

Spreading Branches

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Specialising in the Casey Cardinia Area

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General Meetings

Sat 14 May 2016 2 pm Social Media for Family Historians

Maureen Trotter, a member of our group will talk about social media and what uses it has to family historians.



Her talk will include topics such as what types of social media there are, what you need to get started. She will give some insights into how social media can help with your research and addresses privacy concerns and managing passwords.

See you there!

Sat 11 June 2016 2 pm Lambis Englezos: Lost Diggers of Fromelles

We are very excited that Lambis Englezos is joining us for our June meeting.

The renowned amateur historian will be telling us about his efforts to find the remains of soldiers that were killed on that fateful night of the Battle of Fromelles in July 1916. Many bodies could not be recovered from the battlefield until after the war. He helped in their recovery and identification so that they could be given dignified burials in individual graves.

Please join us for this fascinating story.

Have you heard about Trove??

Earlier this year we heard that the National Library of Australia is to curtail Trove to enable it to meet its 'efficiency dividends' by not adding new collections. This has arisen due to the Federal Government reducing funding to the National Library of Australia.

Have you benefited from Trove?

How often do you access Trove? What has Trove told you?

Think about one important fact that you have found on Trove.

When you write to protest about this cut in funding, include a family story or local history story that you found on Trove and how it has helped you, your family or your community.

Just google "Cuts to funding of Trove" and read all the links.

In your letter of protest to the people mentioned on the right, state that this is a backward step for an



innovative nation, and request that they ensure that NLA and Trove are not jeopardised.

Also tell all your genie friends about this and ask them to protest as well.



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Write to the following people to protest

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

Hon Mr Bill Shorten MP, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

The Minister for Arts, Senator The Hon Mitch Fifield, Parliament House, Canberra, ACT 2600

Your local members:

Hon Anthony Byrne MP Member for Holt

Mr Jason Wood MP Member for La Trobe

Mr Russell Broadbent MP Member for McMillan



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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

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Sacrifice and Patriotism Cemetery Tour Pakenham

Sunday 17 April 2016

In a stark contrast to last year, we had a day right out of the box for a cemetery tour, bright warm sunshine with just a hint of a breeze to keep you cool. We wondered how we'd go; a couple of the team were not too well and Pakenham was celebrating Yakkerboo's 40th birthday that day. But, we shouldn't have worried – we had a full team on the ground and 45 paying customers, including two Cardinia Shire Councillors.

As we walked, we talked about some of the 64 families that gave 120 sons and 1 daughter to the war effort. So many stories, so little time.

Courage and coincidence were major threads in many stories. Was it just a mere coincidence that we stood at the grave of Private Frank Wilson with some of his descendants (pictured right) on the 128th anniversary of his birth?

Some of our soldiers did not return, Private Timothy Halloran died on 19 July 1916 while charging into what may have been his first battle at Fromelles and was heard to say 'I am done for, I've got it'. He had enlisted on 19 July 1915, exactly a year earlier. Still presumed buried in No Man's Land at the time



the research for the tour and book was done, it was fabulous to hear that the Pakenham RSL learned just the night before that Timothy is one of the latest of our soldiers lost at Fromelles to be identified.

Some of our soldiers were almost unstoppable, Sergeant Frank Ramsdale was a despatch runner and carrying important information back to the command lines when thrown heavily against a brick wall by an exploding bomb. Despite wounds to his hand and legs he delivered his communication and was awarded a Military Medal for his remarkable courage under fire.

All in all, on many levels, it was a very successful morning. We hope you'll take a look at the book the next time you're in the Research Room.

Lynne Bradley



**Welcome to
our new and
returning members**

Penny Jennings, Christine Moore,
Lynne Tivendale, Christine Johnson,
Christine Ymer

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

President's Report

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Sacrifice and Patriotism cemetery tour and book. As ambassadors for the NW&DFHG they are second to none. It was a magical morning for the family history group that I felt privileged to be part of.

