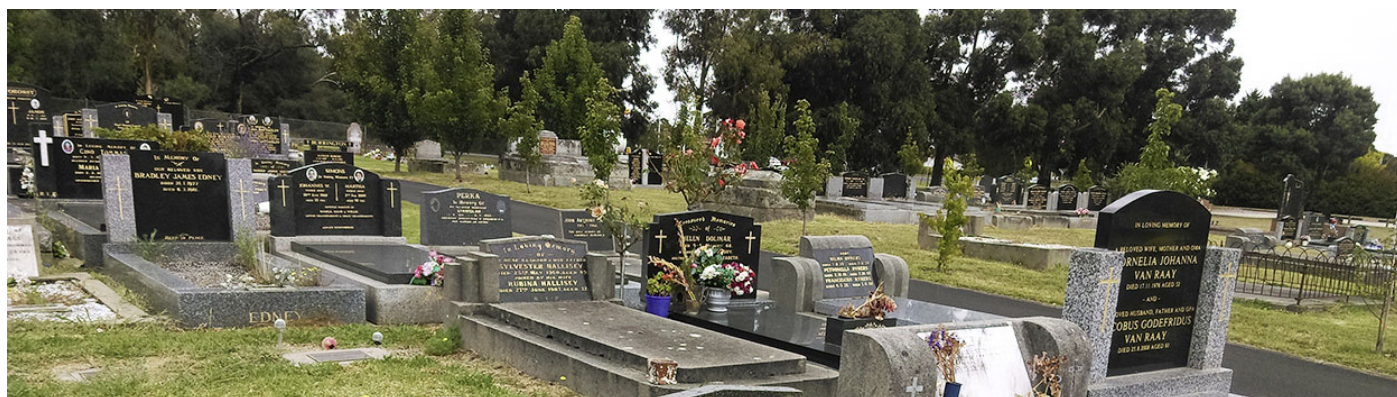


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No time to say goodbye: a walk in Cranbourne Cemetery

Sunday 1 May 2022 — 10 am

Cranbourne Cemetery has so many stories to tell. Join us on a ninety minute walk around this historic cemetery and explore some of its history as we tell you the stories of twenty-six people and their families who had no chance to say goodbye.

They came from Poowong, Skye, Lyndhurst, Koo Wee Rup, Clyde and Cranbourne. Hear stories of a father who died alone on the side of a road, and thirteen years later his son died alone at the foot of a tree. Meet the policeman and a policeman's wife, a man murdered for his boots and the unknown man.

Light refreshments included at the conclusion of the tour and our publication, a copy of the tour will be available to purchase.

Presented by the Narre Warren & District Family History Group

When: Sunday 1 May 2022 at 10am

Where: Cranbourne Cemetery, corner Sladen Street and Cemetery Road, Cranbourne 3977

Cost: Adults \$5
Children under 16 free (must also book)

Bookings essential: Email cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au
Phone (Jane) 0412 084 671

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Lorraine Taylor 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	The Narre Warren & District Family History Group gratefully acknowledge the assistance and support of Casey Cardinia Libraries and the City of Casey.
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Opening Hours for Research

Monday to Saturday 11 am to 2 pm

Bookings essential: <http://nwfhg.eventbrite.com>

Research room phone number: (03) 5995 3032

Meetings

October - April: 7.30 pm

2nd Wednesday of the month (except January).

May - September: 2.30 pm

3rd Saturday of the month.

Membership

Single \$35, Joint \$50. Payable 1 July each year.

Casual visitors \$5 per day (from 1 July 2022).

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You are welcome to renew your membership by Direct Deposit into our bank account.

Bank: National Australia Bank

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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

NW&DFHG Coffee Catch-ups

Meet with other members and friends for a social chat over coffee and cake on the last Sunday of the month at 10 am.

Venues to be advised

Sunday, 29 May, 26 Jun, 31 Jul



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

The past few months have been encouraging as more people have returned to the Lorraine Taylor Research Room. We still have some Covid restrictions, including a limit of how many people are allowed to be in the Research Room. The system of pre-booking may be a little inconvenient for some people, as they have to plan their visit in advance, but it is working. It also allows us to be able to open the room six days a week, but if no one has booked in on the day the volunteer on duty will not be attending the room. At this stage we are not open for casual or spontaneous visitors to the room.

Because of the density limits we are holding hybrid general meetings. Zoom allows others to join in from home wherever that may be.

In March, our guest speaker Dennis Frank came to the meeting and told us of the work Fallen Diggers are doing. Their work uncovers many soldiers lost in unmarked graves or in graves known only to God. Their aim is to find our missing soldiers to give them the dignity of a grave with their names engraved in stone for evermore.

In April our guest speaker was John Graham president of Ryerson Index Inc. He joined us via Zoom from Sydney and spoke about the loss of many print editions of newspapers, the difficulties of the past two years, and demonstrated some of the lesser known features of the Ryerson Index website. He also reminded us to bookmark the home page, not the search page, to be kept up to date with news. Something we should remember for other websites such as Trove, too.

Zoom has been the backbone of enabling the committee to fulfil its role for the past two and a

half years and we are indebted to Eileen Durdin for being the facilitator of every Zoom meeting during this time.

The Cemetery Tour team have been busy. We've had a couple of practice walks and the book is printed. It is pleasing that we have had a number of people book in for the walk. We hope the weather is kind to us on Sunday morning 1 May, when we present the stories of twenty-six people who died with no chance to say goodbye to loved ones.

On Monday, 2 May, the Casey Cardinia Local History Reference Group are presenting an online seminar as part of the National Trust Heritage Festival. The theme is 'Curiosity' and the speakers are from Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society, Berwick Mechanics Institute, Casey Cardinia Library Corporation, Public Record Office Victoria and I will be talking about our local monuments and memorials. For more information see page 4.

Also in May we will be thanking our volunteers with a morning tea. We are looking for a few more people to help out in the research room, or at future cemetery walks. We would also like to hold a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle again, but we need you to help us out. If we have enough interest from members we can apply for a sizzling spot. Fundraising is important, it means we can keep up with the latest changes in technology and resources, and we don't need to increase the cost of a yearly membership.

