

# Spreading Branches

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## **They answered the call: a World War 1 Walk in the Cranbourne Cemetery 22 April 2018**



Join us at our fourth military walk in our Casey Cardinia Cemeteries. Our research team have been busy for the past six months and we have more than one hundred stories. We look forward to sharing some of those stories with members and visitors at Cranbourne Cemetery on Sunday 22 April 2018 at 10 am. The cost is \$5 per adult paid on the day. Please book at [cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au](mailto:cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au) so we can ensure you are looked after and enjoy light refreshments after the walk. Our latest cemetery book will be available to purchase on the day.

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*

**General Meeting  
14 February 2018—7.30 pm**

**“A century  
after the guns fell silent:  
Remembering Pakenham’s  
WWI volunteers, 1914-18”**

Patrick Ferry will talk about some really interesting characters from his research into Pakenham’s World War I soldiers.

We hope that we see many people at this meeting.  
Come for your chance to win an Ancestry DNA kit.

**FABULOUS  
DOOR  
PRIZE**





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## Family History Research Room

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

### Location

Cranbourne Library,  
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne.

## Opening Hours for Research

Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm

## Meetings

Cranbourne Complex Meeting Room,  
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne

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 \$35, Joint \$50. Payable 1 July each year.  
Casual visitors \$5 per day.

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**Bank:** National Australia Bank

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**Please** don't forget to use your name as a reference.

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## 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  
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and support of Casey Cardinia Libraries and  
the City of Casey.

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accept responsibility for accuracy of information of submitted articles nor opinions expressed.

## President's Report

I can't believe that we're only a couple of weeks away from reopening the Research Room. It seems like yesterday that we shut the door for the last time in 2017. How time flies. I hope everyone had a fabulous break over the Christmas and New Year period, I know the committee and Research Room volunteers had certainly earned it. But, some haven't let the grass grow under their feet, Jane and Lyne and the cemetery tours group have been hard at work compiling and checking stories for the April tour and while I know they enjoy it, on your behalf, I thank them.

Plans are underway for the erection of our notice boards, the installation of a telephone and securing the last two shelving units in the Research Room. Once we've got the shelves, we'll be able to assign permanent places for everything which will enable us to put some finding aids up to help everyone locate the books they're looking for.

Congratulations to Kerryn Maxwell on winning the 2017 writing competition. I was really pleased to be able to present Kerryn with her prize at the

December meeting (photo below). Our thanks to the Prahran Mechanics Institute Library and Ancestry for their support. We are thrilled to once again have an Ancestry UK Heritage+ subscription as the major prize for this year's writing competition and thank Ancestry for their continued support.

Talking of Ancestry, just before Christmas I

placed an order for some books with Gould during a sale that had also had giveaway prizes. As we'd just closed down for 2017, I placed the order through my own account so that the books would come to my house – I knew I'd won something in the giveaway when Di Christensen sent me an email before I was officially notified. Di had read it somewhere. As it was a NW&DFHG order, tempting as it was to keep the Ancestry DNA kit, it just wouldn't have been right, so we're going to use it for our February meeting raffle, thanks to Gould and Ancestry. Perhaps if I buy enough tickets, I can win it again!

Lynne Bradley



## Writing a Non-Boring Family History or Memoir – Hazel Edwards

*"Every family has secrets. And the extraordinary "ordinary" stories deserve to be told".*

Treasure and prolific Australian author Hazel Edwards's workshop includes: getting started, crafting stories, and completing your project so that others will be excited to read it. Suitable for those wishing to improve their writing skills, those contemplating or struggling with book length projects, such as family history, corporate history, or autobiography/ memoir.

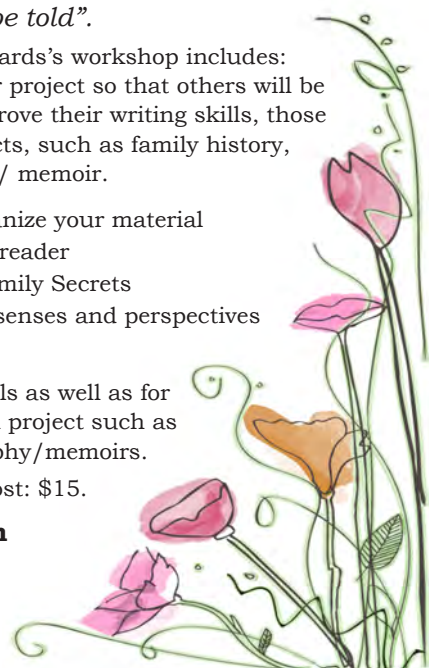
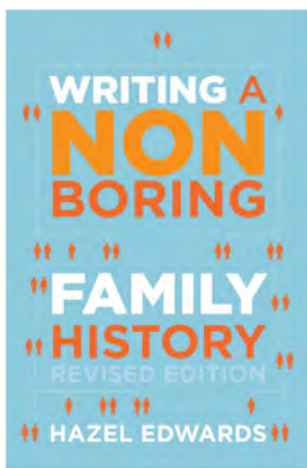
- ➔ Researching and Interviewing Skills ➔ How to Organize your material
- ➔ Structuring a Book ➔ Making it interesting for the reader
- ➔ Formatting and Publishing Options ➔ Handling Family Secrets
- ➔ Editing and Proofreading ➔ How to write using all senses and perspectives
- ➔ Launching and Marketing possibilities.

Suitable for all who wish to improve their writing skills as well as for those contemplating or struggling with a book length project such as family history, corporate history or autobiography/memoirs.

