

Spreading Branches

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

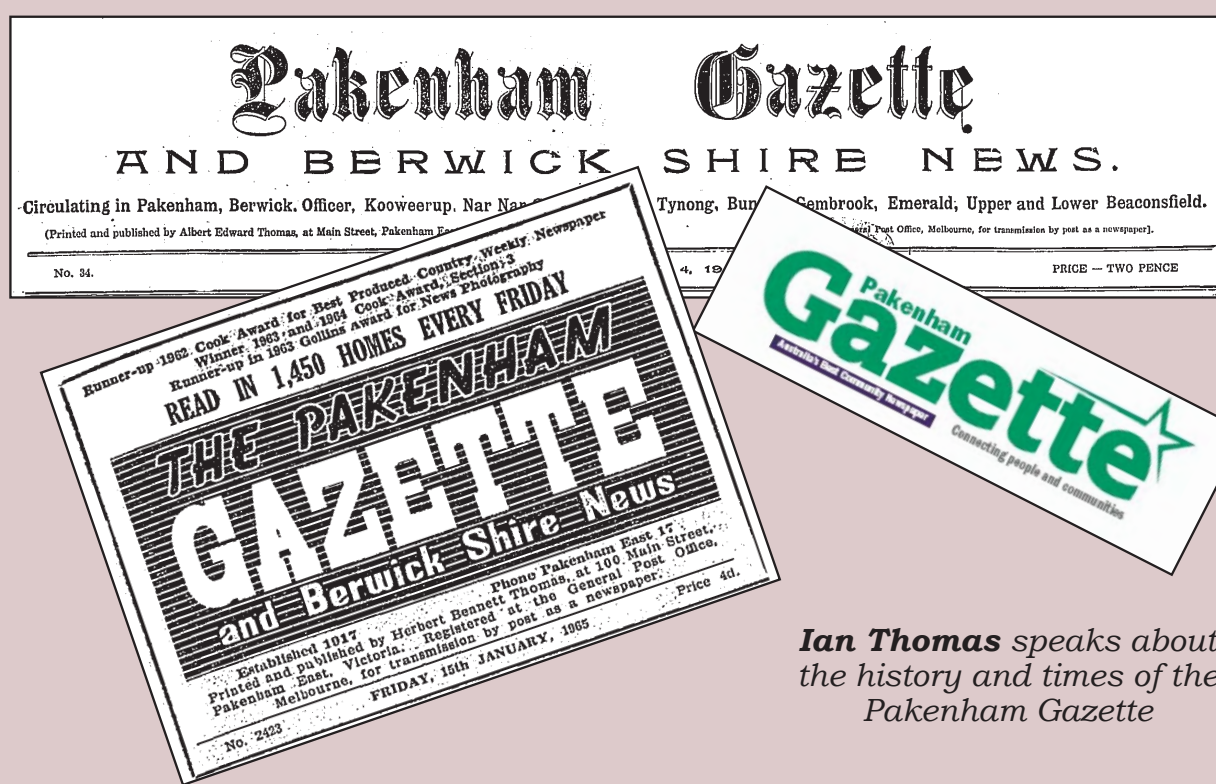
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General Meeting

Wed 10 February 2016 7.30 pm



Ian Thomas speaks about the history and times of the Pakenham Gazette

What's on:

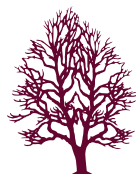
Sunday 13 March 2016	Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings	<i>see page 4</i>
Saturday 2 April 2016	Australian Beef & Lamb Tasting Research	<i>see page 4</i>
Sunday 17 April 2016	“Sacrifice and Patriotism” A World War One Walk in Pakenham Cemetery	<i>see page 3</i>

General Meetings

Wed 9 Mar 2016 7.30 pm
NW&DFHG members will speak of their favourite research room resources

Wed 13 Apr 2016 7.30 pm
Yvonne Bethnall from Descendants of Convicts: How to find and research a convict.

Sat 14 May 2016 2 pm
Maureen Trotter (NW&DFHG): Social media for family historians.



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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.

NWDFHG is a member of:

Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group
Genealogical Society of Victoria
South Eastern Historical Association Inc.
Royal Historical Society of Victoria
Victorian Association of Family History Organisations
Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc.

Opening Hours for Research

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

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

Wire binding and laminating service available for members. Contact Jenny on 5991 4499 or email treasurer@nwfhg.org.au

Membership

Single \$35 + \$5 joining fee, Joint \$50 + \$5 joining fee. Payable 1 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:

Bank: National Australia Bank **BSB:** 083 802

Branch: Fountain Gate **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 \$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

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

I hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas and New Year. I'm really looking forward to what 2016 brings NW&DFHG. Do you like our new masthead? Every newsletter editor likes to put their stamp on the newsletter, it's only fair. I think Marianne has done a fabulous job with it, I love the sleek new look.

