard

Donated C McKenna Berwick RSL

Chelsea State School No 3729

Donated W Eldridge

Poowong Cemetery

Purchased for group with CD\*

The Fallen from Chelsea and Carrum

Donated W Goodwin

We Remember

Donated W Goodwin

## Casey Cardinia Books

Rock Solid Downes Family

Donated G Downes

Guide to the History of the Bass District

Donated Anon

They Built a River

Donated W Eldridge

## CD's

The following have been donated to the group by the family of Mrs M Williams

CD's from English Magazine Family History No 30 Middlesex & Hertfordshire, No 31 Directories for 8 counties, No 34 Lancashire, No 40 Taunton Somerset, No 41 Warwickshire & Edinburgh, No 42 Derby Bedfordshire, No 54 1903 Atlas England, No 57 Essential Tools. 1851 Census of Worcestershire Edgbaste & Kings Norton,

The following have been purchased by the group

Seamen's Crew Lists 1851 Renfrewshire Aberdeenshire and Lanarkshire, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Residents Club list of residents 1838-1929, Western Infirmary Residents Club list of members 1874-1935, Edinburgh & Leith PO Directory 1904, Edinburgh Academy Register 1824-1914, Edinburgh academy War Supplement 1824-1914, Lothians Directory 1878, North East Counties Directory 1878, Annals of Duddingston & Portobello, Glasgow Academy Roll of Honour 1914-1918, Glasgow PO Directory 1869, Fettes Register 1870-1932, Glenalmond Register 1847-1929, Loretto school Register 1825-1925, Merchiston Castle School Register 1833-1913, Teviotdale Monastic Annals 1832, Linlithgowshire Claims of Enrolment 1839 Election, Decisions of the Court of Session 1781-1822 & D Hume 1839, 1881 Canadian Census, Irish Ancestor 1969-1986, Passenger & Immigrants list Boston 1821-1850, Passenger & Immigrants list Philadelphia 1800-1850, Passenger & Immigrants list New York 1820-1850, Passenger & Immigrants list Irish to Nth America 1803-1871, Passenger & Immigrants list Irish to Nth America 1846-1865, Lanarkshire Directory 1878, Headstone photos local Clare Cemeteries South Australia, Poowong Cemetery Pictorial Register to 31/12/2008

## Magazines

The following have been donated to the group by the family of Mrs M Williams and they help fill in our missing issues: Who Do You Think You Are plus CD's 13 issues between Spring 2008 and July 2010

Your Family History plus CD's 28 issues between February 2005 and September 2010

Jane Rivett-Carnac



## Prahran Mechanics Institute Library

This library is a community owned and run library specialising in the history of Victoria. It is a lending library, and many treasures can be found amongst the collection of over 25,000 books. The library re-opened in its new premises on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. It is spacious and has a tea room, meeting room and has plenty of seats for researchers. There is also a lift to the research room and several parking spots for the disabled.

Find out more at;  
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Above; Quick cuppa at Williamstown Cemetery



Left; The fountain at Williamstown Cemetery.



Below; Wendy Eldridge, Ada Ackerly & Fay Van Dyk from the West Gippsland Family History Group.

## Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

### Annual General Meeting

2 pm, Saturday 8 August 2015

The Meeting Room, Narre Warren Library  
Overland Drive, Narre Warren

### Agenda

1. The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2014 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2015-2016.
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2015-2016.
  - Correspondence Secretary
  - Librarian
  - Newsletter Editor
  - Publicity Officer
  - Research Room Manager
  - Membership Officer
  - IT Officer

All positions will be declared vacant and a ballot will be held if two or more persons nominate for the same position.

Membership Renewal Forms and Proxy Forms are available in this edition of Spreading Branches. As detailed in Clauses 34.6 and 34.7 of our new Constitution, Proxy Forms sent by mail or email must be received by the President at least 24 hours prior to the AGM and members holding Proxy Forms must lodge them with the President prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Completed nomination forms need to be lodged with the Secretary by 1st August 2015. Forms may be left in the "nomination box" in the Research Room or posted to PO Box 149, Narre Warren Vic 3805.

Nomination forms are also available in this edition of Spreading Branches or from the Secretary [minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:minutes.secretary@nwfhg.org.au)

*\*Please note that only financial members may vote at the AGM. Membership fees are due 1st July. Please arrive by 1.30 p.m. if you wish to pay your membership fees on the day.*

### Spreading Branches Deadline:

The deadline for the August 2015 edition of Spreading Branches is 15th July 2015. Please submit your articles in word format or a hard copy.

## Death of a Portland Soldier: Private L. Papley

This is a follow up to the article which I wrote for Spreading Branches edition 91 in February 2012. Wilfred John Herrick, one of my great-uncles from that article, 'Practical Patriotism shown at Broadford' was identified recently by a teacher/librarian and her students from Portland Secondary College whilst trying to put names to a group of WW1 soldiers photographed in Egypt in 1915. How did it happen?

NW&DFHG was contacted over the Easter break this year, and the request was forwarded on to me by Lynne Bradley our research officer. I replied to the researcher that it indeed was Wilfred Herrick and forwarded the picture from my article to her confirming who I was. She then released the photograph to me.



Above: Portland Boys Egypt March 1915



Above: Great Uncle Wilfred John Herrick

A copy of the above was sent home by Vic Lightbody, one of Wilfred's comrades, to his parents on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1915 and remains in the Lightbody collection. Vic said in his war diary that the photograph was of thirteen of the Portland and Heywood members of the first expeditionary force and he referred to them as the 'Portland Boys'.