Bring along pen and paper. Booking essential. Cost: \$15.

**Monday 30 April 2018 10 am–1 pm**

Balla Balla Community Centre,  
3/65 Berwick-Cranbourne Rd  
Cranbourne East, ph 5990 09 00



# Casey Cardinia Remembers

## The trouble with Lyndhurst

Lyndhurst's a funny place, some of it sits right on the edge of the City of Casey, the rest of it lies within the City of Greater Dandenong. It has changed dramatically in the last ten years. There's a new reserve and shopping centre at Marriott Waters, and Thompsons Road is undergoing major changes with the removal of the railway crossing. Almost every day I drive past a sign announcing that the shopping centre has 'Take Away Food to Go!' and I always smile. Sometimes I wonder if there's take away food that stays. But that's OK, it's advertising, it often conveniently bends the truth and leaves things out.

## Hector Anderson Reserve

I pass the Hector Anderson Reserve (below), it's a great little reserve with a picnic shelter, playground equipment and barbeque. The fabulous thing about it is that it's always full of families enjoying the

open air. I wonder if anyone looks at the plaque on the shelter's wall and wonders who Hector Anderson was, or is. Now, I know the fact that the reserve is in Marriott Waters, might be considered a clue to some, but it's probably fair to say that it might be a leap for most people to figure out that the reserve is actually named after Hector Anderson Marriott (1904-1987), local landowner and cattle farmer, or so VicNames tells us.

## The new war memorial

There's a new war memorial at Fig Tree Reserve, aptly named for the large Moreton Bay Fig planted by the Norquay family when they owned the property. It's a little different to most war memorials in that it's a rusty door. The jury's still out on that one, but at least it's an original concept. Trouble is that it names only eight soldiers, two who served in World War 1 and six who served in World War 2 from the Lyndhurst area. I looked at it when I surveyed it and thought that can't be





right. So, I had a look at our Local History Librarian's fabulous blog at Casey Cardinia: Commemorating the Great War: 1914-1918 and she had identified twenty-one soldiers with Lyndhurst connections in the Great War alone.

So, we took this dilemma to our Local History Librarian who made some enquiries and was able to tell us that essentially, when the Lyndhurst Memorial Hall was destroyed by fire in 1944 funds were raised to rebuild the hall, but it never happened. The eight men on the memorial are the eight men that were on the list drawn up by the trustees of the hall at the time. That's all well and good, but if that's the case, perhaps it would have been prudent to have the memorial tell that bit of the story as well. I think the memorial is misleading in its present form, more than eight men from the Lyndhurst area went to war, many never returned.

One particularly shrewd observer pointed out to us the irony of it all. Something that we had missed (yes, I know, I couldn't believe it either). Walter Norquay was born in Lyndhurst and lived on the property where the memorial now stands. He was twenty-seven when he enlisted and was killed in action in Belgium in 1917, but his name is not one of the eight on the memorial!

[www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au/lyndhurst-war-memorial/](http://www.caseycardinia remembers.org.au/lyndhurst-war-memorial/)

*Lynne Bradley*



# Captain David Jones of Tandderwen Orchard

The name of David Jones might conjure up a visit to a Bourke Street department store, where some piped music in the store could be that of Tom Jones, reminding you of dancing to his tunes in the 1960s.

For the early residents of Narre Warren North and Upper Beaconsfield the names of David Jones and his son Thomas meant something entirely different.

David Jones was born in Aberaeron, a coastal town in Cardiganshire, Mid-Wales on 3 February 1841. When he was three years old, his father was lost

was thanked for the “extreme kindness and attention to their welfare” which he had shown.<sup>2</sup>

On 22 June 1888 Captain Jones arrived in Port Melbourne on the *Austral* as a cabin passenger, to join the Merchant Shipping and Underwriters’ Association as a bay and cargo surveyor.<sup>3,4</sup>

On 28 December 1889, his wife Jane and six children joined him, emigrating on the *Sobraon*. As soon as the vessel had passed through the Heads Captain David Jones visited them by pilot boat.<sup>5</sup> The family moved to his residence, “Osborne House”, then to Thompson Street, and later Railway Crescent, all in Williamstown. Three more children were born over this period.

Captain Jones left his position as surveyor to take up a partnership with the *Victorian Stevedoring and General Contracting Company*, registered in 1883, and which had offices in Melbourne, Port Melbourne and Williamstown.<sup>6</sup> Dr George Hawkes writes in his article, published in *Cymru a’r mor* (Maritime Wales):

“Each partner was advanced 3000 pounds by the National Bank. It was reputed that fourteen master mariners were employed by the firm. As the company expanded, Harry Underwood, an accountant, was employed to manage financial matters. The company acquired lighters, arranged wharfage, bond stores and all stevedoring facilities at Williamstown, the port of Geelong, coastal areas, Port Melbourne and Echuca, on the Murray River”.<sup>7</sup>

The article further states that Captain Jones owned 2,000 acres at Carrum Downs, and was involved in many ventures including mining at Avoca, as well as owning a sawmill near Omeo.

His wealth allowed him to dedicate his retirement from shipping to orcharding. In 1895 he took over a lease of a 320 acre property in Upper Beaconsfield, which already had a cottage and 360 fruit trees



Captain David Jones on his 80th birthday in 1921. Photograph Max Thomson Collection



The ‘Cardigan Castle’ docked in an unidentified port, c1890. State Library of South Australia [PRG 1373/16/9]

at sea. David went to sea himself when he was thirteen, and on his return from his first trip, his mother suggested that he’d go to one of the Welsh maritime colleges. At the age of 25 years he was said to have his first command of a sailing vessel.<sup>1</sup>

In 1873 David Jones married Jane Griffiths, aged 19. Jane had been born in Bexley Heath, Kent, where her father was a publican. Together with her parents she moved to Tandderwen Farm in Llanarth, Wales, in the 1860s, where her father died in 1869. Her mother continued working the family farm after her husband’s death.