We're already experimenting with cataloguing software and rummaging through our bookshelves trying to firm up plans for moving forward, or anywhere else for that matter. We've still not heard anything definite about our eventual move but I'm hoping that 2016 brings us some good news. On the subject of good news, we applied for two grants last year, one for \$1 000 towards the purchase of a laptop with the City of Casey and \$1 500 towards the cost of printing *Sacrifice and Patriotism* with the Anzac Centenary Community Grants Program. We are very excited to report that both grant applications were successful.

It's going to be a busy start to the year with lots to do; we're stepping up the workshops again this year and we've got two cemetery tours, a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in March and a Tastepoint fundraising event in April. We're also doing an 'Ask Granny' workshop with the Narre Library on 6 June as well as organising normal general meetings and keeping the Research Room open three days a week. So, there's plenty of opportunities for members to roll up their sleeves and get involved and help us make the most of every opportunity to further our interests and move the Group forward. It matters not how little or how much you can help – only that you do.

Lynne Bradley

Vale Stephen Cowell

1967-2015

We were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of Stephen's sudden passing just before Christmas last year. We had only just welcomed him to the Group in the last edition of Spreading Branches after becoming a member in October.

Stephen was very enthusiastic about his plans to research his family history and attended general meetings as well as the cemetery tour and Christmas tea. He had a quiet but friendly nature and those of us who met him, liked him very much. According to Stephen's father Ron, that sentiment was reciprocated, Stephen had told him of the high regard he had for our Group and its members.

The President and Vice President had the sad honour of representing the Group at Stephen's funeral service on Tuesday 22 December.

"Sacrifice and Patriotism" A World War One Walk in Pakenham Cemetery



Sunday 17 April 2016 10–11.30 am

Our first walk for 2016 will be an Anzac tour of Pakenham Cemetery in April. A Pioneer tour of Harkaway Cemetery is planned for October.

Our Pakenham tour features a nurse and many soldiers who fought in various battles in Europe and were gassed or hospitalised for illness and wounds.

These soldiers have a connection to Pakenham Cemetery through their own burial or an immediate family member is interred there.

Once again our members have volunteered to help research these men and families who made the ultimate sacrifice in going to war. A book *Sacrifice and Patriotism* produced from these stories will be available for sale on the day of the tour.

We hope you will join us on Sunday 17 April at Pakenham Cemetery, Thewlis Road at 10 am as we commemorate the lives of these heroic men and women. \$5 per adult payable on the day.

Tea and coffee available at end of tour. Email cemeterytours@nwfhg.org.au or call Jane on 9796 1421 for more information.

Cemetery Group

March general meeting 9 March 2016

Our March meeting will be an in-house affair and we'd like to have members tell us about their favourite resource in the Research Room. It just might be that you have stumbled across a fabulous resource that others may find incredibly useful, but don't know it's there. You might learn something new too. We've got a room packed with family history resources, many of which are underused and neglected, so please think about participating.

Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings

Sunday 13 March 2016

Our next Sausage Sizzle will take place at Bunnings, Narre Warren on **Sunday 13 March 2016**. Yes, I realise it's a long weekend, but I hope you will be able to help out for an hour or two. Once again, please add your name to the sheet on the notice board in the Research Room or contact me. Your on-going support is thoroughly appreciated.

Australian Beef & Lamb Tasting Research

Saturday 2 April 2016

There can't be a much easier way to earn \$1000 for the group, but I do need your support and an hour or so of your time please.

Clubs, charities, community groups and schools are being asked to provide people to taste freshly prepared samples of Australian Beef or Lamb, to assist Meat & Livestock Australia with research data for the ongoing grading of meat tenderness.

Research participants are asked to taste and evaluate samples during an hour session and with the required surveys completed, our group will be given \$1000.



During the tasting, each participant will be offered seven samples and will be asked to mark down their impressions of tenderness on a coded survey page. The product samples will be prepared to medium, so people that prefer extremely rare, or well-done meat and people that do not eat meat regularly may not find this activity worthwhile and should not participate.

Information given on the sheets is kept confidential.

The date is set for **Saturday 2 April 2016** and the tasting will take place at our President's home in

Lyndhurst over three different sessions – 11 am, noon and 1 pm. Twenty people are required for each session plus two reserves, so if you'd like to take part please add your name to the sign-on sheet in the Research Room or let me know you will be attending. In

total we need 66 people to attend. Participants need to be aged between 18 and 70 years (maybe a year or two either way) and don't need to be members of our group, so please ask your relatives, friends and neighbours.

In anticipation I thank you for volunteering and that your efforts will benefit our group with \$1000.

*Jenny Hayes, Fundraising Coordinator
5991 44 99 or treasurer@nwfhg.org.au*

Desperately seeking Research Room Volunteers and a Research Room Manager

While we can scrape through Tuesdays with the volunteers we've got at present (but we could always use more) we are desperately short of volunteers for Saturdays, Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons. Can you help, please?

