

Spreading Branches

Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

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Lorraine Taylor Research Room: A transformation

One day our president Lynne Bradley wandered the Casey Complex corridors near Casey Radio, when she saw an open door to a small room between the Lorraine Taylor Research Room (LTRR) and the toilets there. Her immediate thoughts were that this would be a convenient storage room for the group. Lynne waited until we had a meeting with the City of Casey before she brought up the topic of the use of this room.

Council had to check on a few things first before they agreed that we could use this room. They had to change the door lock (an expense to the group) and draw up an agreement (which seemed to take forever).

During this time L'Arte Central were refurbishing their café. They had some excess cupboards that were going to be thrown out. Asking Lynne if our group wanted them, she said of course "Yes please". In November the City of Casey and the Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc. signed an agreement that allowed the group to rent the small room next to the LTRR. Yeah – our group could expand and live happily ever after.

The committee were excited watching Lynne's story unfold and got to work to make it happen. We had to wait for an appropriate time to make any changes to the LTRR. So, we blocked out as much time as we could for the first two weeks in January 2020.

Monday, 6 January – 10 am to approx. 1 pm

Volunteers: Lynne Bradley, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Moreyn Dimsey, Robin & Fay McCoubrie, Anne Blair, Eileen Durdin



Our re-organised Lorraine Taylor Research Room

The plan was to make paper cut outs of all our furniture (ensuring they were the correct size), so that we could create a simulated plan of each of the rooms. We would work out where everything was to go and then hopefully move furniture only once.

We measured all the furniture and started making the shapes of each piece of furniture. We used the Complex Conference Room as our workshop, which was convenient as we could spread ourselves out a bit. Thanks to Anne who brought along her excess Christmas paper for us to use.

Tuesday, 7 January – 10 am to approx. 4 pm

Volunteers: Lynne Bradley, Jane Rivett-Carnac, Moreyn Dimsey, Anne Blair, Fay McCoubrie, Eileen Durdin

We were back in the Complex Conference Room to finish making up our paper furniture. We used red tape to mark out the LTRR and then the fun began. We spent what seemed forever, moving paper furniture around the simulated LTRR and finally came up with a plan.

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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.

NW&DFHG 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

Tuesdays and Saturdays 11 am to 3 pm

Research room phone number: (03) 5995 3032

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

3rd Saturday of the month.

Membership

Single \$35, Joint \$50. 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.

Bank: National Australia Bank

Branch: Fountain Gate

BSB: 083 802

Account No: 539450013

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

Please email a copy of your renewal form to the
Membership Officer.

Research Queries

We offer a research service for those unable to visit
our Research Room personally, but please note
that we can only research our own holdings and
those of the local municipal libraries. The cost for
this service is \$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 acknowledge the assistance and support
of Casey Cardinia Libraries and the City of Casey.

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

Welcome to 2020 and another year at the family history group. There's been a few changes in the Research Room since we closed for the holidays thanks to a dedicated bunch who came in over the break. A special thank you to Eileen Durdin who once again astounded us with her organisational skills. She left no stone unturned as she prepared to make the revamping project run as smoothly as possible.

We're about to run a couple of sessions for our Research Room volunteers before we reopen. Not because we want to dictate to them what to do and what not to do, but because we want everyone who gives their time to keep the room open get as much as they can from the experience. And, knowing that they're doing the 'right' thing often helps volunteers relax and enjoy the session rather than worrying about whether or not they're doing what they're supposed to do.

But doing duty isn't the only way to help the group move forward in 2020. We're going to need help to

sizzle sausages at Bunnings in April, and members to talk to people at the Heritage Festival also in April. We still need a few more people to come on board at Be Connected and to get involved and help get our fledgling writing group off the ground. We always have indexing work available, plus work researching Casey Cardinia people or places for Casey Cardinia Remembers as well as checking transcriptions for us or preparing photos for the website. And of course, we'd love to see a story or hint from you in the newsletter and your smiling face at our general meetings. We're a great group to be a part of, and with your help, we could be even better.

Be Connected

Yes, I know we've been nagging you for a while now, but we're getting to the pointy end of the grant timetable and we still need a few people to hop onto the website and register for the program, choosing us as your provider. It will be a crying shame if we cannot get the numbers required and have to give back the \$2,000 instead of using it to buy new computers to replace the old black ones. It will only take a minute or two of your time and you can do it at home. Then all we're asking you to do is to spend at least a couple of hours working through the easy online courses that interest you.