In the 1881 census Captain David Jones was described as an unemployed master mariner, living at Tandderwen Farm with Jane and their growing family.

As Captain of the *Cardigan Castle*, a well-known clipper ship, David Jones made at least five voyages to Australia. Melbourne was the destination in 1882, 1884, 1885 and 1886. He also made one voyage to Sydney bringing immigrants in 1883. After arriving he was the recipient of an address from the whole of the immigrants in which he

1 Hawkes, George ‘The Cardigan Castle’: the story of a clipper ship, 1870-1907 *Cymru a’r mor* (Maritime Wales) 16 (1994) p.62-79

2 The Sydney Morning Herald, 21 Aug 1883, p4

3 The Daily Telegraph, 27 Jun 1888, p7

4 The Argus, 7 Jul 1888, p1

5 Hawkes, George ‘The Cardigan Castle’

6 Berwick County Times, 7 Jan 1927

7 Hawkes, George ‘The Cardigan Castle’

planted on it. He subdivided the 40 acres of the land, where the cottage was situated, and put it in Jane's name, and obtained a crown grant for the remainder in his own name. After Jones' death this property, situated on both sides of today's Blue Ridge Road, was sold to Clifton Downey.

In 1897 David Jones bought William Moysey's farm in Narre Warren North. The South Bourke and Mornington Journal on 21 July 1897 praised him for the early improvements he made to the property, in particular the "best fence ever constructed in the locality ... to the captain's order. We want a few more Captain Jones' to make the district go ahead a bit." He called it *Tandderwen*, which means 'Under the Oak'. It was named after their property back in Wales. His city residence in Armadale from 1914 was called *Cardigan*—he kept a great affinity to the Welsh people in Victoria, so much so that after his death a plaque was unveiled at the Welsh Church in Latrobe Street Melbourne.

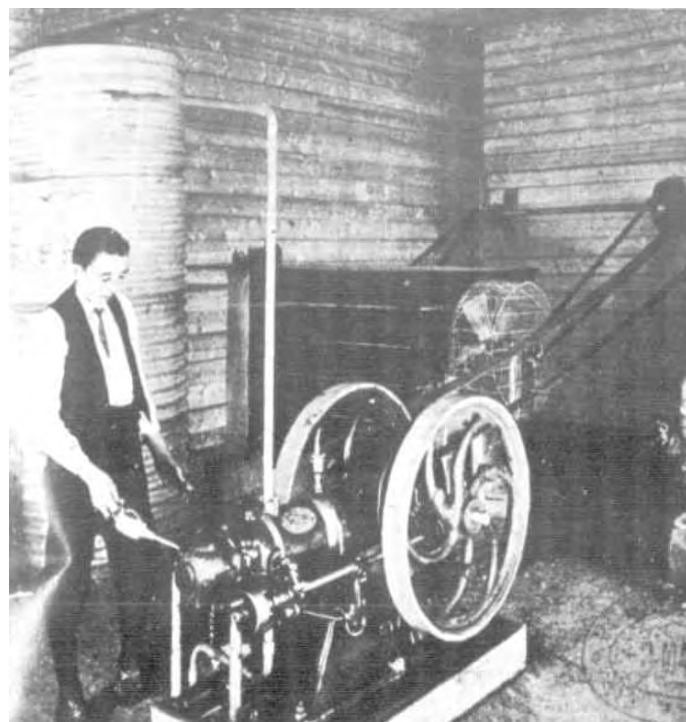


Photograph: monumentaustralia.org.au

Dr George Hawkes mentioned that Captain Jones was extremely generous, and that he would always assist fellow Welshmen down on their luck. This included assistance to new migrants, residents wishing to return to Wales, and seeing that no Welshman would have to lie in a pauper's grave.

Returning to Narre Warren North, Captain Jones' 140 acre farm was located to the west of the Narre Warren North township, (known as 'Old Narre Warren' at that time). This was part of lot 4 of section 21 in the parish of Narre Warren. He also owned an adjoining 308 acres – lot 1 of section 1 – in the parish of Berwick.<sup>8</sup>

In June 1901 he started planting his 55-acre orchard (see photograph on pages 6-7) with 5,000 apple trees, mostly of the best export varieties. Nearly five miles of agricultural pipes have been laid 3 ft below the surface.<sup>9</sup> Captain Jones asserts that one acre of orchard drained is equal to five acres left in its natural state.<sup>10</sup>



The cool-air machine at Tandderwen.  
Photograph Australasian 2 May 1908, p29

#### METHOD OF COOLING.

The cooling machine consists of a series of concentric drums of galvanised iron, three-sixteenths of an inch apart, revolving slowly (about two revolutions per minute). The drums as they revolve dip into a shallow pan filled with water set underneath, and as they have 3ft. of contact they take up a thin film of water for the whole of this length, through which air, sucked in from the outside atmosphere, is blown by a fan, making 800 revolutions per minute. Portion of the heat of the air is thus withdrawn or rendered latent, and its temperature at once falls. The opening in the wall of the fruit-chamber, through which the air is blown, is 3ft. 6in. by 2ft. 6in., or 8.50 cubic feet. Measurements on Monday showed that the velocity of the air through this opening was 500ft. per minute, so that 4,250 cubic feet per minute of fresh air cooled down to 62deg. was being driven through the chamber. The humidity in the air of the chamber was about 90 per cent. It takes less than one-horse power to drive the fan and drum, and the outfit for cooling down 7,000 cubic feet of space in the fruit-room and packing-chamber, exclusive of the power to drive it, was about £80. The machine can be used for cooling water at butter factories or for cooling air for living-rooms and factories. Apples and pears have been kept sound for months by this cool-air process, and the skin of the fruit, instead of shrivelling, remained sound and smooth.

from Australasian, 18 April 1908, p10

<sup>8</sup> Berwick Rate Books from 1896/97

<sup>9</sup> Weekly Times (Melbourne, Vic.), 26 Dec 1908, p47.