Thank you to all our sizzlers, helpers the day before, and Jenny, for all that organising and work! We had a great day and made a handy profit. It seems hard at the moment to motivate members to fundraise, especially when we look at our account balance. But, at the moment, it's our safety net. We may need to spend quite a few dollars when we get to our new home, whenever and wherever it may be. And it may be sooner than we think. So, just like the Scouts – we need to be prepared and have funds behind us that will enable us to purchase furniture or equipment at the time and settle in quickly.

Thank you to Fay, who is chairing general meetings for me at the moment and heading up the Volunteers' Morning Tea. Thanks also to Eileen who is heading up the Casey Cardinia Heritage Day. Please offer your help to them if you can.

I would like to thank our retiring IT Officer, Paul Stevenson for the many wonderful things he has done for NW&DFHG over the years. It was a crushing blow to lose Paul from the committee. I know that everyone will be patient as John Elliott learns the ropes and settles in as our new IT Officer. If anyone would like to take John's old job of Membership Officer from him, please let us know.

You'll see those dreaded nomination forms in this newsletter, the AGM is not so very far away. Please think about nominating for something – we sure could use your help.

Lynne Bradley

Vale Edna Taylor

I have known Edna since going to the Family History Centre in Dandenong many years ago. Edna was most generous with information. She gifted us the IGI Index in our formative years, which we have used extensively over the years. Edna was made an Honorary Life Member of NW&DFHG in 1992.

We had some great times together, thank you Edna.

Lorraine Taylor

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Annual General Meeting

2 pm, Saturday 13 August 2016

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

Agenda

1. The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2015 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2016-2017.
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2016-2017.
 - 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 5 August 2016. 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

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

Sizzling hot at Bunnings

Sunday 13 March 2016

Without the help of volunteers who so generously gave up their spare time, especially on a long weekend, we would not have been able to hold our annual Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Narre Warren which this year was on 13 March.



The preparation day went smoothly, after I discovered why my food processor wasn't working (the extension lead), with lots of non group chit chat and laughter.



I applaud and thank you all for all your hard work with some doing a 'double shift' and some going beyond the call of duty. You all worked like a well oiled machine and kept everything nice and tidy, which paid off, because I heard many comments from customers about how nice everything looked.

Although the actual temperature was not super hot (mid 20s), we were all very HOT because of the high humidity and I thank the Bunnings staff who so kindly erected a second gazebo for us after lunch. That extra shade

was greatly appreciated.

I must say, that when, at around about 3.15 pm, I asked for the hotplate to be loaded up with more sausages and onions, that some of the helpers on that shift probably nearly fell over and must have thought I'd lost my marbles, but I'm happy to say that we sold nearly all. You know, it's amazing – you start packing up and then along come a lot more customers when all you want to do by 4.30 pm is get finished and go home for that much needed shower.



I was very happy with our sales with us using 40 loaves of bread, approximately 5 litres of various sauces and about 770 sausages, not counting the 1 or 3 which ended up on the concrete, giving us a grand profit of \$1488.

So once again, I say thank you to our members, in no particular order, Anne, Eileen, Brenda, Maureen, John, Paul, Val, Carol, Lynne, Marianne, Kerryn, Rex, Mary, Shirley and especially to non-members David and Bill.

*Jenny Hayes
Sausage Sizzle Coordinator*



Max Thomson's memories of World War II – Part 1

As there is considerable emphasis on World Wars 1 and 2 at present, I thought I would take the opportunity to relate my memories of how the Second World War affected some of the daily happenings in Narre Warren at that time. Certain memories are very vivid, and easily recalled, while others have faded as one becomes older.

I have to admit that much of what I have written here is an account of my own family's experiences, but those same experiences were shared by other families in Narre Warren and elsewhere too. Much of it may be more about local rather than family history.

It is difficult to realise now that Narre Warren in 1939 was very different to what it is today. In 1944 the population of people living within one mile of the railway station was between 150 and 160 – Australia's population was only a little over seven million.

There were two bakers in the township, one general store with post office attached (a second general store on Princes Highway closed not long after WWII commenced), one butcher, a motor garage and a corner shop-cum-milk bar.