One duty a month, or once in a blue moon, anything would be really appreciated at this stage. How much experience do you need? None – we will roster you with an experienced volunteer and do everything we can to support you with any aspect of volunteer training you'd like help with. In return, our volunteers enjoy access to the Research Room outside of normal operating hours so that they can come in at a time that suits them.

Please contact Lynne president@nwfhg.org.au or Fay vice.president@nwfhg.org.au if you can help.

While we're on the subject of the Research Room please don't forget that we still need a Research Room Manager to organise the rosters and take control of the room. It's an easy committee role and

contrary to popular opinion YOU DON'T HAVE TO ATTEND EVERY COMMITTEE MEETING – one in three would pose no problems for us at all if that's the way it had to be!

Think about it – if you planned it right, that would be two, yes two, committee meetings between now and the AGM!!

Member Profile Maureen Stagg (nee Potter)	
<i>Place of birth</i>	East Melbourne, Victoria
<i>Profession</i>	Dry cleaning presser, Store person
<i>Family</i>	Married, 2 children 2 brothers, 2 sisters
<i>Time in district</i>	42 years
<i>Interests</i>	Knitting
<i>Names researching</i>	Potter, Black, Loudon, Baynes
<i>Researching for</i>	3 years

Research Room News

There is no room on our shelves for even one new book and we have a few more than that to accommodate. We really have reached the point where we must take some decisive action and so, over the break we have had a bit of look at some of our books and reluctantly decided that duplicates of all titles must be removed from the collection, regardless of whether they were donated to us or not. Nor can we keep every general local history book, outdated finding aid, and other assorted items that take up space that something infinitely more useful could occupy and you could borrow.

It simply makes no sense to have two or three titles of the same book in different spots on the shelves when you have limited space. In a lot of cases, not all, there's newer, more appropriate titles that could be purchased, but we haven't been buying them because we've had no room to put them.

It's not that we're not grateful for the donations and support – we are! But we must also be realistic, all good libraries weed their collections in order to make room for newer, more appropriate titles. There is no reason to suggest that we should be any different, in fact, we owe it to our members.

Over the next few months the librarian (Lorraine) and her assistants (Fay and Lynne) will be appraising all the books on the shelves. Then, we'll turn our attention to the next group of resources. If you have donated any items to the NW&DFHG which you would like returned to you in the event of their deletion from the collection, please contact Lorraine at librarian@nwfhg.org.au before the end of February so that we can notify you. No decision on the fate of any deleted items has yet been made, but we will keep you informed via Jenny's News of the Month and general meetings.

We hope to have exiting news about our new catalogue and a list of new resources in the next edition of Spreading Branches.

Lorraine, Fay & Lynne

Members recommend:

<http://shazlex.blogspot.com.au/2015/11/a-progressive-old-cemetery-stories-from.html>

Have you come across a great blog or website, you'd like to share with other members? Send your links to newsletter.editor@nwfhg.org.au

Member Profile *Brenda Wheeler (nee Evans)*

<i>Place of birth</i>	Wedderburn, Victoria
<i>Profession</i>	Dressmaker
<i>Family</i>	Widowed, 1 child 2 siblings
<i>Interests</i>	History, Reading, Playing cards
<i>Names researching</i>	Popp, Evans, Saunders, Cassuben, Scarce
<i>Researching for</i>	over 30 years

Welcome to our new member

Suzanne Wind

All things Female Factory



Gay Hendriksen's book *Conviction* explores what is called either the first Australian workers action or simply a riot – the 1827 fight for rights at the Parramatta Female Factory. This book is available from the author.

Gay Hendriksen is now writing a history of the Female Factories of NSW with a particular focus on the Parramatta Female Factories and the stories of the women and their life in the factories. This will include the stories of women from transportation to the factory, staff, management and others associated with the Female Factory and its history.

Gay is looking for descendants and individuals who would like to share their stories of a female factory convict, a staff member, or someone who was connected with the Factory.

She is also compiling a descendants list. If you would like to be included on the list please send her your contact details.

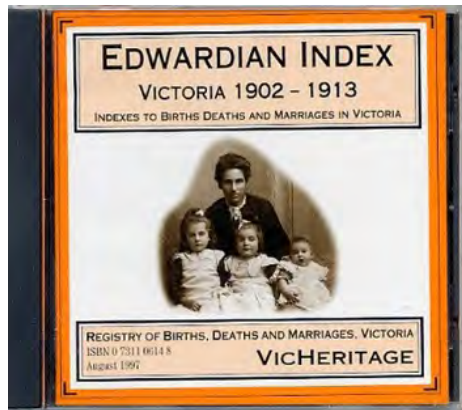
If you are interested please contact Gay at rowantree.hc@gmail.com, or phone 0447 189 137.

For more insights into the factories you can visit <https://parramattafemalefactories.wordpress.com/>

Looking back ... and ahead

We all remember looking up births, deaths and marriages on microfiche. Spreading Branches Issue 4 announced that the indices had been released to public viewing and were available at many libraries.