<sup>10</sup> Leader (Melbourne, Vic.), 19 Jan 1907, p9.

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Captain David Jones' Tandderwen Orchard in Narre Warren North, viewed from Hallam-Belgrave Road in 1916. Photograph Max Thomson Collection.

In 1907 Jones was hoping to ship 3,000 cases of apples to England, though most of those were grown on the Upper Beaconsfield orchard.

Captain Jones built a fruit-room and a packing shed, and in 1908 installed a machine for cooling air to keep his apples fresh. He had carried out numerous experiments with this machine, an early evaporative cooler, both at the Government cool stores and at his own orchard.<sup>11</sup>

In 1908 he sent an experimental shipment of 200 cases of apples on the *Somerset* to London, where he fitted one chamber with his cooling process to London.<sup>12</sup>

In July 1916 the Welsh newspaper, *Cambrian News*, reported that Captain Jones had sent cases of Australian apples to the villagers of Aberaeron and various hospitals. The article praised his



At Langwarrin Army Camp prior to the Boer War. Rear l to r George Asling, David Jones, Robert H Kerr, James Stocks, George Asling snr. , Immanuel Wanke. Front l to r Arthur Asling, William Asling, Fred Rae, Edward Asling. Photograph Max Thomson Collection

11 The Argus, 8 Apr 1908, p9.

12 The Australasian (Melbourne, Vic.), 2 May 1908, p29.

loyalty to his homeland, and how he often liberally subscribed to good causes in Wales.<sup>13</sup>

In 1918 David Jones started subdividing his land south of Heatherton Road, and sold off lots from 7 to 60 acres. He retained his Tandderwen property, which he transferred to his son Thomas Evan Jones by 1924.<sup>14</sup>

Jane Jones died on 21 Dec 1918, David Jones on Christmas Day 1926. They were both buried at Williamstown Cemetery.

While David Jones was very charitable towards his family and wider community, and successful in his endeavours, this did not necessarily translate to the next generation.

### The children of David Jones

Of the eldest son, *John Griffiths Jones*, born 1876, little is known. As a ten year old, he sailed with his father to Australia. He married Caroline Amelia Wilde in 1898 and they had two daughters. It appears that he deserted his family and did not return to Victoria. David Jones made sure that Caroline had a roof over her head, but a few years after his death there was a dispute between Caroline's daughter and two of her uncles, which may have seen her evicted from her home as she did not maintain the property as was stipulated.

*David Thomas Jones* (1877-1964), was known as Doc,<sup>15</sup> as he had trained as a veterinary surgeon. He enlisted in the Boer

13 *Cambrian News* 14 and 21 July 1916

14 Berwick Shire Rate Books 1920-1955

15 The Age 7 Oct 1964, p28.

War in the 4th Battalion Australian Commonwealth Horse, as a Veterinary-Lieutenant. He lived in Narre Warren North until at least 1906, and is noted for presenting a flag and pole to the local State School.<sup>16</sup> He later moved to Warragul, where he married Ada Louisa Jeffreys. Their only son was born prematurely and died within two hours of his birth.

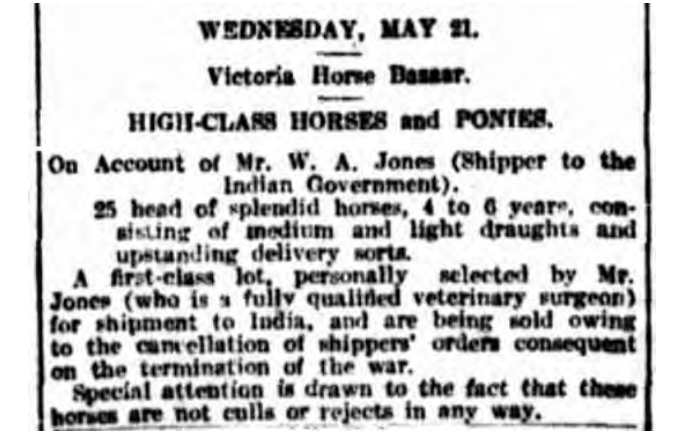
*Evan Jones* (1878-1895) died aged 16 and was buried with his parents at Williamstown Cemetery.

*Ellen Jones* (1881-1951) married the Welsh pastor Isaac Glyn Jones; they had three sons.

*Edwin Jones* (1881-1959) was a master stevedore. He did not marry. In the early 1930 he instituted proceedings against his brother William, to whom he had lent over £30,000.

*Jinnie/Jane Jones* (1884-1962) married Henry Alexander Baynes in 1915 and moved to Sydney.