The monthly Sunday morning coffee catch ups, held at a different venue each month, are continuing to grow. They are a chance to chat and socialise. Thank you Eileen for organising these gatherings.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

General Meetings

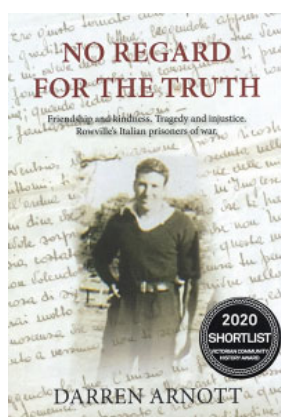
All meetings will be held at L'Arté Central Social Enterprise Café Training Room and on Zoom at 2.30 pm

All welcome to join us for lunch at 12.30 pm. Bookings are essential, contact Eileen Durdin at secretary@nwfhg.org.au



Saturday, 21 May – Women and your family tree

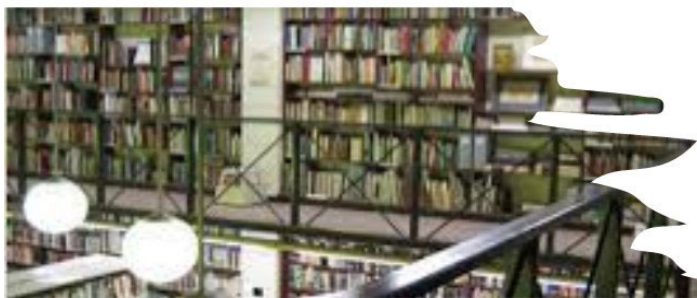
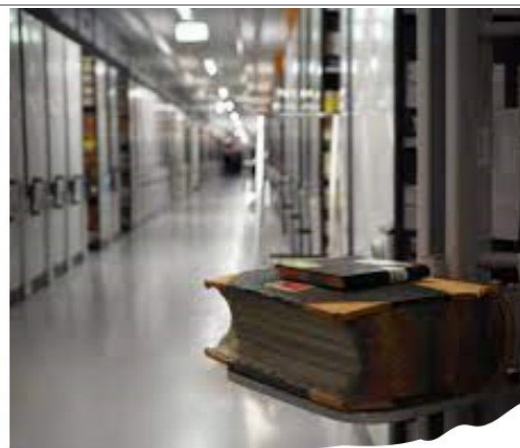
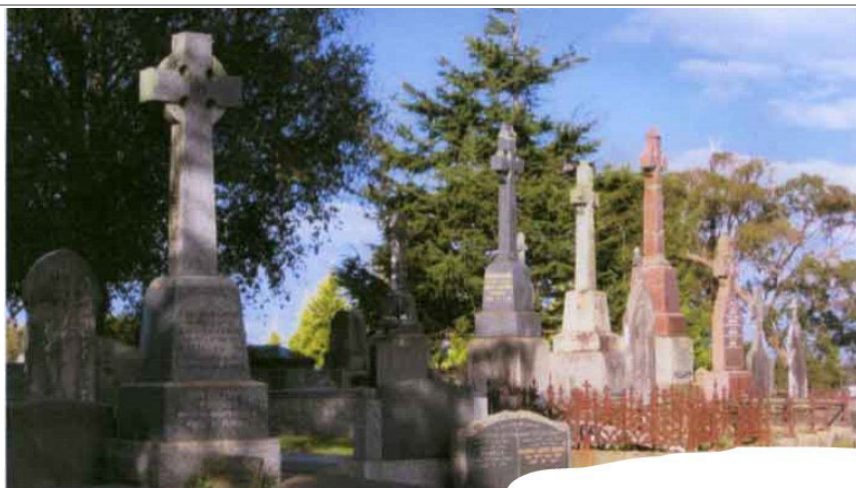
One half of our ancestors are women, but finding their stories can be hard, as they are not featured in as many records as our male ancestors are. Is this true? Looking into the lives of widows and spinsters can solve problems and round out a family story.



Saturday, 18 June – Darren Arnott

No regard for the Truth: Friendship and Kindness. Tragedy and injustice Rowville's Italian Prisoners of War.

Following up historic clues is the hobby of amateur historian Darren Arnott. Intrigued by the history of Rowville's Italian prisoner of war camp, Darren's research has uncovered this incredible story.



CASEY CARDINIA HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Monday 2nd May 2022: 10am – 3pm

**A day of online presentations celebrating local history
content in the City of Casey, Shire of Cardinia and beyond**

Monday 2 May 2022 — 10 am to 3 pm

10 am

Introduction

10.10 am – 11.10 am

Postcards: Collections of memories and love

presented by Heather Arnold (Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society)

11.20 am – 11.40 am

The Casey Collection: the books of Lord and Lady Casey

presented by Judith Dwyer (BMI)

11.40 am – 12 noon

Digitised local history items on the library catalogue

presented by Michelle McLean (CCL)

12 noon – 12.50 pm

Break

12.50 pm – 1.50 pm

Local Treasures:

What we found out about local monuments and memorials,

presented by Jane Rivett-Carnac (NW&DFHG)

2 pm – 3 pm

Public Record Office: discover the treasures within,

presented by Sebastian Gurciullo (Public Record Office Victoria)

Prebooking required: <https://events.ccl.vic.gov.au/event?id=8726>

This is an online event!

Please attend using your internet connected computer or mobile.

The event's URL will be delivered to your email inbox before commencement.

The hapless infant

Nineteen year old Margaret Chrozier (right) went into labour in the early hours of the morning on Wednesday 7 November 1894. Unmarried and about to bring her brother-in-law's child into the world, Margaret's pregnancy had been carefully hidden by the family who had hatched a plan to conceal the birth too.

Margaret lived with her parents Robert and Janet, and her two younger sisters and six younger brothers in a small four-roomed weatherboard house on the family's dairy farm at Skye. She was the second eldest of the family, her older sister Agnes and her husband Hugh and their infant daughter had also lived at the farm but had recently moved to Lyndhurst. It was Agnes' husband who was accused of fathering Margaret's child. Margaret's father Robert repaired roads for the Cranbourne Shire and was often away from the farm during the week.

Assisted during the birth by her mother and sister, both named Janet, Margaret's daughter was born at about 7 am that morning. Margaret's mother handed the naked and crying baby to Margaret's youngest sister, thirteen-year-old Jane, moments after the birth. Jane was told to take it out to the garden, kill it, and bury it deep. Jane did as she was told.

INFANTICIDE AT SKYE.