Please contact Lynne if you'd like to help, but are not sure how to and we can organise to do it in the Research Room at your convenience.

The Be Connected website is at:
<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

Lynne Bradley

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle —13 April 2020

Once again it is time to start making arrangements for the group's annual Bunnings sausage sizzle. This year we have been allocated Easter Monday, 13th April to hold the event. Members may recall we had the Easter Monday allocation two years ago, and it finished up a good day with a profit of approximately \$1,700 being made.



This sausage sizzle is an important fund raising event, and members are encouraged to lend their support by sparing two hours at Bunnings Narre Warren on the day of the event. Apart from supporting the group in a significant way, the sizzle is a fun way for members to socialise with one another.

A volunteer list will soon be posted in the LTRR with the normal time slots of 8 to 10 am, 10 am to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2 pm, and 2 to 4 pm. We seek a minimum of 5 volunteers in each time slot. Unfortunately, we were unable to reach this number in one time slot last year, and this had an adverse impact on the day as a whole. Members who do not visit the LTRR on a regular basis may volunteer their services by either contacting me by phone on 8790 5824 or by email at urenj1@bigpond.com

John Uren, Sausage Sizzle Coordinator

Casey Cardinia 2020 Heritage Festival

26th April 10 am to 2 pm

Officer Public Hall, Tivendale Road, Officer

A fabulous opportunity to see displays and talk to our heritage groups about any aspect of Casey Cardinia's fascinating history.

General Meeting: 12 Feb 2020

'More lives than your average cat'

Des Tobin has been a failed student, a discontented apprentice panel beater, a youth worker, a springboard diver, a junior pole-vaulter, a VFL and Olympic Australian Rules footballer, a successful business executive within the funeral industry, a golfing tragic, a university lecturer and a prolific writer.

Come and listen to his story.

Coffee Pen and Giggle



We welcome all to come along to a new group that is to help put pen to paper on our family history writing ideas. We will be meeting at the Café next to the radio station entrance at the Casey

Library complex. This is a comfortable, informal, social group with writing the object. Some of us have enjoyed our previous writing groups and found that since these have finished we have not kept up with the writing. The group will decide on a writing topic and move from there.

Objectives: To have a little bit of fun while giving us incentive to keep putting down memories on paper. To give and receive some feedback on our writing by our fellow 'Coffee Pen and Giggle' members. There will be no pressure to write, we all have a life and sometime this gets in the way of writing. Who knows maybe you will write enough to use

the binding machine and make a book for yourself. It's totally up to you how much or little you write. *Where:* L'Arte Central Café in the function room, 1/65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne East.

When: 28th March 2020 (Bi-monthly, 4th Saturday of the month starting in March, then May, July, September and November)

Time: 10 am-12 noon

Cost: Be prepared to buy a coffee or drink.

What to bring: An object that when you see it, reminds you of something, someone or a place that you can write about. Pen, paper or laptop or whatever you need.

So come along and have a try.

Kerryn Maxwell

Local/family history hot spots

Would you like to sharpen your family history research skills, find out some interesting facts about the Casey Cardinia area, and have fun doing it?

We are collaborating with Casey Cardinia Libraries to hold "Local/family history hot spots" on the 3rd Friday of the month, commencing March 2020. Presentations will be held in the Cranbourne Library Meeting Room, Casey Complex, 65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road between 11 am and 12 noon. Afterwards the Lorraine Taylor Research Room will be open for you to do some research.

All sessions are free, and everyone is welcome to come along. Local/family history hot spots will be advertised in the Casey Cardinia Libraries autumn booklet, before being listed on their website, ccl.vic.gov.au, where you can make a booking for the Local/family history hot spots events you wish to attend.

Friday, 20 March—Finding your Irish Roots

Presenter: Jane Rivett-Carnac

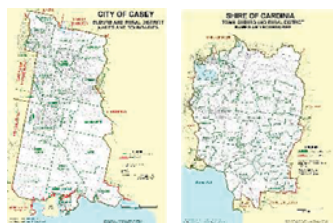
Paddy and Mick met in Kate's bar or so the story goes - looking for Irish connections - hints and pitfalls of researching Irish ancestors.



Friday, 17 April—Local Place Names

Presenter: Heather Arnold

Discover the fascinating meaning behind the names of local towns.



Friday, 15 May—Women in 20th Century Casey Cardinia

Presenter: Heather Arnold

A look at our history through the lives of some of our interesting women - the rich, the poor, the entrepreneurs, the farmers - and the contribution they made to our community.