How far have we come since then. I certainly have not used the microfiche since the Digger CDs were released in the late 1990s.



And now, the Victorian indices are finally available online for free. Before you discard the CDs here are a few tips on how to make

the most of both systems. While searching online may be more convenient to the user, there is ample way for improvement! At the moment the online listings are awkward to use, and for large scale research I prefer to use the CDs.

The search form (below) on www.bdm.vic.gov.au is easy to use, giving you the option to search for births, marriages and deaths in one go, as well as limiting the years you want to search in. I was glad to find that you can enter years only, not like some indices where you have to give exact dates, i.e. 01/01/1900 - 31/12/1905.

If your search returns multiple pages of results, you need to check each page, as they are not strictly listed in alphabetical order. Although there is a sort option, this only sorts the page you are on, and not the full results. The order of results on the screen shots (right) are further complicated because it lists the name "A'Beckett" before "ABeckett".

INDEX TO BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES

Released to Public Viewing

Victoria - Released in 4 groups.

Early Church Records 1837 - 1853

Pre 1896 B.D.M.

1896 - 1913 D.M.

1896 - 1913 B.

1914 - 1940 D.

Available on Microfiche at most libraries

Spreading Branches Issue 4, 1990, p7

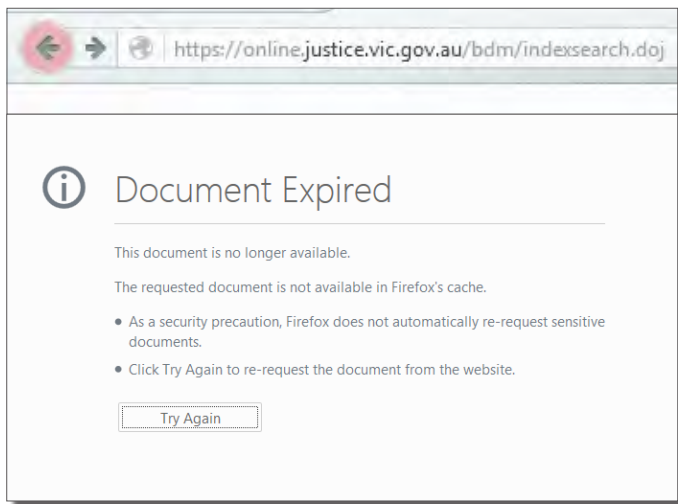
This initial page of results gives minimal information, so that I have to click on each name to find out where the event took place, or the age of the deceased.

What is most annoying is that the website does not let me use the browser "back" button. If I do use it, the browser displays 'document expired'. (see top of next page). This forces me to start my search again.

The website forces me to use its own "back" or "refine search" buttons to get back to the previous screens, hidden well below the initial view forcing me to scroll to the bottom of the page. Vic BDM make sure the information how to buy a certificate

Family name (surname)	Given names	Event	Father's name / Spouse's family name	Mother's maiden name / Spouse's given name	Reg. year	Reg. no	In cart
A'BECKETT	Emily Morda	Birth	Malwyn	Affra Ann (Robinson)	1968	2312	
A'BECKETT	Edellie Emma Louise	Birth	Edward Fitz Hal	Jane Deodata (Burke)	1874	19520	
A'BECKETT	Marian Emily	Birth	Wm Goldsmid	Rebecca Sarah (Franks)	1867	18476	
ABECKETT	Agnes Ellen	Birth	William Goldsm	Rebecca Sa (Franks)	1870	26579	
ABECKETT	Edith Eliza	Birth	Thomas	Isabella (Miche)	1872	19927	
ABECKETT	Edward	Death	ABECKETT Thos Turner	Eliza (Stuckey)	1932	2566	
ABECKETT	Edward Burke	Birth	Edw Fitzhaley	Jane Deodata (Burke)	1869	3454	
ABECKETT	Edward Fitzhaley	Death	ABECKETT William	Emily (Haley)	1922	437	
ABECKETT	Edw Burke	Marriage	HENDERSON	Emily Louisa	1910	8780	
ABECKETT	Elizabeth Clare	Death	Murphy Alexand	Georgina Gor (Thompson)	1970	10948	

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A'BECKETT	Edward Fitzhaley	Marriage	BURKE	Jane Deodata	1867	3602	
A'BECKETT	Edward Lambert	Marriage	WICKING	Helen Bruce	1939	3428	
ABECKETT	Agnes Ellen	Marriage	KLINGENDER	Fred Louis	1895	3894	
ABECKETT	Edith Eliza	Marriage	MOORE	Wm Harrison	1898	6283	
ABECKETT	Edward Burke	Death	ABECKETT Edward Fitzhaley	Jane Deodata (Burke)	1945	18105	
ABECKETT	Eliza	Death	U		1862	5922	
ABECKETT	Eliza	Marriage	CHOMLEY	Henry Baker	1863	2362	
ABECKETT	Elizabeth	Death	Stuckey Unknown	Elizabeth (Bradley)	1854	2149	
ABECKETT	Elloth Ann	Death	Hood Thos	Eliza (ABECKETT)	1919	7785	
ABECKETT	Ellen Mary	Marriage	DEATH	Alfred	1879	1151	
ABECKETT	Emily Abeckett	Marriage	BACHOUSE	Benjamin Talworth Paine	1884	35	
ABECKETT	Emily Matilda	Death	ABECKETT Malwyn	Affra Ann (Robinson)	1953	12032	



is presented more prominently than these two buttons.