Blake's Motor Garage 1943

There were only three street lights (electric) in the township; one on the NW corner of Princes Highway and Narre Warren North Road, (now Webb Street), one outside the cool store, and the third at the front of the Mechanics' Institute. Electricity was not connected to all houses, or the school. It was only connected to the Mechanics' Institute in 1943. A stand pipe (free water supply) stood about 100 metres south of the railway station on Shrives Road – most homes relied on tank water. A horse trough with public drinking fountain at one end was located on the main street in front of the cool store.

The primary school (then known as a state school)

was of two rooms with a pupil enrolment of 40+ in 1939, and up to 50+ in 1944. Grades were 1 to 8 (Merit). The head teacher, Mr Alan McGilvray and his wife lived across the school yard in an education department house. Monitors from Grade 8 supervised pupils in Grade 1 (Bubs) and Grade 2 in the morning in one room, while the other room was occupied by the older pupils. A sewing mistress, Miss Joyce Bailey, came each afternoon except Friday. (I do not recall there being what we now know as a Prep Class). Heating in the winter came from an open fire in the corner of each room. Air-conditioning in summer was by way of the open windows – no fly screens.

Each Monday morning the Union Flag was raised on the flagpole at the front of the school and the boys saluted. The Oath of Allegiance was recited en-masse with the right hand across the left breast.

Geography was a popular subject (with the teacher at least), with emphasis on the countries of Europe and the Pacific where war was being waged. As electricity was not connected to the school the daily papers, Argus, Sun and Age in the morning, and Herald late afternoon at 2 pence each, were the

main sources of news of the war. The Argus, I recall, was probably the only newspaper which provided coloured maps of wartime operations. These were used extensively in the classroom, to inspire patriotism in, and understanding of, Australia's participation in both the European and Pacific campaigns. The Saturday edition of the Sun contained a coloured supplement of comics, the main one being "Ginger Meggs."

The older boys at the school grew onions, cabbages and carrots which were sent to the Swallow & Ariell factory at Dandenong where they were dehydrated, packaged and forwarded to the war services' authorities. Camouflage nets were also made, and the girls knitted socks and balaclavas for 'our boys at war.' Aluminium in all shapes and sizes was collected for recycling. This was used in the manufacture of aircraft. Items as diverse as pots, pans, other kitchenware and chocolate wrappings were all collected as part of the war effort. On the rear boundary of the school yard stood a row of tall eucalypts and pine trees. These were felled by



Narre Warren School Pupils 1941

Messrs Bill Randle and Fred Aumann. The proceeds from the sale of the timber went toward the war effort. Most schools had a War Relief Fund to which pupils contributed weekly. War savings certificates could be purchased at the P.O. I think these were one pound each, (at least that was what my mother paid for them) and they could be redeemed after the war.

Because there was no electricity at the school, the teacher's battery-operated wireless (radio) was brought into the school so we could listen to the broadcast of the Anzac Day Service on 3AR (ABC). On one particular Anzac Day we had a visit from Mr Fred Aumann who related some of his WWI experiences. His little talk was capped off by showing us the toes on one of his feet which had been wounded while fighting in France. Yuk! Mr George Sharp, an Englishman, who had been a groom for Mr Andrew Chirnside and later farm manager for Mr John Lloyd, was also a talented thatcher. He made the straw base for a wreath which was decorated by the girls of the school under the supervision of the teacher's wife, Mrs McGilvray. The flowers had come from her garden.

The wreath was then taken to the war memorial, which, at that time, stood in front of the tennis courts on the north east corner of the Princes Highway and what is now Narre Warren North Road. The memorial was a distinctive landmark. Its arch and side pillars were an eye-catching feature, especially as there was

little else of significance for travellers as they passed through Narre Warren.

(Ed. Read more about the history of the Memorial Gates on page 8).

For approximately 18 months the Mechanics' Institute was occupied by the army – I think for repatriation purposes. Amenities there were extremely basic with only outdoor toilets (dunnies)

available. The army, however, erected an ablution block at the rear of the hall and supplemented their water supply by tanks filled with water from the local stand pipe. The rear yard of the Mechanics' Institute adjoined the school yard, so we, the pupils, were attracted by any army activities.