Upcoming local/family history hot spots

Friday, 19 June:

They didn't swim here, finding shipping and other immigration records

Friday, 17 July:

Local hotels: a history

Friday, 21 August:

The building blocks of family history

Friday, 18 September:

Our farming industry

Friday, 16 October:

Dead men do tell tales

Friday, 20 November:

Military ancestors at home and abroad



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Luckily L'Arte Central was open so we had some lunch and a well-deserved break.

After lunch we destroyed the simulated LTRR and made up our simulated storeroom. As the storeroom was smaller, we presumed that this would be quick, but it still took us a while to work out the best set up.

Friday, 10 January – 9 am to approx. 10.45 am

Volunteers: Lynne Bradley, Moreyn Dimsey, Fay McCoubrie, Eileen Durdin

The plan was to clear items from cupboards and shelves ready for moving them on Sunday.

We removed all the items from the cupboards and the shelves, including the microfiche from the drawers. Items were strategically placed on the floor, so it was clear to identify those items that were going to remain in the LTRR, those that would go into our storeroom, and remove those no longer needed.

Sunday, 12 January – 10 am to approx. 12 noon

Volunteers: Eileen Durdin, Terry McFarlane, Rhys Marchant

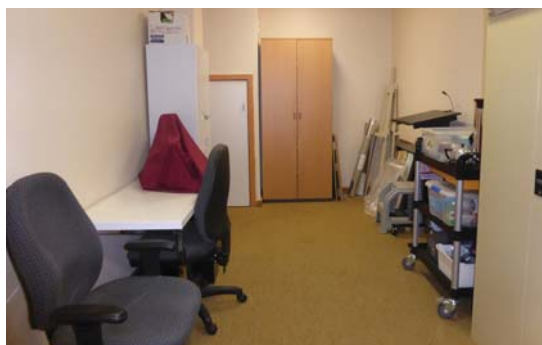
I had teed up my brother Terry and my nephew Rhys to do the heavy lifting for us and I had arranged for a hard rubbish collection at my place to dispose of any excess stuff.

Terry and Rhys worked well together, while I gave out instructions of where things were to go. As it was Sunday, there was no one around, so we used the corridor and foyer to place furniture before they were put into their appropriate places. Rhys' trailer, and both Terry and Rhys' 4-door utes were filled with the excess furniture and equipment. It was all transported to my place, where we started the hard rubbish pile.

Monday, 13 January – 10 am to approx. 12.30 pm

Volunteers: Lynne Bradley, Moreyn Dimsey, Fay McCoubrie, Eileen Durdin

Today we planned to put things back together. It



was the first time we saw the revamped LTRR, and we were impressed.

First the microfiche went into the drawers and then the magazines back on the centre shelves. We placed the computers where we planned them to go. Lynne got one of the printers working, and then we decided that the rest of the computers would be set up when we could get the IT team together. We got a chance to place items into cupboards in the LTRR and storeroom.

Tuesday, 14 January – 10 am to approx. 12 noon

Volunteers: Lynne Bradley, Moreyn Dimsey, Fay McCoubrie, Anne Blair, Eileen Durdin

We got everything back into all the cupboards in the storeroom. We now even have room for our gazebo (which has been at Jane's house) and the sausage sizzle equipment (which has been at John Uren's house).

We worked out what we thought would be best for the cupboards in the LTRR. Moreyn is happy as she has all this extra room on the shelves for resources. Somehow, I broke the vacuum cleaner.

Thursday, 16 January

Volunteers: John & Anne Blair

John and Anne fixed up the cupboards in the LTRR, secured the cash box to the shelf and fixed the corner cupboard under the bench.

Hooks for keys were placed in the cupboard. John had fixed the vacuum cleaner, so they were able to vacuum the room.

We still have some minor things to do before we can say that the revamp is finished, but by the time you read this edition of Spreading Branches it may all be done. The LTRR looks good and we now have storage space that was much needed. Thanks to all the volunteers that made the revamp possible, especially to our family members.

Eileen Durdin

An officer and a gentleman: Charles George de Beauvoir Tupper (1872-1893)

At our last general meeting at the old Narre Warren Library's meeting room Val Holland gave us a small framed portrait of a young naval officer. She explained that it had been found in the garage of her parents-in-law. Val didn't know anything about this young man, nor could she place him anywhere in the family, so she asked if we'd like to 'adopt' him, and perhaps find out a bit about him.