The plan may have worked had Margaret's health not deteriorated in the next few days. Margaret was seriously ill by Saturday, and fearing for her life, the family sent for Dr Plowman at Frankston.

The doctor allowed Margaret a few days to regain her strength before informing the police at Frankston of what had transpired at the farm house. When Constable McCaig went to investigate, he talked to Mrs Chrozier who told him that Margaret had given birth to a child which was dead. She did not know where the baby's body was, Jane had buried it. Jane was a little more helpful, she showed Constable McCaig where she had buried the baby's body and provided him with a spade to recover it. As the constable removed the body, he noticed a gash on her head. Mrs Chrozier told him that it was a result of an accident during burial, Jane added that the spade had accidentally fallen across the baby's head.

On Saturday 17 November, Dr Plowman conducted a post mortem and informed the police that in his opinion the baby had been born alive and Constable McCaig obtained a warrant for Margaret's arrest. She was in bed when he arrived, and after

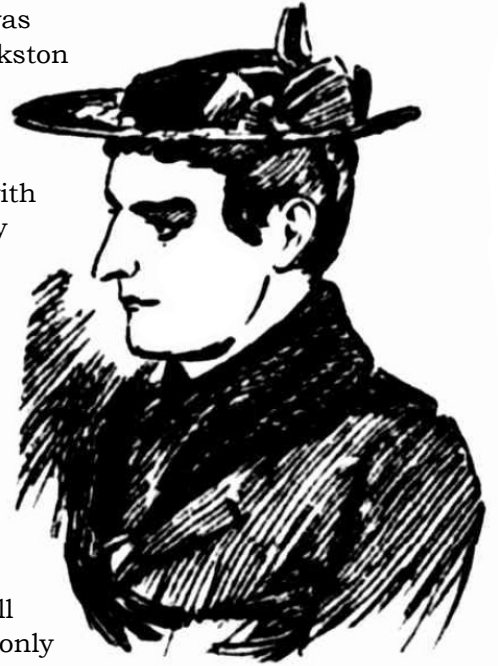
she dressed was taken to Frankston and brought before Mr WH O'Grady JP, charged with having wilfully murdered her infant child. No evidence was taken although at the house Margaret had told Constable McCaig that she did not kill the child and only when pressed for

an answer to the question of who had fathered the child, she named Hugh Taylor. Margaret was remanded for a week and taken to the Melbourne Gaol by train where she was admitted to the gaol hospital.

Inspector Walsh and Detective-sergeant Nixon were sent from Melbourne to take over the case. Walsh was a former member of the detective branch and Nixon had a lot of experience investigating child murder cases. Together with Constable McCaig, they interviewed Margaret's mother, sisters Janet and Jane and her brothers sixteen-year-old James, ten-year-old Robert and eight-year-old Samuel. All three boys made statements to Inspector Walsh at the school at Skye in front of witnesses that included the school teacher. Their statements corroborated Jane's version of events. It is not known why Margaret's eleven-year-old brother Joseph was not interviewed.

The Government Medical Officer, Dr Andrew Shields was sent from Melbourne to examine the baby's body with Dr Plowman. William Sherrard, a surveyor, was sent to prepare a map of the Chrozier's house.

Mrs Chrozier told Inspector Walsh that the baby had been born in the afternoon of 7 December. She had left home at 11 am that day with her daughter Janet in a wagonette for Agnes' place, five miles away. Janet would be staying with Agnes to help her. She returned to Skye at around 4 pm. Margaret had complained of a headache but was going about the house in her usual way before she left. When she returned, she found Margaret in bed. She had known about Margaret's condition for two or three months before the birth, but did not speak to her about it. Margaret's father did not speak to her about it until after the birth. Janet



Margaret Chrozier

went into the bedroom but did not ask Margaret what was wrong, she assumed it was the headache. She did not suspect the baby had been born until the following morning. From what she observed she asked

Margaret a question and in reply Margaret told her that she had had a child and that it was dead. She said she told Jane to bury it. When asked, Jane told her mother she had buried the child and reassured her mother that the baby was deep enough. Margaret told her mother that Hugh Taylor was the father of the child, but she did not think

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it could be him, however, she was not aware of Margaret keeping company with any other men. Hugh Taylor had not been back to the farm since he and Agnes left.

Jane followed the family line at first when making her statement to Inspector Walsh but apparently broke down and told him everything he wanted to know. She told Inspector Walsh that they all knew about it and had arranged about a month before the birth to kill the baby. They all knew Taylor was the father and that Jane's father Robert had ordered Taylor out of the house. She was in the detached kitchen when she heard the baby cry three times, when she went into Margaret's room, she saw her mother sitting on the bed with a baby in her arms. Her mother told her to take the baby away and kill it. She took the baby in her arms and laid it on the ground and got a spade and cut its head open. She then went into Margaret's room and her mother asked her if she had killed it and she replied that she had. Her mother told her to dig a hole and bury it. When she lifted the baby up to put

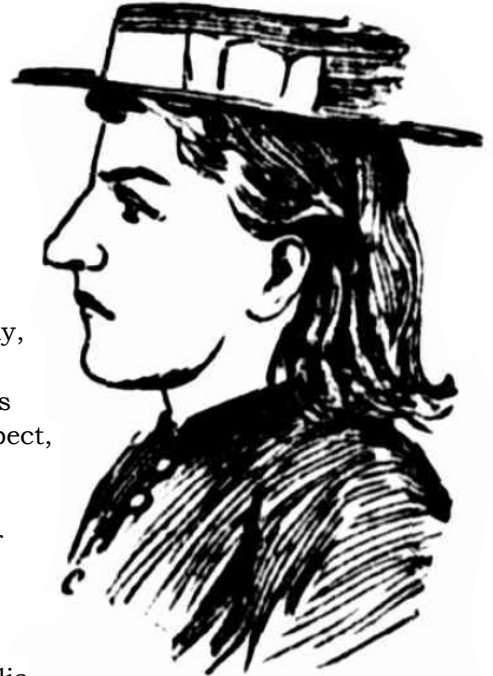
THE FRANKSTON TRAGEDY.

it in the hole some of the brains dropped out and the fowls ate them.

Constable McCaig returned to the Chrozier family's farm with Inspector Walsh and Detective Nixon on the morning

of Wednesday 21 November to arrest Margaret's mother Janet, and sister Jane. They went back again to arrest Janet, Margaret's sister.