A large library was established at the institute in the late 19th and early 20th centuries under the leadership of Mr Sidney J. Webb of "Holly Green" and Mr Anthony B. Kent of "Oatlands". The books, and there were several thousand, were catalogued and numbered by Mr Webb. Each was rubber stamped "Narre Warren Railway Station. Mechanics' Institute Free Library." (It should be noted that the present Narre Warren North was the original Narre Warren, and the change of name only occurred after the Gippsland railway was completed. Even in the 1940s, Narre Warren North, as we now know it, was referred to as "Old Narre" by many of the locals.) The books were sold, prior to the army's occupation, at 6 pence each to members of the public and the proceeds forwarded to the Australian



The original Narre Warren War Memorial

Comforts Fund, which I believe, was an auxiliary body of the Red Cross. Fortunately for me, my parents bought a number – I still have a few. Many were published in the late 19th Century. Today the contents of that library would be valued at several thousand dollars.

Another fund-raising exercise was that of the CWA (Country Women's Association) conducting stalls at clearing sales and any other opportunity which presented itself. The community, though small, was full of support for the efforts made by its local organisations, no more so than when two of our men became victims of the conflict. Cyril Aumann, a stoker on H.M.A.S Sydney, went down with his ship which was torpedoed off the coast of Western

Australia. Cyril, while on leave, had visited the school only a couple of months earlier. Then came the news that Dr Douglas Pigdon of "Oatlands" had died in a Japanese P.O.W. camp.

While the Mechanics' Institute was occupied by the army, the school Mothers' Club, CWA, and Methodist Sunday School met in the school shelter-shed which was located across the road from the school. As there was no electricity, thermos flasks were used for the mandatory afternoon teas. I well remember the scrumptious left-overs after school following CWA meetings.

Max Thomson

*To be continued in the next issue of Spreading Branches.
Photographs provided by Max Thomson.*

Casey Cardinia Remembers: Narre Warren Memorial Gates

<http://www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au/narre-warren-memorial-gates>



The Narre Warren Memorial Gates are a wonderful example of how short 'forever' can be in the life of a moment or memorial.

First erected in 1923 by public subscription at a cost of £200 at the Narre Warren Memorial Sports Ground, the gates were an impressive structure. (The Narre Warren Memorial Sports Ground was renamed the Percy Trewin Reserve; now the site of the Casey Lifestyle Centre). Two granite pillars supported an arch above two galvanised iron gates. A keystone carrying a rising sun and the names of the nine who did not return of the twenty who enlisted during the Great War was set in the middle of the arch. The names of those who enlisted were on the left pillar.

In 1949 the names of those who enlisted for service in World War 2 were added to the memorial and the concrete outer pillars were replaced with granite. The concrete walls were faced with stone. But the arch was unstable by then; wet conditions and vibrations from passing traffic had contributed to its deterioration and so it was removed. The first granite stones above each pillar were transformed into balls. The rising sun and names of those killed in action were attached to the pillar.

By this time, traffic in and out of the grounds was

becoming a problem; not designed for cars and trucks the gates began to suffer damage regularly. When one of the gates was knocked off by a truck the other one was removed and so, the paper says, were tied very securely to the tennis court fence. But they might not have been that secure, because they disappeared one night.

Then Perry Bros came to town and one of their animal cages got jammed in the gateway, resulting in one of the pillars being dislodged. But, help was at hand and an elephant's services were employed to fix it. How we'd like to see of photo of that!

By 1981 things were looking pretty grim again, the memorial was so badly damaged that some of it was in council storage for safe keeping. Jack Nobelius was instrumental in getting the gates relocated. A public meeting was held at the Berwick Civic Centre in November 1981. Their new home was to be not far from where they are today – over near the Casey ARC and where the ornamental lake used to be. A re-dedication ceremony was held on Anzac Day 1983.

But, that didn't last long and when work began on the ARC and the Patrick Northeast Reserve Wetlands the gates were again put into storage. In April 2003, they were re-dedicated again, this time in their present position, just to the front of the City of Casey offices.

Narre Warren is constantly evolving and adapting, Bunjil Place is now becoming a reality that will necessitate yet another move for the gates.