Sadly, the first thing we learned about Charles when we looked at the back of the portrait was that he had died on 3 November 1893 at just twenty-one years of age. The hymn '*A voice from Heaven*' is printed on the back along with his name and date of death. We also learned that whoever had originally owned this portrait had been given it 'with Mrs Tupper's kind regards'. The first questions that sprang to mind was who was Mrs Tupper? And, how or why did her son Charles die so young?

It's taken us a while, but we now know quite a bit about our young Lieutenant Charles George de Beauvoir Tupper who was born into a life of wealth and privilege on Sunday 16 June 1872 at 10 Hyde Park Square, London. But along with the wealth and privilege came duty and responsibility. The Tupper family were an old Guernsey family with strong military ties. Tupper men had served with great distinction in the army and navy. Many had been lost to battles, accidents and sickness both at home and in foreign lands, to be glorified and memorialised in death.

Charles' parents, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel William Tupper and Elizabeth Christie were married at St John's Paddington (London) on 13 October 1870. She was thirty-seven years old; he was a year older. They lived with Elizabeth's uncle, Charles, at Hyde Park Square.

Charles would grow up having no recollection of either his great uncle Charles, or his father Daniel. Charles Christie died in March 1873; it's possible that Daniel was suffering the effects of his brain tumour by then, he died eight months later on 16 November. Elizabeth laid them both to rest at Kensal Green Cemetery in London. She remained at 10 Hyde Park Square, it was hers now, a parting



gift from her uncle.

As it was, and maybe still is for the upper classes, in 1881 we find eight year old Charles at Henry P Sibthorpe's boarding school in Hove, Brighton with eighteen other male pupils of about the same age. One of his classmates is the Hon. Frederick Henry Arthur Wallop, the sixth son of the Earl of Portsmouth.

Charles must have learned a thing or two with Mr Sibthorpe because in November 1884 at the age of twelve he competed against ninety-six other boys in examinations over several days for one of the thirty-eight Royal Navy cadetships available. He and Elizabeth must have had an anxious wait, but news arrived just before Christmas that Charles had obtained

third place with a score of 1,410 marks, beaten for second place by just one mark and first by a mere eighteen. He joined the training ship *Britannia* on 15 January 1885 and left with a First Class Certificate on Christmas Eve 1886 for service aboard HMS *Monarch*.

Britannia's naval cadets were ranked according to their academic results and ability. The highest ranking cadets earned twelve months' service time, meaning that they automatically became midshipmen without examination on leaving. Service times ranged from 12 months to 3 months according to results and ability. Charles left with eight months' time to his credit. He would now have to serve only four months on the *Monarch* before undertaking his midshipman's exams.

Charles served the remaining months of his naval cadetship aboard HMS *Monarch* from 15 January 1887 to 14 May 1887. He undertook his midshipman's examination the following day. His recollection of his previous studies while at *Britannia* was tested along with his ability to find a latitude by observation of the meridian altitude of the sun, moon and stars; and longitude by chronometer and to work an amplitude. His log books and instruments were scrutinised as was his knowledge of steering and managing a boat under oars and sail, of knotting and splicing, rigging lower masts and yards and the use of the hand and deep-sea leads. He had to demonstrate his

knowledge of canons, rifles, pistols and the cutlass. When all this was done, he finished with 725 out of a possible 1,000 marks and earned a Third Class Midshipman's Certificate.

He left HMS *Monarch* on 26 March 1888 and continued his studies aboard HMS *Duke of Wellington* and then HMS *Raleigh*.

Charles' Certificate of Character (including zeal, ability and attention to studies) while a naval cadet and midshipman tells us he studied arithmetic, algebra, geometry, plane and spherical trigonometry; navigation, use of the sextant, azimuth compass, barometer and thermometer and their principles of construction; elementary physical science, French, drawing, essay writing, physical geography and astronomy, and writing English from dictation, amongst other things.

Said to have paid a 'fair' attention to the various branches of study he earned a Second Class Certificate in mathematics, French and extra subjects, and a First Class Certificate in seamanship, and it was noted that he could swim!

In order to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant he would have to be at least nineteen years old and completed five years' service in the Royal Navy. Charles' examination for the Passing Certificate of Seamanship for the Rank of Lieutenant was conducted aboard HMS *Raleigh* at Mozambique on 16 June 1891 by the ship's captain and two of its commanders. It was his nineteenth birthday and he had served five years and thirty-four days.