*William Aeron Jones* (1891-1971) graduated as a veterinary surgeon in 1912, and is described as one of Australia's biggest horse exporters, exporting



horses to India and the Middle East, for the war service, and later racehorses to the Straits, China and Burma. He borrowed a large amount of money

16 South Bourke and Mornington Journal 24 Oct 1900, p2.

from Edwin and was declared bankrupt. He was involved in horse matters for all of his life, as horse breeder, selector, exporter and judge. In 2011 Exceptional Service was awarded to the renowned horse judge, who played an active role in instigating the Garryowen Perpetual Trophy, which is awarded at the Royal Melbourne Show to the winner of the Garryowen Equestrienne Turnout—one of the most prestigious “equestrienne” events in Australia.

*Bessie Jones* (1892-1893) died on 18 June 1893 when she was 8 months old.

The youngest son was *Thomas Evan Jones* (1898-1964). He was known as Tom Jones, and attended Dookie College. Max Thomson said that he took over his father's orchard, but after a number of years he switched to dairying and grazing. He married twice. His first wife was Margaret Alice Asling, the daughter of Edward Asling and Elizabeth Ann nee Meade. They had one son, Evan David Jones in 1922. Margaret died when Evan was four years old, and soon after Tom married Alice Asling, daughter of George Edward Asling and Sarah Martha nee Webb. She was Margaret's aunt, though only a few years older than Tom and Margaret.

Tom and Alice were active members of the community. Tom was involved with the local Farmers' Association prior to the formation of the Primary Producers' Association. He was also with the Kalora Park Tennis Club and the Kalora Park Cricket Club of which he was president for a number of years.

His son Evan was a foundation member of the 1st Narre Warren North Scout Group, which was founded in December 1932.

Tandderwen Orchard and Tom Jones are both remembered by road names in Narre Warren North—Tandderwen Court and Tom Jones Court.

*Marianne Roche,*  
*with information from Max Thomson*

# Narre Warren & District Family History Group

## 2018 Writing Competition Terms & Conditions



- The Competition is open to financial members of NW&DFHG only.
- The Competition will start with February edition of the newsletter and finish with the November edition.
- Topic to be family history related and be fresh unpublished work.
- Article or story should be between 300 to 600 words (+ or – 10%) and clearly identified as a writing competition entry.
- Entries should be appropriately referenced.
- Articles or stories should be submitted by email to the newsletter editor.
- Entries may be accompanied by no more than two photos of suitable size and quality for publication (high resolution, .jpg files, emailed separate to text).
- Members may submit no more than one entry per edition.
- The stories in each edition will be judged by Heather Arnold (Local History Librarian for Casey Cardinia Libraries) before publication, and a small prize will be awarded to the winner.
- Minor copy edits may be done after judging, before the story is printed in Spreading Branches.
- At the end of the year Heather will select the best story of the quarterly winners to award the major prize, a 1 year Ancestry UK+ subscription.

## Basking in the Moonlite

### Writing Competition entry



I think we've all got ancestors that for one reason or another endear themselves to us in ways we never expected. My great great great grandfather by adoption and my great great grandfather by birth, William Hawkin Taylor is a favourite of mine.

Born in London in 1822 and a carpenter by trade, he came to Victoria aboard the Canton in 1849.<sup>1</sup> Family legend has it that he waded ashore at Werribee holding his belongings high over his head. Perhaps he jumped ship?

He married Elizabeth Wright in Prahran on 19 June 1854. Elizabeth had come to Victoria with her sister Jane the year before. Elizabeth had been commissioned to work for the surveyor HB Foot in Brighton for three months. Her wages were twenty-five pounds plus rations.

William Taylor's life was chronicled in the Ballarat Courier of 13 June 1872. William and Elizabeth arrived in Rokewood shortly after marrying. All four children were born there, Lucy, my great great grandmother was their first child, born in 1855. Family legend has it that if she was asked if she'd been born in a tent because she hadn't shut a door, Lucy would say 'yes' because in fact, she had been born in a tent at Rokewood.

William Taylor is credited for the discovery of Raglan Gully sometime around 1860, and was



Elizabeth Wright

dubbed 'Lord Raglan' by locals because of it. Said to have been a generous soul, he was highly regarded for the assistance he offered those in need. He was

<sup>1</sup> Public Record Office Victoria VPRS 515 Unit 15

the leader of the choir at Rokewood's Church of England and sexton of the Rokewood Cemetery. But, when he refused to break a rule passed by the cemetery trustees, when asked by one of the trustees to do so, he refused and was discharged of his duties. His attitude changed, according to the paper, he began to get moody. Perhaps he was just depressed.

William's later years seem have been spent either in gaol for petty crimes like larceny and drunkenness, or, on the run. To the best of my knowledge, he never hurt anyone, except maybe himself and his family. By the time he hit national headlines in 1872, Elizabeth and the children were no longer living with him and Elizabeth was making ends meet with her dressmaking skills.

It is not clear if William Taylor knew Andrew George Scott, otherwise known to the world as Captain Moonlight before being incarcerated in the Ballarat Gaol in June 1872. Scott was awaiting trial for the Egerton Bank Robbery and William Taylor was serving a twelve month sentence for stealing two silver cups. Scott and another prisoner, James Plunkett were in adjoining cells, and one night managed to remove a few courses of bricks in the

fourteen inch thick wall separating their cells before calling the warder and overpowering him. They then let four other prisoners out of their cells, William Taylor being one of them.<sup>2</sup>



John Anderson and Lucy Anderson (nee Taylor)

Family legend amongst the Anderson and Taylor families has long held that William Taylor was connected to Captain Moonlite, some thought he was in fact Captain Moonlite. Over the years a kind of romantic notion of a handsome, Sam Neill type of bush ranging ancestor had emerged. Nothing could be further from the truth. It seems that William Taylor was neither handsome or gallant in his later years.