However, there are also enhancements compared to the Digger CDs. Volunteers at BDM have corrected entries and made extra information available that is not on the CDs.

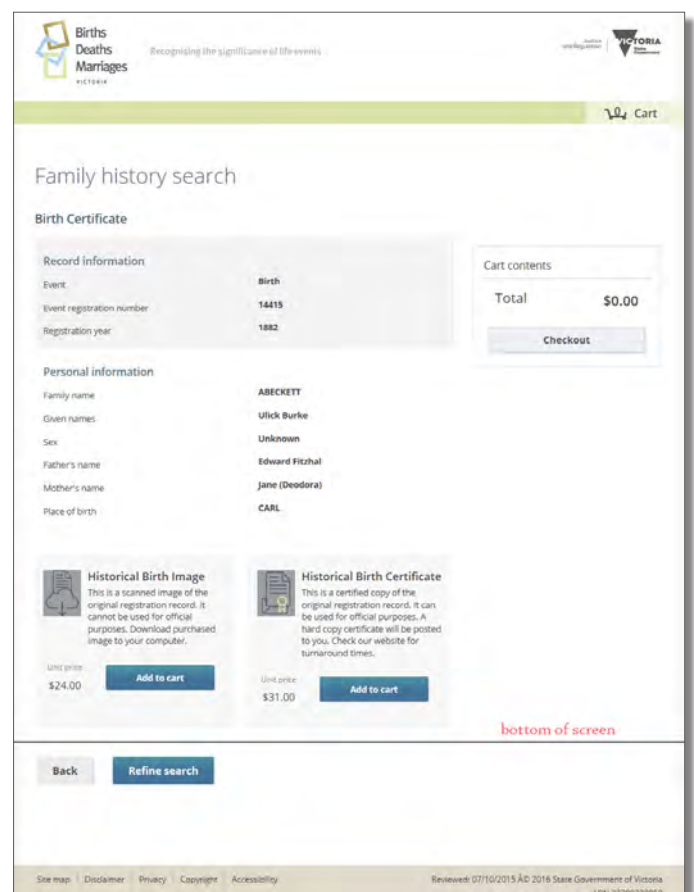
One enhancement that is very valuable to a researcher is that deaths up to 1888 now show the deceased person's spouse if the information was recorded.

Death records 1941-1965 show the deceased person's birth place, and the years 1983-1988 show the deceased person's birth place and their mother's maiden name.

Unfortunately, the online index fails to list the denotation of days/weeks/months for the age of infants, so that the age of a three week old baby is listed as 3.

Marriage entries no longer show birthplaces.

In conclusion, for a local historian like me,

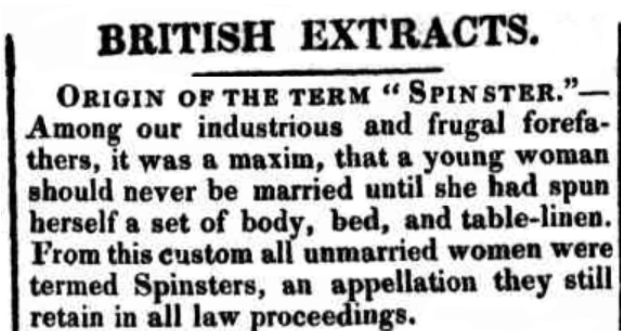


researching a large number of people, the Digger CDs are still more convenient to use, especially since all the information (i.e. location and age) is presented on the one page. I mainly use the online index where I know that additional information may be available.

A few years ago there was talk about burial information being added to the online index, but this project may have been shelved.

Marianne Rocke

Spinster ...



In the second issue of Spreading Branches, we included an explanation of the term spinster, as published in the Hobart Town Gazette in 1823.

A recent article by David Shariatmadari in *The Guardian* about how words change their meaning over time, points out that terms describing women often take on a more pejorative meaning over time. He chose eight words, including madam, hussy, wrench to illustrate this, and for spinster he wrote:

"This occupational term originally meant simply someone, usually a woman but possibly a man, who spun yarn or thread. Since a woman without a husband might have to rely on spinning as a source of income, the term became associated with unmarried women, eventually becoming the legal way to refer to one. The more loaded use of it to refer to "a woman still unmarried; especially one beyond the usual age for marriage, an old maid" begins in the early 18th century."