He produced the necessary certificates confirming his knowledge of gunnery, navigation and steam as well as certificates attesting to his good conduct, zeal and ability. His log book and journal were found to contain quality information that was presented in a neat and orderly manner. His charts, harbour plans, headland sketches and mechanical drawings were good too, and he obtained the full 100 marks available. His knowledge of construction was tested and he lost only 10 of the available 150 marks proving his knowledge of the general principles of construction of iron and steel ships, the general principles of stability and the operation of watertight compartments and their flooding and clearing by manual and steam methods. His knowledge of rigging, manoeuvring and officer of watch duties along with anchor work, organisation, rules of the road, signals and former service were scrutinised. He obtained 900 out of a possible 1,000 marks, earning himself a First Class Certificate. Following the examination's satisfactory conclusion Charles was appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant of HMS *Raleigh* that day until 8 September when he underwent telegraphy training aboard HMS *Victory II*.

Charles is wearing the dress uniform of a Royal

Navy Lieutenant in our portrait. The photo was taken at the Baker Street studio of Elliott and Fry, a prominent London photography studio, but we don't know when.

Charles served as lieutenant on HMS *Swallow* from 25 March 1893 to 16 May 1893, leaving the *Swallow* for HMS *Racer*. Both ships were operating from the Cape of Good Hope Station at the time.

On 6 September 1893 HMS *Racer* found itself in the middle of Brazil's third military coup in four years. Admiral Custódio José de Mello of the Brazilian Navy had seized command of the fleet of Brazilian warships stationed in Guanabara Bay demanding the resignation of Brazil's leader, Vice-President Peixoto. Mello claimed Peixoto had remained in office unconstitutionally by not allowing an election and threatened to attack the city of Rio de Janeiro if Peixoto did not resign immediately. But Peixoto did not capitulate, he declared a state of martial law instead, ordering the army to occupy and guard the harbour and its landing places. So, in effect,



Brazil's navy were at war with their own army and instead of the anticipated brief military coup (as the previous two had been), Rio endured a naval siege from that day until the following March.

Several warships from Britain, France, Italy and Portugal were in the bay that day. They would soon be joined by ships from Germany and the USA. Curiously, although Brazil was a sovereign state, the foreign powers commanding these warships desired their ships to remain neutral but at the same time enforce international rules of civilised behaviour and prevent the indiscriminate bombardment of Rio and its people by either the

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navy or the army. They also required the docks to be protected so that their merchant ships could land and take goods on and off their ships.

The squadron of British ships in Guanabara Bay comprised HMS *Beagle*, *Racer* and *Sirius*. Just before 2 pm on the afternoon of 3 November 1893 a party from each of the ships in the British squadron sailed up the harbour to obtain sand and enjoy a little land based recreation. Apparently, this was a weekly event and the sand was used to swab the ships' decks. They landed on Governador Island, the largest of the hundred and thirty or so islands in the bay. The island was under the control of the navy insurgents and had two magazines or stores for powder and shells. The cutters from the HMS *Racer* and *Beagle* landed on the beach between the two stores.

The second picture of Charles was found in documents presented to the Greenwich Maritime Museum after Elizabeth died. He is sitting on what is presumably the *Racer*'s cutter. He looks like any other young man, relaxing with his feet in the water. The powder magazine can be seen on a hill behind him to the right, the shell magazine is on the left. He would never have known when that picture was taken that he had less than an hour left to live.

When the British crews landed at the beach there were a lot of Brazilians in and around the magazines loading powder onto two lighters to take to one of the rebel ships further off shore. The two lighters were alongside the pier which had piles of powder cases at the end of it. The English and Brazilian officers chatted for a while and Commander Rolleston from the *Racer* and

Lieutenant Bowden Smith from the *Sirius* strolled off for a short walk. Charles and Lieutenant Mowbray with his two dogs from the *Sirius* were talking to each other in front of the shell magazine. Boatswain Harris also from the *Sirius* was nearby, so too were a few Brazilian officers. Most of the English sailors were further along the beach, bathing and preparing an evening meal.

The powder magazine exploded at 3.40 pm. Commander Rolleston who was still walking along the beach saw Charles and Lieutenant Mowbray running into the shell store for cover with the two dogs. That was the last time either man would be seen dead or alive because the shell store exploded a minute or two later.

The powder magazine was about 150 metres from the beach where they were getting sand. It was estimated to have been storing 100 tons of powder. The flames from the powder store set the shell store nearer to the beach on fire. Most of the casualties were caused by the second explosion in the shell store. Intermittent explosions from bursting shells continued until 7.30 pm that night. Commander Rolleston and Lieutenant Bowden Smith searched for the missing men along the beach but found no trace. At 9 pm when it was thought safe to do so, a search party was sent out, but no trace of the missing officers was found. Boatswain Harris' body was recovered, minus an arm.