All four women were now in custody, charged with murder and as you would expect, all the grisly details of the case and their lives were featuring in newspapers across Australia.



Jane Chrozier

The Pier Hotel at Frankston was crowded with onlookers as the inquest into the baby's death began not long after the last arrest. The coroner informed the jury that Jane had made a full statement to the police, admitting her role in the murder. And, if this was true, it was one of the most terrible stories he had ever had to investigate. He further informed the jury that in order to give Margaret Chrozier more time to recover so that



The Pier Hotel, Frankston

she might attend the proceedings he proposed to hear the evidence of the two doctors and read the statements made. He then asked the jury to view the baby's body.

Dr Plowman and Dr Shields both testified that in their opinion the baby had been born alive. Their examinations found her lungs well distended, evidence that she had breathed on her own, her death had been almost certainly caused by the blows to the skull. Both men were questioned at length by the coroner and the jury as to the possibility that the baby had been born alive and those present did not know, or that the baby had in fact been stillborn and not taken breath.

After Inspector Walsh had told the court the details of the statements made by Mrs Janet Chrozier and Jane, the coroner adjourned proceedings until the 29 November.

Mrs Janet Chrozier and her two daughters Janet and Jane were brought before Mr J Thompson JP once the inquest was adjourned and formally remanded to Melbourne Gaol. One newspaper noted that Jane was still wearing short dresses and did not seem to realise the awful position in which she was placed.

FOUR FEMALES CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Frankston undertaker Hector Gamble buried the baby at Frankston cemetery by order of the coroner the next day. No minister of religion oversaw the burial and there is no entry in the cemetery register.

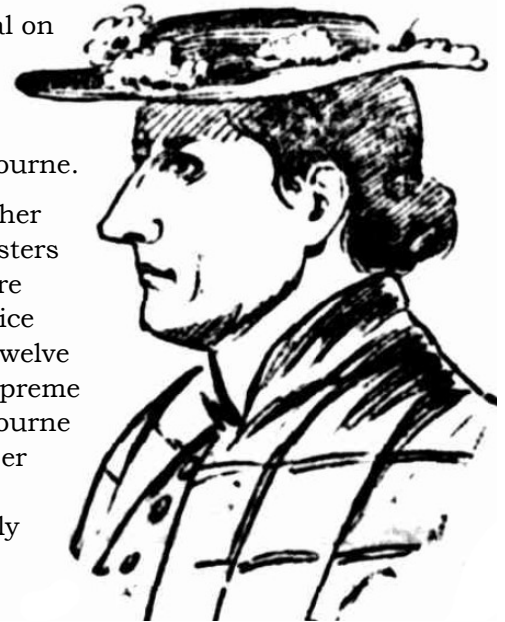
The inquest resumed on Thursday 29 November at the Pier Hotel, again with a large crowd of spectators. Those who could not get into the building, gathered outside. Detective Nixon and Constable McCaig accompanied Margaret and her mother and sisters to Frankston from Melbourne on the early morning train.

Not surprisingly, Margaret's brothers James, Robert and Samuel told the court that the statements they'd made to Inspector Walsh were false and that they knew nothing. Hugh Taylor swore that he was not the father of the child. Drs Plowman and Shields gave additional testimony strengthening their previous evidence that the baby was born alive and killed by violence.

The jury concluded that Jane had caused the baby's death by wilfully cutting its head open with a spade, and that Margaret together with her mother and sister were accessories before the fact. The

coroner committed all four for trial on the charge of murder at the Criminal Court in Melbourne.

Margaret and her mother and sisters appeared before the Chief Justice and a jury of twelve men in the Supreme Court in Melbourne on 19 December 1894 charged with feloniously and wilfully murdering a certain female



Mrs Janet Chrozier

child, the offspring of Margaret Ann Chrozier, at Skye, on 7 November. A large crowd gathered to hear the proceedings and catch a glimpse of the prisoners.

The Chief Justice informed the jury that if Jane's story was true, the killing of the child must necessarily be murder. It was an act done for the purpose of taking life and done in the most cold-blooded manner that could be conceived. The *Weekly Times* reported that the jury were embarrassed, as men, to see a very young girl such as Jane charged before them with murder.

Constable McCaig, Inspector Walsh, Drs Plowman and Shields, the surveyor William Sherrard and Margaret's brothers James, Robert and Samuel Chrozier, her father Robert Chrozier and Hugh Taylor all appeared as witnesses for the Crown. Interestingly, Detective-sergeant Nixon was not called to give evidence at either the inquest or the court case although he was present at both. The evidence given was similar to that presented at the inquest.

At the conclusion of the Crown's evidence His Honour directed the jury to acquit the three elder prisoners. The statement made by Jane could not be used as evidence against them because it had not been made in their presence. And there was insufficient evidence to justify sending the case to the jury. Had Jane been able to be called as Queen's evidence, meaning had she agreed to give information on her mother's and sisters' roles in order to reduce her own sentence, perhaps they would have been convicted. Thirteen year old Jane now faced the court alone.

The jury were then asked to determine if Jane's statement was true or hysterical imaginings. And,

THE FRANKSTON TRAGEDY.

ACQUITTAL OF ACCUSED.

if it were true, whether it had been made freely or given under promise or compulsion. After some deliberation the jury found Jane Chrozier not guilty, and she was also discharged.

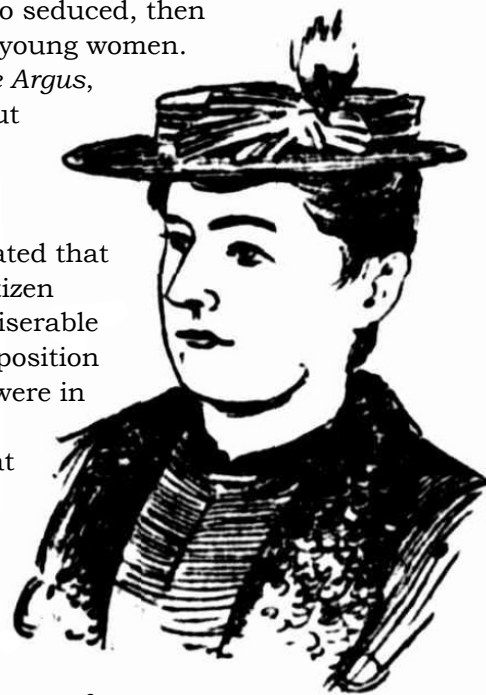
The story title comes from reports carried in the *Bendigo Advertiser* and *The Herald* in which the baby was referred to as 'the hapless infant'. Sadly, she was just one of many.