Lynne Bradley

The search to find a face

My search started when I was honoured to give the keynote talk at the Narre Warren North 100th anniversary of WW1 in April 2015.

The topic of my talk was about the WW1 diggers whose names appeared on the memorial and the impact their service had on the friends and relatives they left behind.

While researching the three men and finding out details about their lives, I wished I knew what they looked like, when some old time residents of Narre Warren North pointed out that the Narre Warren North school had a picture of the three on display.

Off to the school I went for a look. Yes here they were commemorated, but only two had their photographs displayed, Robert Moors was missing.

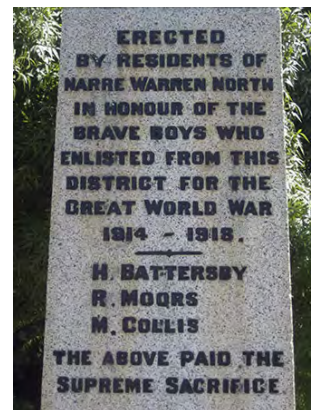


Surely there had to be a picture somewhere.

Trawling the internet using the various search engines I found the website of the "Southern Sherbrooke Historical Society" where there was a picture of Robert Moors. The members of the society were very helpful and we wondered if we could get a better quality print to include in the photo frame at the school.

The society approached Mrs Helen Uhe who is a descendant of the Moors family. Helen was able to contact other members of the family and came up with the original certificate that the photo came from.

John Elliott



Robert William Moors

Robert Moors was born in Broken Hill NSW to Humphrey and Harriet Moors in 1896. By the early 1900s the family had moved to Narre Warren North. When Robert was about nine years old his mother left the family taking the youngest child with her.

Robert William Moors enlisted in the army at Keswick SA in June 1915 under the assumed name of William Robert Moore. Although his father, sister and brother were living in Narre Warren North, he listed his mother Haddie Moore of Flinders St, Melbourne, Victoria, as his next of kin. As he joined under an assumed name, this address was probably false and given to the army so they would not be able to verify enlistment details.

Robert served with the 32nd Battalion, and was wounded at Aubers Ridge, Fromelles on 20 July

1916, after just one month on the frontline. He died of his wounds on 28 July 1916.



Correspondence to Haddie Moore of Flinders St Melbourne by the army to inform her of her son's death was returned to Base Records.

Humphrey Moors learnt of his son's death in August 1916, but he did not realise of his son's deception until he saw an advertisement in the Argus in March 1917 where the Defence Department sought relatives of No 581 W. R. Moore, 32nd Battalion. He had to go to great lengths, providing a statutory declaration, to confirm to the Defence Department that he was, in fact, entitled to his late son's medals.

from Military Record, "Bells of Peace"
Southern Sherbrooke Historical Society and
John Elliott

Pioneering – A tale of the bush

Annie Glismann, then aged 11 years, sent this story to the Weekly Times, where it was published on 22 January 1910. Annie's story recalls the settlement of the Glismann family in Upper Beaconsfield in March 1873. They were the first permanent residents there. Their property was located along what is now Manestar Road.

PIONEERING.

TALE OF THE BUSH.

By ANNIE S. GLISMANN.

"Well, boys, you want me to tell you a story, do you?"

Dad always calls us boys when he is going to tell us a story, although there is only one boy in the family.

"I don't know any that you have not already heard. What's that, Jack? Something about the bush. Oh, very well. I'll tell you how your grandfather made his home in the bush."

Father settled himself comfortably in his chair, and then told, as near as I can remember, the following story:—

When I was a very small boy my father made up his mind that the farm he then owned was too small for him to make a living for himself and growing family on, so he decided that he would sell it and either buy or select a larger one. He had no trouble to sell but found it a very difficult matter to get such a place as he wanted. After looking at a number of places he decided to consult a friend of his, who as the saying is, knows every bit of land from the Murray to the sea. This friend, after hearing what my father had to say, said to him 'I think I could show you the very spot you want. It is situated among the foot-hills of the Dandenong ranges. It is pretty good land, well watered, with a supply of good splitting timber, and although right in the middle of the bush now and miles away from any houses, in the future it ought to be a very good place.'