A further search party was sent to the site at 6.30 am the following morning, still no trace of the missing officers was found amongst the charred and dismembered remains of the bodies that all appeared to be Brazilian. They then dragged the bay and found Boatswain Harris' missing arm, recognised by his tattoos, among the dead Brazilians still in the water.



The hill on which the magazine had stood had been covered with undergrowth and palms was now completely bare, everything having been blown away by the force of the explosion. Beams of wood and trees had fallen into the water hundreds of yards from the source of the explosion and the pier was completely wrecked. The cause of the explosion was not known, some said men had fired the powder, others said they'd seen men handling the powder while smoking cigarettes. Rumours that the explosion had not been entirely unexpected quickly surfaced, and that it had been the work of a government agent. Captain William Lang, the senior British officer at Rio estimated that there were five hundred 10-inch shells in the store at the time of the explosion.

The site of the shell store was thoroughly searched four days later, all that remained of the two lieutenants was a coin, a watch and buttons. A monument to the men was erected at the British Cemetery at Gamboa in Rio de Janeiro.

Perhaps it's fitting to let Charles' commanding officer have the last word. Commander Rolleston's eyewitness report concluded with a few words about the three men who had perished. Of Charles he wrote:

of Lieutenant Tupper it is difficult to speak, so painful are the feelings occasioned by his early loss; to a disposition singularly cheerful and engaging he united great



ability with a regard for, and an interest in his profession of an intensity rarely equalled. Although his years were few, and his time in this ship short, he leaves us a high example and a memory that will not quickly pass away.'

Lynne Bradley

Author's note

At first we could find very little on Lieutenant Tupper, but as time goes by more and more articles and catalogues of various institutions come on line. Wikipedia, Trove, Ancestry and Find My Past have contributed a great deal. The information about Charles' study, exams, movements and death has come from two files digitised by the Greenwich Maritime Museum that contained his certificates and transfers and letters written to his mother from the Admiralty regarding his death. I'd like to acknowledge and thank John Elliott, Jane Rivett-Carnac and Daryl McWatters whose initial research and advice helped enormously in getting this article off the ground. We've run out of room to tell you about Charles' parents and explore some of the Tupper and Christie family connections to Melbourne so we'll do that in another story soon.

Memorial photographs by Tony M
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/125033055/charles-de-beauvoir-tupper>

Ballarat Briefings

Best wishes for 2020 to everyone who reads this newsletter and I hope that you and your families have not been physically affected by the recent bushfires which have devastated our continent.

The BDGS-Ballarat and District Genealogical Society Inc has a new meeting place. From February 2020 the group will meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at the Ballarat North Community Centre, 702 Walker street, Ballarat North.

The society's library is now held at the Australiana Research Room, the Eureka Centre, 102 Stawell Street South, Ballarat East. Contact BDGS on 0467 241 352 or info@bdgs.org.au

The Ballarat PROV office is also located here as well as a café.

Access to PROV and BDGS holdings is Monday-Thursday 10 am-4.30 pm only. Contact the Eureka Centre on (03) 5333 0333 for further information.

The Ballarat Courier is now on TROVE up until July 1883. Loading of the next six months has commenced. This has been paid for by BDGS.

Hard copies of the Courier are available to search at the Ballarat Mechanics Institute Library, Sturt Street, Ballarat. It's best to ring first to ensure the copies you wish to search are available when you arrive. Phone (03) 5332 3042. Hours Monday-Friday 10-4, Saturday 9.30-12 noon.

Two new books with reference to Ballarat were launched recently

* **"Pay Dirt"** edited by Dorothy Wickham and Clare Gervasoni to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Ballarat Heritage Services is one. It is available through BHS Bookshop on line <https://www.ballaratheritage.com.au/bookshop/>

It covers four major themes: FACES, PLACES, SPACES and TRACES with contributions from distinguished authors and historians, including Clare Gervasoni, Dr Val Noone, Dr Michael Taffe and Dr Dorothy Wickham.

* **"Mining Mud & Medals"** is a project of the Victorian Interpretive Projects Inc. compiled by Yvon Davis.

This book seeks to highlight the role of the men who served in the Australian Army Tunnelling Corps during World War One, especially those from the Ballarat electorate. Members of the Australian Mining Corps were commonly known as "tunnellers". They worked continuously in wet and muddy conditions, under constant enemy threat in often narrow tunnels under No Man's Land.