In 1892 the *Weekly Times* reported on what it called the undetected and unpunished holocaust of infant human life being ruthlessly sacrificed in Melbourne under our very eyes. The Melbourne City Coroner, Dr Youl estimated that less than ten per cent of the cases of child murder were ever discovered, and those that were, only came to light by the merest accident. He said it would be impossible to say how many bodies were hidden away in back gardens, or sunk in the river, or thrown into the Bay every year.

Infanticide and child murder were often the answer to the social and financial problems of unwanted pregnancies for single and destitute women. If ever their crime came to light, the all-male juries of the time often sympathised with the accused women. Newspapers often carried articles that condemned

the men who seduced, then abandoned young women.

In 1884 *The Argus*, writing about women accused of killing their children, stated that the average citizen realised the miserable and unhappy position these women were in and it seemed monstrous that the mother should be ordered to a humiliating death on the gallows, while the father went scot-free.



Janet Chrozier

Young women tried for infanticide were seen more as passive victims than criminals. Mothers who committed infanticide were seen by juries as respectable women who had been driven to commit a desperate act in order to maintain their respectability and often not seen as criminals but as victims of circumstance and not a danger to society.

Lynne Bradley

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History events at Casey Cardina Libraries

For bookings: <https://events.ccl.vic.gov.au/>

Family History - Not Everything Is Online

Thu 28 April (11 am) – online event

Jane Rivett-Carnac and Heather Arnold talk about their favourite and most useful local and family history books and where you can access them.

Using the newspapers on Trove for local and family history

Thu 19 May (11 am) – online event

Heather Arnold, President of the Koo Wee Rup Swamp Historical Society will talk about the treasure trove of information you can find in old newspapers.

Trove – not just newspapers

Thu 16 June (11 am) –

Cranbourne Library

Jane Rivett-Carnac will talk about the wonderful resources other than newspapers, you can find on Trove for your family and local history research.

Note: For events planned to be held at Cranbourne Library, please check closer to the date in case the event had to be moved online.

To listen to earlier talks, go to

<https://www.ccl.vic.gov.au/browse/local-history/>





**Lorraine Taylor Research Room
is now a**

FamilySearch

AFFILIATE LIBRARY

The Lorraine Taylor Research Room
of the Narre Warren & District Family History Group
has been accepted as a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

Visitors to the Research Room will now be able
to view images that are restricted
when visiting the website at home.

Open the 'Catalog' tab on the FamilySearch website
and search by place or film number (FHL number).

For indexed records, follow our guide on the next two pages.

Note that the locked camera may still appear for a range of images
that by contractual restrictions can only be viewed at Church Family
History Libraries. These include a range of PROV records, including
sustenance applications and records from the Court of Petty Sessions.

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in the world. FamilySearch is a nonprofit, volunteer-
driven organisation sponsored by The Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of people
use FamilySearch records, resources, and services
to learn more about their family history. To help in
this great pursuit, FamilySearch and its predecessors
have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing
genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years.

Lorraine Taylor Research Room – a FamilySearch Affiliate Library

When I began my research into my Swiss ancestors, I had to order the microfilms to view in the LDS rooms in Pakenham and later in Narre Warren North. It took many weeks for them to arrive from Salt Lake City, and there was a limited borrowing time. Now that they have digitised a great part of their collection, these records are accessible online. However, contractual arrangements between LDS and the owners of the original records mean that some digitised films can only be viewed at either their Family History Centres or at a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. *The Lorraine Taylor Research Room is now a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.*

This is great news, as I like to be able to look at primary resources in my research, rather than relying on an index. For example, the 'England, Select Marriages, 1538-1973' index on Ancestry originated at FamilySearch, you can tell this because it has a 'FHL Film Number'. FHL stands

William Maunder	
in the England, Select Marriages, 1538-1973	
Detail	Source
Name:	William Maunder
Gender:	Male
Marriage Date:	20 Sep 1749
Marriage Place:	Crediton, Devon, England
Spouse:	Mary Webber
FHL Film Number:	917184, 917185

for Family History Library, which is the repository of FamilySearch in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. FamilySearch is sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS),

which is a world leader in family history. The FHL has amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land and court records from more than 130 countries.

Make the most of your visit to the LTRR by preparing your research at home. Create a free account, and begin researching – you may even find that some of the records you are interested in are available to be viewed from home.

If you are not familiar with the FamilySearch website, here are some examples, when viewed at home. The only difference in visiting the website at an affiliate library is the availability of images.

Robert Salmon's burial record at Woburn, Bedfordshire in 1821, shows a greyed out image with the words 'Check Image Availability' superimposed on it when viewed at home. Clicking on it opens a box which shows that I can view the image at an affiliate library. In this case the image is linked to the record, and when I log on to FamilySearch in the Research Room, clicking on the image takes me straight to image 609 which contains Robert's burial.

You can save this record into a 'source box' by clicking the 'save' button on the black bar. This will save the url, so that you can quickly download the images in the Research Room.

The christening of Elizabeth Boyes at Hillmorton also shows a greyed out image. Clicking on it opens a box which shows that I can browse the film. The images in this case are not linked to the record. Note also that the records on films are not necessarily in strict chronological order, so it may be taking a while to find the correct entry. But luckily this film can be browsed from home.

FamilySearch record for Robert Salmon, Death • England, Bedfordshire Parish Registers, 1538-1983. The record shows a greyed-out image with the text 'Check Image Availability'. A red arrow points to a pop-up box titled 'Image Available' which states: 'To view these images do one of the following: • Access the site at a family history center. • Access the site at an affiliate library.' The pop-up box has a 'CLOSE' button.

FamilySearch record for Elizabeth Boyes, Vital • England Births and Christenings, 1538-1975. The record shows a greyed-out image with the text 'Check Image Availability'. A red arrow points to a pop-up box titled 'Viewing the Image on Film' which states: 'The information on this record came from a group of images. To view the image of this record, you will need to look through several images.' The pop-up box has 'CANCEL' and 'BROWSE THE FILM' buttons.

Marriage registration of William Maunder and Anne Webber at Crediton, Devon in 1749.