Father decided that he would go and look at it; so on the following Monday the buggy was loaded up with enough provender to last two men and a pair of horses for a week. He and his friend set off to view the new country. They arrived at their journey's end at nightfall, fixed up their camp and attended to their horses, had some supper and then turned in and had a good sleep. Next morning they were up early. Father did not like the look of the

place where they had their camp, so they made an excursion into the forest. On the two succeeding days they did the same, on the fourth day they came to the place where your grandfather has his house now. He liked the spot and decided that he would have it.

After getting his title fixed up he came and fixed the site for his new house; got some men to grub and clean away some of the timber, and arranged for two pit-sawers to come and saw the timber for his new house.

In those days sawmills were not so common as now. Nearly all the sawing being done by hand, and very funny it was to see men, one on top and the other at the bottom, of the pit, sawing away from morning to night. After the timber was sawn the carpenters came and built the house, and then my father shifted his family into it. I don't think I shall ever forget that day, although I was only a very small boy. The vans had been loaded over night, so that we could make a very early start, although the days were long (it was early in March).

Father knew it would take all day to get to our journey's end and what a trip we had. For some part of the journey we had good roads; but for more than half of it we had nothing else but a narrow bullock dray track to follow. It was very hot, and about three o'clock in the afternoon, after turning a sharp corner we saw that both sides of the track were ablaze.

We had run into a bush fire, the first I had ever seen. We were seated on top of the load in an open wagon. The heat and smoke were terrific, and this went on for some two or three miles. After getting out of the fire, our driver made us get down and walk. We wondered why he had to do this; but we soon found out that the road went down the side a very steep hill with a creek at the bottom. The driver was afraid that his brake was not strong enough to hold the waggon, so he made us walk. After a lot of trouble he got safely to the bottom of the hill. We found that the bridge over the creek consisted of a couple of logs with some saplings on top. After crossing this, our troubles began. There was a fearfully steep hill to get up. The horses were knocked up, and, to make matters worse, a thunderstorm came on. The thunder roared, the lightning flashed, and the rain came down in torrents. There we were with a couple of jibbing horses. I must mention here that we had left the other man behind us, as the horses would not face the fire.

We had about two or three miles to go; so mother with us children started to walk. I can remember father saying, "You can't get lost as long as you stick to the track, and it's the first house you come

to.” We walked on and what a job we had to get up that hill. Our clothes were wet through, and we were tired. However, we kept plodding along, and at last we reached the house and a dismal place it looked, surrounded as it was by tall trees. The man who was in charge of it had a good fire burning; but we were very miserable, and, if I remember rightly, we children were all crying, because we had no dry clothes and nothing to eat. After a time the driver came with his two horses. He found that he could not get up the hill, so he had got some food, dry clothes and blankets out of the waggon, and packed them up on the horses. After getting a change of dry clothes and something to eat, mother spread the blankets on the floor, and that is the way we slept for the first night in our new house. Next morning both vans got up to the house, so then we were all right. After this, for many months, father and his men were very busy grubbing, clearing, splitting, and fencing. It was a great task, for they had to cut a gap out of the virgin forest. For us children it was very lonely because we had no playmates, and were too small to help in any work.

During the winter we were all prisoners because after every heavy fall of rain the creeks and gullies were flooded. The bridges, such as they were would be covered with three or four feet of water. Very often after a flood the first person who wanted to cross them would find that they had been washed away. All our provisions had to be brought in by a bullock-dray or on pack-horses, and we thought ourselves lucky if we got our letters and papers

once a week. Very often we went without them for a month. Father and his men kept working away, and after a time cleared enough of the timber away to enable them to form a small garden and grow some vegetables.

Other settlers came at last and settled on blocks, the country began to get cleared, and we had some playmates, although we had very often to walk three or four miles to see them. But we did not mind this because we got used to walking. It was grand going along the little narrow track that led through the scrub from one house to another. Very often in the evening, as we would be coming home, we could hear the howl of the dingoes in the gullies and the thump, thump of the wallaby as he hopped away into the scrub. It was about this time that I went for my first kangaroo hunt, and as I have often laughed about it myself, I must tell you about it.