"Eight words that reveal the sexism at the heart of the English language", <www.theguardian.com>, 27 Jan 2016

Casey Cardinia Remembers

www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au

We live among our monuments and memorials sometimes without even noticing that they are in fact a memorial. If we do tend to notice, we might be tempted to think that they will always be there and therefore, so will the opportunity to investigate them further. But that's not always the case, they can, and do disappear from view and fade from our memory.

A very recent and close to home (for us) loss is the Patrick Northeast Wetlands Reserve. Do you know it? Or, perhaps we should ask if you knew it? It's gone now, to make way for Bunjil Place. But when we surveyed it in 2011 it was quite picturesque. It boasted a fountain, children's playground, picnic shelter and barbeque and was home to many water birds including ducks.

A sign marking the Patrick Northeast Wetlands Reserve reminded us as we drove down Patrick Northeast Drive, that he was, or did something important enough to be reminded of. Indeed, he did, being the first Town Clerk and City Manager of the City of Berwick. Patrick John Northeast died in 2005, aged 73.

Not so easily seen on the site was a plaque and a tree dedicated to the founder of Rotary International, Paul P Harris, by the Narre Warren Rotary Club in 1997 on the 50th anniversary of his death.

In close proximity to the wetlands reserve, on the other side of the ARC was a little plaque on a small concrete plinth informing us that on 28 July 1992, The City of Berwick Bicycle Path Network was jointly opened by Cr. Kirsty Lottkowitz, Mayor of the City of Berwick and Cr. Lorna Wilson, Deputy Mayor and Chairperson of the Municipal Bicycle Plan Committee.

It's all gone now, perhaps just in safe

keeping, perhaps to emerge in a different location or form, perhaps never to be seen again. The demise of the Patrick Northeast Wetlands Reserve has been a catalyst for us to begin to explore the monuments and memorials that are no longer in existence, as well as the ones we see every day.

We read about the J C Lloyd Square in the Pakenham Gazette of 16 February 1983. Apparently, 230 invited guests watched the then Mayor of the City of Berwick Cr. Syd Pargeter assisting John Lloyd unveil a plaque declaring the space between the council offices and the library the J C Lloyd Square. John Lloyd then planted a Moreton Bay Fig tree to commemorate the Government's announcement on 14 February 1973 that the submission for a separate municipality



Patrick Northeast Wetlands Reserve

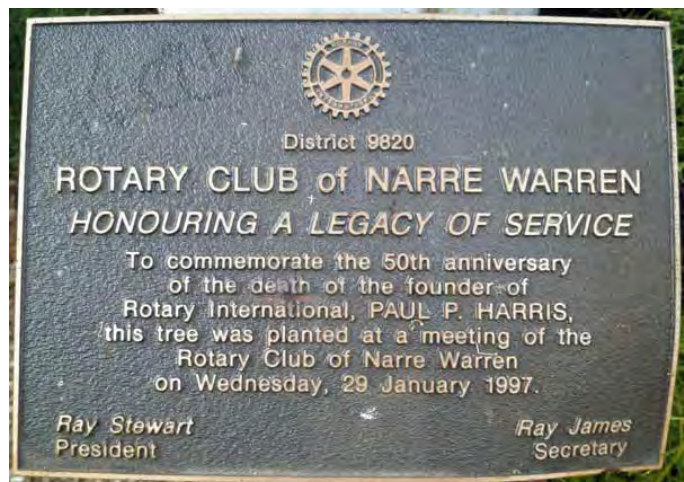
Bunjil Place May 2015



had been agreed to. We looked for the plaque and we looked for a Moreton Bay Fig but could find neither.

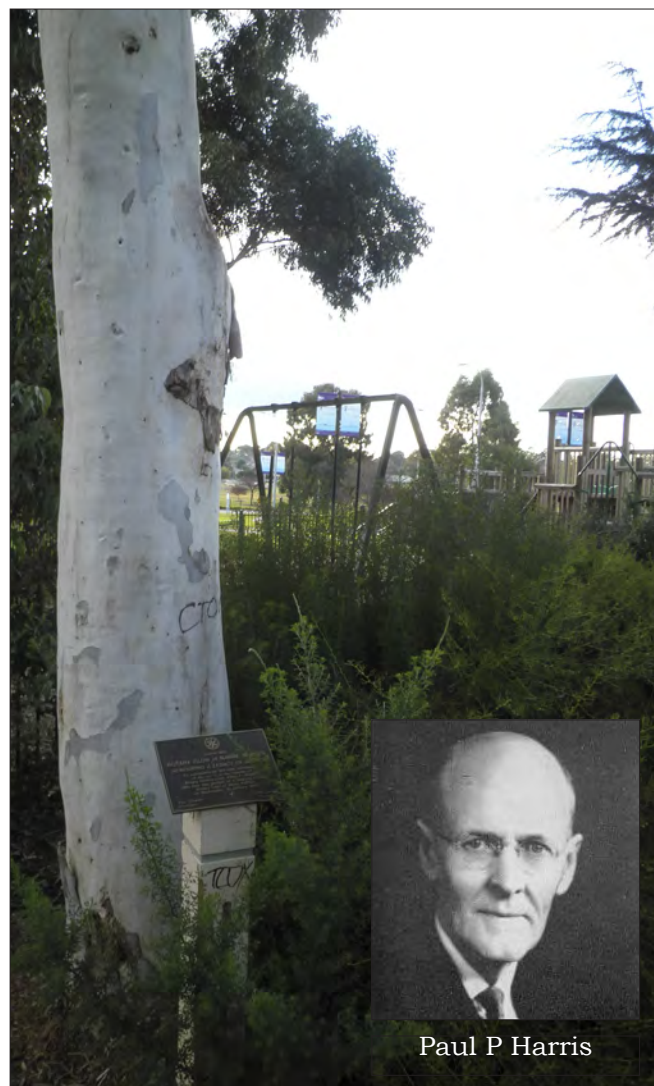
And we won't even mention the saga of the Narre Warren Memorial Gates, because perhaps that's our theme for the next issue