It also came to light that Wilfred had written some letters home to friends in Portland whilst recuperating in a Cairo hospital from two bullets in the thigh. I am including one of the letters which was published at the time in the Portland Guardian, to demonstrate the empathy shown to the sister of one of his fallen comrades, Leonard Papley. Coincidentally his mate Len was killed on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1915, our Anzac Day.

1915 'Death of a Portland Soldier.' *Portland Guardian* (Vic: 1876 - 1953), 9 July, p. 2 Edition: EVENING, viewed 19 March, 2015, <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article63973793> Private Will Herrick, recently on the Post-office staff here, and who was a member of the First Expeditionary Forces, and wounded in action, writes from the Australian Military Hospital, Cairo, to Miss Maisie Papley as follows:-

*'Just a few lines to express my profound sympathy with you all in the loss of poor Lennie. You have, I suppose, been acquainted by the War office ere this of his loss in action. I am now lying in hospital wounded, and took this opportunity of writing you and letting you have the facts. On the 25th April while in the trenches the snipers had been very troublesome picking off our men, and Len together with others, had been doing great work picking off these snipers. Just before nightfall, however, I am sorry to say, a sniper saw Len looking for them through a pair of field glasses, and shot him through the head. Death was instantaneous, and you will be glad to know that he did not suffer. Although I lost many pals in battle there, none touched me so much as poor Len's, as you will remember we were pals for years in Portland, afterwards at Broadmeadows and Egypt, and later in the firing line. You will also be sorry to hear of the death of Gordon Hawkins. Ray Keiller, Jack Bailey and Jack Kerr are also wounded, all three of them. I know your grief will be great, but I want you all to remember, while you are sorrowing like thousands of other sad hearts in Australia, that he died fighting for his country under the old flag, you will also know and appreciate the facts that after doing splendid work in severe bayonet charges, under heavy fire, he died a true soldier's death, rifle in hand, doing his duty nobly and well, and that the whole company misses him.'*

Source: Vic Lightbody's WW1 diary

Jeanette Angee

## Research Room Roster

| June 2015   |                                 |          |                                     |        |                                     |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday     |                                 | Saturday |                                     | Sunday |                                     |
| 2           | Fay McCoubrie<br>Jeanette Angee | 6        | Val Holland<br>Lorraine Taylor      | 7      | Jane Rivett-Carnac<br>Steven Smith  |
| 9           | Joyce Masters<br>Val Bennett    | 13       | Wendy Goodwin<br>Robyn Jones        | 14     | Eileen Durdin<br>Kerryn Maxwell     |
| 16          | Moreyn Dimsey<br>Wendy Goodwin  | 20       | Shirley Peterson<br>Wendy Eldridge  | 21     | Wendy Goodwin<br>Lyne McGregor      |
| 23          | Maureen Stagg<br>Mary McGrath   | 27       | Judy Mehegan<br>Di Brodbeck         | 28     | Jo Saville<br>Wendy Eldridge        |
| 30          | Maureen Abbott<br>Bev Lambie    |          |                                     |        |                                     |
| July 2015   |                                 |          |                                     |        |                                     |
| Tuesday     |                                 | Saturday |                                     | Sunday |                                     |
|             |                                 | 4        | Wendy Eldridge<br>Val Bennett       | 5      | Jane Rivett-Carnac<br>Eileen Durdin |
| 7           | Fay McCoubrie<br>Jeanette Angee | 11       | Wendy Goodwin<br>Lyne McGregor      | 12     | Jo Saville<br>Wendy Eldridge        |
| 14          | Val Bennett<br>Jo Saville       | 18       | Shirley Peterson<br>Lorraine Taylor | 19     | Kerryn Maxwell<br>Lyne McGregor     |
| 21          | Maureen Stagg<br>Maureen Abbott | 25       | Robyn Jones<br>Di Brodbeck          | 26     | Steven Smith<br>Wendy Goodwin       |
| 28          | Wendy Goodwin<br>Lina Butler    |          |                                     |        |                                     |
| August 2015 |                                 |          |                                     |        |                                     |
| Tuesday     |                                 | Saturday |                                     | Sunday |                                     |
|             |                                 | 1        | Val Holland<br>Lorraine Taylor      | 2      | Wendy Eldridge<br>Kerryn Maxwell    |
| 4           | Fay McCoubrie<br>Bev Lambie     | 8        | Shirley Peterson<br>Robyn Jones     | 9      | Steven Smith<br>Wendy Goodwin       |
| 11          | Val Bennett<br>Mary McGrath     | 15       | Wendy Eldridge<br>Lyne McGregor     | 16     | Jo Saville<br>Jane Rivett-Carnac    |
| 18          | Maureen Abbott<br>Maureen Stagg | 22       | Di Brodbeck<br>Judy Mehegan         | 23     | Wendy Goodwin<br>Lyne McGregor      |
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**Volunteers please remember our days are Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon.**

**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.**

## Remember

**We have classes for those refreshing their research skills or intending to write the family history. Come to the meeting room at the Narre Warren Branch Library, Overland Drive, Fountain Gate Vic 3805.**

**The May class at 7 pm on May 25th is Family History Programs**

**The June class at 7 pm on June 22nd is making use of PROV**

**The July class at 7 pm on July 27th is Cemeteries and finding the dead**

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