Paul Terry published a book about Captain Moonlite and the paragraph describing William Taylor began with, and I quote "the most pathetic of the bunch was William Taylor" which just goes to prove that if

you start tracking your ancestors, you'd better resign yourself to the fact that you can't control what you might find.

He died in Colac in 1886 and was buried in the Colac Cemetery. Elizabeth died in 1901 and was also buried at Colac, but not with him.

Lynne Bradley



*"Basking in the Moonlite" was chosen as the winner of this month's writing competition as it is a bit quirky and has an interesting connection to an 'iconic' character in Victoria's history.*

2 The Queenslander (Brisbane) 29 June 1872



## My culture, my story

### Heritage Festival • 6 May 2018

celebrates the diversity of cultures that have shaped our shared heritage

Assembly Hall in Upper Beaconsfield

10 am–3 pm

# Interesting and unexpected aspects of research

## Writing Competition entry



In 2012 I volunteered to research and write a story for a cemetery tour. Looking back at that story today I can see how much my research skills have improved; more importantly I have found out how much I admire the grit and determination of our pioneer women and the women waiting at home for a son or husband to return from War. I now find I enjoy the peace of a cemetery, the friendship and team work of our cemetery tour group and the satisfaction of solving a question.

Our cemetery tours have been local pioneer and early settlers in October and for the past three years each April we have remembered the men and women of the Great War. Not just their service but the effect on the loved ones at home. It would be right to say I have become passionate, sometimes emotional and more than a little possessive of 'my men and women'.

When a soldier died and his medals are to be sent to his next of kin, the military would ask a

mother 'if there was anyone closer to the soldier, Father, Brother?' Just once I would like to see a woman answer 'I carried him for nine months, gave birth to him, how much closer do you want!' The heartache when a son was missing is in the letters these women wrote asking for information politely worded. '... if it's not a trouble' they ask, they hoped and prayed.

I find it hard to understand why a man who was wounded at Gallipoli and again on the battle fields of the Western Front would enlist in the Second World War. Was it because he knew what the young men would be going to, was it loyalty to mates who did not return or something intangible that even he could not answer. So many of our local men enlisted, in some families it was an only child, only son or all the sons who set off on a great adventure as young men, while those that returned then faced the uncertainty of getting on with life during the depression years.

Then you cannot help but be impressed by the



*A group of women are a study in expressions at the Anzac Buffet in Hyde Park, Sydney where relations waited to welcome home their loved ones, c. 1918. Photograph Australian War Memorial AWM H11576*

women who waited at home for a husband to return, they took care of children, often they were pregnant when the men departed, many also kept the farm running. They joined groups, fundraising for the boys they knitted, baked and wrote letters. They comforted and cared for the other women when they got the visit from the local minister to tell them a loved one had died. A widow had two options, raise her family on her own or marry again. From what I have found, those who married, it was invariably to a widower older than her, with children of his own; one of these blended families had twenty children.

Then there is the tragedy of the men who returned and didn't readjust to civilian life, some drank,

and some walked out into a paddock with a gun. Young men returned on hospital ships, went into the Military Hospital at Caulfield or the Asylum and faded away.

In the past six years I have read countless documents searched the internet and read many books. I have learnt to think outside the box and that if you keep looking you will find the answer. I'm glad I wrote that first story six years ago because today I'm a better person and not as judgemental.

*Jane Rivett-Carnac*



## Land titles

Have you ever wondered who has lived in your house in the past, or if you live in a newer subdivision, who has lived on that plot of land? Or do you want to find out when your grandparents or great grandparents owned a property?

For my local history research I have looked at a large number of land titles. As I don't want to spend a lot of money on my research, I have taken advantage of being able to view title certificates at the Public Records Office in North Melbourne. The computers at PROV link to Landata, Victoria's online search service. Unfortunately you can only search the titles here if you know the volume and folio numbers, eg 10015/123. Only the three last digits of the folio number are required. Bring a USB, and you can download the titles as pdf files.

### How to get the title number?

You can look up any property on [www.landata.vic.gov.au/](http://www.landata.vic.gov.au/) To get the current title you currently pay \$14.28. This will only give you the current owners of a block of land. Or you could do a title history search for \$19.21. As this will only give you the information from the current title, rather than the history of the property, you could spend a lot of money in a very short time.

So the challenge is to find a title number for the property you are seeking, by other means. For current titles you can try to look up the property on [www.realestate.com.au/property/](http://www.realestate.com.au/property/) Enter an address, then scroll down to "about this property". There is a link "Click here to purchase title

documents". You have to confirm that you are not a robot, then "proceed to product selection". You can either buy the current title for \$14.95 or simply make a note of the "Title Ref".

Some title references can be found in the inventory of someone's probate, and for a short time property advertisements in the newspapers on Trove contained this information as well.

### Information on a title certificate

On a certificate you will find the name of the owner, a description and sketch of the property, and the date the property was transferred. Note that this date may not be the exact date a property was bought—a title was only transferred when the vendor had either received the full purchase price, or when a mortgage agreement had been struck. Sometimes the purchaser would place a caveat on the title.

On the second and following pages you may find details of a caveat, when it was lodged, lapsed or was withdrawn. You may find out when a mortgage was registered, who the lender was, and when it was discharged—maybe it was defaulted on, and the mortgagee foreclosed on the property. Unfortunately the amount of the mortgage is not noted, and it may cover more than one property anyway. Transfers to subsequent owners are also noted, and a new title reference is given. Plans of subdivision may be included as well.