Lynne Bradley



Paul P Harris Plaque at Patrick Northeast Wetlands Reserve

Read more about Paul Harris on www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/about-rotary/rotarys-founder



Paul P Harris

The City of Berwick Bicycle Path Network plaque



Narre Warren & District Family History Group

2016 Workshops

Date	Time	Topic	Tutor
Monday 22 Feb	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Finding direction: where are you going with your family history?</i>	Jane RC
Monday 21 Mar	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Earning the daily bread: occupational records</i>	Wendy E
Monday 18 Apr	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Copyright and plagiarism / Digital preservation</i>	Lynne / Heather
Monday 23 May	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Putting the correct women on your tree</i>	Jane RC
Monday 20 Jun	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Getting an education: finding the records / Casey Cardinia school registers</i>	Wendy E / Heather
Monday 25 Jul	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Hatches, Matches and Despatches on Digger / Ancestry</i>	Lynne / Heather
Monday 22 Aug	10.30 am to 2.45 pm*	<i>Family History Month: Here, Near & Far</i>	Lynne / Jane / Heather
	10.30 am–11.30 am	<i>England (Lynne)</i>	
	11.45 am–12.45 pm	<i>New Zealand (Jane)</i>	
	1.45 pm–2.45 pm	<i>Casey Cardinia (Heather)</i>	
Monday 26 Sep	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>They didn't swim here: diving into immigration records</i>	Jane RC
Monday 24 Oct	10.30 am to 2.45 pm*	<i>Seniors & Ageing Positively Festivals</i>	Wendy E / Lynne / Jane
	10.30 am–11.30 am	<i>Medical records (hospitals, asylums, undertakers) (Wendy)</i>	
	11.45 am–12.45 pm	<i>Police & legal records (Lynne)</i>	
	1.45 pm–2.45 pm	<i>Housing, land records, maps (Jane)</i>	
Monday 21 Nov	7 pm to 8.30 pm	<i>Good sports: discovering sporting ancestors from juniors to seniors</i>	Wendy E

* On seminar days there will be a 15-minute break between class 1 and class 2, and a lunch break and time for a visit to our research room or a general chat between class 2 and class 3.

Our workshops have been very successful this year. We've received good feedback from those attending and gained a significant number of new members. We realise we can't please everyone with dates, times and topics but we think we've got a fabulous line up of workshops for 2016. All workshops are free to members and \$5 for visitors. Visitors may

participate in one, two or three sessions in daytime workshops for just \$5.

We're very excited to have our Local History Librarian, Heather Arnold joining us for a few more sessions next year. We hope that you will join us too.

Contact the Research Officer for bookings or more information:

Lynne 8787 5558 or research.officer@nwfhg.org.au

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We would like to read your stories.
Please submit your articles by 15 April 2016

Member Profile **Maureen Abbott (nee Ryan)**

<i>Place of birth</i>	Coburg, Victoria
<i>Family</i>	Married, 3 children 4 siblings
<i>Time in district</i>	45 years
<i>Names researching</i>	Abbott, Whiteside, Branigan, Conway, McDonald, Sievwright, Westhorpe, Barnes, Dawson, Stewart, Ryan, Halliday, Connelly, Hines, Perrin, Keogh

Research Room Roster

February 2016					
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
2	Fay McCoubrie Anne Blair	4	Wendy Goodwin Lynne Bradley	6	Brenda Wheeler Lorraine Taylor
9	Bev Lambie Maureen Stagg	11	Wendy Eldridge Jane Rivett-Carnac	13	Shirley Peterson Lyne McGregor
16	Maureen Abbott Fay McCoubrie	18	Kerryn Maxwell Eileen Durdin	20	Robyn Jones Wendy Goodwin
23	Mary McGrath Brenda Wheeler	25	Jo Saville Lynne Bradley	27	Lynne Bradley Steven Smith