Searching on my home computer for William Maunder, Crediton, I find the record, but on the right it shows 'Image Unavailable'.

Clicking on 'Document Information' shows that this marriage was indexed from microfilm number 917184. I can also find this record indexed on Ancestry (image on page 10).

I then search the 'Catalog' for Film 917184. This film contains 'Parish register transcripts 1558-1843' of the Church of England Parish Church in Crediton, Devon.

Opening the link, shows me that the film contains baptisms 1813-1843 and marriages 1558-1785. On the right, under 'Format' the loupe icon sends me back to the index, but when I click on the locked camera icon, the page with the individual images loads, but with a message that I have to view them at a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

As I can't view these images at home I copy the URL, so that I can quickly go to this film in the research room. Make a note which record you are trying to locate, there may be multiple records of interest on the same film. In this case, although the film is indexed, the images are not linked.

An alternative is to do a place search for 'Crediton'. This gives you all the records that FamilySearch has available for this locality. For example the 'Bishop's Transcripts' and 'Land Tax Assessment for Crediton 1782-1832' can be viewed from home.

Once you familiarise yourself with the website you will find many treasures not available elsewhere.

In the Research Room:

FamilySearch is accessible on the two white computers, or bring your laptop. Details of the network password are on the noticeboard.

To access your saved links in your search box you need to bring your username and password.

You can download the images you find onto an USB or directly to your laptop.

Marianne Roche

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William Maunder

Vital • England Marriages, 1538-1973

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Name: **William Maunder**
Sex: **Male**
Spouse's Name: **Mary Webber**
Spouse's Sex: **Female**
Marriage Date: **20 Sep 1749**
Marriage Place: **Crediton, Devon, England**

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William Maunder's Spouses and Children

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Microfilm of original records in the Exeter Public Library, England.

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Images Available

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- Access the site at a family history center.
- Access the site at a FamilySearch affiliate library.

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Ballarat Briefings

The leaves are turning to their autumn colours, which means in a few months winter will be here. However, the temperatures this week have been quite cool. Now that Robert is permitted to drive again after his accident, we will drive around looking at some of the beautiful Ballarat streets in autumn.

The Eureka Centre newsletter arrived just in time to listen to a streamed talk in their Talking History series, or so I thought. I then discovered that the talk would not be live streamed but would be available two weeks later on their YouTube channel (search for Eureka Centre).

Upcoming talks:

7 April – Talking History from Doug Bradbury

Ballarat: Better than the Great Exhibition which is about his new book-Famous Visitors to a Famous City.

5 May – Dr Linda Young talks about jewellery invented in the 1850s in the goldfields

2 June – Padraic L. Fisher (National Wool Museum) will discuss the art of making do and the creation of the bush blanket or Wagga Quilt

4 August – Clare Gervasoni presents 'More than



Newly rebuilt fernery in Ballarat Gardens

Carboni: Italian Speakers on Victoria's Goldfields' Raffaello Carboni is honoured at the Eureka Centre as a prominent Italian on the Ballarat Goldfields and at Eureka.

<https://www.eurekacentreballarat.com.au>

You can request the newsletter from the Eureka Centre. eurekainfo@ballarat.vic.gov.au

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The Eacott family of Longwarry

Joseph Henry Eacott was twenty-five when he married seventeen-year-old Anne Pyke Westcott in the parish church of St Mark's Pontville in the district of Brighton, Tasmania on 5 February 1851.¹ Sometime around 1861 Joseph, Anne and four children left Tasmania and moved to Glenlyon near Daylesford in Victoria, where seven more children were born. Joseph supported his family by farming and contract work. The family attended St John's Church of England in Glenlyon.

The eldest son, Joseph Charles, known as Charles, married Georgina Adams. William James Eacott married Mary Ellen Towers. In 1891, Mary's brother William Towers, married Joseph and William's sister Clarentine, known as Clara, in the same church.

Charles and Georgina Eacott had seven children while living at Glenlyon. In 1901 they moved to Longwarry, where their eighth child was born in

December. Sadly the baby only lived twenty days. Her death was registered at Longwarry in 1902.

William and Mary Ellen Eacott had seven children. Their second child died just before her first birthday at Glenlyon; their last two children were born at Longwarry in 1895 and 1900.

Clara Towers had six children, five were born in Glenlyon and the youngest was born at Longwarry in 1897.

The children of these three families attended the local school, and as they left school found work in the local community.² William James Eacott was a driver at Freeman's sawmills, where his son Charles Arthur also worked. In July 1911 William was returning to Longwarry from Freeman's mill on a trolley driven by his son Charles when he collapsed and died.³

² *Gippsland Independent* 12 January 1917

³ *The Argus* 20 July 1911, *The Age* 22 July 1911

¹ Tasmanian Names Index RGD37/1/10 no 18

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When war broke out in 1914 the Eacott men and their mates enlisted. Willie, Joe and Charlie, William and Mary Ellen's three eldest boys, were joined by Frank, James and Sam, three of Charles and Georgina's boys, and Clara and William Towers' son William. Charlie Stimpson and his brother William also enlisted. Charlie Eacott and Charlie Stimpson were best mates from school. Their families lived on the same road, Sand Road, and worked in the same sawmill. Sadly three of these nine young men didn't come home.⁴

The first to die was Charlie Stimpson on 27 October 1916 in France. He was three months away from his twenty-third birthday. He was in a switch trench at Fleurs when he was killed instantly by a shell. He was buried in a shell hole beside the trench, and has no known grave. His name is inscribed at Villers-Bretonneux.⁵

Francis 'Frank' Thomas Eacott died on 4 January 1917. It was initially reported that he was buried near a chalk pit at Gueudecourt in France, but he has no known grave and his name is also inscribed at Villers-Bretonneux.⁶

Charles 'Charlie' Arthur Eacott died 20 September 1917 at Black Watch Corner, Polygon Wood, Belgium.⁷ He and two other young men, William Gilbert Grace and Henry Russell Huntsman, were killed by the same shell and buried together beside the trench.⁸ Their names are inscribed on the Menin Gate Memorial, Belgium.