To trace a property back to an earlier title, the number of the parent title is either entered somewhere on the first page, or on the top of the second page.

Some early titles will show an application number, which refers to an earlier system of land registration, the Torrens titles. These have to be viewed at the archives at Laverton.

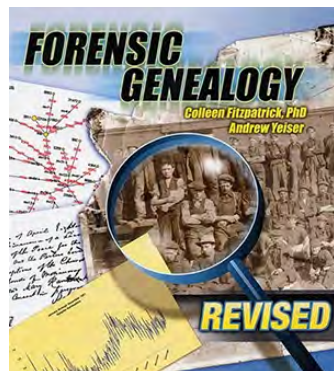
*Marianne Rocke*

## The Research Room: on the shelves

We've got some fabulous new books to start off 2018, and all will be available to members for borrowing. Click on the titles to see the books on the Gould website and Trove, just in case you'd like to get more details.

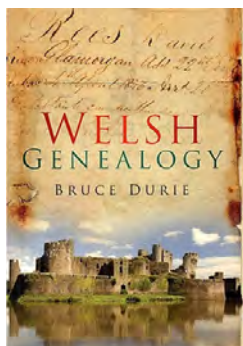
### Forensic Genealogy Revised

Are you trying to knock down a brick wall or two? Or perhaps you're just after something else or different in family history. Well, why not take a look at this book. Forensic genealogy is all about analysing photographs, mining databases and using DNA analysis to gain an understanding of how your ancestors lived and develop fascinating insights into your family history, or so the book's introductory page says. Dick Eastman blogged about this book and forensic genealogy a few years ago, you can read it at: <https://blog.eogn.com/2014/06/15/forensic-genealogy-explained>



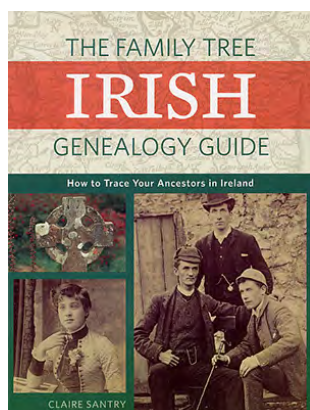
### Welsh Genealogy

Anyone trying to hunt down Welsh ancestors realises sooner or later that it's often little more complicated than tracing their English counterparts. This book examines Welsh archives and repositories, the differences in the censuses and civil registration and Welsh surnames and places plus much more. The really good thing about this book is that it tries very hard to explain complicated subject matter in normal everyday words and terms.



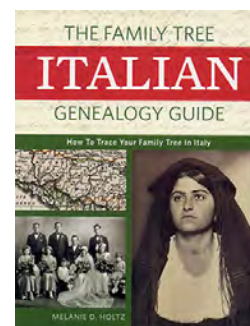
### The Family Tree Irish Genealogy Guide

Who among us with Irish ancestry doesn't get overwhelmed by the problems associated with tracing Irish people back to and in Ireland? While this book is written for American audiences, much of the information is useful to us in Australia. And, more importantly, the information is up to date, this book was published in 2017 - so if you're like most of us and stuck somewhere in Ireland, it might be worth a look.



### The Family Tree Italian Genealogy Guide

This book offers some basic information on starting your search and tracing your immigrant ancestors back to Italy. It also has strategies for uncovering records that might be useful as well as information on Italian history, geography and names.



### Manorial Records for family historians

Another of those fabulous little Unlock the Past guidebooks that a lot of us have come to know and love for their simplicity. How many of us know what they are, or how to use them? If you don't and you're not, then this little book might be worth a look.



### The Last Battle: soldier settlement in Australia 1916-1939

This is a wonderful book for those wanting more information on what really happened to our returned soldiers when they took up their blocks. The book looks at the whole picture, the environmental challenges, the physical and psychological challenges and so very importantly, the role that the women and children played. Administrative failures and less than perfect repatriation policies are also explained and examined. Beautiful photos and illustrations accompany the often heart wrenching text.



### Did you know?

VIC marriages are now available online up to 1950, and births to 1917.

<https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/bdm/indexsearch.doj>

## Coming up: Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Easter Monday 2 April 2018

Yes, it is almost that time again to enjoy assisting the group with the annual Sausage Sizzle. Notwithstanding us making application to hold the event on the same day as last year, Bunnings allocated us Monday 2 April 2018 (Easter Monday) to hold the event. Perhaps Easter Monday will prove to be an ideal day—only time will tell.

It is difficult to see how a group like ours could exist without having an adequate revenue stream. The Sausage Sizzle is believed to be a way of making 'easy money'. Last year the event raised a

sum of \$1, 750. Not bad for a single day event.

Of course, some members will not, for family or other reasons, be available to assist in running the event on Easter Monday and this is understood. I do ask, however, that the members with a couple of hours free on Easter Monday offer their support for this fundraiser. A volunteer list will soon be made available in the research room for members to enter their names—at the times that best suit their circumstances. Members who do not visit the research room on a regular basis, may phone me on 8790 5824 to offer their services.

Bunnings have changed the design and location of the Sausage Sizzle Stall since last year. The new location appears to be better than the previous one, and the layout of the new stall appears to be satisfactory.