There is a list of over 160 men from the Ballarat electorate who enlisted as tunnellers.

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New in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room

Casey Cardinia books

* Illustrated Guide to the Beaconsfield Ranges



* Life and death on the edge of the swamp. A walk in Bunyip Cemetery

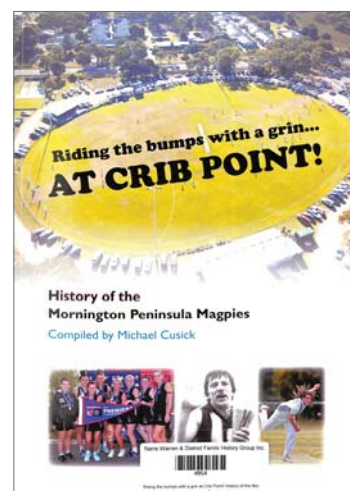
* Lang Lang and District Historical Society 2020 Calendar.

Other books

* Discover Scottish church records

* Fishing, sand and village days: an oral history of Frankston from the early 1900s to 1950.

* Riding the bumps with a grin at Crib Point! History of the Mornington Peninsula Magpies.



Magazines and journals

* Gipps-Land Gate Oct 2019

* Who Do You Think You Are? Jun 2019 – Oct 2019

* Family Tree Magazine Nov 2019 & Dec 2019

* Traces Issues 7 & 8

* The Pivot Tree Oct 2019

Moreyn Dimsey



Research Room Roster

Please find a replacement yourself if you cannot do duty.

March 2020		April 2020		May 2020	
11 am–3 pm		11 am–3 pm		11 am–3 pm	
Tue 3	Anne Blair Lorraine Taylor	Sat 4	Lyne McGregor Barbara Sharp	Sat 2	Wendy Goodwin Barbara Sharp
Sat 7	Kerryn Maxwell Pat Sherwell	Tue 7	Fay McCoubrie Lorraine Taylor	Tue 5	Fay McCoubrie Moreyn Dimsey
Tue 10	Moreyn Dimsey Lynne Bradley	Sat 11	EASTER Closed	Sat 9	Eileen Durdin Pat Sherwell
Sat 14	Lyne McGregor Barbara Sharp	Tue 14	Moreyn Dimsey Maureen Abbott	Tue 12	Jane Rivett-Carnac Anne Blair
Tue 17	Eileen Durdin Anne Blair	Sat 18	Kerryn Maxwell Eileen Durdin	Sat 16 <i>open to 1.30 pm</i>	Lyne McGregor Hellen Kemp
Sat 21	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan	Tue 21	Anne Blair Wendy Goodwin	Tue 19	Maureen Abbott Lorraine Taylor
Tue 24	Wendy Goodwin Mary McGrath	Sat 25	ANZAC DAY Closed	Sat 23	Di Brodbeck Judy Mehegan
Sat 28	Eileen Durdin Hellen Kemp	Tue 28	Jane Rivett-Carnac Maureen Stagg	Tue 26	Wendy Goodwin Maureen Stagg
Tue 31	Fay McCoubrie Jane Rivett-Carnac			Sat 30	Kerryn Maxwell Robyn Jones

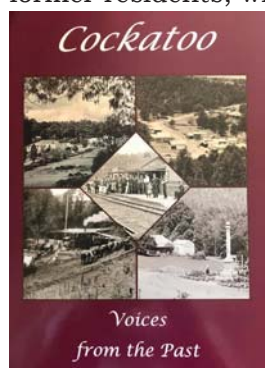
Welcome to our new member: Judith Power (nee Lumsden)

Place of birth	Ballarat, Victoria
Occupation	Volunteer, retired
Family	1 brother, 2 sons
Time in district	8 years
Hobbies	Walking my dog, volunteering, cultural
Names researching	Lumsden, Leaman, Gehrke, Williams
How long researching	1 week
Reason for starting	Need to understand my ancestry
Most interesting find:	Scottish heritage, German heritage

Cockatoo—Voices from the Past

This new book has its genesis in the Ash Wednesday bushfires of 1983, which destroyed so many houses and public buildings, along with documents, photographs and memorabilia, and residents started to move away from Cockatoo.

For over 20 years Dot Griffin visited residents and former residents, who were mostly elderly, and



recorded them on tape. Their stories have been turned into this illustrated book with colour and black-and-white photographs and maps.