All three Longwarry boys had no known graves until Charles Arthur Eacott was 'found' by Dennis

Frank and his team at Fallen Diggers.⁹ Since 2015 Charlie, Henry Russell Huntsman and William Gilbert Grace are remembered forever at Birr Cross Road Cemetery, in graves 18-20 Plot 1 Row D.¹⁰ On 20 September 2015 four of Charlie's relatives, Bill and Allan Eacott, Sandra Johnston (nee Eacott) and Jennifer Murane (nee Eacott) attended the rededication service in Belgium.¹¹

After the war the extended Eacott family had its ups and downs. Ann Eacott, the matriarch of the family, died aged eighty-nine in 1924.¹² Then in February 1926, two of Ann Eacott's grandsons were caught in the Black Sunday fire at Freeman's Mill, Lang Towers. Dick Armstrong and Tom Freeman fought the fire on their own and saved themselves along with their wives and four children.¹³

While researching this family I stumbled across one of those surprising and unexpected connections. The Eacott family have a connection to Sir Richard John Griffith, who was knighted for his service to Ireland for his work as commissioner of the general survey and valuation of rateable property (1830–64). Many of us have used the 'Griffith Valuation' of Ireland.¹⁴ His grandson, Sir Richard John Waldie-Griffith, when aged 76, married Alice Maud Pearson (nee Eacott), one of the daughters of Joseph and Ann Eacott.¹⁵ When she died in 1955 she left a bequest of over £25,000 to her nephew Samuel Eacott of Longwarry.¹⁶ Unfortunately for Samuel, her estate was only a fraction of this bequest, so we don't know how much of it found its way to him.

Jane Rivett-Carnac

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- 4 Longwarry State School Honour Board - WWI
5 National Archives of Australia: B2455, Stimpson Charles Joseph
6 National Archives of Australia: B2455, Eacott Francis Thomas
7 *The Age* 28 October 1917
8 National Archives of Australia: B2455, Eacott Charles Arthur

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- 9 *The Australian* 19 September 2015
10 Commonwealth War Graves. <https://www.cwgc.org>
11 *Warragul & Drouin Gazette* 3 November 2015
12 *The Age* 19 June 1924
13 *The Age* 19 February 1926, *The Argus* 16 February 1926
14 Dictionary of Irish Biography: Sir Richard John Griffith
15 Obituaries Australia: Sir Richard Waldie-Griffith
16 *The Argus* 7 November 1955

Books featuring DNA

These are available in the Casey Cardinia Library system-mostly fiction. You may be interested to borrow them. I have not read any of them at this stage but intend to do so soon. However, they do show how DNA results affect the individual, families and friends.

- * You Have a Match (Emma Lord)
- * The Half Sister (Sandie Jones)
- * All about Evie (Cathy Lamb - electronic)
- * The Forever Summer (Jamie Brennan – large print)
- * The Match (Harlan Coben)

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Narre Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Annual General Meeting 2.30 pm, Saturday 20 August 2022

L'Arté Central Social Enterprise Café Training Room
65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne

Agenda

1. The reading and acceptance of the minutes of the 2021 AGM
2. The reading and acceptance of the Committee Reports
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2022-2023
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
4. Election of Committee Members for 2022-2023
 - Correspondence Secretary
 - Librarian
 - Newsletter Editor
 - Publicity Officer
 - Lorraine Taylor Research Room Manager
 - Membership Officer

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

As detailed in Clauses 34.6 and 34.7 of our 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 **12 August 2022**. Forms may be left in the 'nomination box' in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room or posted to 1/65 Berwick-Cranbourne Road, Cranbourne Vic 3977.

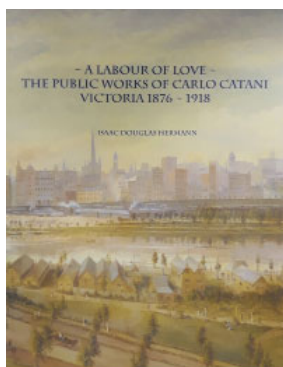
Nomination forms are also available from the Secretary secretary@nwfhg.org.au

** Please note that only financial members may vote at the AGM. Membership fees are due **1 July**.*

New in the Lorraine Taylor Research Room

Casey Cardinia Books

- * Spirit of Cardinia: an anthology of writing from the Pack Track Writers
- * A labour of love: the public works of Carlo Catani Victoria 1876-1918 by Isaac Douglas Hermann



Australian Books

- * Strength of Spirit: pioneering women of achievement from First Fleet to Federation by Susanna De Vries
- * Woman to the front: the extraordinary Australian woman doctors of the Great War by Heather Sheard and Ruth Lee
- * Anzac Girls: The Extraordinary Story of Our World War I Nurses by Peter Rees
- * Larrikins in Khaki: Tales of irreverence and courage from World War II diggers by Tim Bowden
- * Australian nurses since Nightingale, 1860-1990 by Elizabeth Burchill



- * Battle Lines: Australian Artists at War by Scott Bevan

Scottish Books

- * Watchman against the world: The remarkable journey of Norman McLeod by Flora McPherson

Magazines

- * The Genealogist Spring 2021
- * Ancestor Sep 2021, Dec 2021, Mar 2022
- * Traces: Uncovering the Past No 16, 17 & 18
- * The South Australian Genealogist Aug 2021, Dec 2021, Feb 2022
- * Irish Roots Issue 4 2021
- * Family Tree Dec 2021, Jan 2022, Feb 2022, Mar 2022, Apr 2022
- * Genealogists' Magazine Jun 2021
- * Western Ancestor Vol 15, No 2



Happy Reading.

Moreyn Dimsey
Librarian

Lorraine Taylor Research Room Roster • May 2022

Mon-Sat 11 am-2 pm

The Research Room will only be open if someone has booked a time.
Volunteers will be contacted at least 24 hours prior to a shift if required to attend.

Covid-19 Research Room procedures

- The Lorraine Taylor Research Room will be open by appointment Monday to Saturday 11 am to 2 pm
- Members and visitors to book appointments through Eventbrite at <https://nwfhg.eventbrite.com>
- Limit of two members/visitors to the Research Room and one duty volunteer (plus one in training if required) to remain
- We encourage members and visitors to continue to follow social distancing guidelines and use masks in the Research Room when necessary
- Please sign our sign-in book as usual, if you are not a member please add a contact number
- Disinfectant wipes, disposable gloves and masks, hand sanitiser, soap and single-use towels are all available for your use while in the Research Room
- Please ensure the air conditioning remains on while in the Research Room, the temperature can be adjusted by the duty volunteer
- Our duty volunteer will wipe all surfaces at the end of each session
- Our Covid-19 plan is located next to the sign-in book on the front desk
- If you are unwell – please do not come to the Lorraine Taylor Research Room
- If you become unwell after attending the Research Room please contact Jane, our President, on 0412 084 671 as soon as possible so we can follow up on our Covid-19 requirements

Commencing 1 July 2022 there will be a \$5 fee for visitors per session.

Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted but it has not gone away and we want to keep our room safe for all to use. Please contact Barbara Sharp, Research Room Manager – 0423 858 049 or research.room.mgr@nwfhg.org.au if you have any questions.

Volunteers on duty

Mon 2 May	Lynne Bradley
Tue 3 May	Barbara Sharp
Wed 4 May	John Williams & Moreyn Dimsey
Thu 5 May	Jane Rivett-Carnac
Fri 6 May	Barbara Sharp
Sat 7 May	Eileen Durdin
Mon 9 May	Maureen Abbott & Barbara Sharp
Tue 10 May	Fay McCoubrie
Wed 11 May	Lynne Bradley
Thu 12 May	Eileen Durdin
Fri 13 May	Jane Rivett-Carnac
Sat 14 May	Lyne McGregor
Mon 16 May	Volunteers' morning tea
Tue 17 May	Barbara Sharp
Wed 18 May	Barbara Sharp
Thu 19 May	Eileen Durdin
Fri 20 May	Robyn Jones & Lynne Bradley
Sat 21 May	Kerryn Maxwell
Mon 23 May	Barbara Sharp
Tue 24 May	Fay McCoubrie
Wed 25 May	Moreyn Dimsey
Thu 26 May	John Williams
Fri 27 May	Barbara Sharp
Sat 28 May	Eileen Durdin & Hellen Kemp
Mon 30 May	Lynne Bradley
Tue 31 May	Barbara Sharp

Lorraine Taylor Research Room Roster • June – July 2022

Mon–Sat 11 am–2 pm

Volunteers on duty June 2022

Wed 1 June	Barbara Sharp
Thu 2 June	Barbara Sharp
Fri 3 June	Jane Rivett-Carnac
Sat 4 June	Lyne McGregor
Mon 6 June	John Williams
Tue 7 June	Barbara Sharp
Wed 8 June	Lynne Bradley
Thu 9 June	Moreyn Dimsey
Fri 10 June	Eileen Durdin
Sat 11 June	Barbara Sharp
Mon 13 June	<i>Queen's Birthday</i>
Tue 14 June	Fay McCoubrie
Wed 15 June	Barbara Sharp
Thu 16 June	Robyn Jones Barbara Sharp
Fri 17 June	Jane Rivett-Carnac
Sat 18 June	Lynne Bradley
Mon 20 June	John Williams
Tue 21 June	Lorraine Taylor & Fay McCoubrie
Wed 22 June	Moreyn Dimsey
Thu 23 June	Eileen Durdin
Fri 24 June	Jane Rivett-Carnac
Sat 25 June	Hellen Kemp & Eileen Durdin
Mon 27 June	Barbara Sharp
Tue 28 June	Barbara Sharp
Wed 29 June	John Williams
Thu 30 June	Moreyn Dimsey

Volunteers on duty July 2022

Fri 1 July	Maureen Abbott & Lynne Bradley
Sat 2 July	Eileen Durdin
Mon 4 July	Robyn Jones
Tue 5 July	Barbara Sharp
Wed 6 July	Moreyn Dimsey
Thu 7 July	John Williams
Fri 8 July	Jane Rivett-Carnac
Sat 9 July	Lyne McGregor
Mon 11 July	Barbara Sharp
Tue 12 July	Fay McCoubrie
Wed 13 July	Lynne Bradley
Thu 14 July	Barbara Sharp
Fri 15 July	Eileen Durdin
Sat 16 July	Hellen Kemp
Mon 18 July	Jane Rivett-Carnac
Tue 19 July	Lorraine Taylor & Fay McCoubrie
Wed 20 July	Moreyn Durdin
Thu 21 July	Barbara Sharp
Fri 22 July	John Williams
Sat 23 July	Barbara Sharp
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Sat 30 July	Barbara Sharp

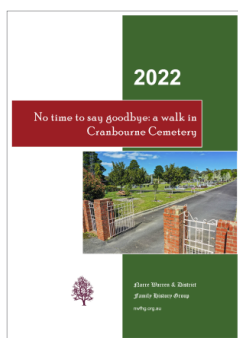
Spreading Branches August 2022 We would like to read your articles or stories.
Please submit your contributions by 15 July 2022

Publications for sale

No time to say goodbye: a walk in Cranbourne Cemetery (2022)

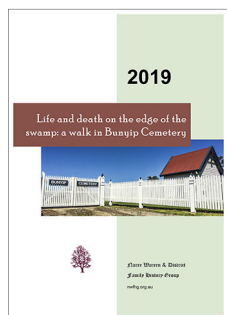
Our latest book tells the stories of twenty-six people who died suddenly, without giving them or their families a chance to say goodbye. Some died in accidents at work or on the road. Others' deaths were caused by unexpected illness, murder or by their own hands.

\$15 + \$9.55 postage + handling



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

The official burial register of Bunyip Cemetery 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.

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 + \$9.55 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.

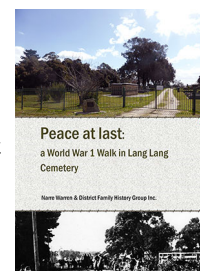
Our volunteers researched and wrote the stories of families that travelled thousands of miles to a country on the other side of the world. A country with people who didn't necessarily speak the same language or held the same beliefs.

\$15 + \$9.55 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)

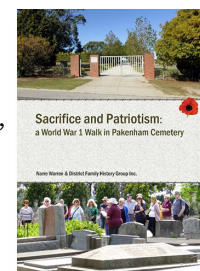
We tell the stories of courage and sacrifice of 111 men and one woman with Cranbourne area connections.

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 + \$12.95 postage + handling

Cemetery Tour booklets

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

Berwick (2014), Pakenham (2015) \$15 each
Add \$9.55 for postage + handling.

Other books

Kindred Spirits. NW&DFHG 1989 – 2009

\$25 + \$12.95 postage + handling

Please note: Early Settlers of the Casey-Cardinia District (2010) is now out of print

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