## Research Room Roster:

*Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.*

### March 2018

| Tuesday | 11 am–3 pm                      | Saturday | 11 am–3 pm                      |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
|         |                                 | 3        | Wendy Goodwin<br>Brenda Wheeler |
| 6       | Moreyn Dimsey<br>Maureen Stagg  | 10       | Eileen Durdin<br>Lyne McGregor  |
| 13      | Mary McGrath<br>Bev Lambie      | 17       | Robyn Jones<br>Kerryn Maxwell   |
| 20      | Anne Blair<br>Lorraine Taylor   | 24       | Di Brodbeck<br>Judy Mehegan     |
| 27      | Maureen Abbott<br>Joyce Masters | 31       | Easter Saturday<br>CLOSED       |

### April 2018

| Tuesday | 11 am–3 pm                      | Saturday | 11 am–3 pm                       |
|---------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| 3       | Fay McCoubrie<br>Bev Lambie     | 7        | Brenda Wheeler<br>Kerryn Maxwell |
| 10      | Joyce Masters<br>Anne Blair     | 14       | Wendy Goodwin<br>Lynne Bradley   |
| 17      | Maureen Stagg<br>Maureen Abbott | 21       | Di Brodbeck<br>Judy Mehegan      |
| 24      | Mary McGrath<br>Moreyn Dimsey   | 28       | Lyne McGregor<br>Robyn Jones     |

### May 2018

| Tuesday | 11 am–3 pm                           | Saturday | 11 am–3 pm                      |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 1       | Fay McCoubrie<br>Joyce Masters       | 5        | Kerryn Maxwell<br>Anne Blair    |
| 8       | Mary McGrath<br>Bev Lambie           | 12       | Lyne McGregor<br>Brenda Wheeler |
| 15      | Moreyn Dimsey<br>Maureen Stagg       | 19       | Di Brodbeck<br>Judy Mehegan     |
| 22      | Anne Blair<br>Barbara Sharp          | 26       | Robyn Jones<br>Wendy Goodwin    |
| 29      | Jane Rivett-Carnac<br>Maureen Abbott |          |                                 |

I said at the outset of this message that it is almost time again to enjoy the annual Sausage Sizzle. It is, in my view, an enjoyable occasion. There is a measure of satisfaction one gets from helping the group in a positive way, and it does provide the opportunity to socialise with members one may not otherwise meet throughout the year. Come and enjoy the experience on Easter Monday.

*John Uren*  
Sausage Sizzle Coordinator

**Welcome to our  
new members**  
**Ron Hansen**  
**Valerie Barnett**  
**Carole Krygger**

## Spreading Branches May 2018 edition

We would like to read  
your articles or stories.  
Please submit your contributions  
by 15 April 2018

## Publications for Sale

### ***For some the bell tolled: a World War 1 Walk in Harkaway Cemetery (plus Avenue of Honour)***

This book tells the stories of 36 families of Harkaway who watched, waited and pined for the 66 men and 2 women who enlisted and tried to make it safely back to home. Ten did not return.

Most of the men served in the infantry across 18 battalions predominately in the 14th, 21st, 24th and the 59th. Four local lads served in the Light Horse, 3 in the Pioneers, 3 in the 4th Field Ambulance, 6 in the Machine Gun or artillery units. 1 soldier served with the Tropical Force in New Guinea until 1920.

Two were awarded the MM (Military Medal) and 1 was awarded the MSM (Meritorious Service Medal) and 1 the DSO (Distinguished Service Order). Others were mentioned in dispatches.

*For some the bell tolled: a World War 1 Walk in Harkaway Cemetery (plus Avenue of Honour)*  
\$20 + \$6 postage + handling

### ***Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery***

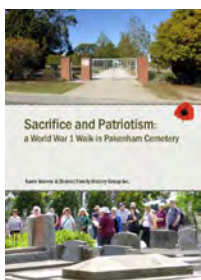
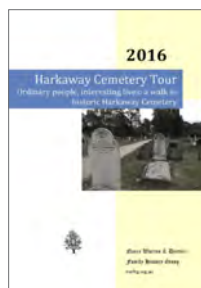
(published 2016) abounds with people who, once arrived, had to create a roof over their heads, people who needed to grow crops or nurture their livestock to be able to eat, neighbours who no longer remained strangers, faces who became familiar at church or school or the general store or railway station.

Our volunteers researched and wrote the stories of families that travelled thousands of miles to a country on the other side of the world. A country with people who didn't necessarily speak the same language or held the same beliefs.

*Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery*  
\$15 + \$4 postage + handling

### ***Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery***

(published 2016) tells the stories of 64 families who watched and supported 120 men and one woman as they enlisted.



This book tells the stories of sets of brothers, a father and his son, a nurse and a sailor along with two Indigenous soldiers. Soldiers who received awards, soldiers who served as troopers, gunners, sappers, drivers, and signallers; in the Light Horse, Pioneers, Railway Unit, Anzac Police and Provost Corps and in the Cyclist Battalion.

*Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery* \$20 + \$6 postage + handling

### ***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 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.

*100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery* \$20 + \$6 postage + handling

### ***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 + \$16 postage + handling

### ***Kindred Spirits. 20 years of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group 1989 – 2009***

\$25 + \$11 postage + handling

#### **Cemetery Tour booklets**

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|---------------------------------|------|
| Pakenham Cemetery Tour (2011)   | \$10 |
| Cranbourne Cemetery Tour (2012) | \$10 |
| Lang Lang Cemetery Tour (2013)  | \$10 |
| Berwick Cemetery Tour (2014)    |      |
| “Murder & Mystery”              | \$15 |
| Pakenham Cemetery Tour (2015)   |      |
| “Indomitable Women”             | \$15 |

Add \$4 for postage + handling.