The book covers a period of almost 150 years. The stories are arranged in chronological order, according to the period they refer to. The stories can be

read in any order, but the more you read, the more you will realise that the stories provide a fascinating insight into the lives of Cockatoo people in the twentieth century.

The contributors to this book represent the Cockatoo History & Heritage Group. We hope you enjoy this, the first ever book published on the history of Cockatoo.

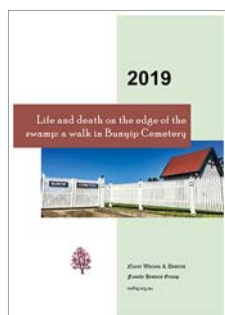
Available for \$35 from the Cockatoo History & Heritage Group, P.O. Box 700, Cockatoo, Victoria, 3781.cockatoohistory@gmail.com Facebook: Cockatoo History & Heritage Group

Spreading Branches May 2020

We would like to read your articles or stories.
Please submit your contributions
by 15 April 2020

Publications for sale

Life and death on the edge of the swamp: a walk in Bunyip Cemetery (2019)



It is one hundred and thirty-three years since ten acres were set aside for a cemetery at Bunyip, however, the official burial register didn't begin until 1894 when six year old William Henry Barnes was buried. Nineteen of the first twenty recorded burials were of children. We believe the first actual burial to take place here was of Henry Manley in

August 1886 – his story is featured in this book.

Thirty-one more stories of life and death on the swamp are also told in the book. Elisha Grose, winner of the second Stawell Gift is buried here in an unmarked grave, as is Mary Clifford, a poor deserted child of fourteen years of age who met a cruel and untimely death. As did Catherine O'Donohue while out collecting for charity and Elizabeth Gallaher who died while pregnant with her eighth child. Maria Little's life was cut short while on a bus tour, and Joseph Henderson lost his life at Garfield railway station in 1915.

We also have stories of triumph over tragedy and adversity like returned soldier Edwin Hobson, or the incredible story of how John Mannix overcame a horrific childhood and ultimate desertion by his mother to make a better life for himself and his family at Iona. William Rogers also had a rough start in life, sent to Canada as a Home Child at ten years of age with his seven year old brother Augustus. William eventually came to Australia as an adult and made a wonderful life for himself and his family.

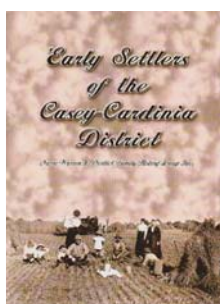
There is an eclectic mix of stories about well-known identities who appear in published histories and are fortunate to have headstones marking their final resting place and stories of people long forgotten, whose only trace is an entry in the register.

\$15 + \$8 postage + handling

Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District (2010)

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. Detailed biographies give an insight into the early days of many Casey Cardinia families and individuals.

\$30 + \$13.80 postage + handling



World War 1 walk cemetery books

Peace at last: a World War 1 walk in Lang Lang Cemetery (2018)

Stories of 98 soldiers from the Lang Lang district and the 48 families who waved goodbye to them and prayed for their safe return. Not everyone's prayers were answered in the way they'd hoped for, prayers for the return of 24 fathers, sons, husbands and brothers were not answered at all.

They answered the call: a World War 1 walk in Cranbourne Cemetery (2018)

We tell the stories of courage and sacrifice of 111 men and one woman with Cranbourne area connections.

For some the bell tolled: a World War 1 Walk in Harkaway Cemetery (plus Harkaway Avenue of Honour) (2017)

This book contains 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.

Sacrifice and Patriotism: a World War 1 Walk in Pakenham Cemetery (2016)

Includes stories of sets of brothers, a father and his son, a nurse and a sailor along with two Indigenous soldiers. Soldiers who received awards, 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.

100 men, 100 years: a World War 1 Walk in Berwick Cemetery (2015)

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.

each book \$20 + \$13.80 postage + handling

Ordinary people, interesting lives: A walk in the historic Harkaway Cemetery (2016)

Abounds with people who needed to grow crops or nurture their livestock to be able to eat, neighbours who no longer remained strangers, faces who became familiar at church or school or the general store or railway station.

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

\$15 + \$8 postage + handling

Kindred Spirits. NW&DFHG 1989 – 2009

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Cemetery Tour booklets

Pakenham (2011), Cranbourne (2012), Lang Lang (2013) \$10 each

Berwick (2014), Pakenham (2015) \$15 each

Add \$8 for postage + handling.

More details, order forms and indexes are available on our website at nwfhg.org.au/publications-2/