March 2016					
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
1	Joyce Masters Moreyn Dimsey	3	Nowella Ahlgren Kerryn Maxwell	5	Robyn Jones Lyne McGregor
8	Maureen Abbott Mary McGrath	10	Wendy Eldridge Jane Rivett-Carnac	12	Wendy Goodwin Lynne Bradley
15	Anne Blair Bev Lambie	17	Wendy Goodwin Lynne Bradley	19	Lorraine Taylor Shirley Peterson
22	Maureen Stagg Brenda Wheeler	24	Eileen Durdin Jo Saville	26	Room closed: public holiday
29	Fay McCoubrie Moreyn Dimsey	31	Kerryn Maxwell Lynne Bradley		

April 2016					
Tuesday		Thursday		Saturday	
				2	Lorraine Taylor Robyn Jones
5	Joyce Masters Anne Blair	7	Wendy Eldridge Jane Rivett-Carnac	9	Shirley Peterson Lyne McGregor
12	Mary McGrath Bev Lambie	14	Jo Saville Eileen Durdin	16	Lorraine Taylor Lynne Bradley
19	Fay McCoubrie Moreyn Dimsey	21	Lynne Bradley Nowella Ahlgren	23	Judy Mehegan Di Brodbeck
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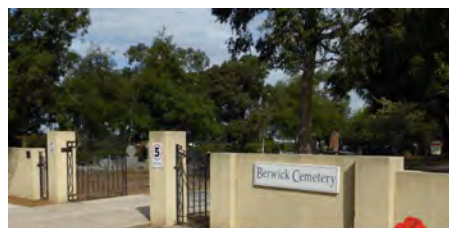
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Tuesday		Saturday		Sunday	
				1	Jane Rivett-Carnac Lyne McGregor
3	Lynne Bradley Mary McGrath	7	Lorraine Taylor Shirley Peterson	8	Kerryn Maxwell Eileen Durdin
10	Fay McCoubrie Bev Lambie	14	Robyn Jones Brenda Wheeler	15	Wendy Goodwin Steven Smith
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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. Volunteers please remember in May we change to Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Publications for Sale

100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery

(published 2015) examines the cemetery's connections with the Great War. Our stories



100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.



embrace 100 men from over 70 families – all linked to Berwick Cemetery and the community it served.

Twenty-eight men did not return, they are still in France, Gallipoli, Belgium, Malta, Palestine, at sea and 6 have no known grave. For over 70 years Brigadier General Cecil

Henry Foott has lain in an unmarked grave at Berwick Cemetery until the Narre Warren & District Family History Group, the Berwick RSL, the Berwick and Harkaway Cemeteries Trust and Cameo Memorials of Dandenong joined forces to place a headstone at the grave.

Men of all ages enlisted, the youngest were two 16 year olds, the oldest was 56 year old Private Pringle who told the Army he was 44 and got away with it. Twenty-seven sets of brothers, one father and his two sons and men who enlisted on the same day with consecutive service numbers all have fascinating stories to be told.

Our soldiers were mentioned in despatches and received awards and medals. They served as troopers, gunners, sappers, drivers, bombardiers, signallers and shoeing smiths. Eight of the soldiers married overseas and brought wives home with them. Those who returned led varied lives and fortune smiled more favourably on some than it did on others.

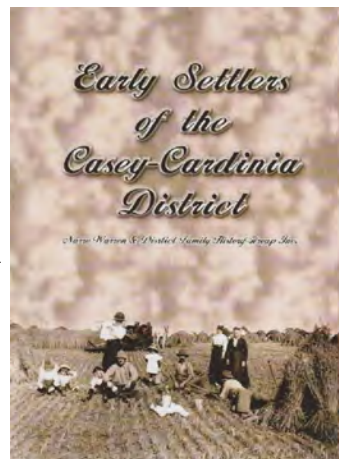
100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery \$20 + \$5 postage + handling

Order forms are available from the Research room or download from nwfhg.org.au/publications/

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.



Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District
\$30 + \$15 postage + handling

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\$25 + \$10 postage + handling

Cemetery Tour booklets

Pakenham Cemetery Tour
2011 \$10

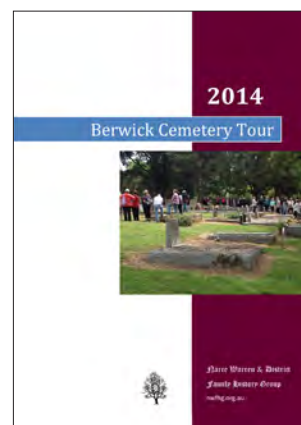
Cranbourne Cemetery Tour
2012 \$10

Lang Lang Cemetery Tour
2013 \$10

Berwick Cemetery Tour
2014 \$15

Pakenham Cemetery Tour
2015 \$15

Add \$3 for postage + handling.



Microfiche

Berwick Cemetery
Register & Headstones 1867-1999
\$22 + postage + handling

Harkaway Cemetery
Register and Headstones 1863-1999
\$6 + postage + handling

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Register and Headstones 1850-1999
\$22 + postage + handling

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