One of the men that father had working for him was called Peter, and we children were very fond of him because he tried very hard to amuse us when we had no playmates. One day about a month after a big bush fire had burnt miles and miles of the scrub off, he came to me and said, “We’ll take the dog and see if we can get a kangaroo. I saw some down by the creek this morning.”

So taking my hand—for I was only a little chap—we set off. After going a very short distance Peter said ‘Look! There is a kangaroo.’ I looked in the direction he pointed, and saw as I imagined, some awful animal (remember, I had never seen a

kangaroo before) rise up from the ground. I was so startled that I let go his hand and commenced to run away as hard as I could go, yelling at the top of my voice. I did not go very far; because I fell. When I got up I saw Peter doubled up with laughter, and the kangaroo hopping away in the opposite direction as fast as it could go. I wanted to go home; so Peter took me, and for many a day after he used to raise a laugh when he described my first kangaroo hunt.

As the years went by the bullock dray tracks began to give way to made roads, bridges were built over the creeks and gullies. In place of the bullock dray the spring carts and four wheeled buggies made their appearance, and we were able to go from one place to another in half the time that it used to take us. Now this is one of the most settled districts in Victoria; but in spite of all the advantages we now enjoy, I often look back with pleasure to the days when we were the pioneers of the district.

This story was provided by Penny Jennings



Annie Glismann in 1922

Narre Warren & District Family History Group

2016 Workshops

Date	Time	Topic	Tutor
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 in the past. We receive good feedback from those attending and gain 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 this 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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appoint _____
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Nomination Form for AGM Saturday 13 Aug 2016

Nominee: _____
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This form, duly completed and signed should be returned to
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Research Room Roster:

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.

June 2016					
Tuesday	11 am–3 pm	Saturday	11 am–3 pm	Sunday	2 pm–4 pm
		4	Shirley Peterson Wendy Eldridge	5	Lynne Bradley Wendy Goodwin
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- Buckinghamshire Parish Registers – Great Hampden 1857-1812
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- Cheshire and Lancashire Funeral Certificates
- Cumberland Carlisle Grammar School 1699-1924
- Derbyshire Derby School Register 1570-1901
- Devon Parish Registers: Hemyock 1635-1837
- Dorset The Sherborne Register 1823-1892
- Durham Parish Registers: Dalton-le-Dale, Seaham and Sherburn 1646-1812
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- Hertfordshire Haileybury School Register 1862-1900
- Lancashire Manchester School Register 1730-1807
- Hampshire Commoners of Winchester College 1836-1890
- Northumberland Duke of Northumberland School Register, Alnwick 1811-1911
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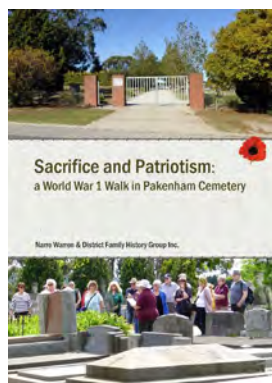
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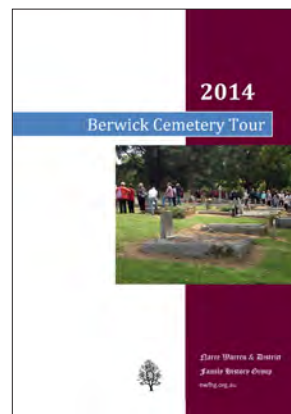
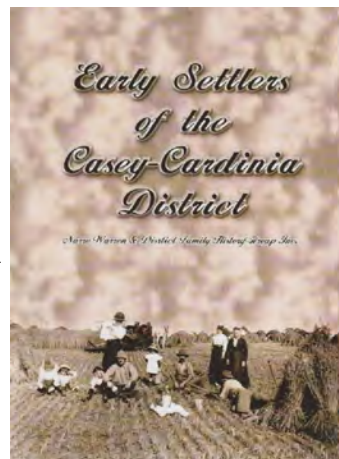
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